

DRAFT MINUTES OF THE 17TH MEETING OF THE SENATE HELD ON 27TH AUGUST 2009.

The following members were present;

1.	Dr. S. S. Gokhale	Director	Chairman
2.	Dr. T. S. Sampath Kumar	Professor, IIT, Madras	Member
3.	Dr. V. S. Adane	Professor of Architecture	Member
4.	Dr. M. V. Aware	Professor in Electrical Engg.	Member
5.	Dr. Animesh Chatterjee	Head, Deptt. of Mechanical Engg.	Member
6.	Dr. I. K. Chopde	Professor in Mechanical Engg.	Member
7.	Dr. A. G. Deshpande	Professor in Mathematics	Member
8.	Dr. N. V. Deshpande	Professor in Mechanical Engg.	Member
9.	Dr. V. K. Deshpande	Professor in Physics	Member
10.	Dr. (Mrs.) Alpana Dongre	Professor in Architecture	Member
11.	Dr. J. D. Ekhe	Head, Deptt. of Chemistry	Member
12.	Dr. R. S. Gedam	Head, Deptt. of Physics	Member
13.	Dr. A. D. Ghare	Chief Warden	Member
14.	Dr. L. M. Gupta	Dean (Planning & Finance)	Member
15.	Dr. Rajesh Gupta	Head, Deptt. of Civil Engg.	Member
16.	Dr. R. K. Ingle	Professor of Applied Mechanics	Member
17.	Dr. O. R. Jaiswal	Professor of Applied Mechanics	Member
18.	Dr. O. G. Kakde	Dean (Research & Development)	Member
19.	Prof. V. S. Kapse	Head, Architecture Department	Member
20.	Dr. M. K. Khedkar	Head, Deptt. of Electrical Engg.	Member
21.	Dr. A. G. Kothari	Dean (Administration)	Member
22.	Dr. K. D. Kulat	Professor in Electronics & Comm.	Member
23.	Dr. M. M. Mahajan	Head, Applied Mechanics	Member
24.	Dr. V. A. Mhaisalkar	Professor in Env. Engg. & i/c T&P	Member
25.	Prof. I. L. Muthreja	Head, Deptt. of Mining Engg.	Member
26.	Dr. A. P. Patil	Professor of Metallurgical & Materials Engg.	Member
27.	Dr. R. M. Patrikar	Head, Deptt. of Electronics & Computer Science	Member
28.	Dr. D. R. Peshwe	Head, Deptt. of Metallurgical & Materials Engg.	Member
29.	Dr. A. D. Pofale	Professor of Civil Engg.	Member
30.	Dr. S. R. Sathe	Professor in Computer Science Engg.	Member
31.	Prof. S. Shrigarputale	Professor in Mining Engg.	Member
32.	Dr. H. M. Suryawanshi	Professor in Electrical Engg.	Member
33.	Dr. K. L. Thakre	Professor in Electrical Engg.	Member
34.	Dr. H. T. Thorat	Dean (Academic)	Member
35.	Dr. A. K. Tiwari	Head, Deptt. of Mathematics	Member
36.	Dr. S. S. Umre	Dean (Students Counselling)	Member
37.	Dr. K. L. Wasewar	Head, Deptt. of Chemical Engg.	Member
38.	Dr. B. M. Ganveer	Registrar	Secretary



Prof S. V. Bhat from I.I.Sc. Bangalore, Prof. (Ms.) R. B. Nair from IIT Delhi could not attend the meeting. Dr. A. G. Keskar, Dr. C. S. Moghe, Dr. P. M. Padole, Dr. R. K. Paretkar, Dr. S. U. Pathak and Dr. Y. M. Deshpande sought leave of absence.

Dr. G. N. Ronghe did not attend the meeting.

Mr. Sohil Wazir, General Secretary, Gymkhana, Mr. Shivadeo Rao, Secretary, Post Graduate Academic Affairs and Mr. S. S. Pandharkar, Secretary, Under Graduate Academic Affairs attended the meeting (Part A) as Student's representatives.

Shri D. M. Parate, Dy. R. (Acad) and Mrs. A. A. Ansingkar, A.R. (Exam) attended the meeting as Special invitees.

At the outset, the Chairman, Senate placed on record the contribution in academic matters of outgoing members Dr. A. P. Gokhale, Dr. Y. B. Katpatal and students representatives Mr. Kunal Khilar, Mr. N.S.B. Shiva and Mr. Rohit Jaiswal.

The Chairman also welcomed new inducted members Dr. R. S. Gedam, HoD, Physics, Dr. A. D. Ghare, Chief Warden, Mrs. Alpana Dongre, Professor in Architecture and students representatives Mr. Sohil Wazir, General Secretary, Gymkhana, Mr. Shivadeo Rao, Secretary, Post Graduate Academic Affairs and Mr. S. S. Pandharkar, Secretary, Under Graduate Academic Affairs.

Agenda items discussed and resolved as under :

S 17.01 To note the draft minutes of the 16th meeting of the Senate held on 8th April 2009.

The Senate noted and confirmed the draft minutes of 16th meeting of the Senate.

S 17.02 To note the Action Taken Report on decisions of the 16th meeting of the Senate.

Noted. As regards starting QIP Centre in every department, the Chairman requested all the members to forward specific requirement, if any, through their respective HoD.

PART – A

S 17.03 CGPA & SGPA for load restriction.

The Senate approved that SGPA (i.e. performance in past semester) to be criteria for load restriction.

S 17.04 Project Phase II Registration.

The Senate resolved that M.Tech. student is permitted to register for Project Phase II only if he/she has cleared Project phase I.

S 17.05 Opportunity to students who failed to complete minimum requirement of credits.

Senate approved the proposal and requested the Dean (Academic) to extend one more opportunity to parents and students who did not respond to earlier correspondence. However, inspite of that if the student / parent do not appeal or give undertaking, such students can be removed from the Institute Role.

S 17.06 Courses from Outside Agencies.

The Senate resolved that the courses can be offered by external agencies of repute including C-DEEP provided the course and the scheme of evaluation is approved by the respective Board of Studies and the Senate.

S 17.07 Special Courses for PhD.

The Senate approved the proposal with modification that "Special courses for Ph.D./M.Tech. (Research) Scholars can be designed and conducted on regular basis as high level PG courses, if existing PG courses not found suitable."

S 17.08 Norms for Thesis Writing.

The Senate approved the format of declaration with further directives that it should be made applicable to all courses viz. UG, PG and PhD and the word "Seminar Report" shall be replaced by Project for UG, dissertation for PG and thesis for PhD.

S 17.09 To permit students to do audio recording of lectures for studies at later stage, with intimation to the concerned teacher.

The Senate deferred the item.

S 17.10 Institution of Award.

The Senate noted the gesture shown by mother of Late Ms. Pratibha Bujade, with appreciation and approved the institution of award to be given to the eligible student from current academic session.

S 17.11 Substitution of Project work by Course Work.

In view of further detailing and spade work, the Senate deferred the issue till next meeting.

S 17.12 Proposal to send Report Card to parents.

Approved.

S 17.13 Eligibility for admission to VNIT.

Approved.

S 17.14 To reconsider the schedule of 7th Convocation.

In view of extra ordinary circumstances, the Senate resolved to cancel the conduct of 7th Convocation (scheduled on 15th September 2009). It was further resolved that the degree certificates dated 15th September 2009 will be sent to the recipients.



PART B

S 17.15 Academic record retention for 3 years.

In consideration of legal requirement and also in confirmation of such procedure practiced in IITs, the Senate resolved to retain the record of attendance, question papers, answer books, assignments etc. by the concerned teacher, for a period of 3 years from the date of commencement of Session.

S 17.16 Summer Term Registration.

The Senate requested the members to discuss this issue with all their departmental colleague and forward the proposal for deliberation and consideration in next Senate meeting.

S 17.17 Equivalence of Combined Core Courses.

The Senate approved the proposal.

S 17.18 Minimum requirement of CGPA for award of M.Tech. degree.

The Senate did not agree for reducing CGPA for award of M.Tech. degree and resolved to retain CGPA 6. The Senate resolved that the Diploma concept shall be removed and the cases of 2010 pass out shall be considered by the Chairman, Senate case by case.

S 17.19 Registration in interdisciplinary Board of Studies.

The Senate deferred the item and requested the members to review the matter at department level and communicate in writing for consideration in next Senate meeting.

S 17.20 Appointment of PhD examiners from foreign countries and permission to submit e-copies of thesis and synopsis of Ph.D. and M.Tech. (by research).

The Senate resolved as under :

- (i) The examiner from reputed universities of foreign countries may be approved for Ph.D. examinations.
- (ii) The remuneration for Ph.D. examiners be fixed at US\$200/- for examiners from foreigners countries and Rs. 5000/- for examiners within India. the remuneration fro Ph.D. viva-voce shall be Rs. 2000/- uniformly.
- (iii) Every examiner can be contacted by e-mail, e-copies of synopsis and thesis shall be sent to concerned examiner followed by Hard copy.

S 17.21 Processing of M.Tech. Project Reports.

The Senate resolved that the matter be discussed in detail at department level and re-submit for deliberation and decision in next Senate meeting.

S 17.22 Criteria for PhD Supervision of a scholar outside VNIT.

The Senate approved that a Supervisor is restricted to register total 10 scholars. This shall be implemented with immediate effect, without detrimenting previous registration.

S 17.23 To consider the request of Chairman, BoS, Department of Metallurgical & Materials Engineering for modification in subject title and code.

Approved.

S 17.24 To update the list of departmental electives for UG & PG courses in Department of Electronics Engineering and change in subject titles of B.Tech. Computer Science Engineering programme.

Approved.

S 17.25 Syllabus of 3rd and 4th level courses in Architecture and programme requirement of M.Arch.

Senate approved (i) 3rd & 4th level Courses in Architecture, (ii) induction of new M.Arch. programmes in principle and suggested the Chairman BoS to place detailed scheme and syllabus in next Senate meeting for consideration.

S 17.26 Induction of M.Tech. programme in Power Electronics & Drives.

Senate approved the induction of M.Tech. Power Electronics in principle, except for the staff structure and equipment. The Senate further requested the Chairman BoS to place the scheme and course duly approved by the Board of Studies, in next Senate meeting for consideration.

S 17.27 Any other item(s) with permission of the Chair.

(a) To approve a list of Students / Scholars for conferment of degrees and winners of awards / medals.

The Senate approved a list of students and scholars who successfully completed their academic programmes and became eligible for award of degree.

The Senate also approved a list of recipient of medals and awards for their academic excellence including Mr. Dhananjay Kumar Patel as an awardee for Late Shri J. M. Gawande prize and resolved to add Yamsanwar Award and Ms. Pratibha Bujade Medal to the eligible students.


(b) Teacher Representative and Alumni on Board of Governors.

As resolved [vide item No. S12.11(b)], the Senate approved the nomination of 1. Dr. A. G. Deshpande, Professor in Mathematics and 2. Shri V. N. Rajurkar, Assistant Professor in Electrical Engineering.

The Senate also noted the nomination of Shri Shashikant Choudhary, President & CEO, Lambent Technologies Pvt. Ltd., NAGPUR to represent BoG as alumni.

Part of the Senate meeting (item No. S17.15, S17.17 to S17.26) was Chaired by Dr. V. A. Mhaisalkar, Senior most Professor as Dr. Gokhale, Director and Chairman Senate was to leave the meeting due to indispensable health problem.

The meeting ended with vote of thanks to the Chair.


(B. M. Ganveer)
SECRETARY


(V. A. Mhaisalkar)
i/c CHAIRMAN


(S. S. Gokhale)
CHAIRMAN