

MINUTES OF THE 10TH MEETING OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS HELD AT 10.00 A.M. ON 29TH APRIL 2006, AT V.N.I.T., NAGPUR.

The following were present :

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| 1. Shri S. S. Sohoni | Chairman |
| 2. Shri V. R. Jamdar | Member |
| 3. Dr. R. W. Khare | Member |
| 4. Prof. S. V. Bhat | Member |
| 5. Dr. G. L. Jambhulkar | Member |
| 6. Prof. V. A. Mhaisalkar | Member |
| 7. Dr. S. S. Gokhale | Member – Secretary |

Shri B. K. Ray, Desk Officer (IFD), Ministry of HRD, Deptt. of Secondary & Higher Education, attended the meeting as a Special Invitee.

Shri Ravi Mathur, Prof. R. A. Yadav, Dr. Vijay Bhatkar, Shri Bhawarlal Jain, Prof. Ashok Misra, Nominee of Govt. of Maharashtra (Deptt. of Higher & Technical Education) and Prof. A. D. Chopde could not attend the meeting.

The following agenda was discussed :

10.01 To note the minutes of the 9th meeting of the Board of Governors held on 13th August 2005.

The Board confirmed the draft Minutes of the 9th meeting of the Board of Governors held on 13th August 2005.

10.02 To note the Action Taken Report on resolutions of the 9th meeting of the Board of Governors.

The Board noted the Action Taken Report, and with reference to item 09.05 i.e. V.N.I.T. Statutes, the Board advised the Director to comply with the directives received from Govt. of India and not notify the V.N.I.T. Statutes till further directives are received from the MHRD, Govt. of India.

10.03 To ratify the notes approved by the Chairman.

The Board ratified the notes approved by the Chairman.



10.04 To consider the representation received from V.N.I.T. Staff Association regarding application of Career Advancement Scheme (CAS).

The Board observed that in light of the relevant rules and guidelines of AICTE applicable on the date which state that a Ph.D. is an essential qualification for the Post of Professor. Thus, the request of V.N.I.T. Staff Association to consider non-Ph.D. candidates for Professor under CAS not be approved.

The Board advised the Director to seek a clarification from the Govt. of India with regard to CAS in Architecture as the Council of Architecture has not spelt out of norms for the same. In similar instances where there is ambiguity or apparent anomaly in implementation of the existing norms, the Board asked the Director to seek the directions of the MHRD as it may involve issues of relevance to all the NITs.

The Board discussed other issues related to CAS 2003 Professor appointments and constituted a Committee comprising Dr. G. L. Jambhulkar, Shri B. K. Ray and the Director, V.N.I.T. to examine relevant circulars and guidelines, confirm irregularities, if any, in the appointment of Professor(s) during the implementation of CAS in June 2003, and advise the Board in the matter.

10.05 To consider the proposal for administrative structure.

The presentation made by the Director, V.N.I.T. on the proposed organizational structure of V.N.I.T. was discussed in detail by the members. The Director was advised to resubmit the proposal after suitably incorporating the suggestions on modifying the titles / designations and defining functions of each position.

10.06 To specify the term of recognition of Staff Association and Non-Teaching Employees Union.

The Board advised the Director to seek information from the Govt. of India on the provisions, if any, regarding terms of reference and / or the criteria to be fulfilled by such Associations / Unions for recognition and / or the term of recognition. It was decided to defer the matter till then.

10.07 To consider the request of Shri Bhiwapurkar, Lecturer for concession in quarter rent.

The Board advised the Director to consider the request only if such provision exists in the Govt. of India rules.

10.08 To approve the treatment of non-entitled parents of staff members, on payment.

The Members noted that adequate alternate medical facility for treatment of parents of V.N.I.T. staff who are staying on Campus but who are not entitled as per the GoI rules is not available in immediate vicinity due to its geographical location. The Members, therefore, felt that on humanitarian grounds, the available medical facility on Campus need not be denied to the parents of V.N.I.T. staff and that Out Patient medical facility may be provided to them on payment of Rs. 50/- per visit to the clinic. However, no medical reimbursement claim will be entertained by the Institute.

10.09 To approve the empanelment of Civil contractors.

The board noted the delay in implementation of construction projects through CPWD channel and suggested that the matter be first placed before the Building & Works Committee of the Institute with relevant details.

10.10 To approve the enhancement in fees of the Counsel.

The Board advised the Director to review the proposal in terms schedule of fees payable to the State and Central Government Counsels as per Government's standing orders, in Nagpur and submit it in the next BoG meeting.

10.11 To approve the establishment of ICSR Centre.

The Board constituted a Committee comprising the Members viz. Dr. S. S. Gokhale, Prof. S. V. Bhat, Dr. R. W. Khare and Dr. C. S. Moghe (Co-opted member) to critically study the proposal and advise the Board.

10.12 To approve the grant of Extra-ordinary leave to Shri C. S. Deshmukh, Lecturer in Architecture.

Considering the present status of inadequate number of experienced faculty in the Department of Architecture, the Board was of the opinion that the services of Shri C. S. Deshmukh can not be spared and hence, extra-ordinary leave may not be granted.

10.13 To approve and confirm draft minutes of the 6th, 7th and 8th meeting of the Senate held on 24th June 2005, 19th November 2005 and 31st March 2006 respectively.

The Board noted the minutes of the meetings.


10.14 To note the minutes of the 6th meeting of the Finance Committee held on 24th Sept 2005.

The Board noted the minutes of the meeting.

10.15 To approve the minutes of the 6th and 7th meetings of the Building and Works Committee held on 3rd October 2005 and 12th January 2006, respectively.

The Board noted the minutes of the meetings.

10.16 To approve the minutes of an emergent meeting and the 8th and 9th meetings of the Stores Purchase Committee held on 21st March 2005, 24th May 2005, and 18th January 2006 respectively.

 The Board noted the minutes of the meetings.

10.17 Item for information.

The Board noted the status of Court cases, review of TEQIP activities and the status of financial position. The Board approved the creation of four funds as envisaged by NPIU of TEQIP and approved by the MHRD.

10.18 Any other item(s) with permission of the Chair.

(i) Development of Perspective Plan of the Institute for the year 2011.

The Chairman stressed the need to develop perspective plan for development of the Institute and advised the Director to prepare a document delineating the status envisaged by the Institute in the year 2011 with regard to development of human (faculty, staff and students) resources, financial requirements, technology focus, physical and electronic infrastructure development, administration and governance, additional courses (department wise) along with the road map to achieve these objectives in the given time frame.

The draft perspective plan may be discussed in a future meeting of the Board of Governors.

(ii) Organising National Conference of all NITs at Nagpur.

A National Conference inviting Directors and Chairmen of all NITs in the Country, Senior Advisers from AICTE, New Delhi and MHRD Govt. of India and the members of the Board of Governors, V.N.I.T. may be convened at V.N.I.T. preferably in August / September 2006 to discuss various issues of common interest in achieving excellence by NITs. The Director was requested to prepare a working paper identifying agenda items and logistics and costs for the conference.

(iii) Chief Guest for the 4th Convocation of V.N.I.T.

List of possible dignitaries who could be contacted for the availability as the Chief Guest for the 4th Convocation of V.N.I.T. was placed on the table. In light of Aerospace activities that likely to materialize in near future in and around Nagpur, the Board felt that the Union Minister for Civil Aviation, Shri Praful Patel could be invited to be the Chief Guest. Board also felt that we can give Distinguished Alumni award to Dr. Dinesh Keskar, Senior VP Boeing, during this Convocation.

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair.



Member-Secretary