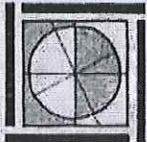


MINUTES

Ninth meeting of the Finance Committee

January 19, 2017 at ITPI, New Delhi



School of Planning and Architecture: Vijayawada

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Minutes of the Ninth Meeting of the Finance Committee of SPAV
held on January, 19 2017 at 10.30 AM at ITPI, New Delhi

Members Present:

S.No.	Name of the Member	Chairperson / Member Special Invitee
1.	Ar. Brinda Somaya	Chairperson
2.	Shri S P Goyal Joint Secretary (NITs & DL), MoHRD, Gol	Member
3.	Ms. Darshana M Dabral, Joint Secretary & Financial Advisor, MoHRD, Gol	Member
4.	Ar. Biswaranjan Nayak President and Representative of the Council of Architecture, India	Member
5.	Dr. Monsingh D Devdas, Professor, S.A.P., Chennai and Representative of the University Grants Commission, India	Member
6.	Prof. (Dr.) Minakshi Jain, Director, SPAV	Member
7.	Shri D V Rama Mohana Rao, Registrar(I/c), SPAV	Secretary

At the outset the Chairperson welcomed the members and requested the Registrar (I/c) to take up the Agenda Items for discussion.

1	To confirm the Minutes of the Eighth Meeting of the Finance Committee of SPAV held on 24th November, 2016 at SPA, Vijayawada.	
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The Minutes of the *Eighth* Meeting of Finance Committee of SPAV held on 24th November, 2016 at SPA, Vijayawada were circulated among the members vide communication dated 13th December, 2016. Since no objections/comments have been received, the Minutes of the aforesaid meeting stands confirmed.

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2	To present the Action Taken Report on the Minutes of Eighth Meeting of the Finance Committee of SPAV held on 24 th November, 2016, at SPA, Vijayawada.	
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The Finance Committee noted the 'Action Taken' on the Minutes of the aforesaid Meeting held on 24th November, 2016 at SPA, Vijayawada with the following observations: -

With reference to Item # 2 of the Action Taken Report (ATR), the Finance Committee enquired about the status of works of Item 2a (Construction of Sub-Station Building), 2b (Construction of Compound Wall) and 2c (Enhanced estimate for Civil Works for External Services). It was informed that for all the aforesaid three items, the tendering process has been completed, contracts have been awarded and work is in progress as on date. The details are as follows: -

- a) On account of the need for locating the Sub-Station Building outside the Main Building, a financial implication of Rupees 52 Lakh was approved by the Board of Governors on the recommendation of the Finance Committee. The tendering process has been completed, contract has been awarded and the work is in progress.
- b) Due to change in levels of the ground on site, the height of the Boundary Wall was increased to adjust to the ground level and to increase its retaining capacity. There was a financial implication of Rupees 336 Lakh, which was approved by the Board of Governors on the recommendation of the Finance Committee. The work is in progress.
- c) For construction of External Services like drainage, manholes etc., the tendering process has been completed, contract has been awarded and the work is in progress.

With reference to Item # 2(3) of the Action Taken Report (ATR), the Finance Committee desired that complete details like whether the statutory regulations of fire fighting of the AP Fire and Disaster Management Department were there when the work was being designed or not, why these modifications could not have been thought of earlier etc. should be put up before the Finance Committee in its next meeting.

With reference to Item # 8.2 of the Action Taken Report (ATR), the Finance Committee approved the Budget Estimate for 2017-18 placed as Annexure II of the Agenda Notes of this meeting and recommended them to the Board of Governors with the condition that grant-in-

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aid for capital works shall be provided only after the approval of revised Detailed Project Report by the competent authority.

With reference to # 8(a) of the Action Taken Report (ATR), the Finance Committee noted the action taken and suggested the Director to compare the financial implications of purchasing a new staff car, compare it with the cost incurred on hiring an additional vehicle and accordingly, take appropriate steps in consultation with MHRD as per rules.

AGENDA ITEMS

9.1	To consider and approve the Revised Detailed Project for the years 2017 – 2020	
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The Revised Detailed Project Report for the years 2017 – 20 approved and recommended by the Building and Works Committee was placed for consideration of the Finance Committee.

After detailed deliberations, the Finance Committee approved the Revised Detailed Project Report (DPR) for the years 2017 – 20 and recommended it to the Board of Governors with the suggestion to clearly indicate the originally approved DPR 2008 budget, grant-in-aid received, expenditure made till date projected budget for 2017-20 and the total projected cost of the Project in the Revised DPR.

9.2	To consider the Recruitment and promotion of the various faculty positions at SPAV.	
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The Registrar I/c apprised the Finance Committee about the over all sanctioned strength, filled in positions and vacant posts of faculty and expressed an urgent and unavoidable need of filling up the vacant posts. He also indicated that the approximate financial implication of filling up the 33 vacant posts per month will be Rs. 38.26 Lakh.

Further, the Registrar I/c apprised the Finance Committee regarding the need of Pay Up-gradation of faculty as per the Regulations of the UGC and guidelines of the Ministry of Human Resources Development. The Pay Up-gradation of Seven Assistant Professors, Associate Professors from the date of their eligibility for up-gradation after following the procedures prescribed by UGC and guidelines of the Ministry of Human Resources

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Development will cost SPA, Vijayawada around Rs. 30,53,895/- for the period upto 31-12-2016.

The Finance Committee resolved that full details of the cases of Pay Up-gradation of faculty members and the relevant rules be placed before the Finance Committee in its next meeting.

The Finance Committee also approved the financial implication for filling up the vacant regular faculty posts and recommended the same to the Board of Governors.

9.3	To consider the Recruitment and Promotion / Pay Up-gradation of the non-faculty positions (Administrative and Technical staff) at SPAV.	
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The Registrar I/c apprised the Finance Committee about the overall sanctioned strength, filled in positions and vacant posts of non-faculty and expressed an urgent and unavoidable need of filling up the vacant posts. He also indicated that the approximate financial implication of filling up the 40 vacant posts per month will be Rs. 21.74 Lakh.

Further, the Registrar I/c apprised the Finance Committee regarding the need of Promotion / Pay Up-gradation of non-faculty as per the Recruitment Rules and guidelines of the Ministry of Human Resources Development. The Promotion/ Pay Up-gradation will cost SPA, Vijayawada approximately Rs. 5.03 Lakh for payment of arrears upto 31st December, 2016.

The Finance Committee resolved that full details of the cases of Promotion/ Pay Up-gradation of non-faculty and the relevant rules be placed before the Finance Committee in its next meeting.

The Finance Committee also approved the financial implication for filling up the vacant regular posts of non-faculty and recommended the same to the Board of Governors.

9.4	To consider and approve the Mechanical Ventilation System for the Kitchen of the Dining Block at the New campus of SPAV	
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The Registrar I/c informed the Finance Committee regarding the revised target dates for completion of Hostel Block as 31st January, 2017 and the Dining Block by March, 2017. In the

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meeting held with Consultant Architect, CPWD and SPA, Vijayawada officials on 09th January, 2017, the Consultant Architect informed about the unavoidable requirement of Mechanical Ventilation System for the Kitchen of the Dining Block with a financial implication of Rs.26. 36 Lakh approximately.

The Finance Committee felt that in case the Mechanical Ventilation System for the Kitchen of the Dining Block is essential and unavoidable, it would most probably have been in the preliminary estimate of the Dining Block and this needs to be examined by the Institute. The Committee further felt that the facts indicated by the Consultant Architect should be placed before the Building and Works Committee for consideration.

The Finance Committee requested the Director to examine whether the proposal was a part of the approved preliminary estimate or not and in view of the essential and unavoidable requirement of the Mechanical Ventilation System as indicated by the Consultant Architect, resolved to place the same before the Building and Works Committee for its consideration.

9.5	Any other item with the permission of Chair	
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Item 9.5 (a): To consider and approve the Solar Water Heating System Component

The Registrar I/c informed the Finance Committee that the Solar Water Heating System is a mandatory requirement as per Ministry of Environment and Forest's clearance and one of the important requirement for obtaining the GRIHA rating of the project. The justification for the Solar Water Heating System was received from the Consultant Architect on 16th November, 2016 and the Building and Works Committee has recommended the Solar Water Heating System with a financial implication of Rs. 48.12 Lakh in its meeting held on 24th November, 2016.

After detailed discussions, the Finance Committee felt that since compliance to GRIHA norms has been made mandatory since 2009, the installation of the Solar Water Heating System should have been thought of earlier when the Campus buildings were being designed. The Committee further felt that not having the Solar Water Heating System in place and the confusion like that regarding the Mechanical Ventilation System for the Kitchen of the Dining Block are serious issues and clearly indicate a lack of proper planning at the level of the Institute.

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The Finance Committee expressed serious concern at such state of affairs and hoping that there would be better planning in future, resolved to approve and recommend to the Board of Governors the Solar Water Heating System, with a financial implication of Rs 48.12 Lakh as recommended by the Building and Works Committee.

As there was no other item for discussion, the meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair.

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