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Minutes of 3rd Fee Fixation Meeting

The third (3rd) meeting of the Fee Fixation Committee of COEP Technological University was held on Monday, 28th April 2025. The following members were present at the meeting:

| 1. | Prof. Nitin Karmalkar | EX-VC, SPPU | Chairman |
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| 2. | Dr. Parveen Sayyed | Law Officer, SPPU | Member |
| 3 | Prof. C. Y. Patil | | Member |
| 4 | Dr. P. P. Bartakke | Associate Dean- School of E & T | Member |
| 5 | | Associate Dean- School of SHM | Member |
| 6 | Dr. (Mrs.) Y.V. Haribhakta | Director- BOE | Member |
| 7 | Prof. N. B. Dhokey | Director-RIIL | Member |
| 8. | Dr. S. P. Mahajan | FAO | Member |
| 9 | Dr. D. N. Sonawane | Registrar | Member -Secretary |

The following members have requested for the leave of absence, the Chairman of Committee has granted leave of absence to the following members.

| 1. | Mr. Bharat Gite | Governor Nominee on BOG of COEP Tech | Member |
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| 2. | Prof. Parag Sadgir | Dean- School of E & T | Member |
| 3 | Mr. D. V. Nimbolkar | Finance Expert | Member |
| 4 | Dr. (Mrs.) Archana Thosar | Director- KRC | Member |
| 5 | Dr. Mohan Khond | Director- BOSD | Member |



The meeting began with Prof. Sunil Bhirud, Vice Chancellor, formally welcoming the Chairman and the members of the Fee Fixation Committee. In his opening remarks, Prof. Bhirud emphasized the university's commitment towards excellence in academic, societal research, focusing on nurturing the students not just their intellectual abilities but also the development of social, emotional, physical, and spiritual aspects, aiming for well-rounded individuals.

He further stated that while the university is undertaking various transformation initiatives on the academic front to cater to students with updated and industry-relevant curriculum and demanding academic programs, it is also necessary to think, deliberate and work cautiously on determining the fee structure of the University. While determining the fees structure of the University for the forthcoming academic year, members should consider the important social aspects like the brand value of the University, self-sustainability approach, geographic diversity of the prospective students, online and Hybrid mode of education, other world class universities' fees structure, and at large the overall benefits to the students.

Prof. Bhirud highlighted that the aim is to ensure that financially challenged but capable students should not be deprived of education due to financial constraints. He also informed the committee that the university has facilitated access to education loans through tie-ups with several banks, enabling students to avail themselves of easy and quick financial support.

<u>Item 3.1</u>: Confirmation of Minutes and Action Taken Report (ATR) on the 2nd meeting of fees fixation committee held on 16th April 2024.

Registrar informed the committee members that the minutes of the 2nd meeting of fees fixation committee held on 16th April 2024, were circulated to all the members for their review and suggestions. He also informed that, in the final minutes the suggestions and inputs given by the committee members are incorporated. He then provided an update on key points from the Action Taken Report (ATR) of 2nd fees fixation meeting.

- ➤ Under agenda point 2.2- Approval of Proposed Fee Structure for UG, PG, MBA programmes for AY 2024-25
 - Examination fees for Direct Second Year B. Tech (Lateral Entry) students were initially
 shown separately. Upon review, it was found that their examination fees are the same as
 regular Second Year B. Tech students. To ensure uniformity, the separate mention of
 examination fees for Lateral Entry students has been corrected.
 - For Third Year B. Tech students (Lateral Entry, admitted in AY 2023-24), the total fee was revised from ₹1,35,450/- to ₹83,600/-. Aligned with the fee approved for First Year B. Tech regular students admitted in AY 2022-23.



- The revised fee structure for both Direct Second Year and Third Year students has been implemented from Academic Year 2024-25 onwards.
- The fee structure for the First Year B. Tech has been implemented from Academic Year 2024-25 onwards.
- ➤ Under agenda point 2.3- Approval for the proposed Fee Structure for S.Y. B. Tech working category for AY 2024-25
 - Initially, the fee structure for the program was defined based on student categories, taking into consideration the possibility of availing various Government scholarships and free ships. However, it was observed that students admitted under the "Working Professional" category are not eligible for such Government financial assistance schemes. In light of this, the fee structure was revised, and a uniform fee of ₹1,63,240/- was made applicable to all students under this category, ensuring fairness and clarity in the fee policy.
 - The revised fee structure was subsequently:
 - ✓ Updated and published on the official university website.
 - ✓ Implemented from the Academic Year 2024–25.
- ➤ Under agenda point 2.4- Ratification and Approval of proposed fee structure of Ph.D programme effective from January 2024.
 - The fees' structure was uploaded on the University website and implemented from AY 2024-25.
- ➤ Under agenda point 2.5- Approval of Proposed Fee Structure for Post Graduate Diploma programmes for AY 2024-25
 - The fees' structure was uploaded on the University website and implemented from AY 2024-25.

<u>Resolution 3.1</u>: The committee **NOTED** all above points and **RESOLVED** to **APPROVE** the Minutes and ATR of the 2nd meeting of fees fixation committee held on 16th April 2024.

Action: - Registrar Office

<u>Item No. 3.2</u>: To approve the proposed fees structure of regular UG/PG programs for AY: 2025-26.

Registrar presented a detailed analysis of the per-student expenditure (enclosed as Annexure-1) of last 03 years and proposed expenditure for the year 2025-26. He informed the committee that



the average per-student expenditure for the year 2025-26 is proposed as Rs. 2,13,000/-, which served as the base reference for determining the revised fee for the AY: 2025-26.

He further explained that the proposed revision in the fees is made by considering several key factors like:

- A projected increase in student intake by approximately 450 students across various UG and PG programs, bringing the total on-campus student strength to around 5100.
- The need to improve and expand the infrastructural facilities to accommodate the increased intake.
- Ongoing maintenance and upgradation of laboratories.
- Procurement of additional computing resources for all the academic Departments.
- Implementation of the RISE policy (Research Incentive Scheme for Excellence), which aims to encourage and support high-quality research through structured incentives for the faculty.

He informed the committee that the university has increased its overall budget allocation this year to ensure that the quality of education and research remains uncompromised amidst these expansions. He further presented the proposed fee structure for all UG/ PG Programs of the University.

1. Fees for UG Programs

Dr. Sonawane presented two different options as mentioned below concerning the revision of fees for the aided and unaided Undergraduate programs.

| | | - | Fees of F Y L | | | | |
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| Sr. | Head | | OPTI | ON-1 | | OPT | ION-2 |
| No. | | Aided | Division | Un-Aide | d Division | Both Ai | ded and |
| | | | | | | Unaided | Divisions |
| | | OPEN (2024-25) | OPEN Proposed (2025-26) | OPEN (2024-25) | OPEN Proposed (2025-26) | OPEN (2024-25) | OPEN Proposed (2025-26) |
| 1 | Tuition Fee | 17,000 | 70,000 | 17,000 | 1,40,000 | 17,000 | 77,000 |
| 2 | Development Fee | 70,700 | 24,562 | 70,700 | 24,562 | 70,700 | 24,674 |
| 3 | Examination Fee | 2,500 | 3,000 | 2,500 | 3,000 | 2,500 | 3,000 |
| 4 | Other Fee | 45,030 | 45030 | 45,030 | 45030 | 45,030 | 45030 |
| 5 | Miscellaneous Fee (CMD+AA membership) | 6,760 | 6760 | 6,760 | 6760 | 6,760 | 6760 |
| | Total University Fee | 142,240 | 1,49,352 | 142,240 | 2,19,352 | 142,240 | 1,56,464 |
| | % Increase of fees = | 5 | .00% | 5 | 4.00% | 10 | .00% |



The committee members discussed, deliberated and suggested implementing an OPTION-2 as a uniform 10% increase in fees for all the students admitted to the First-Year Undergraduate programs in AY 2025–26, regardless of whether they are admitted in the Aided or Unaided divisions. Adopting Option 2 could result in a projected revenue loss of approximately Rs. 2 crores for the University as compared to adapting OPTION-1. However, the committee proposed introducing more online courses and the courses targeted for working professionals with higher fee structures, which could serve as an additional source of income and will recover the fees loss due to adoption of OPTION-2

| Proposed Fees of F Y UG for AY 2025-26 | | | | | | | |
|--|----------------------------------|--------------|--------------|-----------------------|------------|------------|----------------------|
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| | (Ac | lmitted Thro | ough JEE and | d Gulf Quota | Category) | | |
| Sr. | Head | | OPTION-1 | | | OPTION- | -2 |
| No. | | JEE & | JEE | CIWGC | JEE & | JEE | CIWGC |
| | | CIWGC | Proposed- | Proposed | CIWGC | Proposed | Proposed |
| | | (2024-25) | (2025-26) | (2025-26) | (2024-25) | (2025-26) | (2025-26) |
| 1 | Tuition Fee | 17,000 | 70,000 | \$2125 | 17,000 | 77000 | \$2125 |
| 2 | Development Fee | 91,700 | 46,612 | \$1875 | 91,700 | 47774 | \$1875 |
| 3 | Examination Fee | 2,750 | 3,000 | 3,000 | 2,750 | 45030 | 3,000 |
| 4 | Other Fee | 45,030 | 45,030 | 45,030 | 45,030 | 3000 | 45,030 |
| 5 | Miscellaneous Fees (CMD + AA) | 6,760 | 6,760 | 6,760 | 6,760 | 6760 | 6,760 |
| | Total University Fee | 1,63,240 | 1,71,402 | \$4000 + INR 54790 | 1,63,240/- | 1,79,564/- | \$4000+ INR 54790 |
| | % Increase of fees = | | 5 % | 154% | | 10.00% | 154.00% |

The committee also suggested implementing a uniform 10% increase in fees for all the students admitted to the First-Year Undergraduate programs in AY 2025–26 through JEE and CIWGC (Gulf Quota) Category.



| | Proposed Fees of F Y UG for AY: 2024-25 (Admitted Through FN/OCI/PIO/NRI Category) | | | | |
|------------|--|-----------------------------|-------------------------------------|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Sr. No. | Head | OCI/PIO/FN/NRI (2024-25) | SAARC FN Proposed- (2025- 26) | Non-SAARC FN Proposed-(2025-26) | OCI/PIO/NRI Proposed- (2025-26) |
| 1 | Tuition Fee | \$4,375 | \$2125 | \$4375 | \$4375 |
| 2 | Development Fee | \$1,875 | \$1875 | \$1875 | \$1875 |
| 3 | Examination Fee | 2,750 | 3,000 | 3,000 | 3,000 |
| 4 | Other Fee | 45,030 | 45,030 | 45,030 | 45,030 |
| 5 | Miscellaneous Fee (CMD+AA membership) | 6,760 | 6,760 | 6,760 | 6,760 |
| | Total University Fee | \$6250 + INR 54,540 | \$4000 + INR 54,790 | \$6250 + INR 54,790 | \$6250 + INR 54,790 |

2. Fees for PG Programs

The Registrar presented the fees structure for the Post graduate programs and mentioned that the for the AY: 2025-26, the University is not proposing any fees revision for PG programs. He further emphasized that the University views PG programs not primarily as a revenue source, but as an important platform to support academic growth and to foster quality research outcomes that contribute to the institution's research ecosystem.

| w, L | Proposed Fees of F Y P.G. for AY: 2024-25 (Admitted Through GATE Category) | | | | | |
|------------|--|-------------------|-----------------------------|--|--|--|
| Šr. No. | Head | OPEN (2024-25) | OPEN Proposed- (2025-26) | | | |
| 1 | Tuition Fee | 37,000 | 55,000 | | | |
| 2 | Development Fee | 39,850 | 21,850 | | | |
| 3 | Examination Fee | 4,250 | 4,250 | | | |
| 4 | Other Fee | 27,250 | 27280 | | | |
| 5 | Miscellaneous Fee (CMD +AA membership) | 7,500 | 7510 | | | |
| | Total University Fee | 1,15,850 | 1,15,890 | | | |
| | % Increase of fees = | N | o Change | | | |



| Proposed Fees of F Y P.G. Automotive Technology for AY: 2024-25 (Admitted Through GATE Category) | | | | |
|--|---|-------------------------|-----------------------------------|--|
| Sr. No. | Head | OPEN (2024-25) (INR) | OPEN Proposed- (2025-26) (INR) | |
| 1 | Tuition Fee | 68,000 | 68,000 | |
| 2 | Development Fee | 39,850 | 39,850 | |
| 3 | Examination Fee | 4,250 | 4,250 | |
| 4 | Other Fee | 40,250 | 40,280 | |
| 5 | Miscellaneous Fee (CMD +AA membership) | 7,500 | 7,510 | |
| | Total University Fee | 159,850/- | 1,59,890/- | |
| | % Increase of fees = | No (| Change | |

| Pro | Proposed Fees of F Y P.G. Automotive Technology for AY: 2024-25 (Admitted Through SPONSORED Category) | | | | |
|------------|---|-------------------------|-----------------------------------|--|--|
| Sr. No. | Head | OPEN (2024-25) (INR) | OPEN Proposed- (2025-26) (INR) | | |
| 1. | Tuition Fee | 97,500 | 97,500 | | |
| 2 | Development Fee | 39,850 | 39,850 | | |
| 3 | Examination Fee | 4,250 | 4,250 | | |
| 4 | Other Fee | 40,280 | 40,280 | | |
| 5 | Miscellaneous Fee (CMD +AA membership) | 7,500 | 7,510 | | |
| | Total University Fee | 189,350 | 189,390 | | |
| | % Increase of fees = | No C | hange | | |



| l. | Proposed Fees of MBA Program for AY: 2024-25 | | | | | |
|------------|--|-----------------------|------------------------------------|--|--|--|
| Sr. No. | Head | OPEN (2024-25) INR | OPEN Proposed- (2025-26) INR | | | |
| 1 | Tuition Fee | 199,000 | 1,99,000 | | | |
| 2 | Development Fee | 49,000 | 49,000 | | | |
| 3 | Examination Fee | 4,250 | 4,250 | | | |
| 4 | Other Fee | 40,280 | 40,280 | | | |
| 5 | Miscellaneous Fee (CMD +AA membership) | 7,510 | 7,510 | | | |
| | Total University Fee | 3,00,040 | 3,00,040 | | | |
| | % Increase of fees = | No | Change | | | |

| | Proposed Fees of F Y P.G. Data Science & AI ML for AY: 2025-26 (Admitted Through GATE Category) | | | | |
|------------|---|-----------------------|---------------------------------|--|--|
| Sr. No. | Head | OPEN (2024-25) INR | OPEN Proposed- (2025-26) INR | | |
| 1 | Tuition Fee | 40,000 | 1,99,000 | | |
| 2 | Development Fee | 221,000 | 49,000 | | |
| 3 | Examination Fee | 4,250 | 4,250 | | |
| 4 | Other Fee | 27,250 | 40,280 | | |
| 5 | Miscellaneous Fee (CMD +AA membership) | 7,510 | 7,510 | | |
| | Total University Fee | 3,00,040 | 3,00,040 | | |
| | % Increase of fees = | No | Change | | |

<u>Resolution 3.2:</u> The committee, discussed, deliberated and RESOLVED to APPROVE the following:

- Implementing a uniform 10% increase in fees for all students admitted to the First-Year Undergraduate programs in AY 2025–26, regardless of whether they are admitted in the Aided or Unaided divisions.
- Implementing a 10% increase in fees for all students admitted to the First-Year Undergraduate programs in AY 2025–26 through JEE and increasing the fees of the students admitted through CIWGC (Gulf Quota) Category equivalent to the students admitted through SAARC FN category.



 No Change in the Fees of all First Year Post graduate programs in Engineering and Technology; MBA for students admitted under the category of GATE, Sponsored and Working Professionals, in AY 2025-26 compared to fees of AY: 2024-25.

Action: - Registrar and FAO Office.

Item 3.3: To approve the proposed fees structure of UG/PG programs for working professionals for AY: 2025-26.

Registrar presented the fees structure for UG/PG programs for working professionals for AY: 2025-26.

| | Proposed Fees of S Y B Tech for AY: 2025-26 (Admitted Through Working Professional Category) | | | | |
|------------|--|---|--|--|--|
| Sr. No. | Head | OPEN & All Category (2024-25) INR | OPEN & All Category Proposed- (2025-26) INR | | |
| 1 | Tuition Fee | 17,000 | 17,000 | | |
| 2 | Development Fee | 91,700 | 91,700 | | |
| 3 | Examination Fee | 45,030 | 45,030 | | |
| 4 | Other Fee | 2,750 | 2,750 | | |
| 5 | Miscellaneous Fee (CMD +AA membership) | 6,760 | 6,760 | | |
| | Total University Fee | 1,63,240 | 1,63,240 | | |
| | % Increase of fees = | Change | | | |

| | Proposed Fees of F. Y. P.G. Data Science and Automotive System for AY: 2025-26 (Admitted Through Working Professional Category) | | | | |
|------------|---|---|---|--|--|
| Sr. No. | Head | OPEN & All Category (2024-25) INR | OPEN & All Category Proposed-(2025-26) INR | | |
| 1 | Tuition Fee | 40,000 | 1,99,000 | | |
| 2 | Development Fee | 221,000 | 49,000 | | |
| 3 | Examination Fee | 4,250 | 4,250 | | |
| 4 | Other Fee | 27,250 | 40,280 | | |
| 5 | Miscellaneous Fee (CMD +AA membership) | 7,500 | 7,510 | | |
| | Total University Fee | 300,040 | 3,00,040 | | |
| | % Increase of fees = | No Change | | | |



Resolution 3.3: The committee, RESOLVED to APPROVE the Proposed Fees of S Y B Tech and FY M Tech (Admitted Through Working Professional Category).

Action: - Registrar Office and I/c, FAO.

<u>Item 3.4</u>: To Ratify and approve the fees structure of PhD program for the students admitted from June 2025 onwards.

Registrar also presented the revised fee structure for the PhD program, proposed to be implemented for the batch admitted from June 2025 onwards. He highlighted that, in alignment with the University's strategic focus on promoting a strong research culture, the fees for Part-Time PhD scholars and Working Professionals have been significantly reduced from Rs. 96,000/- to Rs. 59,790/-. This revision is intended to encourage greater participation from professionals and academicians, making research opportunities more accessible while supporting the University's broader goal of advancing high-quality research output. The Chairman also suggested that the University should work out on reducing the fees of the PhD students admitted in previous iterations (January 2024 onwards) to make it consistent with the fees of the PhD students admitted from June 2025.

| Sr. No. | Head | Full-Time | Part-Time | Working Professional | PIO/OCI/FN |
|------------|--|-----------|-----------|-------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1 | Tuition Fee | 5,000 | 10,000 | 10,000 | \$2125 |
| 2 | Development Fee | 6,000 | 12,000 | 12,000 | 48950 |
| 3 | Examination Fee | 10,100 | 10,100 | 10,100 | 10,100 |
| 4 | Other Fee | 18,680 | 18,680 | 18,680 | 18,680 |
| 5 | Miscellaneous Fee (CMD + AA membership) | 9,010 | 9,010 | 9,010 | 9.010 |
| | Total University Fee | 48,790 | 59,790 | 59,750 | \$2125 + INR 86740 |

Resolution 3.4: The committee, RESOLVED to APPROVE the revised fees structure of PhD program applicable for the batch admitted from June 2025. To motivate the PhD enrollment on campus, the committee also suggested that University should reduce the fees of PhD students admitted in previous batches (January 2024 onwards) and make it consistent with PhD students admitted from June 2025 batch.

Action: - Registrar Office and I/c, FAO.



<u>Item 3.5</u>: To approve the Proposed Fees Structure of Post Graduate Diploma (PGD) Programs for AY: 2025-26.

The Registrar presented the proposed fee structure for the One-Year Post Graduate Diploma (PGD) Courses, as submitted by the respective host Departments, to be implemented from the Academic Year 2025–26. He noted that the fee proposals are aligned with the academic scope and resource requirements of each program. Furthermore, he informed the committee that if any department proposes a new PGD programme in the future, the proposal will first be placed before the Academic Council for approval. Upon its approval, the corresponding fee structure will be submitted to the Fee Fixation Committee for consideration and approval through circulation.

| One Year Post Graduate Diploma Courses (PGD Courses) | | | | | | | | | | |
|--|----------------------------------|--|----------|--------------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|--------------|--|--|--|
| Sr. No. | Name of PGD Program | Department | Duration | Proposed Start Date | Proposed Fees (Rs.) | Current Fees (Rs.) | Remark | | | |
| 1 | Data Science & AI | Computer Engineering | One Year | April 2025 | 2,31,000 | 210,000 | 10% Increase | | | |
| 2 | ERP | Manufacturing Engineering and Industrial Management | One Year | August 2025 | 4,25,000 | 4,10,000 | 2% Change | | | |
| 3 | Electric Mobility | Mechanical Engineering | One Year | 1 st August 2024 | 1,75,000 | 150,000 | 16.66% | | | |
| 4 | lintegrated Product Design | Manufacturing Engineering and Industrial Management | One Year | August 2025 | 1,50,000 | 1,50,000 | No Change | | | |

The committee suggested to have a uniform rise of 10% for all the One Year Post Graduate Diploma Courses in case the host department wish to rise the fees.

Resolution 3.5: The committee, RESOLVED to APPROVE the proposed Fees Structure of Post Graduate Diploma (PGD) Programs for AY: 2025-26.

Action: - HOD of the host department and I/c, FAO.

<u>Item 3.6</u>: Regarding request received from the part payment of the fees received from students while confirming their admissions.

Dr. Sonawane apprised the committee of the increasing number of requests received from students and parents seeking flexibility in fee payment. Specifically, to allow part payment or semesterwise payment at the time of confirming admission. These requests are often made on the grounds



of temporary financial constraints, with an expectation that the balance will be cleared in due

course.

While the University is empathetic to the financial challenges faced by some students, Dr.

Sonawane pointed out that permitting such staggered payments has proven to be administratively

difficult to manage. It leads to a significant burden on the accounts section and the respective

departments of the student to monitor pending payments, send repeated reminders, and follow up

on defaults. Moreover, delayed fee collections can disrupt the financial planning and operational

budgeting required for timely execution of academic and infrastructure-related activities.

The committee took note of these challenges and deliberated on the issue at length. After careful

consideration, the committee recommended not permitting part payment or semester-wise fee

payment during the admission process. It was collectively agreed that while the intention to

support students is valid, the existing institutional mechanisms already provide adequate financial

assistance through educational loan facilities, which the University has made accessible by

establishing tie-ups with multiple banks. These loan options are designed specifically to ensure

that students are not deprived of education due to financial hardship while maintaining institutional

financial discipline.

The committee emphasized that the University's responsibility to remain financially sustainable

must be balanced with its social commitment, and the current policy of facilitating full payment

at the time of admission supported by accessible loans strikes an appropriate balance between both

objectives.

Resolution 3.6: The committee RESOLVED not to allow part payment or semester-wise fee

payment at the time of admission confirmation, citing administrative challenges and the

availability of educational loan facilities to support students financially. All students are required

to pay the full fees at the time of confirming admission.

Action: - Registrar, HOD and I/c, FAO.

The meeting concluded with thanks to the Chair.

(Dr. D. N. Sonawane)

Registrar, Member Secretary

Prof. Nitin Karmalkar)

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