

## विश्वेश्वरय्या राष्ट्रीय प्रौद्योगिकी संस्थान, नागपूर — 440 010 VISVESVARAYA NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY, NAGPUR – 440 010

# MINUTES FOR $39^{th}$ MEETING OF THE SENATE HELD ON MONDAY, JULY 06, 2015 at 10.30 AM IN THE SENATE HALL OF V.N.I.T., NAGPUR.

The following members were present;

| S. N. | Name of Senate Members         | Designation / Department                                 |                    |  |  |  |
|-------|--------------------------------|--|--------------------|--|--|--|
| 1     | Dr. Narendra S. Chaudhari,     | Director, VNIT, Nagpur                                   | Chairman<br>Member |  |  |  |
| 2     | Dr. Kamal Singh                | Ex. Vice Chancellor, Amravati                            |                    |  |  |  |
| 3     | Dr. Meenakshi Gupta            | Prof. of Humanities, IIT Mumbai                          | Member             |  |  |  |
| 4     | Prof. O. R. Jaiswal            | Dean (Academics), VNIT, Nagpur                           | Member             |  |  |  |
| 5     | Dr. S. R. Sathe                | Dean (Planning & Development),<br>VNIT, Nagpur           | Member             |  |  |  |
| 6     | Dr. P. M. Padole               | Dean (Faculty Welfare), VNIT,<br>Nagpur                  | Member             |  |  |  |
| 7     | Dr. H. M. Suryawanshi          | Dean (Research & Consultancy),<br>VNIT, Nagpur           | Member             |  |  |  |
| 8     | Dr. G. P. Singh                | Dean (Students Welfare), VNIT,<br>Nagpur                 | Member             |  |  |  |
| 9     | Dr. A. G. Keskar               | Professor of Electronics, VNIT,<br>Nagpur                | Member             |  |  |  |
| 10    | Prof. L. M. Gupta              | Professor of Applied Mechanics,<br>VNIT, Nagpur          | Member             |  |  |  |
| 11    | Dr. Y. B. Katpatal             | Prof., Department of Civil Engineering, VNIT, Nagpur     | Member             |  |  |  |
| 12    | Dr. S. S. Umare                | Prof., Dept. of Applied Chemistry,<br>VNIT, Nagpur       | Member             |  |  |  |
| 13    | Dr. R. K. Ingle                | Professor of Applied Mechanics,<br>VNIT, Nagpur          | Member             |  |  |  |
| 14    | Dr. (Mrs.) Rajashree Kotharkar | Head, Dept. of Architecture, VNIT, Nagpur                | Member             |  |  |  |
| 15    | Dr. V. S. Adane                | Professor of Architecture, VNIT,<br>Nagpur               | Member             |  |  |  |
| 16    | Dr. Alpana Dongre              | Prof., Deptt. of Architecture and Planning, VNIT, Nagpur | Member             |  |  |  |
| 17    | Dr. A. R. Tembhurkar           | Head, Civil Engg. Deptt., VNIT,<br>Nagpur                | Member             |  |  |  |
| 18    | Dr. K. Bhurchundi              | Professor of Electronics Engineering, VNIT, Nagpur       | Member             |  |  |  |
| 19    | Dr. Rajesh Gupta               | Professor of Civil Engineering, Member VNIT, Nagpur      |                    |  |  |  |
| 20    | Dr. P. S. Deshpande            | Head, Department of Computer Memb                        |                    |  |  |  |
| 21    | Dr. N. R. Thote                | Prof of Mining Engg., VNIT,<br>Nagpur                    | Member             |  |  |  |
| 22    | Dr. V. K. Deshpande            | HoD, Deptt. of Applied Physics,<br>VNIT, Nagpur          | Member             |  |  |  |





| 23 | Dr. K. D. Kulat           | Professor, Dept. of Electronics<br>Engineering, VNIT, Nagpur | Member               |
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| 24 | Dr. Abhay S. Gandhi       | Professor of Electronics Engineering, VNIT, Nagpur           | Member               |
| 25 | Dr. Yogesh M. Deshpande,  | Head, Deptt. of Humanities, VNIT, Nagpur                     | Member               |
| 26 | Dr. P. P. Chakravarthy    | Head, Deptt. of Mathematics, VNIT, Nagpur                    | Member               |
| 27 | Dr. Shashikant B. Thombre | Professor of Mechanical Engg., VNIT, Nagpur                  | Member               |
| 28 | Dr. Animesh Chatterjee    | Professor of Mechanical Engg., VNIT, Nagpur                  | Member               |
| 29 | Dr. A. M. Kuthe           | Head, Deptt. of Mechanical Engg.,<br>VNIT, Nagpur            | Member               |
| 30 | Dr. Dilip R. Peshwe       | Professor of Metallurgical & Materials Engg., VNIT, Nagpur   | Member               |
| 31 | Dr. A. P. Patil           | Professor of Metallurgical & Materials Engg., VNIT, Nagpur   | Member               |
| 32 | Dr. K. L. Wasewar         | HoD, Dept. of Chemical Engg,<br>VNIT, Nagpur                 | Member               |
| 33 | Dr. M. R. Ramteke         | Assoc. Dean, VNIT, Nagpur                                    | Invited<br>Member    |
| 34 | Dr. D. H. Lataye          | Assoc. Dean, VNIT, Nagpur                                    | Invited<br>Member    |
| 35 | Dr. Anupama Kumar         | Assoc. Dean, VNIT, Nagpur                                    | Member               |
| 36 | Dr. P. S. Kulkarni        | Assoc. Dean, VNIT, Nagpur                                    | Invited<br>Member    |
| 37 | Dr. R. S. Sonparote       | Assoc. Dean, VNIT, Nagpur                                    | Invited<br>Member    |
| 38 | Dr. J. D. Ekhe            | Assoc. Dean, VNIT, Nagpur                                    | Invited<br>Member    |
| 39 | Dr. V. B. Borghate        | Assoc. Dean, VNIT, Nagpur                                    | Invited<br>Member    |
| 40 | Dr. U. A. Deshpande       | Assoc. Dean, VNIT, Nagpur                                    | Member               |
| 41 | Dr. R. R. Yerpude         | Registrar, VNIT, Nagpur                                      | Member-<br>Secretary |

Shri. Dharmesh M. Parate, Dy. Registrar, Academics, Shri. K. N. Dakhale, Dy. Registrar (Stores and Exam) and Smt. A. A. Ansingkar, Asst. Registrar, Exam has attended the meeting as a special invitee.

Dr. Milind Atrey Professor and In-charge SINE, Department of Mechanical Engineering, IIT Bombay, Powai, Mumbai, Dr. R. B. Deshmukh, Head, Centre of VLSI and Nano Technology, Dr. M. V. Aware, Prof., Department of Electrical Engg, Dr. I. L. Muthreja, HoD, Department of Mining Engg., Dr. Atul Andhare, Asso.Dean(T&P), Dr. A. P. Patil, Prof. Department of Material and Metallurgical Engg., Dr. V. A. Mhaisalkar, Professor, Department of Civil Engg, sought leave of absence.

Dr. S. V. Bakre, Professor of Applied Mechanics, Dr. M. M. Mahajan, Professor of Applied Mechanics., Dr. Girish N. Ronghe, Professor of Applied Mechanics, Dr. S. R. Bhide, Professor,



Department of Electrical Engg., Dr. R. M. Patrikar, Prof., Centre for VLSI and Nano Technology, Dr. S. G. Sapate, Prof., Department of Material and Metallurgical Engg., could not make it to attend the meeting.

Chairman senate extended welcome to Dr. A. S. Gandhi, Dr. K. Bhurchundi, All Associate Dean and thanked Dr. K. D. Kulat, Dr. S. G. Sapate for their valuable contribution in Senate.

S39.01 To note and confirm the minutes of the 38<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Senate held on March 12, 2015.

The minutes of the 38<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Senate (<u>Annexure-I</u>) were circulated to all the members. The observations from Dr. S. B. Thombre are enclosed in (<u>Annexure-II</u>). The suggestions are considered while finalizing action taken report. The Senate is requested to confirm the minutes accordingly.

**Resolution**: The observation from Dr. S. B. Thombre are noted by Senate and the following corrections are done in minutes of 38th Meeting.

- a. Point no. 38.03 the action taken report is self explanatory.
- b. Point no. 38.06 is deferred and Dean (Acd) will collect the data for and submit the same in next Senate.
- c. Point no. 38.07 the modifications are incorporated.
- d. Point no. 38.09 the committee of faculty advisor, Dean (ACD) and Dean (SW) will take the decision jointly.

For point no. 38.08 the old scheme for B.Tech EEE, M.Tech IPS and M.Tech IPD the old scheme will be effective till 2015-2016 with 320 credit points.

The minutes of 38th meeting of senate are approved with above suggestions.

S 39.02 To note the Action Taken Report on resolutions of the 38<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Senate.

#### **UG** Academic

Proposal 1: Request for constitution of the student council of the next academic year in the spring semester of the previous academic year.

Resolution: Deferred. Dean(SW) was not informed about this proposal and hence Senate deferred the same.

Proposal 2: Offering OC/HM courses in the summer term

Resolution: APPEC will discuss this issue.

Proposal 3: Request for establishment of Office of International Affairs (OIA)

Resolution: Associate Dean (T&P) to give feedback to Dean (ACD)

Proposal 4: The rules for change of branch after first year (UG) were modified with the approval of the 37th senate. The student council requests that this rule be implemented for the next incoming batch of UG students (2015-2019).

Resolution: Not approved.

Proposal 5: Offering a first year subject/program core subject (BS/ES/HU) in the same slot as a program elective subject (DE/HM/OC)

Resolution: Not approved.

Action Taken Report: APPEC suggested that OC/HM are not the final year courses, and hence can not be offered in the summer Term.



#### **PG** Academics

1. Provision of one open course for PG students in 3<sup>rd</sup> semester upto 3 credits:

According to the credit requirements from various categories of courses mentioned in academic rule book (From reference 4.1), there is no provision of open course for M.Tech and M.Sc students. There are many PG programmes that are inter-disciplinary in nature where the students can get benefitted with this open course provision. Hence it is requested to The Senate to approve open course category for PG students.

Resolution: APPEC will discuss the issue.

Provision for completing the overall credit requirements in first 2 semesters for the students doing project work in collaboration with the industry:

Many of the students are interested in doing project work in collaboration with industry as it increases the exposure level, experience and provides future scope for working in the same industry. Since some of the students are undergoing industrial training during III semester, it is difficult for the students to attend the sessional and main exams during the training period. Hence, it is requested to The Senate to approve the option of completing the overall credit requirements in two semesters for the students willing to do project work in collaboration with the industry, as the third and fourth semester can be completely dedicated towards the project works.

Resolution: APPEC will discuss the issue.

3. Students council for the year 2015-2016 to be selected during the end of previous academic session (i.e) during April 2015:

It is requested to The Senate to select the Students Council for the next academic session 2015-2016 by the end of previous academic year 2014-2015 as it can pave way for knowledge and experience sharing with the previous Students Council to execute more effectively from the beginning of academic session.

Resolution: The students council members should discuss with Dean (SW) and then bring a proposal. Item is deferred

4. Addition of one Students Council member from Post- Graduation Students as Training and Placement Secretary:

With the fastly increasing PG students every year due to the additional programmes and growing strength, the training and placement requirements for PG students is also gaining significance. Hence, it is requested to The Senate to approve the addition of PG Training and Placement Secretary in the Students Council body for working on the placement requirements.

Resolution: The students council members should discuss with Dean (SW).

5. Addition of mandatory subject in the 1<sup>st</sup> semester that deals with inventions and innovations in the core subjects, journals, magazines, books and related articles for 2 credits.

Resolution: APPEC will discuss the issue.

6. Departmental library facility to be enhanced and number of books in common library to be increased.

Resolution: APPEC committee to discuss.

Action Taken Report: APPEC suggested that all BoS shall explore the possibility of offering OC to PG students and also a course on general research exposure to PG students.

#### S 38.03 Proposal for M Tech + Ph D Dual Degree Course.

 $Based\ on\ the\ information\ received\ from\ IIT\ Bombay, following\ is\ proposed:$ 

- a) At the time of M Tech admissions, it will be notified that maximum five students of M Tech will be given opportunity to get selected for Ph D registration. This selection will be based on performance in the first two Semesters and student will have to give a presentation before a Departmental Committee.
- Candidate recommended by Departmental Committee, will be directly registered for Ph D after all the requirements of M Tech degree are completed.
- c) Candidate will have to do course requirements for Ph D separately.

Senate is requested to approve.

Resolution: The Senate approved the item with title to be read as "proposal for M.Tech / Ph.D. for VNIT M.Tech. Students".

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Action Taken Report: Since candidate will complete all the formality for M Tech, this is no longer a Dual degree program. This is a special facility to M Tech students of VNIT to get admission for Ph D program. This scheme has already been announced in the M Tech admission Information Brochure, at CCMT website.

S 38.04 Teacher nominee for BoG.

As per NIT Act, 2012, constitution of Board of Governors (BoG), as stated in Clause 11(f), one Professor and one Assistant Professor or Lecturer of the Institute would be nominated by the Senate as BoG Members. As per existing practice, in place of Assistant Professor, one Associate Professor is being nominated by the Senate. Present Board member, Shri V K Didolkar, Associate Professor is superannuating

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during June 2015. Dr J D Ekhe is the senior most Associate Professor, who has yet not been nominated to BoG. Hence, Dr J D Ekhe is proposed as the Senate nominee for BoG amongst the Associate Professor.

Senate is requested to approve the proposal.

**Resolution:** The Senate approved the proposal and Dr. J. D. Ekhe is recommended for nomination on BoG after the superannuation of Dr. V. K. Didolkar.

Action Taken Report: Information is given to concerned faculty member.

#### S 38.05 Internship program for UG/PG students

Senate had appointed a committee to suggest guidelines for formalizing the Summer Internship Program. Committee's suggestions are discussed in the APPEC and are placed at (Annexure-II).

Senate is requested to discuss the same and issue the guidelines for implementing the same.

Resolution: Item is withdrawn.

#### S 38.06 UG core course rotation amongst the faculty

APPEC has recommended that UG core courses shall be rotated in every three years and this shall be implemented from July 2015 session. It shall be ensured that each faculty teaches at least one UG core course in an Academic year and under no circumstances UG core course shall be taught by a faculty for more than five years.

Senate is requested to approve the proposal.

Resolution: The Senate has approved the item with a suggestion that HoD will have to ensure the implementation of the same.

#### Action Taken Report: The matter has been discussed in HODs meeting.

#### S 38.07 Entrepreneurship Course for Undergraduate Students.

Associate Dean (III), has sent a note and details of course on Entrepreneurship (Annexure-III). Course has been designed by Alumni Association (AA), in consultation with experts from IITs and IIM. DRSS Bhat and DrRB Deshmukh will be coordinators of the course. Course faculty will be arranged by Alumni Association. Course will be offered in slot A, however, depending on availability of alumni faculty experts, timing may change. It will be a 6-credit course. Evaluation will be in project mode. Maximum 60 students, mainly from 7th Sem B Tech and B Arch will be allowed to register. Interested students will have to appear for an objective test. Students will be selected based on performance in the test.

Senate is requested to discuss the same and issue further guidelines.

**Resolution:** The Senate approved the proposal in principle, and suggested to identify students interested in this OC Course before 1st May 2015. The evaluation of OC Course be done initially by awarding marks by each entrepreneur and grades to be awarded based on the accumulated score. The test for admitting the students for this OC Course will be conducted by Dr. D. R. Peshwe.

Addendum: The students who have already completed the course HUL 409 Psychology and Entrepreneurship Development are not allowed to register for this course. Further, any student can not do both the courses in future.

Action Taken Report: The course has been offered for the forthcoming semester and pre-registration of 60 students is completed.

#### S 38.08 Modified Scheme for B.Tech. (EEE), M Tech (IPS), M Tech(IPD)

BoS of Electrical Engineering Dept. has submitted modified scheme for B Tech (EEE), M Tech (IPS) and M Tech (IPD) programmes (Annexure-IV, V & VI). APPEC offered suggestions on total credit requirements of DC and DE courses, Text Books, Code number of courses etc. Senate is requested to approve the modified schemes.

Resolution: The item is approved with suggested modifications. The Chairman, BoS and Head of the Department Electrical should ensure the modifications be done before the implementation of modified scheme.

Action Taken Report: HOD Electrical Engg. is informed regarding the same.

#### S 38.09 Students with FF and/W grade: not allowing to participate in sports

APPEC has suggested that student with FF and/or W grade shall not be allowed to represent VNIT at any tournament. Senate is requested to approve the suggestion.

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**Resolution:** The Senate suggested that the sports should not become problem for academic development of the students. Hence, the proposal for representing VNIT at any tournament by the students having FF and/or W grade should be routed through Dean (SW) and Dean (ACD) for necessary permission.

Action Taken Report: The information has been given to Sports Activity Centre.

#### S 38.10 Invited members for Senate

APPEC noted that as per NIT Act, Senate consists of all the Professors of the Institute. However, at VNIT, some of the Chairman BoS are Associate Professors. Moreover, Associate Dean (T&P) and Associate Dean (Hostel) may also be Associate Professors.

Since all the Chairman BoS and these two Associate Deans need to attend Senate meetings, it is proposed that they shall be invited members for the Senate.

APPEC further suggested that one Associate Professor and one Assistant Professor shall also be included as invited member to have representation from these two cadres. Senate is requested to discuss and approve.

**Resolution:** The Senate approved the item with the following modifications: Senate resolved to invite all Associate Deans for attending the senate meeting as invited members. Regarding One Associate Professor and One Assistant Professor to be nominated as invited member on senate, the seniority at Institutional level be considered for recommending the names and tenure will be of Two (2) Years. It is further resolved that the invited members shall not participate in voting and will not also be a part of convocation procession unless they are Chairman BoS.

Action Taken Report: All Associate Deans are invited from 39th senate to attend the meeting.

S 38.11 Ph.D. Program under DeitY scheme for industry sponsor candidate - Ratification.

For admission to Ph.D. Program under DeitY scheme for industry sponsor candidates, the eligibility criteria on GATE qualification was exempted and special permission was given by Chairman, Senate.

Senate is requested to ratify the permission.

Resolution: Ratified

S 38.12 Any other item, with the permission of chair.

S 38.12.01 Excellence medal for topper of B.Tech. Programme.

The first topper of each undergraduate program gets academic excellence prize and medal. APPEC has suggested to give a certificate to second topper of each U.G. Programme.

Senate is requested to approve.

Resolution: The Item is approved.

#### Resolution:

The remaining action point report are confirmed with modification that the names of one assistant professor and one associate professor for nomination to the senate from all the departments will be brought to the next senate.

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#### S 39.03 Scheme of instruction with revised credits

As per the suggestions of the meeting of Dean (Acd) all NIT, it is proposed to change the credit structure as follows: 1L/week = 1 credit; 1Lab/week = 0.5 credit. With these changes, the revised minimum credit requirements for various academic programs will be as follows:

| SN  | Category of Course               | Symbol | Credit Requirement |          |                 |          |
|---|----------------------------------|--------|--------------------|----------|-----------------|----------|
|   |                                  |        | B. Tech.           | B. Arch. | M. Tech.        | M. Sc.   |
|   |                                  |        | (4-Year)           | (5 Year) | (2 Year)        | (2 Year) |
|   | Program Core                     |        |                    |          |                 |          |
| 1   | Basic Sciences (BS)              | BS     | 18                 | 04       |                 |          |
| 2   | Engineering Arts & Sciences (ES) | ES     | 20                 | 18       |                 |          |
| 3   | Humanities                       | HU     | 05                 | 06       |                 |          |
| 4   | Departmental core                | DC     | 79-82              | 168      | 33-39           | 54-57    |
|   | Program Elective                 |        |                    |          |                 |          |
| 3   | Departmental Elective            | DE     | 33-48              | 17-23    | 13-19           | 06-09    |
| 4   | Humanities & Management          | HM     | 0-6                | 0-3      |                 |          |
| 5   | Open Course                      | OC     | 0-6                | 0-3      | 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 |          |
| Total requirement :BS + ES + DC+ DE + HM + OC = |                                  | 170    | 219                | 52       | 63              |          |

Further, in the B Tech program, minimum 170 credit requirement includes 10 mandatory tutorials in the core courses. Senate is requested to approve this credit structure for the batches admitting 2015 onwards. For the students with backlog, respective BoS will propose the equivalent credits for the courses in which tutorials are added. For this revised credit structure, the 1st year B Tech scheme of instruction is given in (Annexure-III). Senate is requested to approve.

**Resolution**: The senate approved the item as per the above modifications. The scheme of instructions of individual programme are recommended by respective BoS and checked for consistency amongst all the schemes submitted by other BoS by APPEC and recommended to Chairman Senate for approval. The decision of the Chairman, Senate will be ratified in the next Senate. If number of credits earned by students more than the minimum required then the merit will be decided based on actual CGPA of the student.

#### S 39.04 Cut-off marks at B Sc level for admission to M Sc-ratification by senate

For admission to M Sc program at VNIT, minimum marks required at B Sc level was 55%. This was as per the Senate approval. But as per Centralized Counselling for M.Sc/M.Sc.(Tech) (CCMN) in its information brochure item no 2.indicating "ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS-

For a candidate to be eligible for M. Sc/M.Sc.(Tech) programme:

• The candidate should have 6.5 CGPA (on a 10-point scale) or 60% for OC/OB whereas 6.0 CGPA (on a 10-point scale) or 55% for SC/ST/PH candidates in the qualifying degree.

Since it was pointed out that all other NITs have put B.Sc. marks requirement at 60% and suggested that VNIT shall also make it 60%. In view, of urgency of the matter, Chairman Senate,

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Dean(Acd) and Convener of M Sc admission committee have discussed this matter with HoDs of Chemistry, Mathematics, and Physics and accepted the suggestion of CCMN.

Senate is requested to ratify the same.

**Resolution**: The senate approved the item as the candidate should have 6.5 CGPA (on a 10-point scale) or 60% for OC/OB whereas 6.0 CGPA (on a 10-point scale) or 55% for SC/ST/PH candidates in the qualifying degree.

#### S 39.05 New slot wise Time Table

As per the suggestions from the meeting of Dean(Acd) of all NITs, the revised Slotwise Time Table has been put up at (<u>Annexure-IV</u>) for the Senate approval.

There are two changes: i) Second half slots are of 1 hour duration.

ii) Slots E,F of Wednesday and Friday are swapped with corresponding slots of 9-10 AM and 10-11 AM.

**Resolution**: The senate approved the item.

#### S 39.06 Extension to Ph D scholars

Following Ph D scholars have requested for extension beyond maximum allowable time:

- 1) Mr. A S Mokhade, Computer Science
- 2) Mr. A Y Vyavahare, Applied Mechanics
- 3) Mr. R G Pungle, Mechanical Engg
- 4) Mr. M S Deshpande, Mechanical Engineering

These scholars have completed the six year duration and some have also completed the extension period. APPEC has looked into the details and found that these scholars are regularly giving the six monthly seminars. APPEC suggested that as a last chance, one year extension shall be given and they shall be asked to submit thesis within this year.

Senate is requested to consider the suggestion.

**Resolution**: The senate approved the item and in future such extension will not be given in the above cases. Chairman senate appraised the house that in future such cases will be reviewed critically before giving any extension.

#### S 39.07 Institution of new Awards for topper students

Dr. (Mrs) Neeta P Thacker, has requested to institute an award for the B Arch topper in the memory of her Late husband Architect Pradeep Vishanji Thacker. Architect Pradeep is an VRCE alumni. APPEC has suggested the following: 1) Award shall be for the first and second topper of B Arch. 2) Award will be given in the form of cash prize based on the interest on deposited amount of Rs. 2 Lakh. 3) Award will be for 20 years only and subsequently the amount will be transferred to Student Aid Fund. Above suggestions have been conveyed to Mrs. Neeta Thacker. Senate is requested to give approval to the proposal.

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**Resolution**: The senate approved the item as per the details given below:

- a. For new awards in future, only cash and certificate will be given.
- b. The review of awards will be done after 15 years in consultation with the sponsors and the decision of the Chairman Senate will be final in all respect.
- c. The award committee( for convocation 2015) will review the existing awards more than 15 years old and will make suitable recommendations to the Chairman Senate.

#### S 39.08 Revised scheme for B Arch and M Tech (Urban Planning)

BoS of Architecture Department has proposed revised scheme of instruction for B Arch and M Tech (Urban Planning). In both the schemes credit requirements have been modified in view of reduced weightage. B Arch is now having 219 credit requirement (as against 380 in earlier scheme). In addition to this change, the courses in the scheme of B Arch have been revamped or modified. APPEC has gone through the scheme. Suggestions of APPEC have been implemented. Detailed schemes are given in (Annexure-V). Senate is requested to approve both the schemes.

Resolution: The senate approved the item based on the detailed briefing by Chairman BoS, Department of Architecture and Planning.

### S 39.09 Change in Axis dates from 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> October 2015 to 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> October 2015

Axis Committee has requested that Axis dates be changed from 3rd, 4th October to 17th, 18th October 2015. APPEC has gone through the request and consulted Dean (SW). APPEC suggested that the request may be accepted by the Senate.

Resolution: The senate accepted the request.

#### S 39.10 Suggestions regarding relaxation in Ph D thesis submission norms

Representations are received from Dr M R Ramteke and Dr P S Deshpande (on behalf of all the faculty members of CSE Dept.) regarding relaxing 2 SCI publication requirement for submitting Ph D thesis and also sending Ph D thesis to one of the foreign examiner. APPEC has discussed these representations and opined that the requirement of 2 SCI journal paper shall be maintained and this requirement has shown awareness amongst Ph D scholars regarding quality of journals. Regarding sending Ph D thesis to one of the examiner from foreign university, APPEC opined that decision on this matter may be made after completing minimum ten evaluations from experts of foreign university. Senate is requested to deliberate.

Resolution: The item is deferred.

#### S 39.11 Nomination of APPEC members

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Dr S S Umre and Dr R B Deshmukh are completing their tenure of 2 years as APPEC member. It is proposed to nominate Dr V K Deshpande and Dr A G Keskar to APPEC for a duration of 2 years. Senate is requested to approve the proposal.

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**Resolution**: The senate approved the proposal with a suggestion that such proposals should come from senate.

#### S 39.12 Change of Code of courses offered by Centre for VLSI and Nano Technology.

It is proposed to Change of Code of courses offered by Centre for VLSI AND Nano Technology from EC to VN. This is necessary to distinguish them from the courses offered by the department of ECE. The list of courses whose codes need changes is enclosed in (*Annexure-VI*).

**Resolution**: The senate approved the item and requested BoS of CVN to implement the change so that the new admission for M.Tech programmes 2015 onwards will have the changed code of courses.

#### S 39.13 Any other item with the permission of the Chair.

The chairman senate informed the house regarding Chief Guest for 13th Convocation to be held on September 15, 2015 as His Excellency Mr. Pranab Mukherjee, President of India. He also proposed the Ex. Professor and HoD Computer Science, IIT Chennai Dr. Yaghenarayana as a Special Guest for 13th Convocation of VNIT, Nagpur.

The proposal is approved by the senate

The Meeting concluded with the vote of thanks to the Chair.

Chairman, Senate