

Minutes of the first meeting of the Senate held at 2.00 p.m. on Tuesday the 3rd September 2002 at Materials Engg. Centre, VNIT, Nagpur.

The following members were present :

Office Bearers

1. Dr M.U. Deshpande - Chairman
2. Dr. S.U. Pathak
3. Prof. P.S. Pandit
4. Dr. C.S. Moghe
5. Dr. P.T. Porey
6. Dr. M.A. Mhaisalkar
7. Dr. A.B. Kothari
8. Dr. H.J. Thorat
9. Dr. R.K. Paretker
10. Dr. J.M. Gupta
11. Dr. A.G. Keskar
12. Dr. Y.N. Deshpande
13. Dr. P.V. Padole
14. Dr. R.K.P. Singh
15. Dr. A.L. Shringarpatale
16. Dr. F.R. Lalbe
17. Dr. A.J. Thakre
18. Prof. M. Chopde
19. Dr. V.K. Deshpande
20. Dr. A.G. Deshpande
21. Dr. A.K. Gowardhan
22. Dr. A.K. Tiwar
23. Prof. V.K. Bajde
24. Dr. S.S. Umare
25. Dr. (Mrs.) M. Ghoshal
26. Smt. B.M. Ganveer - Secretary

Nominees

27. Dr. R.N. Singh
28. Dr. V.M. Pandharipande
29. Dr. Prakash Mangalgiri
30. Dr. S.A. Paranjpe
31. Shri Satish Parchure
32. Mr. Vikas Lothe

Dr. D.R. Peshwe, OSD (Examinations), VNIT, S/Shri D.H. Maiskay, Systems Manager (Computer Science), V.R. Wanjari, Sports Officer, R.M. Deshpande, Asstt. Librarian and R. Ajita, Secretary of Students Counseling - all from VNIT, Nagpur attended the meeting as Special Invitee.

Intimations regretting inability to attend were received from :

Dr. A.G. Kothari, VNIT, Nagpur, Prof. N.A. Sarda, IIT Mumbai, Dr. B.B. Khanna, IGNOU, New Delhi and Shri P.U. Deshpande, DRDO, Pune.

At the outset Dr. M.U. Deshpande, Director, VNIT and Chairman of Senate, welcomed the members on the occasion of this Maiden Meeting of the Senate.

The following agenda was discussed :

Item 01.01 : To inform about the term of references as per Memorandum of Association to the Senate Members.

The Chairman apprised the Members about the constitution, powers and functions of the Senate as per Memorandum of Association.

Item 01.02 : To decide the conduction of all U.G. /P.G. Examinations by VNIT (under Deemed University) with immediate effect.

The Chairman informed the Members that the issues have already been discussed in different forums including meetings of Heads of the Deptts. which is mainly concerned with the academic infrastructure for conduct of examinations.

Dr. V.M. Pandhripande, Dr. S.A. Paranjpe, Dr. R.K.P. Singh, Dr. H.T. Thorat, Dr. A.G. Keskar, Dr. Prakash Mangalgiri, Dr. K.L. Thakre, Dr. V.K. Deshpande and Shri D.H. Maiskay participated in the discussion and gave valuable suggestion.

After fruitful delebration the Senate approved the proposal and decided that the UG/PG examinations shall be conducted as per the norms of the Nagpur University with following modifications :

- a) The examination shall be conducted at departmental level under the supervision of respective departmental Examination Co-ordinator and Chairman, Board of Studies.
- b) First year B.E. examination shall be organised and conducted under the supervision of first year Examination Co-ordinator and Chairman, Board of Studies of Basic Sciences and Humanities.
- c) Wherever the regular teacher is not available in particular subject, the Chairman, Board of Studies may give such an assignment to external recognised teacher/examiner.

The Senate approved the item with the clear understanding that the above proposal shall be effective only for the current academic year i.e. Winter 2002 examination.

Item 01.03 : To continue the Scheme of Examination as per Nagpur University norms for the Academic Year – 2002-2003

The Senate discussed the issue and approved for implementation as a stop gap emergency measure.

Item 01.04 : To finalise backlog /ATKT conditions for the Academic Year 2002-2003 for UG/PG Examinations.

Dr. Pandhripande, Dr. H.T. Thorat, Dr. D.R. Peshwe and Dr. R.R. Lakhe participated in deliberation.

The Senate unanimously approved that this being a transit period ATKT norms of Nagpur University, as proposed, shall be made applicable for the current academic session i.e. 2002-2003

Item 01.05 : To Approve the academic calendar for the 1st Term (July-Dec' 02)

Dr. Pandhripande, Dr. D.R. Peshwe, Dr. V.K. Deshpande, Prof. Shringarputale, Prof. V.K. Bakde and Shri Ajita (Students-Representative) participated in the discussion and proposed certain modifications.

After considerable discussion the Senate decided to adopt temporarily the proposed academic calendar for this Semester i.e. from July to Dec. 2002.

Item 01.06 : To finalise and approve the Constitution of Departmental Board of Studies for UG/PG Examinations.

The Senate approved the constitution of Board of Studies with the suggestion received from Dr. H.T. Thorat that the Senate shall formulate definite norms / procedure centrally approved for the appointment on Board of Studies.

Item 01.07 : To delegate the powers to the Director as per the provisions of Memorandum of Association, in between the Senate Meetings

The Senate approved the proposal.

Item 01.08 : To finalise and approve the Registration procedure of Candidates for M.E. (By Research) and Ph.D. under VNIT from July 2002.

Dr V.K. Deshpande, Dean (Acad) informed the House that 28 and 9 research scholars have registered for Ph.D. and M.E. by research program respectively during current academic year.

The Senate has approved their registration from July 2002.

Further, the Senate has constituted a Sub-committee for consideration of norms of registration, evaluation and award of degree etc. on the basis of norms applicable in IIT's, as follows :

Dean (Acad) - Convenor
OSD (Exams) - Member
Dr. V.A. Mhaisalkar - Prof & Head of Civil Engg. Deptt.
Dr. A.G. Keskar - Prof. of Electronics Engg.
Dr. N.V. Deshpande - Prof. & Head of Mech. Engg. Deptt.

The Committee shall submit its report within 90 days and place for ratification in subsequent Senate Meeting.

Item 01.09 :

To accept the faculty members of VNIT working on Nagpur University panel as recognized supervisors for M.E. (By Research) and Ph.D. on VNIT panel and to finalise the procedure for recognition as supervisors M.Tech. (By Research), Ph.D. for other eligible persons engaged in industries / research laboratories and other organizations.

It was decided that the Sub-Committee constituted under Item-8 shall look into the matter relating to the procedure for recognition of supervisions from other than Teaching Category for M.E. (By Research) and Ph.D.

The suggestion of Dr. Pandharipande that the Committee may look into the aspects of interdisciplinary Research/Joint Supervision and no. of guided research scholars etc. while recognising the Supervision for the research programmes is well taken.

Item 01.10 :

To Approve the constitution, functions and powers of Central Examination Cell (CEC)

The Senate recommended the constitution of Central Examination Cell with minor modification's as follows.

Dr. Registrar (Exams.) shall be read as Dy. Registrar (Acad) who shall be Secretary and not Member Secretary.

Further, the functions shall also include the constitution of Result Committee and the recommendation shall be placed before the subsequent Board of Governor's Meeting for approval.

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Item 01.11 : To Consider the change of nomenclature of the degree awarded at UG/PG level from B.E. to B.Tech and M.E. to M.Tech. (By Research) in respective branches, with immediate effect.

The Senate deliberated on the issue and decided to forward the proposal to The Council of National Institutes of Technology for its recommendation and approval.

Item 01.12 : To Approve the constitution, functions and powers of Senate Standing Committee (SSC).

The Senate approved the Constitution's functions and powers of Senate Standing Committee (SSC) in view to meet day to day problems pertaining to academic issues.

The following teachers have been nominated on the Senate.

1. Dr. Paranjpe
2. Dr. R.K. Porekar
3. Dr. A.G. Kothari


Item 01.13 : Any other item with permission of the Chair.

The Senate placed on record the appreciation for the contribution of Dr. M.U. Deshpande, Director of NIT, for the development of the Institution.

The Meeting ended with the vote of thanks to the Chair.


B.M. Ganveer

Secretary


M.U. Deshpande

Chairman

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