

Minutes of the Annual General Body Meeting held on 24-01-2015

The meeting started at 2.30 PM in the Institute Auditorium with the welcome speech by Dr. Rama Subrahmanyam Komaragiri, Secretary CREC PTA. The Secretary cordially welcomed all the participants to the Annual General Body Meeting of the PTA.

Dr. A.P. Shashikala, President CREC PTA, in her presidential address, described the developments in the Institute in terms of infrastructure and academic environment. The salient features of the Faculty Advisory system being followed at NITC were also highlighted. The need for a careful and constant watch on the academic performance of the students by parents was stressed upon.

The Secretary presented the minutes of the last AGM held on 11/1/2014 and it was approved by the General Body. The activities report of the PTA during the last year was also presented by the Secretary.

Dr. Arun P, Joint Secretary cum Treasurer, presented the audited financial report for the year 2013-14. This was approved by the General Body. The proposed budget for the financial year 2014-2015 was also presented and was approved by the General Body.

Dr. Abraham T Mathew, Dean Research and Consultancy of the Institute, addressed the gathering and mentioned the scope and importance of student activities directed towards research. He also gave an overview of the current placement situation in the Institute. He mentioned that the curriculum has been designed to develop a positive attitude and technical aptitude in the students.

Dr. M L Joy, Dean Student Welfare in his address opined that students from the 'centre' of all the activities of the Institute and other members of the Institute facilitate them in their constructive activities. He stressed that first priority of students must be academics. The overall development of the student is also important. He mentioned that qualities of an engineer include punctuality, integrity, social commitment and professional competence. He stressed that parents should closely monitor their wards. He suggested that a close link must be formed between the parents and the faculty adviser. He reminded that students are given freedom in the campus which however must not be misused. There must be a proper balance between academics and extra-curricular activities.

Sri. Suresh Kumar D B, one of the outgoing parent members of the Executive Committee shared his good opinion about the academic environment of the Institute. He offered thanks to all the faculty members of the Institute. A memento was presented to him to acknowledge his services as the Executive Committee member of the PTA.

In the open interaction, parents had put forward some suggestions and some clarifications were requested, which are summarised below:

- There were concerns about lack of proper street lighting in the mega hostel and this was clarified by the Dean Students Welfare. It was mentioned that CPWD has been asked to complete the pending works soon, lights have been restored and the road has been repaired. Dean SW also gave the details of the new insurance scheme being implemented for the students.
- Steps to be taken for renaming CREC PTA to NITC PTA by appropriate means was pointed out
- Possibility of updating the parents about the academic details of students through group mail was enquired. The Dean Academic gave clarification in this regard.
- There was a view that there was lack of e-resources like e-books. The Dean Academic mentioned that recently there has been significant update in e-book collection, however utilization has been poor.
- There was a query regarding possibility of bus service for students during lunch break for which the Dean Academic clarified that bus service will be commencing shortly.

The meeting came to an end at 4 PM.