

Medical Council of India

New Delhi

Minutes of the meeting of the Board of Governors held on 05.12.2011 at 10.00 am in the Council office at Sector -8, Pocket-14, Dwarka, New Delhi -110077.

Following members were present:

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| 1. | Dr. (Prof.) K.K. Talwar | Chairman, Board of Governors |
| 2. | Dr. (Prof.) K.S. Sharma | Member, Board of Governors |
| 3. | Dr. (Prof.) H.S. Rissam | Member, Board of Governors |
| 4. | Dr. Rajiv Chintaman Yeravdekar | Member, Board of Governors |
| 5. | Dr. Purshotam Lal | Member, Board of Governors |
| 6. | Dr. Ashok Kumar Gupta | Member, Board of Governors |
| 7. | Dr. (Prof.) K Mohandas | Member, Board of Governors |
| 8. | Dr. (Prof.) Sangeeta Sharma | Secretary, Member Secretary, BOG meeting. |

1. Minutes of the BOG's meetings dated 25.11.2011 & 28.11.2011 – Confirmation of.

The Board of Governors confirmed the action taken on the minutes of the meeting of the BOGs held on 25th November, 2011 & 28th November, 2011.

2. Continuance of recognition assessment – Regarding.

Read: the matter with regard to continuance of recognition assessment.

The item was deferred for next meeting.

3. Location of R.H.T.C. at a distance from City.

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The item was deferred for next meeting.

4. Recognition of PG courses at Rohilkhand Medical College, Bareilly.

Read: the matter with regard to recognition of PG courses at Rohilkhand Medical College, Bareilly.

The item was deferred for next meeting.

5. Admission to MBBS course – D. D. Medical College & Hospital – Regarding.

Read: the matter with regard to admission to MBBS course – D. D. Medical College & Hospital.

The Board of Governors considered the matter with regard to Admission to MBBS course – D. D. Medical College & Hospital and noted the contents of the letter of the Committee for Admissions of students to Professional courses by self financing Professional, Arts and Science College, Chennai dated 20.10.2011 addressed to the Tamilnadu Dr. MGR Medical University, Chennai and that the D.D. Medical College is going on violating the decisions of the Hon'ble Supreme Court and that in the circumstances, the committee is of the opinion that the continuation of provisional affiliation cannot be issued at all to D.D. Medical College and D.D. Hospital, Tiruvallur. The Board also noted that it has been incorporated in the rejoinder affidavit being filled in the SLP filed by MCI.

6. Recognition/ Approval of the college u/s 11(2) of the IMC Act, 1956 – Assessment – Regarding.

Read: the matter with regard to Recognition/ Approval of the college u/s 11(2) of the IMC Act, 1956 – Assessment

The item was deferred for next meeting.

7. Proposal for creating an assessment team for the assessments to be carried out for the academic year 2012-13 – req.

Read: the matter with regard to proposal for creating an assessment team for the assessments to be carried out for the academic year 2012-13.

The Board of Governors considered the matter with regard to proposal for creating an assessment team for the assessments to be carried out for the academic year 2012-13. The Board was apprised of the procedure adopted last year for the assessments. Names of the assessors were drawn by the software by one consultant assisted by 6 other people which was then approved by the member BOG in-charge of the section. Names in sealed envelope were communicated to the section in-charge 3 days prior to assessment who in turn informed the college.

As suggested this year that the section in-charge without any extra manpower will communicate with the assessors for their availability and confirmation of the date. In this regard the difficulties faced by the section for carrying out the assessment process were also brought to the notice of the board. These were as follows:-

- Voluminous workload in the sections as there are approx 260 applications to be processed + 80 assessment of Continuance of Recognition in a time bound manner.
- Particularly the difficulties faced work in UG section in the final confirmation from the assessors i.e., making phone calls is time consuming and a full-time job. Each assessor has to be contacted at least twice. Out of 100 assessors contacted, only 20 could be shortlisted. Each call is of approx. 3 - 4 minutes and since approx 200 calls have to be made for appointing 20 assessors. The total duration amounts to 800 minutes (13 - 14 hrs.). In addition, for facilitating travel arrangements, calls have to be made to the travel agents as well, which also needs manpower as well as time.

Keeping in view the workload, it is difficult for the section in-charge alone to monitor and supervise the work of the section and the assessment process.

It was therefore proposed in order to maintain confidentiality of the assessment process, a separate, well-equipped assessment team comprising of 05 to 06 persons may be constituted for appointment of assessors, generating the appointment letters for the assessor, facilitating the travel arrangements (with the official travel agent) and for intimation to the college etc.

After deliberating on the matter the Board came to the conclusion that generation of assessors names would be done by the section and short-listing of the assessors would be done by the section in-charge 7-10 days in advance. At this stage the assessors would only be informed about the state to be visited. Three days prior to the assessment the assessors as well as the college would be informed of the exact place of travel and date respectively by the Additional Secretary. Appointment letter will carry the contact details of official travel agent. Replacement for any last minute drop-outs from a pool of 100 assessor selected by the Monitoring Committee and co-ordination during the assessment process would be done by the Secretary in consultation with the BOGs.

8. Approval of Minutes of the Academic Council meeting held on 8th November, 2011.

Read: The Minutes of the Academic Council meeting held on 8th November, 2011 and the following were discussed and decided as under:

(a) Proforma to record the achievements of colleges

The proforma was approved and Academic cell will send the same to all medical colleges.

(b) Meeting of the Conveners of the Regional Centres in MET

The meeting of the Conveners of Regional Centres in MET and the presentation by Conveners and nomination of experts to attend the presentations were approved. The Board of Governors also decided that status of Regional Centre in MET by those institutions where show cause notice has been served would be reconsidered by the Board of Governors.

(c) Constitution of subgroup to discuss and evolve strategies to stimulate research activities in colleges

The above agenda should be relooked since the colleges have to conduct their own Research Methodology Workshops.

(d) Action taken on the Minutes of the Joint meeting of the Academic Council and Sub-Committee on MSR

1. Identifying doctor : patient ratio

A presentation on this to be made to Board of Governors by Dr. Deo or Dr. Aggarwal

2. Sub-committee on MSR: Finalisation of Forms

This will be decided after the presentation by Dr. Aggarwal & Dr. Kaul.

(e) Enhancement of number of Regional Centres in Medical Education Technologies - current status and future course of action.

The Board of Governors considered the recommendations of the Academic Council meeting held on 8th November 2011 regarding granting of Regional centre status to institutions and decided the following: (1) approved granting of Regional Centre in MET status to Chatrapati Sahuji Maharaj Medical University, Lucknow (2) approved Site visit to Andhra Medical College, Vizag, (3) regarding action suggested on Assam Medical College, Dibrugarh, Assam and SMS Medical College, Jaipur, these will be considered after receiving completed proforma from these colleges and evaluation by the Academic Council, and (4) no action is needed regarding Institute of Health & Family Welfare, Kolkatta, West Bengal since Academic Council did not approve this institution.

The Board of Governors also approved the following recommendations of the Academic Council meeting held on 8th November, 2011: (i) (1) sanction of Rs.10,000/only per workshop as Secretarial assistance to the Convenors of Regional Centres in Government Medical colleges, (ii) that the Programme of all MET workshops conducted by Regional Centres and attached colleges would be the same as that developed by the MCI; otherwise, MCI approved certificate will not be issued to participants, (iii) Observer will attend the Workshop on all days of the Workshop, (iv) Observers who monitor Workshops at Regional Centres or medical Colleges will be paid honorarium of Rs.2000/day instead of current Rs.1000/day, (v) Site Visit team members who are deputed to inspect proposed new Regional Centres will be paid TA and honorarium of Rs.2000/day, (vi) Convenors of Regional Centres would inform Academic Cell, MCI at least four weeks prior to the date of workshop for approval of Workshop/nomination of Observer, and (vii) at the meeting of Convenors to be held on 13th December, 2011, the Core group of experts (Dr. Rita Sood, Dr. Avinash Supe, Dr. JM. Kaul & Dr. Tejinder Singh) would suggest converting some part of Learning resource Material for Basic Course Workshop as on-line material and prepare a revised programme for Basic and Advance Course Workshop.

(f) Curriculum Implementation Support Programme

Dr. Avinash Supe, Seth GS Medical College & KEM Hospital will make a presentation on this to the Board of Governors.

(g) Any other item with permission from Chair

Regarding grant of permission to candidates who have failed First Phase MBBS Examination to proceed to second phase of training, the existing MCI rules will be followed.

9. Status of NEET-UG and NEET-PG

Read: the matter with regard to status of NEET-UG and NEET-PG

The item was deferred for next meeting.

10. Bachelor of Rural Health Care (BHRC) course.

Read: the matter with regard to Bachelor of Rural Health Care (BHRC) course.

The Board of Governors considered the matter with regard to the proposal circulated by the Chairman for Bachelor of Rural Health Care (BHRC) course. Dr. Purshotam Lal made a presentation on the subject and presented three point formula to tackle rural health programme. This consisted of (i) MD in Family Medicine with change of nomenclature to MD General Medicine and current MD medicine to MD internal medicine – a 3 years log book based post graduation degree, (ii) one year diploma in General Medicine and (iii) 3 years course of Bachelor in Rural Health Services (BHRS) including internship. As there will be few takers for MD in Family medicine, Dr. Lal stressed for the need of change of nomenclature as mentioned above. This 3 point formula shall function as spoke and wheel arrangement. Family medicine although is an answer to problem of inequity in rural areas but does not work as there are no incentives in the era of super specialization, psychological Stigma being called as-General Practitioner and due to lack of awareness about this specialty.

Although PG Regulations provide incentive for admission in higher courses for those who work in the rural areas but as health being a state subject, it has not been opted by all states and wherever adopted it has not been uniformly implemented by all the states. The Board discussed various options for incentives for the doctors to work in the rural areas such as fixed quota for admission in the medical colleges for students from the rural areas with a bond to serve in the area for 5 years, compulsory one year residency in the rural area for all MBBS students, incentive with a bond for admission in the post graduate diploma and degree courses super specialty course etc. The Board considered the option that it can be called as B.Sc (Public Health Science), however, decided that it requires more deliberation by the BOGs with the Ministry. The Chairman will fix up an appointment with the Ministry.

11. Incorporation in amendments to the Pre-conception and Pre-Natal Diagnostic Techniques (Prohibition of Sex Selection) (PC& PNDT) Act, 1994 (as amended in 2003).

Read: the matter with regard to incorporation in amendments to the Pre-conception and Pre-Natal Diagnostic Techniques (Prohibition of Sex Selection) (PC& PNDT) Act, 1994 (as amended in 2003).

The item was deferred for next meeting.

12. Approval of Minutes of the PG Committee meeting held on 4th November, 2011.

The Board of Governors approved the minutes of the Postgraduate Committee meetings held on 04.11.2011 & the minutes issued separately.

13 Proposal for recognition on reciprocal basis of Post Graduate degrees in Medicine awarded by University of Technology of Mauritius (UTM), Mauritius-regarding.

Read: the matter with regard to proposal for recognition on reciprocal basis of Post Graduate degrees in Medicine awarded by University of Technology of Mauritius (UTM), Mauritius- regarding.

The Board of Governors considered the matter with regard to proposal for recognition on reciprocal basis of Post Graduate degrees in Medicine awarded by University of Technology of Mauritius (UTM), Mauritius- regarding and decided that since there is no reciprocity scheme at present, therefore, the proposal for recognition on reciprocal basis cannot be considered and decided to refund the fee to the college. Further the BOGs advised the section not to accept fee without permission of the Board in such cases.

14. Request to grant permission to admit 6 years DM and M.Ch. courses at SAIMS, Indore.

Read: the matter with regard to grant permission to admit 6 years DM and M.Ch. courses at SAIMS, Indore.

The Board of Governors considered the matter with regard to grant permission to admit 6 years DM and M.Ch. courses at SAIMS, Indore and noted that as per Postgraduate regulation only previously running medical institute with this course made correction to 6 years course. It does not state about fresh approval to new institute for running this course. Therefore, decided to reject the proposal to admit 6 years DM and M.Ch courses at SAIMS, Indore.

15. Regarding including the course i.e. M.D. (Marine Medicine) in the Schedule of Postgraduate Medical Education Regulation 2000 of MCI.

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The Board of Governors considered the matter with regard to including the course i.e. M.D. (Marine Medicine) in the Schedule of Postgraduate Medical Education Regulation 2000 of MCI and referred the matter to Academic Council to examine and prepare course contents and curriculum.

16. Delayed admission at Mohan Kumaramangalam Govt. Medical College, Salem in respect of Dr. Narumlar.

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The Board of Governors considered the matter with regard to delayed admission at Mohan Kumaramangalam Govt. Medical College, Salem in respect of Dr. Narumlar. The Board asked to place the court order issued in 2004 before taking any decision on the matter.

17. Consideration for grant of registration to the candidates of Xavier University, School of Medicine, Netherlands Antiles and University of Seychelles, Seychelles - reg.

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The Board of Governors considered the matter with regard to consideration for grant of registration to the candidates of Xavier University, School of Medicine, Netherlands Antiles and University of Seychelles, Seychelles and asked for legal opinion on the matter.

18. Consideration for grant of registration to the candidates who have completed their schooling i.e. 10th, 12th and MBBS/MD degree from five English speaking foreign countries having Indian Citizenship.

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Secretary informed about the decision of the Board on August 9, 2011 granting exemption from Screening Test to those medical doctors who have completed their Postgraduate course in five English speaking countries viz., Australia, Canada, New Zealand, UK and USA, whose Post Graduate degrees have already been recognized by MCI under notification dated 7th March 2008. The notification has been approved by the Central government and has been sent for Gazette notification. Mean while many enquiries are being made by the candidates and since this is a new activity, section needs directions about the documents which should be submitted along with the application.

The Board of Governors considered the matter with regard to consideration for grant of registration to the candidates who have completed their schooling and MBBS/MD degree from five English speaking foreign countries having Indian Citizenship. The Board directed to follow practice being adopted earlier for registration of candidate with PG qualification from five countries and documents required were registration of undergraduate degree with respective medical council in respect of Indian candidates with PG from these five countries. As regards PG qualification, certification recognized by the licensing authority in the respective country was required. It was decided that in the view of the recent amendment wherein exemption has been approved for candidates who have done both UG and PG qualification from these five countries, one single application will be required for registration in India, the process will be completed in two steps – registration of Undergraduate qualification followed by registration of additional qualification i.e., PG qualification with the approval of the Member in-charge BOG registration section..

19. Regarding the Credit Hours to be accorded to the teachers attending CME's under faculty development programme through the health sciences university.

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The Board of Governors considered the matter with regard to the Credit Hours to be accorded to the teachers attending CME's under faculty development programme through the health sciences university and decided to write to all the State Medical Council and obtain the policy being followed at present along with the criteria for granting credit hours and transfer of credit points.

20. Application form for financial assistance for CME programmes/ workshop/post graduate course in India.

Read: the matter with regard to application form for financial assistance for CME programmes/ workshop/post graduate course in India.

The Board of Governors considered the matter with regard to application form for financial assistance for CME programmes/ workshop/post graduate course in India and decided to examine the same in the next meeting.

21. Any other item

The Board also constituted a committee for preparation of Ethical Guidelines for Medical Education and Clinical Practice under the chairmanship of Dr. NK Ganguly and 3-4 members can be co-opted by the Chairman of the sub-committee.

The meeting ended with the vote of thanks by Dr. Sangeeta Sharma, Secretary, MCI.

(Dr. (Prof.) Sangeeta Sharma)
Secretary

(Dr.(Prof.) K.S. Sharma)
Member

(Dr. (Prof.) H S Rissam)
Member

(Dr. Rajiv C Yeravdekar)
Member

(Dr. Purshotam Lal)
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(Dr. (Prof.) K Mohandas)
Member

(Dr. (Prof.) K.K. Talwar)
Chairman