

MINUTES OF 198TH MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE COUNCIL OF ARCHITECTURE, HELD ON 16TH DECEMBER, 2018, AT 2:00 P.M., IN CONFERENCE HALL, THE FERN (ECOTEL) HOTEL, PLOT NO.3, AIRPORT PLAZA, TONK ROAD, JAIPUR, RAJASTHAN-302018.

Present:

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| 1. Ar.Vijay Garg | : | Chairman |
| 2. Ar.Ranee Vedamuthu | : | Member |
| 3. Ar.Alok Ranjan | : | Member |
| 4. Ar.Amogh Kumar Gupta | : | Member |
| 5. Ar.Abhay Purohit | : | Member |

In attendance:

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| 1. Shri R.K.Oberoi | : | Registrar-Secretary |
| 2. Shri Deepak Kumar | : | Administrative Officer |

Ar. Amitava Roy, Member, could not attend the meeting due to his pre-occupation and was accordingly granted leave of absence.

The Chairman welcomed the Members and thanked them for sparing their valuable time for attending the meeting. Thereafter, the regular agenda of the meeting was taken up.

ITEM NO.1: CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF 197TH MEETING OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE HELD ON 21ST NOVEMBER, 2018 IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNCIL OF ARCHITECTURE.

The Minutes of 197 Meeting of Executive Committee were circulated to the Members on 30.11.2018 for their views/comments. No comments were received. The Executive Committee unanimously confirmed the minutes and the same were signed by the Chairman.

ITEM NO.2: TO CONSIDER THE ACTION TAKEN REPORT ON THE MINUTES OF LAST MEETING.

The Members perused the Action Taken Report as annexed with the Agenda and noted the same.

ITEM NO.3: TO HEAR THE PRINCIPAL/HOD, DEPARTMENT OF ARCHITECTURE, SURENDRA SAI UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY, BURLA, SAMBALPUR (OR09) REGARDING ADMISSIONS MADE BY THE UNIVERSITY IN B.ARCH COURSE DURING THE ACADEMIC SESSIONS 2013-14, 2014-15, 2015-16 WITHOUT APPROVAL OF COUNCIL.

As decided by the Executive Committee, the representative of the Institution/Management were asked to appear before the Executive Committee along with all information related to the Batches of students admitted during academic session 2013-14, 2014-15 and 2015-16 without approval of Council.

Accordingly, Dr. Bharti Mahapatra, Faculty Member of the Institution, appeared before the Executive Committee and submitted the relevant documents. After detailed deliberations in the matter, the Executive Committee directed the representative of the Institution to provide confirmation letter from the faculty Members as to the subjects taught by them to the students during the year 2013 to 2016.

Further, the Executive Committee also requested the representative that the Institution should provide undertaking duly signed by the Registrar of the University regarding creation of additional posts in the University and also about the HOD(s) who were in service/employment of University during the Academic session 2013 to 2016, confirming that said faculty took classes of the students who were admitted in the University without approval of the Council.

ITEM NO.4: TO AUTHORISE THE REGISTRAR, COA, FOR EXECUTION OF SALE DEED IN RESPECT OF OFFICE SPACE PURCHASED IN NBCC PLACE, OKHLA, NEW DELHI FROM NBCC LTD.

The Chairman informed the Members that the Council has purchased office space from NBCC Ltd. at NBCC Place, Okhla, New Delhi. The Council is required to execute Conveyance Deed for the same. Further, the Executive Committee of the Council has already approved the Budget for expenses to be incurred for executing the Sale Deed. The Executive Committee after deliberations in the matter resolved as under:

RESOLUTION NO:254

RESOLVED THAT:

- (i) Shri R.K.Oberoi, Registrar, Council of Architecture is authorized to execute and carry out necessary documentation work for the conveyance deed for the office space of Council at NBCC place, Okhla, New Delhi; and
- (ii) The Chairman and the Registrar are authorized to incur necessary expenses in connection with the execution of Sale Deed in favour of "Council of Architecture" for its office space at NBCC Place, Okhla.

ITEM NO.5: TO AUTHORIZE THE OFFICERS OF THE COUNCIL OF ARCHITECTURE FOR EXECUTION OF "COUNCIL OF ARCHITECTURE EMPLOYEES CONTRIBUTORY PROVIDENT FUND TRUST DEED".

The Chairman informed the Members that the Executive Committee in its 194th Meeting decided that the Council of Architecture Employees Contributory Fund Trust be formed so as to keep the contributions/subscriptions of the employees as well as the employer in separate and independent fund and the Trust shall manage the same as per Trust Rules. Further, setting up of Trust would enable the Council and employees to get appropriate exemptions under the Income

Tax Laws. He further informed that the Council has engaged the services of Shri S.N.Panda, Advocate, who prepared the draft Trust deed and Trust Rules for operation of Trust.

The Executive Committee perused the Trust Deed and Trust Rules, as annexed with the Agenda, and after detailed deliberations approved the same and resolved as under:

RESOLUTION NO.:255

RESOLVED THAT:

- I) The Council of Architecture Employees Contributory Fund Trust be formed and the Trust Deed be got registered under relevant laws including income tax and provident fund authorities. The Council of Architecture CPF Trust Deed and the COA CPF Rules 2018 are approved and the Trust shall function strictly as per the Council of Architecture CPF Rules 2018.
- II) The Registrar, Council of Architecture shall be ex-officio Chairperson of the Trust and the Administrative Officer shall be ex-officio, Secretary Trustee of the Trust and incharge of Accounts Section of the Council shall be ex-officio Trustee of the Trust. A copy of the registered Trust Deed and Trust Rules be placed before the Council for its information.
- III) All the funds shall be managed by the Trust as per relevant laws and Trust rules. The Trust shall be provided with necessary funds by the Council of Architecture to meet its obligations towards the dues of the Employees of the Council, from time to time, as per rules.
- IV) The Funds shall be invested in Nationalized Banks/Government Securities and shall be audited annually by an Auditor appointed by the Council. The Report of Auditor shall be placed before Executive Committee and Full Council for approval.

ITEM NO.6: TO CONSIDER THE PROPOSALS/ PRESENTATIONS OF THE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE FIRMS WHO MADE THEIR PROPOSALS FOR CONDUCT OF NATA 2019 EXAMINATIONS ONLINE.

The Executive Committee perused the expression of Interests received from two firms for conduct of NATA-2019 examination online twice a year. The Executive Committee also heard the representatives of the concerned firms and seen the presentations made by them regarding the profile of firms their clients, and their competency and capability for conduct of NATA examination and process to be followed for conduct of examination.

The Executive Committee asked the representatives of both the firms to submit their revised financial offers in case they can, so that the Council can take a final decision about appointment of the firm for conduct of NATA-2019 examinations.

The Executive Committee after deliberations in the matter noted that the proposal submitted by M/s. Eduquity Career Technologies Pvt. Ltd, Bengaluru, is more economical, viable and they are also having wide range of examination centers in India as well as abroad including middle east countries, Dubai etc. Further, they are also having Government clients and their clients are still continuing with them for the last several years.

The Executive Committee authorized the Chairman to take decision and appoint the concerned after receipt of revised financial offers from both the firms.

ITEM NO.7: TO CONSIDER THE ASSESSMENT/INSPECTION REPORTS SUBMITTED BY INSPECTION COMMITTEES APPOINTED BY THE COUNCIL WHICH CONDUCTED SURPRISE INSPECTION OF INSTITUTIONS

The Executive Committee perused the surprised inspection/ assessment reports of the 5 institutions in Bangalore i.e. (1)KA19-The Oxford School of Architecture, Bangalore, (2) KA25-IMPACT School of Architecture, Bangalore, (3) KA30-BGS School of Architecture and Planning, Bengaluru, (4) KA35-Aditya Academy of Architecture & Design, Bangalore & (5) KA40-Brindavan College of Architecture, Bengaluru and found that out of the 5 institutions following 4 institutions have deficiencies:

The Executive Committee, therefore, decided these 4 institutions i.e. (1) KA19-The Oxford School of Architecture, Bangalore, (2) KA25-IMPACT School of Architecture, Bangalore, (3) KA35-Aditya Academy of Architecture & Design, Bangalore & (5) KA40-Brindavan College of Architecture, Bengaluru, be issued show cause notice for not following the minimum standards prescribed by the Council of Architecture.

ITEM NO.8: ANY OTHER ITEM WITH THE PERMISSION OF THE CHAIR.

1) APPOINTMENT OF CONSULTANT FOR COLLECTING ADVERTISEMENTS FOR PUBLICATION & PRINTING OF HANDBOOK AND DIRECTORY OF ARCHITECTS 2019.

The Chairman informed the Members that the Council is publishing bi-annually its Directory of Architects and Handbook of Professional Documents. These twin publications are of self-financing nature. The cost of these publications is met out of funds received by way of Advertisements published in the twin documents.

The Chairman further informed that in response to its Advertisement dated 21.01.2018, the Council received only one proposal i.e. from M/s. Life Style Media Limited.

The Executive Committee perused the proposal dated 30.08.2018 of Mr. Mukesh Murthy, Life Style Media and noted that he has agreed to work for the project and will charge commission of 12.5% on revenue advertisement collection upto the amount of Rs.35 lakhs and 15% if the

revenue exceeds this limit, for the Directory of Architects, 2019 and Handbook of Professional Documents 2019.

The Executive Committee deliberated in the matter and decided that Shri Mukesh Murthy, Life Style Media be appointed as consultant to collect advertisements for Handbook of Professional Documents and Directory of Architects, 2019 of Council of Architecture and the process for printing these publication be initiated. He will be paid commission of 12.5% on revenue advertisement collection upto the amount of Rs.35 lakhs and 15% if the revenue exceeds this limit.

2) THE CALENDAR OF TRAINING PROGRAMME:

The Executive Committee perused the recommendations of Ar.Abhay Purohit, Member, Executive Committee, regarding conduct of Training Programme by the COATRC, Pune.

The Executive Committee approved the following programme with the modifications/ suggestions in the title as suggested by Ar.Abhay Purohit and decided that Director COATRC, Pune be informed of the same for taking further action in the matter :

Sr. No	College Code	Name and Address of College	Title of Programme	Tentative dates
1.	TN10	Department of Architecture, School of Building & Environment, Sathyabama University, Chennai	Urban Climate And Built Environment	11 th to 15 th March 2019
2.	MH27	Indian Education Society's College of Architecture, Bandra, Mumbai	Public Spaces in Metropolitan City	07 th to 11 th January 2019 04 th to 08 th February 2019
3.		COA-TRC	Summarizing Advanced Architecture Theory	28 th January to 01 st February 2019
4.		COA-TRC	Constructive Crit: Revisiting pedagogical objectives of a Design Jury	25 th February to 1 st March 2019
5.		COA-TRC	Faculty Induction Program	July/August 2019

3) AMENDMENTS IN THE AICTE ACT, FOR REMOVAL OF WORD “PHARMACY”:

The Chairman informed the Members that it has come to his notice that the Government of India is moving proposal to remove the word “Pharmacy” from the AICTE Act, 1987 so that there is no overlapping of functions between AICTE and Pharmacy Council. The Chairman informed that in this context the Council of Architecture also wishes to request the Hon’ble Minister of HRD, Government of India, to also remove the word “Architecture” from the AICTE Act so that the overlapping and conflict of norms and jurisdiction is avoided and the litigations as to who will regulate Architectural education and prescribed norms are put to an end.

The Executive Committee concurred with the Chairman and decided that a communication be sent to the Hon’ble Minister of HRD, Govt. of India, requesting him to consider for removing the word “Architecture” from the AICTE Act and accordingly for appropriate amendments in the AICTE Act. The Committee stressed that the Hon’ble Minister HRD be also informed of the opinion of Learned Attorney General of India in the matter.

4) PROGRESS REGARDING HARMONIZATION OF NORMS BETWEEN COA AND AICTE ENTERING INTO MOU WITH AICTE BY COA:

The Chairman Informed the Members that he along with officials of the Council had met with AICTE officials and most of the issues have been agreed. He further, informed that soon there will be another meeting to sort out the pending issues to ensure that there is no conflict between AICTE and COA norms.

5) VACATION OF PREMISES OF COATRC BHUBANESWAR OFFICE:

The Registrar-Secretary, informed the Members that he has requested the flat owner of COATRC Office at Bhubaneswar to provide a copy of ownership and other related documents, however, she has refused to provide the documents and has also stated that her flat be vacated as the Council is not releasing her payments towards rent.

The Executive Committee deliberated in detail in the matter and decided that the said premises be vacated and the furniture and fixtures be transported to COATRC office at Bhopal. Further, services of Master Akashdeep, Research Associate, in COATRC Bhubaneswar, be also terminated with appropriate notice to him.

The meeting ended at 6:15 pm with a vote of thanks to the Chair.

R.K.Oberoi
Registrar-Secretary

Vijay Garg
Chairman