

LBS COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING KASARAGOD

Minutes of the BoG meeting held on 18-03-24

Members Present

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

Agenda

1. Interaction with stakeholders- parents, students, and staff members
2. Review of actions taken on the decisions of the previous meeting dated 14/12/23
3. Discussions on the NBA Accreditation
4. Discussions on scope for improvement in
 - Academics
 - Infrastructure
 - Placement
 - Industry- Institute interaction
 - Consultancy and Funded projects
5. Other matters, if any.

Discussions

The meeting commenced at 10 a.m, with the Principal welcoming all attendees and briefing the agenda.

1. The members then interacted with the stakeholders (parents, students and staff) and the feedback/ inputs received are as below:
 - (i) *Interaction with parents:* Parents pointed out the lack of sufficient digital classrooms and the need for regular maintenance of the existing smart classrooms. They also suggested that a master plan should be prepared for improving the overall ambience of the campus. They further suggested that measures must be taken to improve the communication skills of students and to enhance placements.
 - (ii) *Interaction with students:* Students expressed concerns about several issues, including:- Extending the timings of additional facilities of the college - Availability of revised editions of reference books in the library

- Maintenance of classroom block toilets, streetlights, sports ground (specifically football goal posts) and Wi-fi connectivity- Timely publication of mess bills and maintenance of hostel facilities (gym and mess)- Medical emergency facilities in the Ladies hostel and the need for a ladies' toilet in the Mechanical Engineering block- Participation of the EEE department in the accreditation process and its impact on future prospects. Civil Engineering students have suggested to improve their laboratory facilities. One of the Mechanical Engineering students remarked that tutor-student relationship in their department must be made more effective. Students, in general, expressed concerns over the declining placements in the global scenario and have requested to take appropriate measures to improve the placements in core/ non-IT companies. They have also requested to conduct skill development programmes for the students.
- (iii) *Interaction with faculty and staff:* Faculty raised concerns regarding the academic performance of students and stated that there is a need to motivate them. The Workshop Instructor from Mechanical department remarked that more modern machineries/ equipments are required. Also, the courses under ASAP which were free earlier, are now demanding high fees. Hence, students are reluctant to join such courses.
2. Principal presented the Action Taken Report on the decisions of the previous meeting. BoG approved the report.
 3. The members offered all support and co-operation for the ensuing accreditation process and mentioned that the EEE department can apply for accreditation when eligible.
 4. Discussions were held regarding the current academic status, including student performance, faculty feedback and the placement scenario for students in core engineering disciplines. The meeting also focussed on improving internship opportunities for students, with a discussion on industry collaboration and skill development programmes. The Chairperson emphasized that teachers should adhere to formal lecturing in English. Also, expert lectures from faculty/ industry experts and other nationally reputed organizations must be encouraged.
 5. A detailed discussion was held on the feedback/ suggestions from stakeholders, leading to the following decisions. In this context, the Principal clarified that the Mechanical Engineering block houses a ladies' toilet, contrary to the student's belief.

Decisions:

- (i) Extend the timings of additional facilities of the college.
- (ii) Provide wi-fi access points at key locations in the campus.
- (iii) Follow-up immediately on the proposal submitted to the Honourable MLA regarding fixing streetlights in the campus.
- (iv) Consider starting industries in the campus utilizing the involvement of students to increase the job prospects.
- (v) Increase outreach to core companies for placements through personal contacts/ alumni and encourage start-ups.

- (vi) Prioritize immediate maintenance of laboratories and classroom block toilets.
- (vii) Improve sports facilities, including proper lighting.
- (viii) Establish a team consisting of PTA members and college officials to visit hostels at least once in a month and take measures for their maintenance.
- (ix) Direct students through the Hostel Warden to submit mess cut details and bill certifications during the first week of every month and ensure that the mess bill is published by the 15th of every month.
- (x) Conduct regular mentor-mentee meetings (once in a month) for students to raise concerns.
- (xi) Form technical clubs to coordinate the activities of students/ staff in specific domains.
- (xii) Make efforts to seek funding from Private/ Public/ Government agencies.

The meeting concluded at 1 p.m. with the Principal expressing gratitude to all the participants.