



FEES REGULATING AUTHORITY

Maharashtra Unaided Private Professional Educational Institutions
(Regulation of Admissions and Fees)

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Minutes of Meeting of Authority

Dt. 07/07/2022

The Meeting of the Fees Regulating Authority (constituted under section 11(2)(3)(4) of the Maharashtra Unaided Private Professional Educational Institutions (Regulation of Admissions and Fees) Act, 2015) held on **7th July 2022** in the Conference Hall, Room No. 305, Government Polytechnic Building, 49 Kherwadi, Ali Yawar Jung Marg, Bandra (E), Mumbai – 400 051.

The following were present:

1.	Hon'ble Justice V. L. Achliya (Retd.), Chairperson of Fees Regulating Authority	:	Present
2.	Dr. Vijay Vasant Khole, Ex-Vice Chancellor, Mumbai University, Member of Fees Regulating Authority	:	Present
3.	Shri. Manoj Damodar Chandak, Chartered Accountant, Member of Fees Regulating Authority	:	Present
4.	Shri. Ratnakar (Shirish) Phadtare, Cost Accountant, Member of Fees Regulating Authority	:	Present
5.	Shri. Dharmendra Dilip Mishra, Professional Educationist, Member of Fees Regulating Authority	:	Present
6.	Registrar, Maharashtra University of Health Science, Nashik, Ex-Officio Member of Fees Regulating Authority	:	Presence dispensed for a day at his request.
7.	Director, Directorate of Technical Education, Mumbai, Ex-Officio Member of Fees Regulating Authority	:	Absent.
8.	Director, Directorate of Higher Education, Pune, Ex-Officio Member of Fees Regulating Authority	:	Absent.
9.	Member Secretary of Maharashtra Council of Agricultural Education of Research, Pune, Ex-Officio Member of Fees Regulating Authority	:	Presence dispensed for a day at his request.
10.	Shri. L. S. Mali, I.A.S., Secretary of Fees Regulating Authority	:	Present.

PART - II**Item No. 3: In the matter of Swaraj Institute of Management, Karad, Satara for non-submission of fees proposal for the academic year 2021-2022.**

The following were present.

1. Mr. Vinayak K. Thorat, Assistant Professor of the Institute.
2. Mr. Mahesh B. Pawar, Office Superintendent of the Institute.

"Discussed.

Mr. Vinayak Thorat, the representative appeared and submitted a reply to the show-cause notice dated 21/06/2022. The reply is taken on record.

In brief, it is stated that due to the pandemic of COVID-19, the College remained closed for a long time. The so-called Chartered Accountant of the Institute had gone abroad. Therefore, the Institute could not submit the proposal for approval of fees for the academic year 2021-2022. The officials present requested to allow the Institute to submit the proposal.

The reasons assigned are after-thought and put forth to anyhow make out a case to condone the delay and avoid the imposition of a penalty. The time limit to submit the proposal for approval of fees for the academic year 2021-2022 was lastly extended up to 15th January 2022. In spite of repeated extensions, the Institute has failed to submit the proposal. Only after the show cause notice was issued to the Institute, the Institute has come out with the plea to condone the delay and allow the Institute to submit a proposal. The reasons assigned are not sufficient to entertain the request, still, the Authority is of the view that in the larger interest, the Institute be permitted to submit a proposal for approval of fees subject to a minimum penalty of Rs.1,00,000/- (Rupees One Lakh) as provided under Section 20(1)(a) of the Maharashtra Unaided Private Professional Educational Institutions (Regulation of Admissions and Fees) Act, 2015.

Accordingly, the Institute is permitted to submit the online proposal for approval of fees for the academic year 2021-2022 subject to the penalty of Rs. 1,00,000/- (Rupees One Lakh). The payment of the penalty to act as a condition precedent to entertain the proposal.

The Link be made open to Institute to submit the online proposal from 8th July 2022 and the same shall be kept open till 30th July 2022. In

case of compliance, the proposal be processed and placed for consideration of the Authority.

Item No. 4: To Consider the complaint against Shree L. R. Tiwari College of Law, Mira Road.

"Discussed.

Mrs. Shweta Chaturvedi, the In-charge Principal of the Institute appeared and submitted that the Institute has complied with the order of the Authority. The excess fee has been refunded to all the students as per the directions of the Authority and a compliance report has been filed on 14/06/2022.

List for hearing and order on 13/07/2022.

Item No. 5: To consider action against Lords Universal College of Law, Goregaon, Mumbai for non-submission of the proposal for approval of fees for the academic year 2019-2020, 2020-2021 and 2021-2022 in respect of LL.B. 3 and LLB 5 years courses run by the said Institute.

The following was present.

Mr. Kalpesh Palsamkar, representative of the Institute.

Discussed.

Mr. Kalpesh Palsamkar, representative of the Institute appeared and submitted that the Institute is willing to submit the online proposal for approval of fees only for the academic year 2023-2024. In the written submission filed, the Institute has reiterated its stand that the Institute was not required to submit proposals for the academic years 2019-2020, 2020-2021 and 2021-2022 as the Institute opted to continue to charge the fees approved for the academic year 2017-2018 during the said period.

Written submission filed by the Institute taken on record.

List on 13th July 2022.

Item No. 6: To Consider action against Universal College of Engineering for non-submission of the proposal for upward revision of fees for the academic year 2022-2023.

The following were present.

Mr. Kalpesh Palsamkar, representative of the Institute.

"Discussed.



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Mr. Kalpesh Palsamkar, the representative appeared on behalf of the Institute and submitted written submission. The written submission filed taken on record.

List on 13th July 2022."

Date : 7th July 2022

Place: Mumbai

**Justice Vijay L. Achliya (Retd.)
Chairperson
Fees Regulating Authority
State of Maharashtra**