



**MINUTES OF THE 36TH MEETING OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS HELD ON
14TH SEPTEMBER 2013 AT VNIT, NAGPUR.**

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| 1. Dr. S. K. Joshi | - Chairman |
| 2. Dr. Narendra S. Chaudhari | - Member |
| 3. Dr. S. C. Sahasrabudhe | - Member |
| 4. Dr. R. K. Paretkar | - Member |
| 5. Prof. I. L. Muthreja | - Member |
| 6. Shri Rajesh Singh Solanki | - Representative of GoI, Tech. Bureau |
| 7. Shri Satpal Sharma | - Representative of GoI, IFD |
| 8. Dr. B. M. Ganveer | - Secretary |

Prof. (Ms.) Joyashree Roy, Prof. U. N. Gaitonde and Shri Pramod Chaudhary sought leave of absence due to pre-occupation.

At the outset, the Chairman welcomed Dr. Narendra S. Chaudhari, Director on his first meeting of the Board and hoped that with his experience in academic field, the Institute will march towards excellence. He also placed on record the contribution of Dr. T. Srinivasa Rao as a Director I/c of VNIT for previous months. The Chairman thanked Dr. A. G. Kothari, an outgoing Board member for his active and helpful participation and welcomed Dr. R. K. Paretkar as a Board member.

The Board discussed the following agenda :

36.01 To note and confirm the draft Minutes of the 35th meeting of the Board of Governors held on 28th June 2013.

The Board confirmed the minutes of the 35th meeting of the Board held on 28th June 2013 with a noting for the following:

- "item No. 35.07: The Anomalies be first dealt at the institute level, the findings be brought to the notice of the board. Board would decide the further course of action that may involve intervention of MHRD, and/or NIT Council".
- "item No. 35.11 was agreed by the BoG today (14.09.2013) to be deemed to be withdrawn because it has serious *repercussion* on the authority of the BoG".

36.02 To note the Action Taken Report on resolutions of the 35th meeting of the Board of Governors.

The Board noted the action taken report with following remarks;

- As regards item No. 35.04 the Board requested the Director to put up the revised proposal regarding creation of positions of Associate Deans in next meeting.
- As regards selection of faculty (item 35.06), in view of Ministry's recent correspondence dated 23.08.2013, the matter is postponed.

- Item No. 35.11 pertaining to implementation of directives received from MHRD the item was withdrawn.
- While deliberating the recommendations of 30th Senate meeting, the Board suggested to star the item(s) that need specific attention of the Board.
- During discussion of item 35.14, the Board suggested to give the account of matter which have been implemented and the progress made so far.
- As regards construction of 11 storey building (item 35.15(A)), the Board advised the Director to undertake the construction as permissible by law.

The action taken report shall furnish the decision, follow-up action and the latest status.

36.03 To approve the list of students for conferment of degree and awards.

The Board approved the list of students (total 808) for conferment of degree and awards.

36.04 Amendment in VNIT Statutes.

The Board approved the amendment in VNIT Statutes regarding enhancement in age of superannuation of Director from 65 years to 70 years.

36.05 Grant of Special Casual Leave.

In order to enhance academic participation of a faculty to higher level and quality education, the Board approved to grant 15 days Special Casual leave (similar to prevailing practice in IIT Bombay) to be availed in a calendar year by faculty for attending conferences, seminars, short term courses upto a period of one week, faculty selection committee, examinations (preferably for PhD viva-voce). The Special Casual Leave will not be carried over to next year. The institute would consider the absence for a long period (of nature similar to appointment of Director in NIT) as deputation to the extent of permissible rules.

36.06 Appointment of retired faculty from IITs and NITs.

The Board approved the proposal of appointment of retired faculty from IITs and NITs against vacancies, with a suggestion to provide accommodation (on payment basis, as applicable) on campus to such faculty. Such an appointee will be paid Rs. 65,000/- (consolidated) per month or last drawn salary minus pension, plus DA, whichever is lower and a space for office. However, sincere efforts shall be made to fill up vacant positions on regular basis.

36.07 Guidelines for purchase procedure.

The guidelines being as per GFR, the Board approved the purchase procedure. They are enclosed in the *Annexure I* herewith.

36.08 Change of designation of Lecturer in Physical Education to Students Activity & Sports Officer (SASO).

The Board deferred the item.

36.09 To adopt 4-tier flexible faculty structure.

The Board deferred the item.

36.10 Administrative approval of new construction.

- a. The Board approved in principle the new constructions of Boys hostels, Mega mess and recreation facilities for boys and girls. The Board further suggested to refer the matter to Building and Works Committee for preparation of estimates and the budget proposals shall be placed for consideration in Finance Committee. The matter would subsequently be taken up with MHRD for necessary action.
- b. The Board approved the installation of solar power units on academic department buildings with an estimated cost of Rs. 15 Crores.

36.11 Ratification of note approved by the Chairman.

The Board ratified the note approved by the Chairman. This note is about purchase through limited tender enquiry adopted for procurement of goods upto Rs. 25 Lakhs.

36.12 To consider the date of implementation stopping PhD increments for regular faculty completing PhD.

The Board agreed to stop giving PhD increments to regular faculty who are holding faculty position with lower qualifications as per Govt. of India letter F.No. 33-71/2011-TS.III dated 18.03.2013. This shall be effective from today, i.e. 14th Sept. 2013.

36.13 To note the recommendations of the 31st meeting of the Senate held on 29th August 2013.

The Board noted the minutes of 31st Senate and agreed that the term of Dr. R. K. Paretkar shall be 2 years or till date of his retirement whichever is earlier.

36.14 To consider the age of superannuation of Shri V. R. Wanjari, Lecturer in Physical Education.

The board looked at the show cause notice dated 14th Aug 2013 and Mr. V.R. Wanjari's reply dated 21st Aug 2013. It was noted that, in the show-cause notice dated 14th Aug 2013, the reference made to BOG meeting dated 26th May 2012 about redesignation was fully misplaced. The Board deliberated the issue at length in the light of MHRD's letters F.N. 23-1/2008 TS-II dated 18th Aug. 2009 para 5, F.No. 23-1/2008-TS.II dated 16th Sept. 2009 para 5, and F.No. 3-4/2013-TS-III dated 12th July, 2013. To comply with the directives therein, the board resolved that Mr. V. R. Wanjari be retired with immediate effect.

Further, the Board took very serious cognizance of the earlier lapses that occurred in handling the case. To fix up the responsibility and to look into the matter, the Chairman shall constitute a Committee in consultation with the Director.


36.15 Contract appointment of faculty on consolidated salary.

The Board approved the contract appointment of faculty for a period of one year with consolidated salary of Rs. 65000/- per month. In exceptional cases, the matter may be referred to the Board for re-appointment of another term of one year.

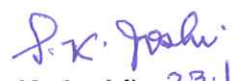
36.16 To consider the request of Dr. S. S. Sonawane for regularization of suspension period.

Dr. S.S. Sonawane requested to review and regularize the suspension period. According to the Para 5(4) read with Para 5(6)(d) of Chapter 5 of CCS(CCA) Rules 1965, once the punishment is imposed, it is not possible to regularize the suspension period. Therefore, the Board regrets to consider the request.

The board resolved that the next board meeting will start with presentation(s) by selected department(s) on their achievement and future plans. This practice will be followed in subsequent meetings. The meeting ended with vote of thanks to the Chair.


(S. K. Joshi) 15/09/2013
Chairman

The minutes are confirmed in the 37th meeting of the BoG held on 23rd October 2013.


(S. K. Joshi) 23.10.13
Chairman, BoG