

LBS COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING KASARAGOD

Minutes of the meeting (online) of BoG

held on 14-12-23

Google Meet Link - <https://meet.google.com/hkh-dvdj-dpt>

Members Present

1. Prof (Dr) Thamban Nair, Fr. Professor, IITM and Visiting Professor, BITS Pilani
2. Sri Ajayan C, Additional Secretary, Higher Education Dept.
3. Dr M. Abdul Rahman, Director, LBS Centre for Science & Technology
4. Dr Ramesh Unnikrishnan, Advisor, AICTE, Govt. of India
5. Dr Sreekanth Madhavan, Chief Executive Officer, Kabani Tech, Shornur
6. Sri Jayakumar S, Chief Technical Advisor, ULCCS Ltd. Kozhikkode
7. Sri C A Ahmed, Managing Director, Assmass Constructions Pvt. Ltd Kasaragod
8. Dr Praveen Kumar K, Professor, Dept. of CSE, LBSCEK
9. Dr Rajashree Raghavan, Assoc Professor , Dept. of EEE, LBSCEK
10. Dr Mohammad Sekoor T, Principal, LBSCEK

Agenda

1. Academic quality enhancement.
2. Staff quality enhancement.
3. Infrastructures.
4. Industry institute interaction.
5. Approval of Vision and Mission statements
6. Other matters, if any.
7. Offline meeting.

Discussions

1. Principal welcomed the committee members. It was followed by a presentation of the college (an overview of the existing facilities and infrastructure, placement statistics of the past three years, academic results, achievements in sports etc.) by the Principal.
2. The discussion initiated with the Chairperson, Prof (Dr) Thamban Nair enquiring about the male- female student ratio of the college. The Principal replied that it is 50: 50. Sri Jayakumar enquired about the placement statistics of students from core disciplines and remarked that there is a scarcity of engineers from core branches, viz., EEE, ME and CE. He emphasized on contacting core companies, namely, L&T, HCC, AFCONS etc for placement drive through the placement cell of the institute.
3. Regarding academic quality enhancement, Prof (Dr) Thamban Nair suggested to have constant interactions with premier institutes such as IIT Palakkad, NIT Calicut and NIT Surathkal. This will strengthen the visibility of the college as well as enable students to improve their technical know-how. Dr Ramesh

Unnikrishnan suggested to take initiatives to start new programmes with the existing infrastructure and faculty strength.

4. Dr. Sreekanth Madhavan opined that as the campus is spread over 52 acres of land, it is possible to run an industry in the campus. Measures can also be taken to set up interdisciplinary laboratories and initiate start-ups by faculty/ students.
5. Prof (Dr) Thamban Nair stated that faculty members with PhD must be encouraged to collaborate with IIT Palakkad or IIT Madras for strengthening their research activities and must be motivated to undertake funded projects. He also advised faculty members to visit the Research Park of IIT Madras for more information and guidance.
6. As a step towards improving the industry-institute interaction, Sri. Jayakumar remarked that a part of the final year student projects can be done in the industry. This will enhance the industry institute interaction and will also help students to get absorbed by such companies. Sri Ajayan C also suggested that students should be encouraged to go for internships.
7. The members raised apprehensions regarding the current educational practices and the chairperson emphasized the need for a learning centric approach rather than an exam centric approach for improving the quality of graduates. He was also of the viewpoint that students must be encouraged to refer and read the library books as otherwise, the quality of technical education is getting deteriorated day by day.
8. The vision and mission statements of the college were approved and the members offered all support and guidance for the ensuing accreditation process. The members have also agreed to be in campus for an offline meeting preferably during February end or the beginning of March 2024.

Decisions

1. To contact core companies and invite them for campus placements through the placement cell of the institute.
2. To submit proposals to AICTE for starting new programmes such as BBA, BCA etc. The feasibility of running an industry in the campus as well as setting up interdisciplinary labs may be studied in detail and appropriate measures may be initiated in this regard.
3. Faculty to take initiative to submit project proposals to external funding agencies.
4. To encourage students to do internships and quality projects in industries and make effective use of the library resources to widen their knowledge.
5. To motivate faculty and staff to attend workshops/ training programmes etc in premier educational institutions and industrial establishments.

The meeting commenced at 2 p.m. and concluded at 3 p.m.
