



विश्वेश्वरय्या राष्ट्रीय प्रौद्योगिकी संस्थान, नागपूर - 440010 (भारत)

VISVESVARAYA NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY, NAGPUR - 440 010 (INDIA)

Minutes of the 33rd meeting of the Senate held on 24th January 2014.

The following members were present;

1. Dr. Narendra S. Chaudhari Director ,Chairman
2. Dr. Milind Atrey, Prof. of Mech. Engg., IIT Bombay Member
3. Dr. V. S. Adane Professor of Architecture Member
4. Dr. A. B. Andhare Faculty I/c Training & Placement Member
5. Dr. M. V. Aware Head, Department of Electrical Engg. Member
6. Dr. P. P. Chakavarthy Head, Mathematics Deptt. Member
7. Dr. Animesh Chatterjee Professor of Mechanical Engg. Member
8. Dr. R. B. Deshmukh Head, Department of Electronics Engineering Member
9. Dr. P. S. Deshpande Head, Department of Computer Sc. & Engg. Member
10. Dr. Yogesh Deshpande Head, Deptt. of Humanities & Social Sciences Member
11. Dr. (Ms.) Alpana Dongre Professor of Deptt. of Architecture Member
12. Dr. A. S. Gandhi Professor of Electronics Engineering Member
13. Dr. L. M. Gupta Professor of Structural Engineering Member
14. Dr. R. K. Ingle Dean (Faculty Welfare) Member
15. Dr. O. R. Jaiswal Dean (Academic) Member
16. Dr. Y. B. Katpatal Professor of Civil Engg. Member
17. Dr. A. G. Keskar Professor of Electronics Engg. Member
18. Dr. K. D. Kulat Professor of Electronics Engg. Member
19. Dr. A. M. Kuthe Professor of Mechanical Engg. Member
20. Dr. A. P. Patil, Professor of Electronics Engg. Member
21. Dr. M. M. Mahajan Professor of Structural Engineering Member
22. Dr. V. A. Mhaisalkar Professor of Civil Engineering Member
23. Dr. R. K. Paretkar Head, Deptt. of Metallurgical & Mat. Engg. Member
24. Dr. R. M. Patrikar Professor of Electronics Engineering Member
25. Dr. D. R. Peshwe Professor of Metallurgical & Materials Engg. Member
26. Dr. Rajesh Gupta, Professor of Civil Engineering Dept. Member
27. Dr. S. R. Sathe Dean (P&D) Member
28. Prof. S. Shringarputale Head, Mining Engg. Deptt. Member
29. Dr. G. P. Singh Dean (Students Welfare) Member
30. Dr. H. M. Suryawanshi Dean (Research & Consultancy) Member
31. Dr. A. R. Tembhurkar Head, Civil Engineering Deptt. Member
32. Dr. S. B. Thombre Head, Mechanical Engineering Deptt. Member
33. Dr. S. S. Umare Head, Department of Chemistry Member
34. Dr. K. L. Wasewar Head, Chemical Engg. Member
35. Dr. (Ms.) Rajashree Kotharkar, Head, Deptt. of Architecture Member
36. Dr. P.M. Padole, Professor of Mechanical Engineering Dept Member
37. Dr. R.R. Yerpude, Registrar Secretary

Shri D. M. Parate, Dy. R. (Acd) and Smt. A. A. Ansingkar, A.R. (Exams) were present in the meeting.

Dr. (Ms.) Kamal Singh Former Vice-Chancellor of Amravati University Member, Dr. (Ms.) Meenakshi Gupta, Prof. of Hum. & Social Sc., IIT Bombay, and Dr. S.G. Sapate, Dr. D.H. Lataye, Dr. G. N. Ronghe sought leave of absence.

Dr.Sachin Bakre, ,Dr. I. K. Chopde and Dr.V.K.Deshpande did not attend the meeting.

Mr. K. Darshan, General Secretary, Mr. Avijit Bansal Secretary, Academic Affairs UG and Ms. Piyusha Hirpurkar Secretary, Academic Affairs PG represented the Students Council.

Mr.K.Darshan, General Secretary requested the house to reschedule the AXIS dates as 27th and 28th September 2014.

Mr.Avijit Bansal,Secretary ,Academic Affairs UG has requested to permit students having CGPA<8.5 to opt for mini projects and faculty evaluation should decide credits to be awarded or not. He further requested to permit students to appear for main exams under medical emergencies with proper verification.

The Senate deliberated the agenda and resolved as under.

- i) Possibility of rescheduling AXIS dates to 27th and 28th September 2014 will be looked into by the concerned committee.
- ii) Regarding mini projects, the individual Departments will offer an audit course with 4 credits for all students.
- iii) Regarding medical and other emergencies the Departmental committee will decide genuine cases which shall be given permission to appear in re-examination. The committee shall be under the Chairmanship of HoD and the concerned course coordinators shall be one of the member of the committee.

S 33.01 To note and confirm the minutes of the 32nd meeting of the Senate held on 24th October 2013.

Agenda Item: The minutes of the 32nd meeting of the Senate (Annexure-I) were circulated to all the members. Following two suggestions are received:

1) At the end, Senate noted that Dr B M Ganveer, Registrar, & Secretary of Senate will retire on 30th November 2013. Senate thanked him for his untiring, valuable & meticulous efforts for smooth conduction of various Senate meetings since the beginning.

2) Dr Patrikar suggested to include the clarification that two sided printing of thesis will also necessitate soft binding of thesis.

With these additions, the Senate is requested to confirm the minutes.

Resolution: Minutes are confirmed with above modifications.

S 33.02 To note the Action Taken Report on decisions of the 32nd meetings of the Senate.

Agenda Item:

S 32.03 Change in course code of Sports/Yoga/NCC course.

Resolution: The Senate approved the change in course code of Sports course as SAC101.

Action Taken: Course code PEB 151 has been changed to SAC 101 in the 1st year B. Tech. Course Book. The same change is being implemented in the grade card also.

S 32.04 Course on Human Values.

Resolution: The matter was deliberated at length. In consideration of Human and Social aspects, it was resolved to introduce a course on Human Values for B.Tech. /B.Arch. students. The Chairperson, BoS Humanities, will submit the detailed proposal including scheme and syllabus in the next Senate meeting for consideration.

Action Taken: Proposal is awaited from Humanities Department. Head, Humanities Department informed that from July 2014 session, an Open Course (OC) on Human Values will be started. The syllabus will be prepared and sent for approval in due course of time.

S 32.05 Revision of honorarium for faculty co-ordinator of summer term course.

Resolution: The Senate resolved to pay an honorarium to the faculty coordinator of Summer Term Course as under;

<i>Upto 5 students</i>	<i>- Rs. 5000/-</i>
<i>Students in the range of 6 to 15</i>	<i>- Rs. 15000/- and</i>
<i>Students in the range of 16 to 30</i>	<i>- Rs. 30000/-</i>
<i>Each additional student</i>	<i>- Rs. 1000/-</i>

However, the class size shall be preferably not more than 30 students.

Action Taken: A note regarding revised honorarium has been sent to various departments for information of all the faculty.

S 32.06 Printing of thesis on both sides of pages.

Resolution: Senate approved the printing of thesis on both sides of pages, as proposed.

Action Taken: A note is circulated to all the Departments and it is clarified that the thesis with printing on both sides will be soft bound.

S 32.07 M Tech 3 year Course.

Resolution: Proposal for students admitted under M.Tech. 3 year programme was accepted by the Senate.

Action Taken: Noted for necessary action

S 32.08 Information Brochure for Ph.D. admission.

Resolution: It was unanimously agreed by the House not to encourage part time PhDs. It was further suggested to formulate a mechanism for enabling persons from industry to pursue Ph.D. at VNIT Nagpur.

Action Taken: A proposal submitted by Dean (R&C) for Guidelines on admissions for PhD to persons from industry is included in the Senate at Item No. S33.01

S 32.09 Ordinances on norms for dealing with unfair means.

Resolution: Senate approved the ordinances as proposed.

Action Taken: Norms are sent to all the Departments and to the Disciplinary Action Committee.

S 32.10 Policy to handle academically weak student.

Resolution: The Senate approved the policy with following additions;

- i. Maximum allowable time for B.Arch. shall be 7 years.*
- ii. Category 0 for students who passed in all the courses shall be introduced.*
- iii. In category 1 for higher semester (3rd Semester onwards) the criteria shall be read as, "a student has earned less than 30 credits but 24 or more credits in each of the previous 2 semesters."*

Action Taken: This policy with suggested modifications, which is applicable to students joining July 2013 onwards is included in the Academic Rule Book.

S 32.11 Academic Rule Book.

Resolution: The Senate approved the proposed academic rules with suggested modifications. The Senate further directed to formulate mechanism for monitoring M.Tech. project work to be done in collaboration with industries, which may be placed in next Senate meeting for consideration.

Action Taken: Academic Rule Book with the suggested modification is circulated to all the Departments and is put on the VNIT website. While finalizing the Rule Book, APPEC introduced following two additional changes:

- a) Clause 4.2.1: Credit requirements can exceed by 6 credits rather than rather than 5 credits
- b) CGPA of 8.5 is required rather than that of 8.0 for Mini Project, Independent Study Course
- c) SS, ZZ is included to differentiate between grades obtained in audit course and zero credit compulsory course

A proposal on Guidelines for doing M Tech project work in collaboration with industry is put at Senate Item No. 33.04

S 32.12 Any other item(s) with permission of the Chair.

- a) Request from Gujrat Technical University for seats in M.Tech. and Ph.D. programs.

Resolution: The matter was debated keenly but could not be resolved for want of time.

Action Taken: The proposal will be discussed along with the Senate Item No. 33.03 (Point no. 12) on Ph D program under sponsored category.

Resolution: The senate noted the action taken report of all the above items.

S33.03 Admission to Ph D program under Sponsored Candidate category

Agenda Item: A proposal received from Dean (R&C) and discussed in APPEC is placed at Annexure II. Senate is requested to consider and approve the same.

Resolution: The matter was deliberated at length. It is resolved that minimum stay shall be of one semester. It is further resolved to permit candidates from private sector industries also under sponsored category.

S33.04 Scheme for M Tech projects with industry collaboration

Agenda Item: Based on various proposals, APPEC has prepared a guideline, which is placed at Annexure III. Senate is requested to consider the same.

Resolution: It is resolved that only after completion of complete course work, M.Tech. students will be permitted to join industry for maximum period of one year. Assistantship/Stipend will not be paid, once the student leaves VNIT campus and starts work at the industry. During the discussion it is also pointed out that course work for M Tech shall be spread over the first three semesters uniformly for all the M Tech programs.

S 33.05 Academic Calendar for Academic year 2014-2015 (July 2014 – June 2015)

Agenda Item: Academic Calendar for July-December 2014 semester and January – April 2015 semester has been worked out (Annexure IV) and approved by the Chairman Senate, so that these dates could be included in the VNIT Wall-Calendar. Senate is requested to approve the same.

Resolution: The Summer vacation starts from 8th June 2014 and not from 8th May 2014. The first week attendance of the students is a must.

The senate formulated a committee of Dr. D. R. Peshwe, Dr. A. G. Keskar and Dr. O. R. Jaiswal, Dean (Academics) to look into various issues related to academic calendar. Committee will come up with a revised schedule by considering all the points raised during the discussion.

S 33.06 Proposal from Architecture Department regarding shifting a course from EVEN to ODD semester

Agenda Item: Due to operational problems in registration of course ART503, the BoS of Architecture Department had requested to shift this course to ODD semester. Proposal is at Annexure V. Chairman Senate had approved the same so that registration can proceed. Senate is requested to ratify the approval.

Resolution: Approved.

S33.07 Starting of new Elective courses at Mechanical Engineering Department

BoS of Mechanical Engineering had sent a proposal to start a set of new electives. Since last Senate, this proposal was modified as per the suggestions by APPEC. The modified proposal is at Annexure VI. Since some of these courses were to be included in the registration for EVEN Semester, Chairman Senate had approved their inclusion in the scheme of instruction. Senate is requested to approve the syllabus of these courses.

Resolution: Approved.

S33.08 Review of progress of students who were given special permission in last semester

Agenda Item: APPEC has reviewed the progress of special cases permitted last semester and suggestions are placed at Annexure VII. Senate is requested to approve the same.

Resolution: The senate accepted the recommendations.

S33.09 Chief Guest for convocation

Agenda Item: The 12th Convocation of VNIT is proposed to be held on Monday, the 15th September 2014. In the new year message to all the Centrally funded institutes delivered through live webcast, the Honorable President of India, Shri Pranab Mukherjee had expressed his wish to visit all NITs. In this context, Rashtrapati Bhavan has contacted the Director and requested to explore the possibility of inviting the Visitor as Chief Guest for the next Convocation. It is proposed to invite the Honorable President of India as the Chief Guest for the 12th Convocation. Senate is requested to approve the proposal.

Resolution: The senate approved the resolution unanimously and Chairman, Senate will decide Guest of Honor for convocation function.

S33.10 Any other point with permission of chair

- i) Chairman, Senate has informed the house regarding visit of Dr. Anil Kakodkar, Padma Vibhushan, on 1st Feb.2014 to VNIT, NAGPUR from 1 PM to 2.45 PM. He further requested all Senate members to attend the said meeting.
- ii) The Registrar and secretary, Senate suggested that from next senate meeting agenda will be circulated by email only. The senate approved the same.

The meeting ended with vote of thanks to the Chair.


(Narendra S. Chaudhari)
CHAIRMAN



