

DRAFT MINUTES OF THE 16TH MEETING OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS HELD ON 15TH FEBRUARY 2008.

The 16th meeting of the Board of Governors VNIT, Nagpur was held on 15th February 2008 at NIT Transit House, New Delhi. The followings were present at the meeting :

1. Dr. S. S. Gokhale – Member-Secretary
2. Shri V. R. Jamdar – Member
3. Dr. R. W. Khare – Member
4. Dr. Madhu Murthy – Member
5. Dr. V. A. Mhaisalkar – Member
6. Dr. A. D. Chopde – Member

Shri Madan Mohan, Director (NITs) and Shri S. Mohan, Dy. Secretary (IFD), both from Ministry of HRD, represented Govt. of India.

Dr. Ashok Misra, Dr. S. V. Bhat, Shri Bhawarlal Jain, Dr. Vijay Bhatkar, Mrs. Joy Shankaran could not attend the meeting.

At the outset, the Member-Secretary read out the e-mail received from Hon'ble Chairman Shri S. S. Sohoni that he was not able to attend the meeting because of his pressing important commitments and expressed his desire that the meeting as scheduled shall go ahead.

The quorum for meeting of the Board (as per MoA Rules 3(4)) was complete. As per the provision of Rule 3(6), the members present elected Shri V. R. Jamdar to preside over the meeting. Accordingly, the meeting was Chaired by Shri V. R. Jamdar.

The following agenda was discussed :

16.01 To note the Minutes of the 15th meeting of the Board of Governors held on 15th October 2007.

Noted.

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

The Board noted the ATR. As per the Telephonic communication received from Dr. S. V. Bhat (by the Registrar), the members were informed that the requisite information is being sent to VNIT, Nagpur expeditiously.

As regards the observations on draft Statutes, Dr. R. W. Khare informed the House that he has already forwarded his observations to the office of the Director in 2005. The Director was requested to discuss the matter in NIT Directors meeting and forward the recommendations to the Ministry of HRD.

16.03 To approve the modifications in Annual Accounts (2006-07) of the Institute.

The Board has approved the proposal regarding modifications in Annual Accounts 2006-07 and noted the suggestions received from representative of Integrated Finance Department (IFD) to take up the issues with CAG for projecting 'receivables' in Annual Accounts.

16.04 Allotment of space for running Centre of Rajeev Gandhi Science & Technology Commission on VNIT Campus.

The Board recommended the Institute's proposal in principle and suggested the Director the need of MoU properly / legally drafted, which can be sent to the Ministry for further directives and approval.

16.05 To consider the sanctioned strength of the faculty for VNIT, Nagpur.

The Board requested the Director to provide details about the financial implications associated with proposed enhanced faculty position. The Board further advised the Director not to consider starting any new course at this stage, pending GoI policy.

16.06 To create non-teaching staff position.

The Board informed the Director to send detailed staff-structure with justification (inclusive of present structure and enhanced structure) to the Ministry of HRD for perusal and approval.

16.07 To review the decision taken by the BoG on implementation of CAS.

During the deliberations the Member-Secretary informed the Board that the issue is very important and sensitive and has been discussed in several earlier meetings before the Hon'ble Chairman Shri S. S. Sohoni. It is, therefore, desirable that the matter be deferred and taken up in the next meeting under the chairmanship of Shri S. S. Sohoni. The Board advised the Member-Secretary to put up single agenda along with the proceedings of CAS 2003 and CAS 2006 including specific details about the faculties whose CAS promotion is questioned. The Board unanimously resolved that the issue be finalized expeditiously, by convening emergent Board meeting at the first available convenient date to the Hon'ble Chairman Shri S. S. Sohoni. *written comments received from 4 members during deliberations may also be considered in the ensuing meeting.*

16.08 To note the minutes of the 12th meeting of Building & Works Committee meeting held on 25th January 2008.

The Board noted the minutes and endorsed the suggestion to put up the ATR for information of the Board, in future.

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

(a) To note and confirm the minutes of the 13th meeting of Building & Works Committee meeting held on 13th February 2008.

The Board noted the minutes.

(b) To note the correspondence received from State PWD.

The Board noted the correspondence received from Chief Engineer PWD, Amraoti region, appreciating the consultancy work of VNIT whereby the resultant saving to the extent of Rs. 15 crores was achieved by the State Govt.

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


MEMBER-SECRETARY


CHAIRMAN