

**MINUTES OF THE 28<sup>TH</sup> MEETING OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS HELD ON 8<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST 2011.**

The following members were present :

1. Dr. S. K. Joshi – Chairman
2. Dr. S. S. Gokhale – Member
3. Shri V. R. Jamdar – Member
4. Dr. U. N. Gaitonde – Member
5. Shri Shashikant Chaudhary – Member
6. Shri V. N. Rajurkar – Member
7. Dr. B. M. Ganveer – Secretary

Prof. S. V. Bhat, IISc Bangalore, Dr. A. G. Deshpande, Teacher Representative sought leave of absence.

Dr. M. K. Handa, Advisor, AICTE, representative of MHRD, Government of India and representative of Govt. of Maharashtra, Department of Higher & Technical Education could not attend the meeting due to preoccupation.

At the outset, Dr. S. S. Gokhale, Director extended warm welcome to Dr. S. K. Joshi on his on his association with VNIT Nagpur as the Chairman, Board of Governors. He also apprised the Board about the development in respect of NIT Mizoram of which VNIT, Nagpur is the Mentor Institute.

The Chairman placed on record the appreciation and heartfelt gratitude to Shri S. S. Sohoni, for his guidance and leadership to VNIT as the Chairman of Board of Governors during his tenure. He expressed the gratitude to Dr. C. S. Moghe for shouldering the responsibilities as in-charge Director and also to Dr. H. T. Thorat, Coordinator for NIT Mizoram and Dr. B. M. Ganveer, Registrar for their assistance in the initial phase of NIT Mizoram.

The Chairman also expressed his happiness on the infrastructural facilities at the campus. He mentioned more efforts need to be put in the qualitative improvement in PG programs and research output. He felt that there is a need to establish links with IITs and other National Institutes in the country to accelerate the growth of research activity at VNIT. He suggested that the Director should workout a strategy for taking VNIT Nagpur to the position of the top institution amongst NITs in coming 10 years.

The Board discussed the following agenda :

**28.01 To note and confirm the draft Minutes of the 27<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Board of Governors held on 28<sup>th</sup> May 2011.**

Noted and confirmed.

**28.02 To note the Action Taken Report on resolutions of the 27<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Board of Governors.**

Noted.

**28.03 Academic Admissions 2011 (Statistics up to 31<sup>st</sup> July, 2011).**

The statistics of undergraduate, post-graduate and PhD admissions was discussed. VNIT should further examine the steps to be taken to make BTech mining program more attractive. The post graduate program in Metallurgical and Materials Engineering also needs scrutiny.

The Board felt that there is need for futuristic thinking in planning postgraduate programs taking the industrial and economic growth of the country into account. The Board also appreciated the increase in the number of research scholars and advises that the number of regular research scholars should increase further.

**28.04 Recruitment, Promotion, Advertisement etc.**

Urgent efforts need to be made to get the approval of MHRD for the approval of Non-Faculty positions which is pending with the Ministry.

**28.05 Summary Sheet of Academic Activities of VNIT during past five years.**

It was observed that the quality of research papers should improve. VNIT should value only consultancy which needs high expertise and de-emphasize routine work. Systematic efforts to attract the grants from other agencies be made.

**28.06 Infrastructure Status.**

Board appreciated the start of Mega Mess facility, Health Centre activities, student accommodation to cater for expansion, Green Campus development efforts.

**28.07 TEQIP Phase II.**

Board was keen that TEQIP Phase II is used to improve the quality and content of post graduate courses.

**28.08 Technology Incubation Center TICE.**

The Board welcomed the concept of Technology Incubation Centre and suggested that this be put up again after the MHRD report on Research Park is finalized.

**28.09 To note and approve the minutes of the 20<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Finance Committee held on 8<sup>th</sup> August 2011.**

The recommendations of the Finance Committee were approved by the Board.

**28.10 To note and approve the minutes of the 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting of the Building & Works Committee held on 5<sup>th</sup> August 2011.**

The recommendations of the Building and Works Committee were approved.

**28.11 Any other item(s) with approval of the Chair.**

**Current faculty Status & Strategies to attract retain and motivate Faculty.**

The Board attaches high importance to attract VNIT highest quality faculty. It was decided that every year about 30 positions be advertised during mid year. The new entrants be given Rs. 1 lakh for the preparation for submitting proposals to the funding agencies. The grant could be enhanced by the Board for highly rated proposals by Screening Committee with external members.

The Board also decided the faculty of VNIT, which is pursuing PhD in VNIT shall have 50% of regular teaching load for a maximum of 5 years. Externally registered faculty members for a PhD degree be encouraged to spend vacation

period at the Institution where they are registered and they would be treated on duty.

The Institute would encourage regular faculty to spend vacations in Institutions of repute and such visits will be treated on duty provided there is no remuneration from other institute.

The Institute should put in place a system to give prize amount of Rs. 25,000/- to recognize and outstanding publication, patent and innovation resulting from work done in the Institute.

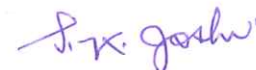
The Board would appreciate efforts for creation of an ambience for research and innovation and continual improvement in internet connectivity.

The meeting ended with vote of thanks to the Chair.

  
S. S. Gokhale  
Director

  
S. K. Joshi  
Chairman

The Board confirmed the minutes of 28<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Board of Governors on 12<sup>th</sup> September 2011.

  
(S. K. Joshi)  
CHAIRMAN