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Minutes of 7th BOG Meeting

The seventh (7th) meeting of the Board of Governance of COEP Technological University was held on Saturday, 7th December 2024. The following members were present in the meeting:

1.	Shri. Vinayak Pai	Chairman
2.	Prof. Sunil Bhirud	Member
3.	Mr. Bharat Gite	Member
4.	Dr. Vinod Mohitkar	Member
5.	Shri. Amit Paranjape	Member
6.	Prof. Milind Atrey (Attended Online)	Member
7.	Prof. Sunil Bhagwat (Attended Online)	Member
8.	Prof. Suhas Mohite	Member
9.	Dr. (Mrs.) Aruna Thube	Member
10.	Dr. (Mrs.) Yashodhara Haribhakta,	Permanent Invitee
11.	Dr. Sandeep Meshram (In-Charge Registrar)	Member -Secretary

Members granted leave of absence:

1.	Shri. Satish Tidke	Member
2.	Prof. Ashish Lele	Member

The meeting commenced with Prof. Sunil Bhirud formally welcoming Shri Vinayak Pai, MD & CEO of Tata Projects Limited (TPL) as the new Chairman of the Board of Governors.

In his opening remarks, Mr. Pai mentioned that he has been actively working to understand the complexities and engage in extensive discussions with the Vice Chancellor to address various challenges faced by the University. He emphasized some of the key priorities such as involvement of the staff in the transformation process, enhancing COEP Tech's NIRF ranking, getting the Chikhali Research Park functional at the earliest, and elevating the institute's position on the global research and industry collaboration map. Additionally, he highlighted the importance of establishing an effective administrative structure to foster greater synergy and enthusiasm among all stakeholders. Mr. Pai also expressed his gratitude to his colleagues for their valuable contributions to various initiatives.

Item 7.1: Confirmation of Minutes & Action Taken Report (ATR) on the 6th BOG meeting held on Saturday, August 24th, 2024.

Dr. Meshram informed members that the minutes of the 6th BOG meeting held on Saturday, 24th August 2024 were circulated to all the members for their kind perusal and suggestions. The minutes were finalized after incorporating all the suggestions received from the members.

Prof. Bhirud provided an update on key points from the Action Taken Report (ATR), specifically regarding the advertisement for the appointment of Finance and Accounts Officer (FAO) and Registrar. He informed the members that advertisements for both statutory positions have been released, and the scrutiny of applications received was completed. However, as per a recent directive from Raj Bhavan, Mumbai, instructing all universities to put recruitment processes on hold, further proceedings for these appointments have been temporarily stopped.

Prof. Bhirud informed that, at present, the Registrar is handling the additional charge of the Finance and Accounts Officer. He highlighted the urgent need for a dedicated officer to oversee the daily financial operations of the University. To address this, he proposed assigning the additional charge of the FAO role to internal regular faculty members.

However, the members deliberated this proposal and suggested an alternative approach. They recommended appointing a retired government officer with relevant domain expertise on a tenure basis to fulfill the role of Finance and Accounts Officer until a regular appointment is made. This approach ensures that the position is handled effectively without overburdening internal faculty.

Furthermore, the members advised that while recruiting a regular FAO in the future, the inclusion of a Chartered Accountant (CA) qualification as a desired criterion should be ensured to attract candidates with the necessary professional expertise.

Resolution 7.1: The Board **NOTED** all above points and **RESOLVED to APPROVE** the Minutes and ATR of the 6th BOG meeting held on Saturday, 24th August 2024 with the given recommendations.

Action: - Registrar Office

Item No. 7.2: To approve the nomination from Alumni Association on BOG as per clause 23(4-k) of COEP Tech University Act 2022:

Dr. Meshram informed that, Mr. Vinay Pai, who previously nominated by BOG as illustrious alumnus on Board of Governance is now being entrusted with the responsibility of the Chairman of the BOG. To fill this vacancy, it is proposed to nominate a new illustrious alumnus on the BOG, ensuring compliance with the statutory requirement and maintaining the alumni representation on the governing body.

Dr. Meshram also informed that as per Clause 23(4-k) of the COEP Technological University Act 2022, the Board of Governors (BOG) is required to include "*one illustrious alumnus, to be nominated by the Alumni Associations of the University (including alumni of existing colleges).*" This provision ensures alumni representation on the BOG, fostering a strong connection between the University and its graduates while leveraging their expertise and contributions to enhance institutional development.

Mr. Bharat Gite, who is also the President of Alumni Association of COEP, stated that the agenda will be deliberated in the forthcoming Governing Body meeting of the Alumni Association of COEP Tech. He further assured that the name of the illustrious alumnus to be nominated on a BOG of COEP Tech will be conveyed to the Vice Chancellor in due course.

Prof. Bhirud informed the members that due to the superannuation of Prof. R. R. Joshi, Former Dean of the School of Civil Engineering and Planning, the position of one Dean as the member of the BOG is also vacant, which will be finalized soon and will be submitted for approval of BOG members via email circulation. Both the nominees will be invited for the next BOG meeting.

Resolution 7.2: The Board **RESOLVED** to **EMPOWER** the Hon'ble VC to receive the nominations from Alumni Association as well as nominate a Dean of the School on BOG as per the clause mentioned in COEP Tech University ACT 2022 and requested to circulate the nominations by email to BOG members for approval.

Action: - VC Office

Item 7.3: To approve the nomination of a Director on the Board of Directors of COEP's BHAU institute of Innovation Entrepreneurship and Leadership.

Dr. Meshram informed the members that during the 1st meeting of BOG held on 18th August 2023, the Board of Governors, through Resolution No.1/3.2/2023, has approved the nomination of Dr. Ravindra Utgikar, Vice President - Corporate Strategy, PRAJ Industries Ltd., as one of the Directors on the Board of the Bhaui Institute of Innovation, Entrepreneurship, and Leadership.

However, Dr. Ravindra Utgikar is no longer associated with PRAJ Industries Ltd. Shri Pai stated that he would provide a suitable recommendation to the Vice-Chancellor, who would subsequently communicate the name of the nominated person to the Board of the Bhaui Institute.

Resolution 7.3: The Board **RESOLVED** to **APPROVE** that the Chairman-BOG will make a suitable recommendation for the nomination of a Director on the Board of Directors of COEP's BHAU institute and will communicate to the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor in the due course.

Action: - VC Office

Item 7.4: To review, approve and recommend the revised administrative structure of the University.

Dr. Meshram informed the members that during the 5th meeting of BOG held on 7th June 2024, the Board of Governors (BOG) had discussed the proposed administrative structure of the University, which was presented by the Hon'ble Vice Chancellor under agenda item 5.1. Following a detailed review, the Board has recommended revisiting the structure to make it more rational, efficient, and effective, while also focusing on optimizing manpower requirements and considering the digitization of the University.

After incorporating the suggestions given by Board members as well as after consulting with Hon'ble BOG member Prof. Sunil Bhagwat, Director IISER Pune, the revised administrative structure is prepared and presented for the approval.

After thorough deliberation, the Board proposed the following recommendations to ensure that the proposed administrative structure and the associated posts shall be approved by the government:

- **Alignment with IIT Practices:** The revised administrative structure should adopt a teaching-to-non-teaching staff ratio of 1:1.1, as followed by IITs.
- **Streamlined Hierarchy:** Limit the hierarchy to three levels to optimize manpower requirements and speedy approvals.
- **Enhanced Technical Positions:** Increase the number of non-teaching technical positions to enable multitasking and operational efficiency.
- **Technology Integration:** Leverage technology to the maximum extent for efficient governance.
- **Outsourcing Class-IV Positions:** All Class-IV roles should be outsourced to reduce administrative burdens.
- **Alumni Engagement:** Recognize the significance of Alumni Connect in COEP Tech's transformation. The concerned officer or faculty managing this function should be appropriately designated as the Dean/Director or any other suitable designation of Alumni Connect, instead of being referred to as a Coordinator.
- **Dean/CEO of Innovation:** Propose the creation of a new post titled Dean/CEO of Innovation for Chikhali Campus to drive innovation-focused initiatives.
- **Deputy Director:** Propose a requirement who will head the Deputy Director for the Board of Research Innovation and Industry Linkages which will later be renamed as Principal Technical Officer.
- **Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs):** Develop separate SOPs to define a clear reporting structure.

Resolution 7.4: The Board unanimously **RESOLVED** to **APPROVE** the revised administrative structure and after incorporating the suggestions, submit the same to Hon'ble Chairman for approval. Upon approval by the Hon'ble Chairman, the revised administrative structure should be forwarded to the Government through proper channel for final approval.

Action: - Registrar Office

Item 7.5: To approve the CoEP-RISE proposal of incentivizing the faculty to promote the research culture on the campus.

Dr. Meshram informed the members that in alignment with the institution's vision to enhance the research output and to improve its standing in national and international rankings, the University has proposed to encourage faculty members by incentivizing them to publish high-quality research papers in reputed national/international journals, publishing patents, obtaining research grants, etc. The University has proposed the "CoEP- RISE" (Research Incentives and Support for Excellence) Policy to encourage and incentivize the faculty. He further stated some of the major highlights of the policy as mentioned below:

The faculty will receive monetary rewards for:

1. **Incentives for publications:** Faculty publishing in Q1, Q2, and Q3 journals.
2. **Incentives for obtaining Research Grants:** Faculty obtaining research grants either from Government funding agencies or from industry.
3. **Support for IP and Scholarly Development:** Financial support for patent registration and related legal costs to encourage innovation. Faculty will receive monetary rewards after patents get published.
4. **Ph.D. Scholars and Sustainability:** Promotion of Ph.D scholars from JRF to SRF after two years with increased financial assistance for scholars producing Q1-level publications, presenting at conferences, or filing patents.

While commending this much-needed initiative for fostering research culture at COEP Tech and improving NIRF ranking. The members recommended immediate implementation of the said initiatives by incorporating the following suggestions:

Resolution 7.5: The Board **RESOLVED to APPROVE** the **CoEP-RISE** initiative aimed at incentivizing faculty for publishing high-quality research in reputed journals, securing patents, obtaining research grants, and similar achievements. However, it should not be applicable for bringing in the CSR funding.

The members proposed the awards should include both monetary benefits and a certificate or formal honor to recognize. The Board further recommended the immediate implementation of these initiatives, subject to incorporating all the suggestions made during the meeting. The Board empowered Hon'ble VC to prepare the detail formats and proposals and to be circulated to BOG members by email for approval and subsequently disseminated to the faculty and students for awareness and execution.

Action: - Director-RIIL, Office

Item 7.6: To approve the Minutes of 6th Finance Committee held on Friday, 22nd November 2024.

Dr. Meshram presented the minutes of 5th Finance Committee held on Friday, 22nd November 2024. The board members received the minutes as:

FC/ Item no.6.2:	To approve the minutes of the 5th Purchase committee meeting held on 21st November 2024.
FC/ Item no.6.2 a: FC/Resolution	To approve the renewal of AMC for MIDAS Software and Corrosion Analyzer. The Purchase Committee RESOLVED to APPROVE the extension of MIDAS Software's AMC for the upcoming three years at a cost of Rs. 7.5 lakh. Additionally, by following the regular purchasing procedure, the committee approved the acquisition of a Corrosion Analyzer valued at Rs. 9.0 lakhs through the GeM Portal.
FC/ Item no.6.2 b: FC/Resolution	To approve purchase of Server with GPU/Workstation from the research grant received by Department of Computer Engineering. The Purchase Committee RESOLVED to APPROVE the purchase of a server with a GPU/workstation from ISI Kolkata for Rs. 12.0 Lakhs, in accordance with the approved budget for the research project also recommended using the GeM portal for procurement.
FC/ Item no.6.2 c: FC/Resolution	To approve the purchase of laboratory equipment's required for UG and PG program of Instrumentation and Control Engineering Department The Purchase Committee RESOLVED to APPROVE the purchase of the lab equipment using either the Maha E-Tender process or a single tendering process via the GeM portal. According to the equipment budget for the Department of Instrumentation and Control for FY 2024–2025, the projected cost of Rs. 9.29 lakhs.
FC/ Item no.6.2 d: FC/Resolution	To approve the purchase of Impedance tube test set up and essential acoustic materials for the Department of Mechanical Engineering. The Purchase Committee RESOLVED to APPROVE the purchase of an impedance tube test setup and necessary acoustic materials through GeM or Maha e-tender in accordance with the standard procedures of the University work. The purchase will cost Rs. 21.50 Lakhs, using the generous donations of Rs. 14.50 Lakhs from M/s. Fluid Controls Private Limited and the remaining Rs. 7.0 Lakhs from the University's equipment budget.
FC/ Item no.6.2 e: FC/Resolution	To approve the purchase of India University PTV Full Academic Licenses for 10 users for UG and PG Planning course. The Purchase RESOLVED to APPROVE the acquisition of India University PTV Full Academic Licenses and approved Rs. 7.0 lakhs from the university's equipment/software budget that was set up for the Department of Planning.

FC/ Item no.6.2 f:	To approve the purchase of two double sculls and one quadruple scull boats for the Boat Club.
FC/Resolution	The Purchase Committee RESOLVED to APPROVE the purchase of two double sculls and one quadruple scull boat from Boat Club (Director-Students Development) at a cost of Rs. 12.0 Lakhs. Nevertheless, the committee recommended looking into the possibility of CSR or alumni support.
FC/ Item no.6.2 g:	To approve the purchase of new batteries for UPS systems for various departments at COEP Tech.
FC/Resolution	The purchasing committee RESOLVED to APPROVE the purchase of new batteries for UPS systems that are available in different departments. The purchase will cost around Rs. 8.00 lakhs and will be made using GeM or Maha e-tender in accordance with the usual procedures of university procurement.
FC/ Item no.6.2 h:	To approve the purchase of equipment through the CSR funding received from Tata Technologies at the Department of Instrumentation and Control Engineering.
FC/Resolution	The Purchase Committee RESOLVED to APPROVE the purchase of Rs. 86.00 Lakhs worth of equipment to design and develop the flow measurement and calibration setup using CSR funding that was provided to the Department of Instrumentation and Control by Tata Technologies.
FC/ Item no.6.2 i:	To Approve the procurement, installation and commissioning of active networking components on a turnkey basis for the new Library and Computer Department New building.
FC/Resolution	The Purchase Committee RESOLVED to APPROVE the turnkey procurement, installation, and commissioning of the Active Network Components for the Library and Computer/IT new building through the GEM/Maha E-Tender portal. The estimated total cost of the Active Network Components, using the funds obtained from the Maharashtra government for the aforementioned building, was Rs 3.75 Cr.
FC/ Item no.6.2 j:	To Approve the procurement, installation and commissioning of active networking components on a turnkey basis for COEP Tech Chikhali campus.
FC/Resolution	The Purchase Committee RESOLVED to APPROVE the purchase, installation, and commissioning of the active networking components for the COEP Tech Chikhali campus. The estimated cost of these components was Rs 4.38 Cr, which was paid for with government funds for the COEP-Chikhali campus.

FC/ Item no.6.2 k:	Approval of the expenses for the dinner arrangement for the Annual Social Gathering 2024-25.
FC/Resolution	The Purchase Committee RESOLVED to APPROVE the tender issue for hiring the vendor to supply dinner for the Annual Gathering. The annual social gathering's supper arrangements for 2024–2025 will cost about Rs. 12 lakhs. The budget allotted to the Board of Students Development for the Annual Gathering 2024–2025.
FC/ Item no.6.3:	To approve audited financial statements of the University of the FY 23-24.
FC/Resolution	The Finance Committee RESOLVED to APPROVE the audited financial statements of the University of the FY 23-24 and noted that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deficit Analysis: A deficit of ₹5.16 crore has been noted, which may be attributed to a decrease in Internal Revenue Generation (IRG) and an increase in salary expenses. • Swayam Satellite Project Funds: Regarding the unutilized funds of Rs. 50 lakhs received from the State Government for the Swayam Satellite project, the University has requested an extension to the Government to utilize the funds within the stipulated timeframe. • Unauthorized transaction of Rs.51.00 Lakhs as offset: Statutory auditors have appraised all the members that there is an unauthorized transaction that has happened during FY: 2028-19 of Rs. 51.00 Lakhs. The amount is still reflected as an offset in the balance sheet and carried forward to every year's balance sheet. Auditors have requested members to take appropriate action regarding the said amount as per the University procedures and norms as appropriate.
FC/ Item no.6.5:	To approve the payment of the Medclaim Policy for the BOG appointed Teaching and Non-Teaching employees.
FC/Resolution	The Finance Committee RESOLVED to APPROVE in principle, the continuation of the Medclaim Policy for BOG-appointed staff and moving forward with the option that will benefit the employees at large.
FC/ Item no.6.6	To approve the payment of Gratuity Policy for BOG appointed Teaching and Non-Teaching employees.
FC/Resolution	The committee RESOLVED to APPROVE reinstating the gratuity policy with LIC. Based on the actuarial value of restoring the policy and the calculated annual premium, the committee approved the payment of Rs. 7.25Cr. Additionally, the members recommended negotiating a waiver of any penalty payments related to continuing the insurance with the LIC.
FC/ Item no.6.7	To approve issue of SBI prepaid cards to the University functionaries for the petty expenses against the Imprest advance.
FC/Resolution	The Finance Committee RESOLVED to APPROVE the issuance of SBI prepaid cards with a monthly limit of Rs. 10,000/- to university employees for the purpose of managing petty expenses against the Imprest advance. It

	also suggested that suitable rules and regulations be created to guarantee that the quantity and supervision of these cards be used appropriately.
FC/ Item no.6.8	To approve an increase in CLA amount for the BOG appointed Teaching and Non-Teaching employees.
FC/Resolution	The Finance Committee RESOLVED to APPROVE the increase in the CLA amount from Rs. 150 to Rs. 240 from December 2024 as well as the payment of arrears for BOG-appointed non-teaching staff in accordance with the Maharashtra government's resolution.
FC/ Item no.6.9	To approve the budget for hosting DIPEX-2025 a state level project competition at COEP Tech University.
FC/Resolution	A budget of about Rs. 70 lakhs are Approved by the finance committee to host DIPEX 2024, a state-level project exhibition at COEP Technological University.
FC/ Item no.6.10	To approve amount for the face lifting and common infrastructure facilities of the University.
FC/Resolution	The Finance Committee RESOLVED to APPROVE Rs. 50/- lakhs for parking layout and landscaping projects on the university's south campus. The committee also APPROVED a budget of Rs. 40/- lakhs for the construction of a guesthouse with a steel structure on the COEP Tech University hostel site. The members recommended looking into the possibilities for face lifting and updating the university's lab, classroom, and other infrastructure facilities, through alumni support and CSR donations.

Resolution: The Board **RESOLVED to APPROVE** the Minutes of 6th Finance Committee held on Friday, 22nd November 2024 with the following recommendations.

- The proposal to establish 8 Labs/Centers of Excellence at the Chikhali Campus was made some time ago and may no longer be relevant. The university should therefore reassess the proposal and suggest new Centers of Excellence that align with current trends and technological advancements.
- While the procurement, installation, and commissioning of active networking components for the COEP Tech Chikhali campus are essential and have been approved, a detailed presentation on the status should be made before proceeding with further development.
- Submit a proposal to DTE seeking extension to utilize the unutilized funds of Rs. 50 lakhs received from the State Government for the Swayam Satellite project.
- Explore the option to convert the Director's bungalow in the hostel campus into a heritage space, lobby, or hall of fame that highlights the legacy and history of COEP Tech. This space can also serve as accommodation for distinguished guests during their visits to the campus.

Action: - Finance and Accounts Officer and Accounts Office.

Item 7.7: To approve the Minutes of 5th Academic Council meeting held on Saturday, 30th November 2024.

Dr. Meshram presented the recommendations made by the Academic Council members during the 5th Academic Council meeting held on Saturday, November 30th 2024.

AC/Item 5.2:	Approval of restructuring of the Schools, Deans of the Schools and corresponding authorities (School Councils and Research and Recognition Committees) - Rationale and the proposal																																																																																
AC/Resolution	The Academic council RESOLVED to APPROVE the restructuring of schools and recommended constituting a subcommittee to discuss and deliberate the rationale for the proposed restructuring, ensuring alignment with the University's long-term academic and administrative goals and conduct an in-depth study of the implications of the restructuring.																																																																																
AC/Item 5.3:	Approval of revamped/renamed/new/change in intake of UG, PG and AEDP programs in Engineering/Technology, Sciences, Computer Applications to be offered by the Departments from A. Y. 2025-26																																																																																
AC/Resolution	The committee RESOLVED to APPROVE the changes in the nomenclatures, increase in the current sanctioned intake of some of the existing UG/ PG programs, start of AEDP programs etc. as per the details mentioned in tables below.																																																																																
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Approval of Change in the names of the programs to be offered from A. Y. 2025-26

Sr. No	Existing Nomenclature of the Program	Level	Department	Proposed New Nomenclature of the Program	Intake	Seats	
						Aided	Self-financed
1	Signal Processing	PG	Electronics & Telecommunication Engineering	AI in Signal Processing	18	18	-
2	Wired and Wireless Communication	PG		Intelligent Communication System	18	18	-
3	Biomedical Instrumentation	PG	Instrumentation & Control Engineering	AI in Healthcare	18	18	-
4	Process Metallurgy	PG	Metallurgy & Materials Science	Material Process Technology	18	18	-
5	Robotics & AI	PG	Manufacturing Engineering & Industrial Management	AI & Robotics	18	18	-
6	Robotics & AI	UG	Mechanical Engineering	AI & Robotics	60	-	60
7	Automotive Systems (Working Professionals)	PG	Electrical Engineering	Automotive Systems	30	-	30

Approval of Change in Name of Programs and increase in Intake to be offered from A. Y. 2025-26

Sr. No.	Existing Nomenclature of the Program	Level	Dept.	Proposed New Nomenclature	Intake		Seats	
					Present	Proposed	Aided	Self-financed
1	Information Security	PG	Computer Science & Engineering	Computer Science and Information Security	24	30	30	-

Approval of Starting New Non-Engineering Program to be offered from A. Y. 2025-26

Sr. No.	Name of the School	Program	Level	Intake		Intake	
				Present	Proposed	Aided	Self-financed
1	Science, Humanities and Management	MSC in Applied Psychology	PG	0	30	-	30

Approval of Starting New AEDP programs in Engineering/Technology, Sciences, and Computer Applications to be offered from A. Y. 2025-26						
Sr. No.	School	Program and Department	Level	Intake	Seats	
					Aided	Self-financed
1	Engineering and Technology	Bachelors in computer science (BCS) (Computer Science and Engg.)	UG	60	-	60
2	Science, Humanities and Management	BBA in Banking, Financial Services and Insurance (BFSI) (Management)	UG	60	-	60
3		BBA in Logistics (Management)	UG	60	-	60
AC/Item 5.4:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> To approve the commencement of PhD Programs in <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Science and Humanities Management Studies Amendments in the PhD rules and regulations Special provision to working professionals for PhD admissions Simplified procedure for PhD Guide recognition Incentivizing University faculty to promote research culture 					
AC/Resolution	<p>The committee RESOLVED to APPROVE</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Commencement of the PhD programme in Science & Humanities and Management Studies from the upcoming admission cycle. Amendments in the PhD rules and regulations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Title of the research and objectives to be finalized at the time of the Pre-synopsis seminar presentation. However Broad Objectives, area of research, expected research outcome to be decided during Registration Seminar. Panel members for thesis evaluation should be either from any centrally funded labs/ organizations, institution listed in top 100 NIRF or top 500 QS ranking. Special admission drive for working professionals for PhD admissions to be held quarterly with separate entrance exams. Flexibility of opting MOOCs for completion of the course work. Adopting simplified process for PhD Guide recognition. 					
AC/Item 5.6:	Approval of Multidisciplinary Minor courses (four courses aggregating to 14 credits) and syllabi to be offered to UG students from the fourth semesters i.e. even semester of A. Y 2024-25					

AC/Resolution	The committee RESOLVED to APPROVE the Multidisciplinary Minor courses (four courses aggregating to 14 credits) and syllabi to be offered to UG students from the fourth semesters.
AC/ Item 5.7:	Ratification of revised examination and evaluation scheme
Resolution	The committee endorsed the proposal of a 50% weightage for the End Semester Examination (ESE), with the remaining 50% to be determined by the Boards of Studies (BoS) of the respective Schools/Departments.

Resolution: The Board members discussed, deliberated and **RESOLVED to APPROVE** the minutes of the 5th Academic Council meeting held on Saturday, November 30th, 2024, with the following recommendations.

Increase in Intake and Change of nomenclature of existing UG/PG programs:

- Renaming both the UG and PG programs of Robotics and AI to **Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning**.
- In the coming years, a separate department for UG and PG programs in Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning should be established.
- The increase in the sanctioned intake for the UG program in Manufacturing Science and Engineering will be put on hold for this academic year.
- Intake increases should be prioritized for emerging technological branches.
- Implement physical or proctored entrance examinations for candidates admitted under the PhD for working professional category.
- Introducing courses related to Arts, Filmmaking, and allied fields, considering the cultural interests and inclinations of COEP Tech students in Arts and Dramatics.
- Rearranging schools, deciding number of schools and positions of Deans and Associate deans.

Action: - Dean, and Deans' Office

Item 7.8: To approve the Minutes of 3rd BWC Committee held on Monday 2nd Dec. 2024.

Dr. Meshram presented the Minutes of 3rd BWC Committee held on Monday 2nd December 2024. The members received the minutes as follows:

BWC/Item 3.2:	Chikhali Campus: Centre of Excellence Building Complex.
BWC/Resolution	<p>The committee RESOLVED to APPROVE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An additional fund of ₹8.64 crore. A proposal has already been submitted to the government requesting additional support, in line with the recommendations from the previous BWC meeting. • Extension of Project Management Services for an extended period Aug 2024 to Feb 2025 proportionately to the bill amount and balance scope of work on existing terms and conditions. • Principally approved firefighting work of Rs. 1.02 crore. The committee has suggested verifying the proposal from firefighting officials/ experts before the tendering process.

BWC/ Item 3.3:	Updates on Library & Computer IT Building Construction
BWC/Resolution	<p>The committee RESOLVED to APPROVE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Extension to the contractor for the Library and Computer IT Building for twelve months is recommended without escalation. • Since the PMC (Project Management Services) for Library and Computer IT Building will require a 12-month completion period, the tender may be awarded to the lowest bidder, with the billing amount adjusted proportionately to the balance scope of work necessary for project completion.
BWC/ Item 3.4:	Upgradation of Civil Drawing Hall COEP Technological University Pune
BWC/Resolution	The committee RESOLVED to APPROVE the block estimate budget provision of Rs. 2.0 Crore for electrical, furniture and MEP works.
BWC/ Item 3.5:	Renovation and Structural Strengthening work for SC-ST Hostel Building near Metallurgy Department.
BWC/Resolution	<p>The committee RESOLVED to APPROVE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The interior works, including furniture and site development, with an estimated cost of ₹35 lakhs. • The renovation of existing buildings to serve as an SC-ST Hostel is recommended placing repeat work order considering the need of the university for early accommodation of students. • Funding of ₹1.02 crore shall be sourced from the AICTE grant, with additional funding supported by the University subject to the availability of funds.
BWC/ Item 3.6:	Approval for proposed Administrative Building of COEP Technological University Pune
BWC/Resolution	The committee RESOLVED to APPROVE a budgetary provision of ₹17.7 crore, including GST, for the proposed Administrative Building of COEP Technological University, Pune, subject to approval from the Heritage Committee of PMC, Pune.
BWC/ Item 3.7:	Approval of landscaping in front of Main Building COEP Tech
BWC/Resolution	The committee RESOLVED to APPROVE a budgetary provision of ₹45 lakhs for landscaping in front of the Main Building at COEP Tech and advised that the detailed estimate be validated by the Garden Department officials.
BWC/ Item 3.8:	Approval of guesthouse construction work at COEP Technological University Pune campus.
BWC/Resolution	The committee RESOLVED to APPROVE a budgetary provision of ₹40 lakhs for the construction of a guesthouse on the COEP Technological

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	University Pune campus, along with an additional ₹26 lakhs for furniture and allied works. It was advised to validate the detailed estimate with experts.
BWC/ Item 3.9:	Proposed Face-lifting project of academic units COEP Tech Pune
BWC/Resolution	The committee RESOLVED to APPROVE a budgetary provision of ₹13.50 crore for the proposed face-lifting project of the academic units at COEP Tech Pune. It is further recommended to initiate phase-wise work, starting with a few classrooms funded by the university, as a showcase to present to alumni for securing additional funding.
BWC/Item 3.10:	Parking layout work in COEP Tech University Pune campus.
BWC/Resolution	The committee RESOLVED to APPROVE a budgetary provision of Rs.6.60/- Lakhs for the proposed Parking project.
BWC/Item 3.11:	Up gradation of Principal Bungalow, for Hostel Campus, COEP Tech.
BWC/Resolution	The committee RESOLVED to APPROVE a budgetary provision of ₹40 lakhs for the upgradation of the Principal's Bungalow.
BWC/Item 3.12:	Renovation of Main hall of Main Building as Hall of Fame, COEP Tech.
BWC/Resolution	The committee RESOLVE to APPROVE a budgetary provision of ₹35 lakhs for the renovation of the Main Hall of the Main Building Hall of Fame, COEP Tech.

Resolution: The Board members discussed, deliberated and **RESOLVED to APPROVE** the minutes of the 3rd BWC meeting held on Monday, 2nd December 2024.

Action: - Secretary BWC and Its Office.

Item No 7.9: To approve the technical resignation of Dr. V. K. Tripathi, Associate Professor in Mechanical Engineering and recommendation to Govt. for further necessary action.

Dr. Meshram appraised the Board that Dr. Vipin Kumar Tripathi, currently an Associate Professor in the Mechanical Engineering Department of COEP Technological University, was initially selected as a Lecturer by the Government of Maharashtra and later was promoted by the Board of COEP on Associate Professor post.

In the year 2020, Dr. Tripathi joined NIT Agartala and in the year 2023 he joined NITTR Bhopal. He was granted a lien during July 2020 to October 2024 to join these positions. His lien period ended on 25th Oct. 2024. However, Dr. Tripathi communicated his intent to continue his association with NITTR, Bhopal and tendered his technical resignation from his position as Associate Professor at COEP Technological University, effectively ending his tenure at COEP Technological University.

The board members are requested to approve the technical resignation of Dr. V. K. Tripathi and recommend to Govt. for further necessary action.

Resolution: The Board **RESOLVED** to **PRINCIPALLY APPROVE** the technical resignation of Dr. V. K. Tripathi and permitted to forward his technical resignation with the recommendation to the Government for further necessary action.

Action: - Establishment Section.

Item No 7.10: Discussion and suggestions on an unauthorized online transaction of Rs. 51 lakhs due to cyber fraud that occurred at COEP in October 2018.

The Board members discussed the issue in full detail. Minutes of the meeting of the meeting are kept separately in sealed envelopes in the office.

Resolution: The Board **RESOLVED** to **APPROVE** that the recommendations and the minutes of the meetings regarding this should be kept separately in a sealed envelopes in the office to produce as and when required.

Action: - Establishment Section.

Item No 7.11: To appraise the Board members about various MOU's signed by the University since the last Board meeting.

Dr. Meshram appraises the Board members about various MoUs signed for promoting research, incubation start-ups, joint workshops, conferences, exchange programs for faculty and students, CSR Donations and other funding received after the last BOG meeting.


The summary of the same is given below.

Sr. No.	Item	Amount Received/ Numbers
1	MoU Signed with Industries	6
2	CSR Donations	Worth Rs. 3.79 Cr.
3	Research funding	Worth Rs. 10.19 Cr.

Resolution: The Board **NOTED** the MOUs signed by the University with various national international Universities and Organizations.

Action: - Director-RHL and its Office

The meeting concluded with thanks to the Chair.


(Dr. D. N. Sonawane)
Registrar, Member Secretary


(Mr. Vinayak Pai)
BOG-Chairman