

## DRAFT MINUTES OF THE 21<sup>ST</sup> MEETING OF THE SENATE HELD ON 15<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2011.

The following members were present;

1.	Dr. C. S. Moghe	I/c Director	Chairman
2.	Dr. V. S. Adane	Professor of Architecture & Planning	Member
3.	Dr. Animesh Chatterjee	Head, Deptt. of Mechanical Engg.	Member
4.	Dr. I. K. Chopde	Professor of Mechanical Engg.	Member
5.	Dr. V. K. Deshpande	Professor of Physics	Member
6.	Dr.(Mrs.) A. R. Dongre	Professor of Architecture & Planning	Member
7.	Dr. R. S. Gedam	Head, Deptt. of Physics	Member
8.	Dr. A. D. Ghare	Chief Warden	Member
9.	Dr. (Ms.) M. Ghoshal	Head, Department of Humanities	Member
10.	Dr. L. M. Gupta	Professor of Applied Mechanics	Member
11.	Dr. Rajesh Gupta	Dean (Planning & Development)	Member
12.	Dr. R. K. Ingle	Professor of Applied Mechanics	Member
13.	Dr. O. R. Jaiswal	Head, Deptt. of Applied Mechanics	Member
14.	Dr. Y. B. Katpatal	Professor of Civil Engg.	Member
15.	Dr. A. G. Keskar	Professor of Electronics & Comm.	Member
16.	Dr. A. G. Kothari	Dean (Administration)	Member
17.	Dr. (Mrs.) Anupama Kumar	Head, Department of Chemistry	Member
18.	Dr. K. D. Kulat	Head, Deptt. of Electronics & Comp.Sc. Engg.	Member
19.	Dr. A. M. Kuthe	Professor of Mechanical Engg.	Member
20.	Dr. M. M. Mahajan	Professor of Applied Mechanics	Member
21.	Dr. V. A. Mhaisalkar	Head, Deptt. of Civil Engg. & Chemical Engg.	Member
22.	Dr. R. K. Paretkar	Professor of Metallurgical & Materials Engg.	Member
23.	Dr. S. U. Pathak	Professor of Metallurgical & Materials Engg.	Member
24.	Dr. A. P. Patil	Head, Deptt. of Metallurgical & Materials	Member
25.	Dr. R. M. Patrikar	Dean (Academics)	Member
26.	Dr. D. R. Peshwe	Professor of Metallurgical & Materials Engg.	Member
27.	Dr. A. D. Pofale	Professor of Civil Engg.	Member
28.	Dr. P. D. Porey	Professor of Civil Engg.	Member
29.	Ms. Chandra Sabnani	Head, Deptt. of Architecture & Planning	Member
30.	Dr. S. G. Sapate	Professor of Metallurgical & Materials Engg.	Member
31.	Dr. S. R. Sathe	Professor of Computer Science Engg.	Member
32.	Prof. S. Shringarputale	Professor of Mining Engg.	Member
33.	Dr. G. P. Singh	Professor of Mathematics	Member
34.	Dr. K. L. Thakre	Professor of Electrical Engg.	Member
35.	Dr. S. B. Thombre	Professor of Mechanical Engg. & O i/c T&P	Member
36.	Dr. H. T. Thorat	Professor of Mechanical Engg.	Member
37.	Dr. N. R. Thote	Head, Deptt. of Mining Engg.	Member
38.	Dr. A. K. Tiwari	Head, Deptt. of Mathematics	Member
39.	Dr. S. S. Umre	Dean (Students Welfare)	Member
40.	Dr. B. M. Ganveer	Registrar	Secretary

Mr. V. Rahul, Secretary, Post graduate Academic Affairs attended the meeting as Student's representatives.

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

Prof T. S. Sampath Kumar, IIT Madras, Prof. S. V. Bhat from I.I.Sc. Bangalore and Prof. (Mrs.) R. B. Nair from IIT Delhi, Dr. M. V. Aware, Professor in Electrical Engg., Dr. M. K. Khedkar, Head, Deptt. of Electrical Engg., Dr. P. M. Padole, Professor of Mechanical Engg., Dr. H. M. Suryawanshi, Professor of Electrical Engg. did not attend the meeting.

Dr. A. G. Deshpande, Professor of Mathematics, Dr. N. V. Deshpande, Professor of Mechanical Engg. Dr. G. N. Ronghe, Professor of Applied Mechanics and Dr. O. G. Kakde, Dean (Research & Consultancy) sought leave of absence.

At the outset, the Chairman welcomed Prof. P. D. Porey, who has re-joined the Institute after a period of 5 years.

Agenda items discussed as under :

**S 21.01 To note the draft minutes of the 20<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Senate held on 31<sup>st</sup> August 2010.**

Noted.

**S 21.02 To note the Action Taken Report on decisions of the 20<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Senate.**

Noted.

#### **PART – A**

**S 21.03 Rules regarding attendance.**

The Senate reiterated the stand that 100% attendance is expected from the students. However, relaxation can be granted only to the extent of not more than 25%. All teachers shall, before each Sessional test, caution such of their students who have poor attendance record.

**S 21.04 To consider the criteria for open electives.**

After deliberations, it was decided to discuss the matter at HoD level and a proposal placed before the Senate for consideration in its next meeting. It was decided too, to get a feedback from the department student representatives about the open electives they would like to see offered.

**S 21.05 Review of credits earned by the students.**

The Senate resolved that, to be eligible to register for next semester, a student should have earned;

- a) at least 56 credits after 3 years;
- b) 144 credits after 4 years and
- c) 232 credits after 5 years.

**S 21.06 Ratification of the decision regarding "Conversion Factor" from CPI to percentage.**

The Senate ratified the decision of the then Chairman, Senate regarding conversion from CPI to percentage. A few of the members, however, did express their reservations about the correctness or validity of this conversion.

**S 21.07 Institution of Award (Medal) to B.Tech. (Mining Engineering).**

The Senate approved the Institution of "Cash Award" to be given from the interest earned on the corpus deposited by VRCE Mining Alumni Association.

## PART – B

**S 21.08 Induction of new electives in Electronics & Communication Engineering.**

Approved as proposed.

**S 21.09 Induction of MEMS Laboratory Course in Electronics Engineering.**

The Senate ratified the induction of MEMS Laboratory course in Electronics Engineering.

**S 21.10 Modification in B.Tech. (Computer Science Engineering) scheme.**

Approved the modification in B.Tech. (Computer Science Engineering) scheme with a note to the BoS of Computer Science Engineering to consider moving all open courses to the higher semesters, if possible.

**S 21.11 To consider the request of Maharashtra Pollution Control Board (MPCB) for instituting a Chair for the post of Professor in Environmental Engineering.**

Approved the proposal with a decision to execute a MoU with MPCB.

**S 21.12 Sponsored fellowship from Maharashtra Pollution Control Board (MPCB) for M.Tech. and Ph.D. students in the area of Environmental Engineering.**

Approved the proposal with the clarification that the full time fellowship will be for 2 M.Tech. students and 1 Ph.D. scholar. The selection and admission procedure would be decided in consultation with MPCB.

**S 21.13 Credit course for Ph.D. and M.Arch. (by Research) in the Department of Architecture and Planning..... Item for ratification.**

Ratified.

**S 21.14 Clarification on offering the courses under HM category.**

The Senate while deliberating on the item clarified that an HM course can be considered an OC course but not vice-versa. The issue was deferred with a suggestion that the matter can be discussed in the respective Boards of Studies and put up in the next Senate meeting for consideration.

**S 21.15 Contingency grant for full time Ph.D. scholars.**

Approved with the clarification that only full time Research Scholars of Engineering / Sciences / Humanities faculties will be entitled for the contingency grant.

**S 21.16 Any other item(s) with permission of the Chair.**

**(a) Starting M.Tech. (Communication System Engineering) programme in Electronics Engineering.**

Approved in principle. However, the proposed M.Tech. course will be started from the academic year 2012-13 on receiving the approval from Govt. of India for necessary manpower and space. It is further resolved that the syllabus be properly framed and approval of the full Board of Studies obtained before it is placed in the Senate.

**(b) Splitting of Department of Electronics and Computer Science Engineering.**

The Senate approved the creation of two separate departments viz. Department of Electronics Engineering and Department of Computer Science & Engineering in lieu of the single common department.

**(c) Students' Council.**

The Senate approved by majority vote the proposal that the methodology for formation of the VNIT Student Council should be along the lines indicated in the Maharashtra University Act, 1994.

**(d) PG Diploma (Part Time) in Environmental Management**

The Department of Civil Engineering proposed to introduce PG Diploma (Part Time) of 1 year duration in Environmental Management. The Senate resolved to obtain the consent of the Ministry of HRD, Govt. of India in the matter.

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair.

**(B. M. Ganveer)**  
**SECRETARY**

**(C. S. Moghe)**  
**CHAIRMAN**