

MINUTES OF THE 15th MEETING OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS HELD AT 12.00 NOON ON 15TH OCTOBER 2007 , AT VNIT, NAGPUR

The 15th Meeting of the Board of Governors, VNIT, Nagpur was held on 15th October 2007 at VNIT Nagpur. The following were present at the meeting:

1. Mr. S. S. Sohoni, IAS , Chairman
2. Mr. V. R. Jamdar, Member
3. Dr. R. W. Khare, Member
4. Dr. V.A. Mhaisalkar, Member
5. Prof. A.D.Chopde, Member
6. Dr. Madhu Murty, Member
7. Dr. S. S. Gokhale, Member Secretary

Mr. Ravi Mathur, Dr. Vijay Bhatkar, Mr. Bhawarlal Jain, Nominee of Govt. of Maharashtra (Deptt. of Higher & technical Education) could not attend the meeting. Prof. Ashok Misra and Prof. S.V. Bhat had sought leave of absence due to preoccupation and ill health respectively.

The following agenda was discussed:

15.01 To note the Minutes of the 14th meeting of the Board of Governors held on 11th August 2007.

The Board noted minutes of the 14th meeting of the Board of Governors held on 11th August 2007.

15.02 To note the Action Taken Report on resolutions of the 14th meeting of the Board of Governors

The board noted the Action Taken Report and advised Dr. S. S. Gokhale, Director to expedite necessary action with respect to the proposal received from Prof. S. V. Bhat on introduction of Humanities in curriculum. Prof. Bhat has communicated that he will send the material shortly.

15.03 To note and approve the Minutes of the Finance Committee meeting held on 15th October 2007.

The Board noted and approved the minutes of the Finance Committee meeting held on 15th October 2007 at 11.30 a.m.

15.04 To note Enforcement of Notification regarding National Institutes of Technology Act, 2007

The Board noted the August 14th, 2007 Notification regarding National Institutes of Technology Act, 2007.

Dr. R. W. Khare who had few observations on the Act, was advised by the Board to communicate the same to Dr. S. S. Gokhale Director who is the Chairman of the Committee constituted by MHRD to prepare Draft Statutes for NITs for the consideration of the Committee.

15.05 To note the Minutes of the Building & Works Committee meeting held on 15th October 2007

The Board noted the minutes of the Building & Works Committee meeting held on 15th October 2007 at 09.30 a.m.

15.06 Item for information

The Board noted with appreciation, the MIG-23 BN Aircraft gifted by Indian Air Force and displayed on VNIT Campus.

15.07 Any other item(s) with permission of the Chair

Tabled Items (a) to (h)

Dr. S. S. Gokhale apprised the Board Members about the progress of academics related recent important activities at the Institute viz. progress under TEQIP, status of R & D proposals, progress of construction activity, placement of UG students, and inauguration of Yoga & Meditation hall at the Health Care Centre. The Board Members expressed their satisfaction over the progress. Regarding progress on recruitment of non-teaching staff, interviews for faculty position, the Board was informed by the Director that if there is delay in Statute notification, guidelines from MHRD will be obtained regarding the process to be followed during transitional phase.

The Board, considering the utility and benefits towards healthcare of VNIT employees and students, approved the existing mode of operation under the budgetary provisions for Dispensary for Contracted Consultants and Honorary Specialists at the Health Care Centre of the Institute on the need basis.

Other Items

Mr. V. R. Jamdar invited attention of the Board to his letter of 12th October addressed to the Chairman regarding reply given by Dr. S. S. Gokhale, Director to Dr. M. M. Mahajan under RTI act and with regards to CAS 2003 and CAS2006.

To the point raised in the above referred letter from Mr. V. R. Jamdar, it was stated by Dr. S. S. Gokhale that there is no delay caused in the reply to Dr. M. M. Mahajan. He submitted a note to the Chairman and the Board Members giving a factual chronological sequence of events in support of his statement.

Chairman observed that the matter regarding CAS 2003 needs to be sorted out expeditiously. He asked Dr. S. S. Gokhale to pursue the matter pending with the Govt. of India, Min. of HRD.

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



**Chairman
Board of Governors
VNIT - Nagpur**