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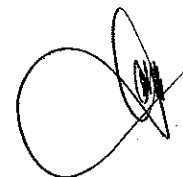
The following members were present;

1.	Dr. S. S. Gokhale	Director	Chairman
2.	Dr. M. V. Aware	Professor in Eletrical Engg.	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.	Dr. J. D. Ekhe	Head, Deptt. of Chemistry	Member
8.	Dr. (Ms.) M. Ghoshal	Head, Deptt. of Humanities	Member
9.	Dr. A. P. Gokhale	Professor in Electronics & Comm.	Member
10.	Prof. L. M. Gupta	Dean (Planning & Finance)	Member
11.	Dr. Rajesh Gupta	Professor in Civil Engg.	Member
12.	Dr. R. K. Ingle	Head, Deptt. of Applied Mechanics	Member
13.	Dr. O. R. Jaiswal	Professor in Applied Mechanics	Member
14.	Dr. O. G. Kakde	Head, Deptt. of Electronics & Computer Science	Member
15.	Prof. V. S. Kapse	Head, Deptt. of Architecture	Member
16.	Dr. Y. B. Katpatal	Dean (Students Counselling)	Member
17.	Dr. A. G. Keskar	Dean (Research & Development)	Member
18.	Dr. M. K. Khedkar	Head, Deptt. of Electrical Engg.	Member
19.	Dr. K. D. Kulat	Professor in Electronics & Comm.	Member
20.	Dr. M. M. Mahajan	Professor in Applied Mechanics	Member
21.	Dr. V. A. Mhaisalkar	Professor in Civil Engg. & i/c T&P	Member
22.	Shri I. L. Muthreja	Head, Deptt. of Mining Engg.	Member
23.	Dr. P. M. Padole	Head, Deptt. of Mechanical Engg.	Member
24.	Dr. R. K. Paretkar	Professor Metallurgical & Materials Engg.	Member
25.	Dr. S. U. Pathak	Professor Metallurgical & Materials Engg.	Member
26.	Dr. A. P. Patil	Professor Metallurgical & Materials Engg.	Member
27.	Dr. D. R. Peshwe	Head, Deptt. of Metallurgical & Materials Engg.	Member
28.	Dr. G. N. Ronghe	Professor in Applied Mechanics	Member
29.	Dr. S. R. Sathe	Professor in Computer Science Engg.	Member
30.	Prof. S. Shringarputale	Professor of Mining Engg.	Member
31.	Dr. H. M. Suryawanshi	Professor in Electrical Engg.	Member
32.	Dr. K. L. Thakre	Professor in Electrical Engg.	Member
33.	Dr. H. T. Thorat	Dean (Academic)	Member
34.	Dr. A. K. Tiwari	Professor in Mathematics	Member
35.	Dr. S. S. Umre	Chief Warden	Member
36.	Shri B. M. Ganveer	Registrar	Secretary

Prof S. V. Bhat from I.I.Sc. Bangalore & Prof. T. S. Sampath Kumar from IIT Madras expressed their inability to attend the meeting due to pre-occupation.

Dr. C. S. Moghe, Dr. A. G. Kothari and Dr. A. D. Pofale sought leave of absence since they were on leave.

Dr. N. V. Deshpande was not present.

At the outset, the Chairman on behalf of the Senate welcomed new inducted members namely Prof. O. R. Jaiswal, Prof. H. M. Suryawanshi, Prof. A. P. Patil, Prof. M. M. Mahajan and Prof. M. V. Aware. The Senate also appreciated the services of Shri R. R. Gawalpanchi for his contribution in the previous Senate meetings in his capacity as a member.

Agenda items discussed and resolved as under :

S 13.01 To note the minutes of the 12th meeting of the Senate held on 20th June 2008.

The Senate noted and confirmed the minutes of the 12th meeting of the Senate held on 20th June 2008.

S 13.02 To note the Action Taken Report on decisions of the 12th meeting of the Senate held on 20th June 2008.

The Senate noted the action taken report on decisions of 12th meeting of the Senate and modified the resolution in respect of item No. S 12.03 regarding inviting the Chief Guest for Convocation, as suggested by one of the Hon'ble member.

The Senate resolved to postpone the Convocation for the year 2008 batch scheduled in August 2008 to 1st Saturday of January 2009 i.e. on 5th January 2009. The students will be informed suitably about the change.

The Senate also agreed to the suggestion for incorporating detailed action taken report.

As regards S 12.10 pertaining to Ordinances, the Dean (Academic) had organized workshops on 9th and 11th July 2008 explaining the Rules and Regulations for benefit of all faculty members. The Rules and Regulations with due suggestions and modifications were circulated to all the members. The Senate approved the Rules and Regulations governing UG and PG programmes (course batch 2008-09) and Ph.D. / M.Tech. (Research) / M.Arch. (Research) (with effect from July 2008), with following modifications :

1. In Para 2.9.2 description of Grades **"Under DD Grade"** the words **"but not below 30%"** is **deleted**.

   Under **"EE"** and **"FF Grades"** the sentence, "No student appearing for makeup examination shall be awarded AA grade", is **deleted**.

   In **"LL Grade"** the para shall read as, "Student who is absent for end semester examination shall be awarded LL grade provided he / she is eligible for award of EE grade. LL shall be temporary grade, which shall be changed to suitable grade after make-up examination. However, he / she shall be awarded LL grade only if absent on medical ground and sought permission from Dean (Acd) before the completion of end semester examination. If student is absent for end semester examination and is not eligible for EE grade, shall be awarded FF grade. This grade stays permanently and a student is not permitted to appear for make-up examination. Student who clears a course in make-up examination is not eligible for any award".

2. **4.1.1 Undergraduate Programme** in a table at Sr. No. 4 under symbol **"Total = (UC + UE)" be inserted**.

3. **Postgraduate programnmes** shall be read as **4.1.2**. Under Sr. No. 4 in table under the column Symbol **"Total = PC + PE" be inserted**.

4. Under **4.15 Implementation Plan (UG)** the following statement shall be included. "Course stipulated for earlier batches, as per their respective scheme of examinations, shall remain unchanged".

5. As regards Rules and Regulations for Ph.D. / M.Tech. (Research) / M.Arch. (Research) under para 1.4.1 Minimum Qualification for Admissions, the word M.Arch. shall be replaced by M.Arch. (by Research).

These Rules and Regulations will be printed in booklet form as ORDINANCES for circulation to faculty and students.

S 13.03 To ratify the decisions approved by the Chairman, Senate.

The Senate ratified the decisions approved by the Chairman, Senate.

S 13.04 To approve the scheme of examination of UG courses.

The Senate approved the scheme of examinations of UG courses.

S 13.05 To approve the scheme of examination of PG courses.

The Senate approved the scheme of examination of PG courses.

S 13.06 To approve the syllabus of UG /PG courses.

The Senate approved the syllabus of UG / PG courses including the syllabus of B.Tech. (Electronics & Communication) for 3rd to 8th Semester and M.Tech. VLSI Design Syllabus for 1st to 3rd Semester.

S 13.07 Any other item(s) with permission of the Chair.

    (a) To approve the proposal for common first year courses, to all B.Tech. programmes from 2008-09 batch.

    The Dean (Acd) explained the modifications in courses of first year B.Tech. which is common to all the branches. The members from engineering departments broadly consented the proposal with appreciation. However, considering the time constraint for implementation, it was resolved that;

    (i) the first year curriculum for B.Tech. 2008-09 shall remain unchanged,

    (ii) a workshop be organized along with the faculty of IITs, Professor from other NITs and representative of all the concerned departments in VNIT and frame common curriculum for First Year B.Tech.

    (iii) To review the curricula to meet the current needs of higher semesters.

    The Chairman Senate suggested to plan two Mathematics courses, one Physics course and one Chemistry course with contents which are of common interest during first two semesters to all B.Tech. programmes. Additional courses (core and elective) in Mathematics, Physics and Chemistry be framed with a focus intended for specific engineering departments in higher semesters.

    (iv) The Chairman Senate suggested that such a review taken for all engineering and technology departments for higher semesters.

    (v) All reviews are to be completed latest by December 31, 2008 so that revision should be discussed in Senate and implemented from July 2009.

    (b) To consider the correspondence received from NPIU.

    The correspondence dated 17th July 2008 regarding Action Plan for extended period of TEQIP received from NPIU was circulated to all the members. The Dean (R&D) explained the contents and expressed the necessity that the action plan must be submitted by the VNIT. The expenditure is to be made only on the heads namely (a) Faculty Development, (b) Networking Institutions, (c) Services to Community and (d) Tribal Development Plan. It was further emphasized that visit for training must be planed well in advance and each training must be of duration not less than 7 days so as to improve the mandays for training. All proposals in this regard were invited by the Dean (R&D) on or before 28th July 2008.

During deliberations it was decided to have 8 batches for first year with mirrored time table.

The meeting ended with vote of thanks to the Chair.

                                                  (S. S. Gokhale)
                                                        CHAIRMAN

Proposal

UNDERGRADUATE AND POSTGRADUATE ORDINANCES AND REGULATIONS
(Effective from July 2008 admissions)

ORDINANCES

0.1 Eligibility for admission, admission policy and procedure shall be decided from time to time by the Board of Governors (BoG) of the Institute, following guidelines issued by MHRD, Government of India.

0.2 The duration of the B.Tech. programmes will normally be 8 semesters, B.Arch. programme will normally be of 10 semesters and M.Tech. prorgammes will normally be of 4 semesters.

0.3 Award of Institute merit and merit cum means scholarships to the B.Tech., B.Arch., M.Tech. students will be governed by the regulations framed by the Senate from time to time.

0.4 Award of B.Tech., B.Arch., M.Tech. degree shall be in accordance with the regulations of the Senate of the Institute.

0.5 Notwithstanding any that are stated in the regulations, the Senate has the right to modify any of those from time to time.

Chairman, Senate