

DRAFT MINUTES OF THE 7TH MEETING OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS HELD AT 11.00 A.M. ON 17TH MAY 2005, AT V.N.I.T., NAGPUR.

The following were present :

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| 1. Shri S. S. Sohoni | Chairman |
| 2. Shri V. R. Jamdar | Member |
| 3. Dr. R. W. Khare | Member |
| 4. Prof.. A. D. Chopde | Member |
| 5. Prof. P. D. Porey | Member |
| 6. Prof. C. S. Moghe, i/c Director | Member – Secretary |

Dr. Ramegowda, Prof. Ashok Misra, Dr. Vijay Bhatkar, Dr. K. Subramanian, Shri Ravi Mathur, Shri Bhawarlal Jain and the Nominee of Govt. of Maharashtra did not attend the meeting.

At the outset, the Hon'ble Chairman and members of the Board expressed, and resolved to place on record, their deep appreciation and gratitude for the support and guidance received from Prof. Ashok Misra during his tenure as Chairman of the Board of Governors. The i/c Director expressed confidence that the Institute would continue to benefit by his contribution in the future as well.

The following agenda was discussed;

07.01 To confirm the draft minutes of the 6th meeting of the Board of Governors held on 14th August 2004.

The Board considered, approved and confirmed the draft minutes of the 6th meeting of the Board of Governors, held on 14th Aug 2004.

07.02 To note the Action Taken Report on resolutions of the 6th meeting of the Board of Governors.

The Board noted the Action Taken Report on all the items.

While discussing the Action Taken Report on item No. 06.07, the Board approved the inclusion of Director's nominee as Member-Secretary and recommended also, inclusion of one representative belonging to the weaker section. The Board further resolved that non ex-officio members of the Grievance Committee would have a tenure of two years and that the Chairman of the Committee would report to the Director.

07.03 To finalise the Vision and Mission Statement of the Institute.

The Board expressed its appreciation of the comments received from Shri Bhawarlal Jain and Dr. R. W. Khare on the draft Vision and Mission statement. To enable wider participation and contribution of all the constituents of the Institute in formulating this important document, the Board recommended that the draft version of the document may form the basis for discussions among members of the Staff Association and Students Council respectively. Representatives of the faculty and students may then have meetings to finalise the document for the consideration and approval of the Board.

07.04 To discuss Dr. R. W. Khare's proposals in respect of (i) Pro-active monitoring of examination results and (ii) An "Evolution Centre" for students.

The i/c Director informed the Board that a formal mechanism is already provided for by the Senate through its Central Examination Cell and the Senate Standing Committee for pro-active monitoring of examination results. However, the Senate could, in its next meeting, re-examine the functioning of these bodies in the light of the proposal.

The Board noted that many of the activities within the purview of the proposal "Evolution Centre" are already being carried out effectively in the Institute by various sections / departments. The Board resolved to discuss the proposal in its full detail at a more opportune time.

07.05 To consider the delegation of financial and other powers to the Dy. Director, Deans and Heads of the Departments.

The Board requested the Director to prepare a concise and concrete agenda note examining the idea of delegating financial and administrative powers to the Deans and place it for consideration in a subsequent meeting of the Board.

07.06 To consider the representation of the Staff Association of V.N.I.T. in respect of perceived anomalies of the V Pay Revision.

The Board deferred decision on the item with the directives to examine the issue in its entirety in terms of the rules, its financial implications, effective dates of implementation etc. The Board further advised the Director to put up a comprehensive agenda note with reference to specific cases, in a subsequent meeting.

While deliberating this issue, the Member-Secretary brought to the notice of the Board the applications of Dr. M. V. Aware, Asst. Professor, and Shri S. R. Tambey, Lecturer, for the purpose of benefits under Career Advancement Scheme (CAS).

The rules stipulate among other things that a faculty must have put in at least 8 years of service as Assistant Professor for consideration for promotion to the post of Professor and at least 5 years as Lecturer (Selection grade) for consideration for promotion to the post of Asst. Professor. Dr. M. V. Aware and Shri S. R. Tambey have only about 1 ½ years of service as Asst. Professor and Lecturer respectively, but have more than 8 years of teaching experience in their capacities as Scientist "C" and Scientist "B". (The post of Scientist "C" and Scientist "B" were re-designated as Asst. Professor and Lecturer respectively by the Board in its meeting held on 27th June 2003). Taking into account their experience of 8 years in teaching on posts considered by the Board itself as equivalent of teaching posts, the Board resolved to permit Dr. Aware and Shri Tambey to appear before the Selection Committee for promotion under CAS as a special case provided that they satisfied all other eligibility conditions as stipulated by the CAS rules. The Board specifically mentioned that this special permission should not be construed to mean grant of equivalence with retrospective effect.

07.07 Appointment of AMAs and recognition of Hospitals authorized by CGHS for V.N.I.T. employees and their families.

The Board approved the proposal of appointment of AMAs and recognition of hospitals authorized by CGHS for V.N.I.T. employees and their families, as proposed.

07.08 To approve the V.N.I.T. Statutes.

The Board asked the Director to examine the Statutes carefully, ensure that the text thereof placed before the Board is free from any errata and place them for consideration and approval of the Board in a subsequent meeting.

07.09 To approve and note the appointment of non-teaching staff made by the Institute.

The Board approved the appointment of Ms. Kritika Kriplani as Dy. Registrar (Accounts) and noted the other appointments in the proposal.

07.10 To review the norms for payment of cash handling allowance to Cashiers.

The Board resolved to apply CCS Rules for payment of cash handling allowance to the cashier at V.N.I.T. Nagpur.

07.11 To approve the new Pension Scheme for V.N.I.T. employees recruited after 1st January 2004.

The Board approved the new Pension Scheme of the Central Govt. for implementation at V.N.I.T. for those recruited after 1st January 2004.

07.12 To ratify the notes approved by the Chairman.

(a) Empanelment of professional auditors.

The Board ratified the note approved by the Chairman for empanelment of professional auditors.

(b) Visits abroad for conferences.

The Board ratified the notes approved by the Chairman regarding visits abroad of the faculty for international conferences. The Board also approved the visit of Dr. P. S. Kulkarni to Nepal for International Conference.

The details of the faculty and conferences are as under;

Sr. No.	Name of Faculty	Name of Conference, Place of Visit & Period
1.	Dr. N. V. Deshpande, Prof. & Head & Dr. D. B. Zodpe, Lecturer in Mech. Engg. Deptt.	ASME Conference on IC Engines, Chicago, April 5-7, 2005
2.	Dr. N. V. Deshpande, Prof. & Head & Shri. J. G. Suryawanshi, Lecturer in Mech. Engg. Deptt.	ASME Conference on IC Engines, Chicago, April 5-7, 2005
3.	Dr. A. G. Keskar, Professor in Electronics & Comp.Sc.Deptt.	9 th International Conference on "Knowledge Based Intelligent Information & Engineering Systems" at Hilton on the Park, Melbourne, Australia, during September 14-16, 2005.
4.	Dr. S. S. Umare, Asst. Professor in Chemistry Deptt.	8 th SPSJ International Polymer Conference (IPC 2005), on "Emerging Horizons in Polymer Science & Engineering", at Fukuoka, Japan, during July 26-29, 2005.
5.	Dr. V. K. Deshpande, Asst. Professor in Physics Deptt.	International Conference on "Solid State Ionics" at Baden-Baden, Germany, during July 17-22, 2005.
6.	Mr. R. S. Gedam, Lecturer in Physics Deptt.	International Conference on "Solid State Ionics" at Baden-Baden, Germany, during July 17-22, 2005.
7.	Dr. P. S. Kulkarni Lecturer in Electrical Engg. Deptt.	6 th International Conference on "Development of Hydro Power – A Major Source of Renewable Energy" at Kathmandu, Nepal, during June 7-9, 2005.

(c) Office Order about relieving Mrs. J. K. Shukla from service of the Institute.

The Board approved the office order No. Estt-A/6681(3) dated 18.12.2004 regarding termination of services of Mrs. J. K. Shukla and relieving her from the services of this Institute w.e.f. 07.12.2003.

(d) Experts panel for interviews of non-teaching posts.

The Board ratified the note submitted to the Chairman vide No. Admn/HSSC/6655 dated 08.12.2004 regarding panel of experts for interviews of non-teaching posts. .

07.13 To approve the Minutes of the 4th meeting of the Finance Committee held on 31st January 2005.

The Board noted the Minutes of the 4th meeting of the Finance Committee held on 31st January 2005.

07.14 To approve the Minutes of the 4th & 5th meetings of the Building and Works Committee held on 8th Nov 2004 and 25th February 2005 respectively.

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07.15 To approve the minutes of the 5th meeting of the Senate held on 20th Sept 2004.

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07.16 To note and approve the 6th and 7th meetings of the Stores Purchase Committee held on 21st June 2004 and 12th January 2005 respectively.

The Board noted the minutes of the 6th and 7th meetings of the Stores Purchase Committee held on 21st June 2004 and 12th January 2005 respectively.

07.17 To note the Action Taken Report on item by circulation regarding recognition of Staff Association and Non-teaching Employees Union.

The Board noted the information about the recognition of Staff Association and Non-Teaching Employees Union.

07.18 To consider and approve enhancement in remuneration for additional assignment.

The Board permitted the Director to withdraw the item.

07.19 Consideration of Sabbatical leave to faculty members.

The Board appreciated the importance of Sabbatical Leave for both the teacher proceeding on such leave and also the Institute, on account of the experience, expertise and exposure that the teacher can plough back in the teaching-learning processes. The Board, therefore, is, in principle, favourably inclined to support proposals for Sabbatical Leave. The Board, therefore, asked the Director to prepare a set of guidelines that can form the basis for considering applications for Sabbaticals.

In view of the present acute shortage of regular faculty in the Institute, the Board resolved to review the matter at the end of this calendar year.

07.20 To approve the recommendations of the Screening Committee for Grade C employees.

The Board approved the recommendations of Screening Committee for continuation of 6 Group "C" employees (vide reference No. Adm/SSC/1905(b) dated 16.04.2005) beyond the age of 58 years till they attain the age of 60 years.

07.21 To consider the creation of a BC Cell.

The Board approved the creation of a "Special Cell" and its constitution as proposed, to assist the administration for proper implementation of reservation policies and directives of the Govt. of India in matters of recruitment, promotions and personnel administration.

07.22 Status of the Pending Court Cases.

The Board noted the status of pending court cases.

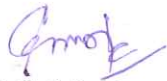
07.23 Any other item with permission of the Chair.

Representation / letter from graduating B.Tech. students.

The Board took note of the letter sent by the B.Tech. students of 2001-05 to all members and resolved to discuss it in the next meeting. It instructed the Director to prepare a "Status paper" in this matter and place it before the Board in the next meeting for discussion.

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

Draft minutes of the 7th meeting of the Board of Governors held on 17th May 2005 are hereby confirmed.


C. S. Moghe
Member-Secretary

Date : 06.07.2005


S. S. Sohoni 6.7.05
Chairman