

## **Minutes: Meeting with Self Finance Institutes Association.**

Date: 18<sup>th</sup> May 2012, Friday Time: 02:00pm

Venue: Conference Room, GTU

The following were present in the meeting:

Sr. No.	Name	Designation
1	Prof. Akshai Aggrawal	Vice-Chancellor
2	Dr. Gitesh Joshi	Registrar
3.	Shri. Umrigar (Representative of Shri C.L.Patel)	Chairman, Federation of SFI Tech. Insti. Of Gujarat
4.	Dr. Sachin Parikh (Representative of Shri.Pravinbhai Maniar)	Chairman, VVP Engg. Rajkot
6.	Dr. Rajesh Patel (Representative of Shri. Nanjibhai Vakeria)	Chairman, N.J.Vakaria Group of Institutes
5.	Shri Manishbhai Shah	Chairman, L J Group of Institutes
6.	Shri. Shailesh R Shah	Chairman, Sigma Group of Institutes
7.	Shri. Nehal Shukla	Convener, AICTE SFI Colleges Asso. of Gujarat
8.	Shri Paragbhai Patel	President, Asso. Of Gujarat Engg. & Tech. Diploma Courses
9.	Shri Janak Khandwala	President, Asso. Of SFI Professional Insti.
10.	Shri G K Ruwala	President, Asso. SFI Pharmacy, Colleges of Gujarat State

At the outset, the Vice-Chancellor welcomed all the members. Thereafter he introduced Dr. Gitesh Joshi, Registrar, GTU. Dr. Joshi welcomed the members on behalf of GTU. Being his first official meeting he introduced himself which was followed by a round of self-introduction of each of the 18 members. Prof. U.Y. Nanavati, Ms. Sonal Acharya, Assistant Registrar and Ms. Roma Thakur, Administrative Assistant were also present in the meeting to assist.

After the welcome and introduction, agenda items were taken up for discussion:

- 1) Improving the quality of learning systems at GTU even further through:
  - a) Starting the semester on time
  - b) Reducing 'furloughs'.
  - c) Ensuring that the examinations for laboratories/workshops at non final year classes are conducted systematically
  - d) Eliminating the preparatory holidays for mid-term exams
- 2) Additional efforts for courseware
- 3) Additional efforts for final year projects
- 4) Additional efforts for placements
- 5) Desirability of a regular meeting every academic year of every semester

The Vice-Chancellor commended the successful efforts made by L.E.College Morbi to achieve improvement in results in Mathematics. He also discussed at length the entire idea and the objective of the program, 'Active Learning and Creating Excitement in the classroom'. Use of unconventional methods of teaching and digital classrooms was emphasized. Help from NPTEL can be taken for this project. Work together in teams to design courseware, circulate and distribute it for the benefit of others too and reap benefits directly as well. In addition he told that now the time has to come to install CCTVs for the purpose of monitoring the examinations.

The Vice-Chancellor said that the classes must begin right on the day, declared as the first day of teaching for a class by the University. During the discussion members informed that due to late completion of admissions, the class may not begun before 1<sup>st</sup> August. However they assured that the all the course work

including workshops and laboratory work will be completed before end of the semester through extra classes and efforts. They also informed that the college/institute will try to identify the best teachers of individual subjects in each zone and conduct lectures of these teachers/professors for the students of that particular zone on weekends. This will help to improve the quality education. The Vice-Chancellor suggested to regularly invite the experts from the industry for MBA and Engineering programmes in the colleges. He said that inputs by professionals will help the students. He also informed to strictly follow the web based/ technology enabled attendance for observing 75% attendance rules of the University.

Shri Nehal Shukla said that GTU does not actually have a high failure rate. However since the words 'ATKT' and 'Fail' are misunderstood and used interchangeably, it projects a wrong picture. On the contrary, our results are as follows:

<b>First Year</b>	<b>Second Year</b>	<b>Third and Fourth year</b>
100%	89% (minimum)	95% average

Dr. Sachin Parikh, Principal VVP Engineering College, Rajkot informed that due to admissions been given even at a low percentage, there is need for dilution of the syllabus. However the discussion surged ahead towards the fact that it is not dilution that will help but relevant and functional syllabi is what is actually required.

The Vice-Chancellor said that along with the increase in the growth rate, our country will need more engineers. That is why the government wanted to increase the Graduate Enrolment Ratio (GER). He said that if GTU is able to graduate competent engineers, they will all be absorbed by the industry. Since Gujarat is becoming the auto-hub, the Colleges may try to have more programs in this and in other upcoming areas. The Vice-Chancellor informed that for Diploma Engineering syllabus, a survey of industry needs was being made and the syllabi for DE were being re-designed. He said that hundreds of our faculty, supported by the experts from NITTTR, Bhopal were working on the project.

The Vice-Chancellor conveyed that the final year projects should be taken care in terms of its creative value. Students should be prepared for the job interviews from the very beginning, keeping in mind the need for honing their soft skills so as to empower them for the jobs and profession. The members/representative assured that they will work out the modalities for making the students more employable.

Shri Janak Khandwala said that preparatory programs for new entrants to Diploma and Degree engineering may be organized by the University during the period before the start of the classes. Shri G K Ruwala, Shri Manishbhai Shah and Shri Shailesh R. Shah suggested start/conduct refresher courses for teachers to learn new methods of teaching. This can be initiated at the college levels.

The Vice-Chancellor said that the University is supplementing the efforts of the Colleges and during the last two years, it had become the University with the largest number of Faculty Development programs in the country.

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair for organizing such a meeting in a very healthy environment.

**Sd/-  
Registrar**