DRAFT MINUTES OF THE 7TH MEETING OF THE SENATE HELD ON 19TH NOVEMBER 2005.

The following members were present;

1.	Dr. S. S. Gokhale	Director	Chairman
2.	Dr. P. D. Mangalgiri	GM, G.M.I.Ltd, Bangalore	Member
3.	Dr. S. A. Paranjpe	M. D., WELMET, Nagpur	Member
4.	Mr. Satish Parchure	M. D., US Interactive, Mumbai	Member
5.	Dr. Tarun Kant	Professor, IIT, Bombay	Member
6.	Dr. S. U. Pathak	Dy. Director	Member
7.	Dr. I. K. Chopde	Dean (Administration)	Member
8.	Dr. A. G. Deshpande	Dean (Planning & Finance)	Member
9.	Dr. V. K. Deshpande	Dean (Academic Affairs)	Member
10.	Dr. D. R. Peshwe	Dean (Exams)	Member
11.	Mr. V. S. Adane	Head, Deptt. of Architecture	Member
12.	Dr. R. K. Ingle	Head, Deptt. of Applied Mech.	Member
13.	Dr. L. M. Gupta	Professor in Applied Mech.	Member
14.	Dr. S. S. Umare	Head, Deptt. of Appl. Chemistry	Member
15.	Dr. A. D. Pophale	Head, Deptt. of Civil Engg.	Member
16.	Dr. V. A. Mhaisalkar	Professor in Civil Engg.	Member
17.	Mr. S. P. Jog	Professor in Civil Engg.	Member
18.	Mr. R.R.Gawalpanchi	Professor in Civil Engg.	Member
19.	Dr. B. V. Shastri	Professor in Geology	Member
20.	Dr. A. G. Kothari	Head, Deptt. of Electrical Engg.	Member
21.	Dr. K. L. Thakre	Professor in Electrical Engg.	Member
22.	Dr. A. G. Keskar	Head, Deptt. of Electronics & CS	Member
23.	Dr. R. M. Patrikar	Professor in Electronics Engg.	Member
24.	Dr.(Ms.) M. Ghoshal	Head, Deptt. of Humanities	Member

25.	Dr. S. G. Ghangrekar	Head, Deptt. of Mathematics	Member
26.	Dr. P. M. Padole	Head, Deptt. of Mech. Engg.	Member
27.	Dr. H. T. Thorat	Professor in Mech. Engg.	Member
28.	Dr. N. V. Deshpande	Professor in Mech. Engg.	Member
29.	Dr. Animesh Chatterjee	Professor in Mech. Engg.	Member
30.	Dr. R. K. Paretkar	Head, Deptt. of Metallurgical Engg.	Member
31.	Dr. A. K. Gowardhan	Head, Deptt. of Physics	Member
32.	Dr. G. P. Singh	Chief Warden	Member
33.	Shri B. M. Ganveer	Registrar	Secretary

Dr. Sukumar Devotta, Director NEERI, Nagpur, Mr. Vikas Lothe, Director, NPTI, Nagpur, Dr. C. S. Moghe, Prof. in Computer Sc., Dr. M. K. Khedkar, Professor in Electrical Engg. expressed their inability to attend the meeting due to pre-occupation.

Dr. Chalpati Rao, Osmania Univerisity, Dr. Srihari Rao, NIT, Warangal, Mr. A. D. Chopde, i/c Training & Placement, Prof. S. Shringarputale, Head, Deptt. of Mining Engg. could not attend the meeting.

The following agenda was discussed;

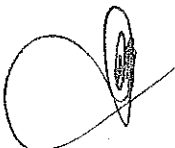**S 07.01   Item for information.**

    (a) Welcome of new members.

        Dr. S. U. Pathak, Dy. Director introduced Dr. S. S. Gokhale, Director and Chairman, Senate, who took over the position of Director, V.N.I.T., Nagpur with effect from 20.10.2005, to the House and welcomed him on behalf of the members of the Senate.

    (b) Placing on record the services of members.

        The Chairman and members of the Senate expressed and resolved to place on record their deep appreciation and gratitude for the support and guidance received from Dr. C. S. Moghe in his capacity as i/c Director and Chairman Senate during his tenure.

        The services of Prof. S. M. Zade (retired voluntarily in October-2005) as Chairman, Board of Studies, Deptt. of Architecture and member of the Senate were also recognized and appreciated.

S 07.02   To note and confirm the draft minutes of the 6th meeting of the Senate held on 24th June 2005.

The Senate noted and confirmed the draft minutes of 6th meeting of the Senate.

S 07.03   To note the Action Taken Report on decisions of the 6th meeting of the Senate held on 24th June 2005.

The Senate noted the action taken report with following observations.

As regards S 06.06, the Chairmen, BoS of Civil Engg. and Electronics & Comp. Sc. Deptt. have informed the House that they are not in a position to run M.Tech. programmes in Geo-informatics and Computer Science and Engg. respectively at this stage. The main reason is stated to be approval / sanction from AICTE and MHRD as well as non-availability of adequate qualified faculty. The Senate suggested the concerned departments to fix up target date to ascertain that the Institute is able to run the courses successfully by July-2007.

As regards, S 06.07, it was suggested that the Committee constituted for preparation of agenda to run MBA course shall also monitor the further processing, by setting a definite target date.

S 07.04   To exempt the students of 1st year B.E. / B.Tech. having old backlog from subjects, "English" and "Social Sciences".

The Senate approved to exempt the old students having backlog in English and Social Sciences and absorbed in new B.Tech. programmes, from appearing in exam in those subjects. However, they are required to audit the courses, as applicable to existing batch of B.Tech. students.

S 07.05   To consider proposals received from the HoD, Architecture.

(1) To restart M.Tech. (Urban Planning) course from Academic Session 2006-07.

The Senate authorised the Chairman to take appropriate decision regarding restarting M.Tech. (Urban Planning) course in consultation with HoD, Architecture and Prof. A. G. Kothari [former Dean (Acd)].

(2) Restoration of B.Arch. intake capacity from 30 to 40. & (3) To introduce new courses in Architecture.

The Senate resolved to defer the issue regarding restoration of B.Arch. intake from 30 to 40 and introduction of new courses in Architecture till the visit of Council of Architecture (CoA) takes place.

S 07.06   Introduction of new course in M.Sc. (Environmental Science).

The Senate expressed inability to start the course, as the Institute has no adequate qualified faculty and infrastructure available to run the M.Sc. course at V.N.I.T.

S 07.07   To approve the syllabus for II & III Semester, M.Tech. (Water Resource Engineering) programme.

The Senate approved the syllabus with the modifications that the subjects to be offered for all electives in Semester II and III are grouped or classified and mentioned in the Scheme appropriately.

S 07.08   Presentation by Dr. S. S. Gokhale, Director.

(1) Administrative Structure

The Director during his presentation circulated the proposal of "Administrative Structure" and Grading System (based on IIT, Madras) with request to the members to go through the same and offer suggestions before discussing it in the next Senate meeting.

(2) Meeting with BoG members

The Director apprised the House about his recent visit to Principal Secretary to Govt. of Maharashtra (Deptt. of Higher & Technical Education) and Director, IIT Bombay, both Board members and conveyed their full support in developmental (academic as well as R & D) activities of the Institute. The interaction with Principal Secretary to GoM was about,

(a) setting up of finishing orientation school in view of rapid globalization of Information Technology, its expansion in Nagpur region and also acting as a pace-setter to various engineering colleges in Nagpur area.

(b) The Institute may take lead in playing key role in offering support for construction of international standard Cargo hub.

The Principal Secretary to GoM suggested to make presentations in this respect during ensuing Winter Assembly Session scheduled at Nagpur in December 2005.

Dr. Ashok Misra, Director, IIT, Bombay and Hon'ble member of the Board promised his full support on all academic related activities, in the best interest of the Institute.

The Director expressed his concern about the in-adequate number of qualified faculty especially with Ph.D.s and requested the members to encourage our colleagues to complete their Ph.D. and assure them all possible facilities in the research activity.

He further appealed that we may plan out activities in such a way so that the accreditation programme can be taken up during the month of June-July 2006.
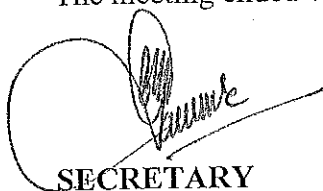
The Director also expressed a need to develop confidence building measures between faculty and students and requested to have open dialogue with students.

S 07.09   Any other item(s) with permission of the Chair.

   (A) To consider   (1) Modification in M.Tech. (Industrial Engineering & Heat Power Engineering) and,

   (2) Change the name of one of the subject of B.Tech. (Mech.) programme.

The Senate deferred the issue regarding modification in M.Tech. programme and suggested the Head of the Mech. Engg. Deptt. to re-submit the same with concrete proposal in the next Senate meeting.

The meeting ended with vote of thanks to the Chair.

SECRETARY

CHAIRMAN