

DRAFT MINUTES OF THE 12TH MEETING OF THE SENATE HELD ON 20TH JUNE 2008.

The following members were present;

1.	Dr. S. S. Gokhale	Director	Chairman
2.	Dr. T. S. Sampath Kumar	Associate Professor, IIT, Madras	Member
3.	Dr. Animesh Chatterjee	Professor in Mechanical Engg.	Member
4.	Dr. I. K. Chopde	Professor in Mechanical Engg.	Member
5.	Dr. A. G. Deshpande	Head, Deptt. of Mathematics	Member
6.	Dr. V. K. Deshpande	Head, Deptt. of Applied Physics	Member
7.	Mr. R. R. Gawalpanchi	Professor in Civil Engg.	Member
8.	Dr. (Ms.) M. Ghoshal	Head, Deptt. of Humanities	Member
9.	Prof. L. M. Gupta	Dean (Planning & Finance)	Chairman
10.	Dr. Rajesh Gupta	Professor in Civil Engg.	Member
11.	Dr. R. K. Ingle	Head, Deptt. of Applied Mechanics	Member
12.	Prof. V. S. Kapse	Head, Architecture Department	Member
13.	Dr. Y. B. Katpatal	Dean (Students Counselling)	Member
14.	Dr. A. G. Keskar	Dean (Research & Development)	Member
15.	Dr. M. K. Khedkar	Dean (Administration)	Member
16.	Dr. A. G. Kothari	Head, Deptt. of Electrical Engg.	Member
17.	Dr. K. D. Kulat	Professor in Electronics & Comm.	Member
18.	Dr. V. A. Mhaisalkar	Professor in Civil Engg.	Member
19.	Dr. C. S. Moghe	Professor in Computer Science Engineering	Member
20.	Dr. P. M. Padole	Head, Deptt. of Mechanical Engg.	Member
21.	Dr. S. U. Pathak	Head, Deptt. of Metallurgical & Materials Engg.	Member
22.	Dr. A. D. Pofale	Head, Deptt. of Civil Engg.	Member
23.	Dr. G. N. Ronghe	Professor in Applied Mechanics	Member
24.	Dr. S. R. Sathe	Professor in Computer Science Engg.	Member
25.	Prof. S. Shringarputale	Head, Deptt. of Mining Engg.	Member
26.	Dr. K. L. Thakre	Professor in Electrical Engg.	Member
27.	Dr. H. T. Thorat	Professor in Mechanical Engg.	Member
28.	Dr. A. K. Tiwari	Professor in Mathematics	Member
29.	Shri B. M. Ganveer	Registrar	Secretary

Dr. S. V. Bhat, I.I.Sc., Bangalore, Dr. O. G. Kakde, Dr. S. S. Umare and Prof. I. L. Muthreja expressed their inability to attend the meeting due to pre-occupation.

Dr. R. K. Paretkar, Dr. D. R. Peshwe, Dr. J. D. Ekhe, Dr. A. P. Gokhale and Dr. N. V. Deshpande were not present.

At the outset, the Senate placed on record the appreciation of the services and advice provided by the outgoing members namely, Dr. Sukumar Devotta, Prof. Tarun Kant, Dr. K. V. Chalpatirao, Dr. J. Mukhopadhyay, Dr. Y. V. N. Krishna Murthy and Dr. A. K. Sinha and welcomed Dr. T. Sampath Kumar from IIT, Madras as newly inducted member on the Senate.

The Senate also appreciated the services of Dr. S. B. Thombre the then Dean (Acad) and Dr. L. M. Gupta the then i/c Director for their contribution in the last two Senate meetings.

Agenda items discussed and resolved as under :

S 12.01 To note the minutes of the 11th meeting of the Senate held on 10th July 2007.

The Senate confirmed the minutes of the 11th meeting.

S 12.02 To note the Action Taken Report on decisions of the 11th meeting of the Senate held on 10th July 2007.

Noted.

S 12.03 To consider the resolution received from a member of the Senate.

It was resolved that the Senate may suggest few names of eminent industrialist / technocrats for consideration along with other well known dignitaries and personalities for the Chief Guest of Convocation by the Board / Chairman, Board of Governors.

Following names were suggested by the Senate members for ensuing convocation;

- a. Dr. A. P. J. Abdul Kalam
- b. Prof. Rama Rao
- c. Dr. Anu Agha
- d. Dr. Raghunath Mashelkar
- e. Mr. Rahul Bajaj
- f. Dr. Narayan Murthy

In consideration of academic activities during August, the Senate was of the view that the Convocation be held on 1st Saturday of January every year from Academic year 2009-2010. The matter can be taken up for approval of the Board.

S 12.04 Institution of Award.

The proposal is accepted with a modification that the item be suitably altered stating that Mrs. Joshi proposed to Institute an award in memory of Dr. V. N. Joshi.

S 12.05 Item for Information.

The Senate approved the proposal passed in a meeting of Heads of the Departments.

S 12.06 Norms for Deputation of Faculty & Students to Conferences / Workshops / Seminars / Summer Schools etc.

The Senate approved the norms for deputation of faculty and students with following modifications;

- (a) Universities to be added along with proposed educational / research Institutes.
- (e) Students shall also be encouraged to participate in prestigious meetings / conferences.

The Senate was of the view that the Heads of the Departments shall ensure to recommend the faculty only to relevant and quality conferences / workshops / summer training schools etc. while processing their applications.

The Senate further suggested that Dr. V. K. Deshpande and Dr. H. T. Thorat shall prepare a comprehensive booklet dealing with all academic matters for information of all the faculty members.

S 12.07 Waiving of fees for financially weaker students.

During deliberations, the Senate was informed that the matter need to be taken up with Ministry of HRD and therefore deferred the issue till the uniform fee structure for all NITs is implemented. Further, the Senate suggested to explore the possibility of helping a few of the financially weaker students from Students' Aid Fund.

S 12.08 Addition of new subject to a group of subjects forming an Elective.

The Senate noted the inclusion of new subject by the Board of Studies in Computer Science.

S 12.09 To admit female students in B.Tech. (Mining) course.

The Senate approved to admit female students in B.Tech. (Mining) course from the academic year 2008-09. However, the admission will be subject to the condition that the training to female students be limited to surface mining as per the provision of the existing Mines Act.

S 12.10 To approve the Ordinance.

While considering the Ordinances, the Chairman appealed to all the Senate members to share the contents of the Agenda with non-Senate members and give conscious suggestions so that the Ordinances in comprehensive booklet form can be prepared for implementation. As suggested by members, the Dean (Academic) has agreed to organise workshop on 8th July 2008 for benefit of all the faculty members.

The Senate also approved the proposal of change of branch indicated in para 4.13 with deletion of 14.13.1(a)ii from the batch of academic year 2008-09.

The schemes, syllabus, modifications therein will be discussed and decided in next Senate meeting preferably in third week of July 2008. The resolution can, therefore, be made applicable from the commencement of current academic session.

S 12.11 Any other item(s) with permission of the Chair.

(a) Introduction of "Humanities and Social Sciences" in the curriculum of VNIT.

The Senate approved to introduce additional subjects in Humanities and Social Sciences based on broad based topics viz. Economics, History, Psychology, Philosophy including World Religion and Sociology in addition to English Literature and Communication. The programme will be of 18 credits which shall be added as part of curriculum on the above subjects. The courses shall be added in curriculum with option to choose minimum of 6 credits from English Literature and Communication and minimum 12 credits from the list of courses mentioned above.

(b) To ratify the proposal regarding nomination of teacher representative on Board of Governors.

The Senate resolved to nominate one Professor and one Assistant Professor on seniority by total length of service in VNIT (VRCE) on the Board of Governors, on rotation basis. The tenure of the both the above teacher representatives shall be two years.

(c) Re-constitution of Students' Welfare Committee.

Consequent to abolishing the position of Associate Dean (Acad), the Senate inducted Dean (Acad) in the above Committee. Constitution as regards other members remains unchanged.

(d) Information regarding result analysis for the year 2007-08 (before re-examination).

The Chairman appraised the Senate members about the result analysis 2007-08. The Chairman appealed to all Heads of the Department to discuss the matter with their colleagues in respective departments and based on the reflections, a comprehensive proposal to improve the results shall be placed in next Senate meeting. It was also suggested to create a Mathematics Laboratory (on the lines of Language Laboratory) for orientation of the students who are weak in Mathematics.

The meeting ended with vote of thanks to the Chair.


(S. S. Gokhale)
CHAIRMAN