Chinmaya Vishwavidyapeeth
(Deemed University under Section 3 of UGC Act)

Minutes of the 3rd Planning & Monitoring Board Meeting

15th March 2021; 09:30 AM (Video Conference)

ATTENDEES

1. Prof. Nagaraj K. Neerchal (NN), Vice Chancellor - Chairperson
2. Prof. Gauri Mahulikar (GM), Dean of Faculty, CVV (Member)
3. Shri K R Lal, Director – IT Services, CVV
4. Ms. Lakshmi Shenoy
5. Dr. Ajaykumar K
6. Dr. Vinod R. R. (VRR), Head, School of Contemporary Knowledge Systems, CVV (Member)
7. Ms. Jayalakshmi Nanda (JN), Chief of Staff of VC, CVV
8. Shri Akshay Malhotra
9. Prof. Ajay Kapoor
10. Dr. Apparao Mukkamala
11. Swami Advayananda (SA)
12. Shri N M Sundar
13. Dr. Soumya S (SS), Registrar (I/c), CVV – Secretary

Leave of Absence Granted:

1. Prof. B Mahadevan (BM), Professor, IIM Bangalore (Member)

Members Absent:

1. Shri Buddharaju Raju, Director – Library Services
2. Shri Neeraj B. Bhai, Technology Consultant

Meeting Minutes:

The meeting commenced as video conferencing at 9:30 AM with prayer and Shanti Mantra.

1. Welcome by Vice Chancellor

The Vice Chancellor welcomed members of the Planning and Monitoring Board.

2. Academic programmes for 2021-22

a. Programmes, Student Intake, Faculty requirements and fees

The new programmes and intake was presented. Prof. Nagaraj Neerchal explained the programmes for the academic year 2021-22. He stated that PG Diploma in Advaita Vedanta is planned to be commenced in academic year 2021-22 pending AC approval.

Members took note of the Academic Programmes for 2021-22.

3. Updates on Infrastructure upgrades specific to COVID period

a. The main upgrades to infrastructure was on the IT infrastructure in order to facilitate the online classes, webinars and other online events.

Members took note of the Infrastructure updates specific to COVID period.

4. Infrastructure updates

a. New Facility: Vidya Pratishtanam of CEG Campus

Dr. Apparao Mukkamala gave updates on the Bhoomi Pooja conducted for Hostels at the Onakkoor site. He stated that the work is expected to be completed by Jan 2022.

b. Academic Infrastructure
   i. Lab/ Lab Equipment
   ii. Software
   iii. Books
   iv. Classrooms
   v. Hostel

The expected expenses for Lab/Lab Equipment, Software, Books and Classrooms have been included in the budget, as given by the respective Departments/Schools. The budget will be discussed in the upcoming Finance Committee meeting.

With respect to Hostel for the academic year 2021-22, various options were being explored. Managing Trustee, Dr. Apparao Mukkamala informed that the hostel at Onakkoor was expected to be ready for occupancy by January 2022 and will be able to move in by March 2022.

c. Library Infrastructure

The CIF Library is available to the students and faculty in addition to the CVV Library in Veliyanad campus. Prof. Nagaraj Neerchal informed that purchases will be limited to essentials since CVV is planning to move to own campus soon. The purchases for the Library needs to be planned meticulously for the new campus.

Swami Advayananda informed that Dr. AppaRao Mukkamala, Managing Trustee and Prof. Gauri Mahulikar, Dean of CVV and Academic Director, CIF, should initiate a discussion with CIF Shoda Sansthan to explore options of integrating British Library resources into the server so that people can access it as needed.

d. IT & Media Infrastructure

Managing Trustee informed that the procurements of IT and Media will be discussed jointly with CIF so that the expense and sharing of resources in Veliyanad campus can be optimized.

Members took note of the Academic Infrastructure updates.

5. NAAC progress report

a. Documentation

Ms. Jayalakshmi presented the NAAC progress details and the results of the External Academic and Administrative Audit and Mock NAAC audit conducted in February 2021.

Dr. Apparao Mukkamala suggested to review the progress every month and arrive at an action plan with timelines for each of the activities like MoU, extension activities, etc.

Action:
To initiate a separate meeting for discussing action plan on collaborations with the following persons: Swami Advayananda, Prof. Nagaraj Neerchal, Prof. Ajay Kapoor, Dr. Apparao Mukkamala, Prof. P. Geervani, Ms. Jayalakshmi Nanda.

b. Research related

It was suggested to route the research related activities through Research Committee. Prof. Nagaraj Neerchal suggested to drive the research activities through IQAC.

Action:
Prof. Ajay Kapoor to conduct a research workshop focussed on creating Research Centres, publishing, finding research areas, etc. The workshop to be scheduled on March 26, 2021.

6. Exam related

a. Convocation

Prof. Nagaraj Neerchal informed that the first convocation will be held on June 6, 2021. However, the decision on whether to conduct the ceremony online or onsite will be taken by the end of March 2021 depending on the pandemic situation and the State/Centre regulations on pandemic.

Members took note of the update on Convocation.

7. Outreach

a. Admissions

Dr. Apparao Mukkamala informed that a comprehensive plan for admissions is yet to be finalized. However, an Admissions Director needs to be in place at the earliest.

b. Placement

Shanker ji is working on placements. This is an ongoing activity. Along with placements, students are also being placed for internships in various companies. For internship, we have also entered into MoU with some organizations.

Members took note of the Outreach and Placement updates.

8. Facility related

Maintenance of existing facilities

a. CEG Campus
   i. Veliyanad Facility
   ii. Prajna Pratishthanam Facility at Warriam Road

The maintenance of the existing facilities was budgeted and will go on as budgeted.

b. CNBG Campus

It was informed that Akshay ji is working with Vibooti for an arrangement similar to that between CIF and CVV.

Members took note of the updates on maintenance of existing facilities at Ernakulam and Pune.

The meeting ended with Prayer and Shanti Mantra.

Nagaraj K Nuvchal

In His Service

Vice Chancellor
Chinmaya Vishwavidyapeeth

Registrar i/c