Minutes of the 87<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Board of Governors of the KSRTC Sree Chitra Thirunal College of Engineering (Thiruvananthapuram) Society held at 2.30 PM on 23.07.2022 in the Chamber of the Minister for Transport

#### **Members Present**

1. Adv. Antony Raju
Hon'ble Minister for Transport
Government of Kerala

# 2. Sri.K.R.Jyothilal IAS Principal Secretary to Govt. Transport Department Government of Kerala

# 3. Smt. Anila. L Additional Secretary to Govt. Finance Department Government of Kerala

# 4. Dr. Byjubai T P Director of Technical Education i/c Directorate of Technical Education Padmavilasam Road, Fort Thiruvananthapuram 695 023

# 5. Sri.Shaji.A Financial Advisor & Chief Accounts Officer KSRTC

## **6. Dr. R. Sasikumar**Board Member - Educationalist

## 7. Sri.S.P.Asokan Board Member - Educationalist

#### 8. Dr.Syam Prakash V Principal

Agenda Item No. 87-01/2022: Governors held on 19/03/2022 Confirmation of the minutes of the 86<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Board of

Approved.

Agenda Item No. 87-02/2022:

Action taken on the decision of last meeting of Board of Governors

Approved with the decision that in future the Action Taken Report, "If any item is placed as separate agenda should be indicated with Item number also".

Agenda Item No.87-03/2022:

Report of the Principal

Accepted. The Board appreciated the increase in the number of students placed through campus placement and directed to give wide publicity by giving press release in leading dailies.

In the meeting, Chairman suggested to start a Research & Development wing in the College for maintaining strong Industry Interaction with established companies like TOYOTA. Also mentioned that the highly qualified faculties of SCTCE can generate crores of rupees as income through consultancy and also by giving training to ITI/Diploma holders in thrust areas.

Directed to address the Transport Department for extending the prevailing Government order for the Private Self-financing Engineering Colleges applicable to Government cost sharing Institutions also since no non plan fund is sanctioned to SCTCE.

During the discussion on Principals report, Principal highlighted the necessity to appoint a Professor and Associate Professor on regular basis in the Department of Biotechnology & Biochemical Engineering for getting NBA Accreditation at least within two years. The Board discussed and decided to refer the matter to a sub-committee with the following members to submit a report.

- 1.Dr.R.Sasikumar, Board Member
- 2.Sri.S.B.Asokan, Board Member
- 3.Principal

Agenda Item No.87-04/2022: Executing articulation agreement with Birmingham City University

The Board accorded permission to the Principal for signing the articulation agreement between the College and Birmingham City University for the twinning programme and expedite further to make the proposal in reality.

Agenda Item No.87-05/2022:

Proposal for expansion of SCTCE by constructing a multi storied

building for mutual benefit of KSRTC and College

Suggested to address Government with relevant documents.

Agenda Item No. 87-06/2022:

Approval of Audited statement of accounts for the financial year

2020-2021

The Board noted many discrepancies in the Internal Audited statement of accounts and decided to obtain explanation from the internal auditors. The Board directed to place the matter before the next meeting of the Board of Governors incorporating the explanation obtained.

Quarterly audit report must be placed in the Board of Governors in future.

The Board also decided that in future Internal auditors and Statutory Auditors should be appointed from AG empanelled Chartered Accountants observing Govt. rule

Agenda Item No. 87-07/2022: Payment of income tax and penalty for the accumulated fund for the financial year 2010-2011

The Board discussed the matter in detail and granted permission for the payment of Rs.1,85,29,726/(Rupees One crore eighty five lakhs twenty nine thousand seven hundred and twenty six only) to Income
Tax Department and file an appeal before the CIT (Appeals) within the stipulated time to avoid further
penalty and subsequently file an appeal before the IT Appellate Tribunal to get exemption from the penalty
incurred. It is also decided to grant permission for the payment of Rs.1,18,000/- to M/s.Sridhar & Co
towards Professional & Consultancy charges for representing the College before the CIT(Exemption). The
Board further decided to black list the auditors on duty during the above period, who did not point out the
facts.

Agenda Item No. 87-08/2022: Engagement of security service and payment of GST arrears to

#### **KEXCON**

The Board discussed the matter in detail and decided to invite fresh tenders (including GST amount) for providing security services to the College. The Board also decided not to pay the GST arrears to KEXCON as that clause was not included in the agreement.

Agenda Item No. 87-09/2022: Gratuity – Enhancement of monthly contribution and amendment in Gratuity Rules

The Board discussed the matter in detail and decided not to enhance the monthly contribution towards Gratuity fund for the time being. It is also decided not to amend the rules regarding the eligibility for gratuity.

Agenda Item No. 87-10/2022: Appointment of Statutory Auditors – Extension of period of service

Based on the recommendation of Principal about the performance of M/s. Ananthan & Sundaram as Statutory Auditors, the Board decided to engage them for the Financial year 2021-22 also with the existing terms and conditions.

Agenda Item No. 87-11/2022: Appointment of Assistant Professors on regular basis in various disciplines

The Board deferred the matter due to financial constraints of Institution. The Board refer the matter to the sub-committee constituted vide decision No.87-03/2022 to study and submit a report.

Agenda Item No. 87-12/2022: Appointment of adjunct faculties – Extension of contract period and enhancement of Remuneration

The Board decided to refer the matter to the sub-committee constituted as per Decision No.87-03/2022 to study about the requirement of adjunct faculties:

It is also decided not to enhance the honorarium for Adjunct faculties as per the revised Government order due to the financial constraints of Institution.

Agenda Item No. 87-13/2022: Dr.Jayakumar.E, Assistant Professor in Mechanical Engineering – Judgement of Hon'ble High Court of Kerala

The Board discussed the matter in detail and authorised the sub-committee constituted as per Decision No.87-03/2022 to conduct the hearing representing the Board of Governors, before the time limit.

Agenda Item No. 87-14/2022: Admission under SCTCE Quota – Request from Smt.Princy R S, w/o Anil Kumar.P, Driver, deceased employee

The Board decided to grant permission to consider the request of Smt. Princy.R.S, w/o Sri. Anilkumar. P (late) for admission under SCTCE quota from the vacant seats if any set apart for the wards of KSRTC employees).

Agenda Item No. 87-15/2022: Refund of fees to students who collected TC after closing date of admission – Government Order

The Board discussed and decided not to refund the fees to those students who requested for the transfer certificate from the college after the date of closure of admission (30/11/2021).

Agenda Item No. 87-16/2022:

Hostel

- 1. Extension of contract period of agreement with Ashiyana Ladies Hostel and Matron
- 2. Entering agreement with another hostel

The Board discussed and decided

- a. Not to extend the agreement with Ashiyana ladies hostel
- b. Not to extend the contract period of Matron
- **c.** Not to make agreement with Sudarsan Hostel or any other outside agencies for accommodating the students of this college.

### Agenda Item No. 87-17/2022: Appointment of Internal Auditors – Ratification

The Board decided not to ratify the action in selecting M/s. Thomas & Associate as Internal Auditors for the year 2022 – 2023. It is also decided to invite fresh quotation from AG empanelled Chartered Accountants.

Agenda Item No. 87-18/2022:

Minutes of DPC (Teaching) and Sanctioning of placement to teaching faculties under Career Advancement Scheme - for approval

Deferred.

Agenda Item No. 87-19/2022:

Minutes of DPC (Non -Teaching) – for approval

The Board directed to demote Sri. Vishnu V J from the post of II Grade Instructor in Mechanical Engineering and convene fresh DPC for preparing select list by following procedures as per Service Rules.

Agenda Item No. 87-20/2022:

Appointment to various posts – Approval of rank list and ratification of appointment

The Board approved the rank lists and also ratified the action of the Principal for making appointment against the rank lists.

Agenda Item No. 87-21/2022:

Granting of HPL to Smt.Asha.S, Assistant Professor in Electronics

& Communication Engineering - Ratification

The Board ratified the action of granting Half Pay Leave to Smt. Asha S and also making appointment to the vacancy on contract – daily wage basis.

The Board also decided to entrust the sub-committee constituted vide decision No.87-12/2022 to make a detailed study about the additional revenue to be generated.

Adv. Antony Raju, Chairman, Board of Governors