

DRAFT MINUTES OF THE 20TH MEETING OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS HELD ON 3RD MARCH 2009.

The following members were present :

1. Shri S. S. Sohoni IAS (Retd.) – Chairman
2. Prof. N. L. Sarda – Member
3. Prof. S. V. Bhat – Member
4. Shri V. R. Jamdar – Member
5. Dr. R. W. Khare – Member
6. Prof. V. A. Mhaisalkar – Member
7. Shri A. D. Chopde – Member
8. Dr. S. S. Gokhale – Member-Secretary

Shri J. S. Saharia, Principal Secretary to Govt. of Maharashtra, Shri N. K. Sinha, Jt. Secretary to Govt. of India, Dr. Dev Vrat, AICTE, Dr. Vijay Bhatkar could not attend the meeting.

The Board discussed following agenda :

20.01 To note and confirm the Draft Minutes of the 19th meeting of the Board of Governors held on 4th October 2008.

The Board noted and confirmed the minutes.

20.02 To note the Action Taken Report on resolutions of the 19th meeting of the Board of Governors.

The Board noted the action taken report.

(a) As regards item No. 19.04, the Board approved a list of additional students and research scholars who have successfully completed the requirements for the award of degree in the 6th Convocation in addition to the list of eligible candidates proposed in the 19th BoG Meeting.

(b) As regards item No. 19.08, the Board deliberated on the confidential administrative note indicating possible course of action based on the Enquiry Committee Report on Dr. D. R. Peshwe of Metallurgical and Materials Engineering and approved the proposal at Sr.No.1: " Keeping in mind that the charge is one only of negligence and not of any malafide intentions, an official reprimand would be perhaps in order." As regards, proposals in 2) and 3) the Board expressed that the it is well within the purview of the Director who is the Chief Executive of the Institute to take necessary suitable actions as and when required.

(c) The Board deliberated on the confidential administrative note regarding the date of CAS promotion to Dr. I. K. Chopde of Mechanical Engineering and took cognizance of the directions of MHRD that the benefits under CAS can be extended only from the date of approval by BoG. Hence the decision taken in BoG-17 in this regard stands.

20.03 Re-structure of Non-Teaching Employees.

The Board approved the re-structuring of non-teaching staff as proposed.

20.04 To ratify the item by circulation.

The Board ratified the item by circulation regarding payment of arrears on account of Sixth Pay Commission as well as Conferment of D Litt (Honoris Causa) on Chief Guest of the 6th Convocation Dr. Bhalachandra Mungekar.

20.05 To consider the enhancement in honorarium to officers on ad-hoc arrangement.

The Board approved the enhancement to Rs. 15,000/- p.m. (consolidated).

20.06 To consider the revision of honorarium / sitting allowance.

The Board approved the revision of honorarium / sitting allowance of Rs. 2000/- uniformly. This shall be made applicable with prospective effect.

20.07 To note the minutes of the 15th meeting of the Senate held on 30th December 2008.

Noted.

20.08 To note the minutes of the 15th meetings of the Building & Works Committee held on 22nd October 2008.

Noted. The Board requested the Director to prepare a statement of ongoing construction activities, building wise and put up with the status as a regular item in ensuing Board meetings. The Board further suggested the Director to impress upon the Director General of CPWD regarding very slow in progress in the work allotted to CPWD Nagpur. The Ministry of HRD also be apprised about the slow progress of work by CPWD.

20.09 Item for information: Contribution to Prime Minister's Relief Fund.

The Board noted the information with appreciation.

20.10 To consider the proposal received from Dr. R. W. Khare, Member of the Board of Governors.

The Board welcomed the proposal along with comments from experts as well as the Director and suggested that all the departments should be involved in the process of academic and research quality enhancement in VNIT. It should be with greater participation and involvement of all the concerned stakeholders. The Board further suggested to put up comprehensive proposal at the later stage, if required.

20.11 CAS for the retired teachers of VNIT (VRCE).

The Board deferred the item for want of integrated note and suggested the Director to re-examine the issue in consideration of legal aspects and practice followed in other Institutes like IITs and NITs.



20.12 To note and approve the minutes of Stores Purchase Committee held on 27th August 2007, 3rd March 2008 and 1st October 2008.

Noted and approved.

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

Relaxation of CCS Rules for study leave for Ph.D. programme abroad – case of Mr. Sameer M. Deshkar, Lecturer in Architecture.

The Board noted sense of urgency in having more teaching faculty with PhD degree in higher and technical education in general and architecture department at VNIT particular due to limited opportunities for acquiring higher degree, considered all the aspects and decided to relax existing CCS Rule of 5 years continuous service to be eligible for study leave to 3 years continuous service. The Board also directed that in future similar cases should be brought before the Board for approval.

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



MEMBER-SECRETARY

CHAIRMAN

March 12, 2009