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(India)

Minutes for 67<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Board of Governors held on 22<sup>nd</sup> April, 2019 at VNIT, Nagpur.

The following members were present:

1. Shri Vishram Jamdar	Chairman
2. Dr. P.M. Padole, Director, VNIT, Nagpur	Member
3. Mr. V.K. Divekar, NIT Council Representative	Member
4. Prof. Hari Pandalai, Professor of Earth Sciences, IIT Bombay	Member
5. Ms.K.Niveditha Reddy, NIT Council Representative	Member
6. Mr. A.K. Singh, Under Secretary, MHRD, New Delhi (on Skype)	Member
7. Mr. D.K. Singh, Deputy Secretary (IFD), MHRD, New Delhi (on Skype)	Member
8. Dr. V.K. Bakde, Faculty Representative VNIT, Nagpur	Member
9. Dr. S.R. Sathe, Registrar, VNIT, Nagpur	Member - Secretary

**67.01 To confirm the minutes of 66<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Board of Governors held on 7th March 2019 at VNIT Nagpur.**

The Draft Minutes of the 66<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Board of Governors held on 7th March 2019 are placed at **Annexure-I**.

The Board is requested to confirm the minutes.

**Resolution:** The BoG confirmed the minutes of 66<sup>th</sup> meeting of Board of Governors.

**67.02 To note the Action Taken Report on resolutions of the 66<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Board of Governors.**

Item No	Agenda	Resolution	Action taken
66.02.01	To approve signing of MoU between VNIT, Nagpur and various organization.	The draft MoUs(as approved vide item no 64.12) in the prescribed format to be signed by i) Liverpool John Moores University, UK, ii)University of Texas, Arlington, USA and iii) DASSAULT Aviation, Paris, France are put up for the perusal of BoG members and will be sent to MHRD for its approval. MoUs with the organisations i) Agile Connects Private Limited, Nagpur, ii)Research for resurgence foundation,Nagpur and iii)Purti Enterprises Ltd., Nagpur are approved by Chairman, BoG and were placed for perusal of BoG members.	The MoUs in the prescribed format of i) Liverpool John Moores University, UK, ii)University of Texas, Arlington, USA and iii) DASSAULT Aviation, Paris, France are being sent to MHRD for its approval.
66.02.02	The request from IIM Nagpur for construction of temporary accommodation. The IIM Nagpur has sent a letter No. IIMN//DIRSECTT/15/2018 dated 16th July, 2018 and email dated 9th August, 2018 (Annexure-VII )and	BoG agreed in principle to consider request of IIM Nagpur for construction of accommodation on the terrace of current residential buildings rented to them. The item (b),(c) and (d) are declined by BoG. For item no.(a), the legal agreement should be made in consultation with Institute lawyer and same should be circulated amongst BoG members for its approval. This agreement should be an extension of earlier MoU and be signed by IIM	The letter along with the agreement copy has been sent to IIM Nagpur seeking their willingness and the reply is received from them regretting to carry out additional construction on the terrace of current residential buildings.

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	<p>identified certain options which are as given below:</p> <p>(a) Construct a floor above the academic block / hostel block constructed by IIMN during 2016-17.</p> <p>(b) VNIT could rent out some hostel rooms and classrooms.</p> <p>(c) Construct a hostel block and a few classrooms next to the current IIMN premises in VNIT campus and also refurbish bungalows no. 15 &amp; 16 to be used for office / administrative services.</p> <p>(d) VNIT could identify some of their existing infrastructure which IIMN could refurbish to make them appropriate for IIMN use.</p> <p>BoG is requested to deliberate.</p>	<p>Nagpur and VNIT Nagpur with due approval of MHRD.</p>	
66.02.03	<p>The request from Maharashtra Remote Sensing Applications Centre regarding the renewal of lease deed.</p> <p>The Institute is in receipt of letter No. MRSAC/VNIT-lease/850/2018-19 dated September 28, 2018 (Annexure-VIII) from Maharashtra Remote Sensing Applications Centre, Nagpur regarding the renewal of lease deed.</p> <p>BoG is requested to deliberate.</p>	<p>BoG does not agree to renew lease deed for Maharashtra Remote Sensing Applications Centre, Nagpur. However, BoG resolved that the period of one year from the date of confirmation of this minutes be given to MRSAC, Nagpur for relocating their premises and fresh agreement to that effect between VNIT Nagpur and MRSAC, Nagpur be made.</p> <p>BoG further resolved that the, Maharashtra Remote Sensing Applications Centre, Nagpur should pay the rent as per CPWD rate with effect from the date of expiry of lease. i.e. 25th September, 2018.</p>	<p>The letters has been sent to MRSAC, Nagpur along with Legal agreement prepared by Institute Lawyer.</p>

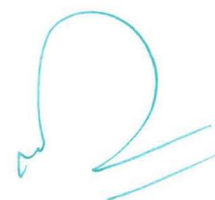
BoG is requested to note.

**Resolution:**

- 1) The BoG noted the action taken report.
- 2) The MoUs of (i) Liverpool John Moores University, UK, (ii) University, of Texas Arlington, USA are sent to MHRD vide Letter No. Admn/1992 dated 8<sup>th</sup> April, 2019 for its approval.

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**67.03 To approve the minutes of 54th Building and Works Committee meeting.**

The 54th Building and Works Committee minutes are put up in (Annexure-II).

The BoG is requested to **note**.

**Resolution:** BoG **noted** the minutes of 54<sup>th</sup> Building and Works Committee.

**67.04 To approve the recommendations of 55th meeting of the Finance Committee held on 7th March 2019.**

The recommendations of 55th meeting of the Finance Committee held on 7th March 2019 are placed. (Annexure-III)

The BoG is requested to approve.

**Resolution:** The BoG approved the recommendations of 55<sup>th</sup> meeting of Finance Committee.

For the item No. F55.06, VNIT, Nagpur is in receipt of gazette notification regarding National Pension Scheme which indicate that the monthly contribution has been enhanced by Central Govt. from present 10% to 14% of Basic Pay + DA with effect from 01.04.2019 and is applicable for all autonomous Institutions.

**67.05 To approve the proceedings of 56th meeting of Finance Committee held on 22<sup>nd</sup> April, 2019.**

The proceedings of 56th meeting of Finance Committee held on 22<sup>nd</sup> April, 2019 are placed in (Annexure-IV).

The BoG is requested to approve.

**Resolution:** The proceedings of 56th meeting of Finance Committee are approved subject to confirmation of minutes in next FC meeting.

**67.06 The request from NMC regarding requirement of land for construction of Sewer Treatment plant.**

The institute is in receipt of request letter from Nagpur Municipal Corporation, Nagpur Letter no MC/45/2019 dated 21st Feb.2019 regarding request for getting consent to construct and maintain Sewer Treatment Plant capacity 12 MLD in VNIT premises.(Annexure-V) During the Dean's Meeting it is decided that this matter be placed in BoG.

The similar request has been raised earlier by Nagpur Improvement Trust, Nagpur which has been discussed during 51st BoG dated 7th June 2016, the details of which are as follows:

*51.09 Land requirement by Nagpur Improvement Trust along Nag river on VNIT campus for construction of sewage treatment plant of 5 MLD capacity.*

*The institute is in receipt of letter from Nagpur Improvement Trust regarding land requirement along Nag river for construction of sewage treatment plant of 5 MLD capacity (Annexure-VI) on VNIT campus.*

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The Nagpur Improvement Trust is requesting the land of 1.50 Acres for this sewage treatment plant along Nag river. VNIT Nagpur has declined the request due to expansion as per the master plan. However, Chief Engineer N I T Nagpur is requesting again to consider.

BoG is requested give directives.

**Resolution:** BoG declined the request.

BoG is requested to deliberate.

**Resolution:** BoG declined the request of Nagpur Municipal Corporation regarding requirement of land for construction of sewage treatment plant.

**67.07 To approve the signing of MOA with M/s Siemens Ltd. for setting up of "Siemens Centre of Excellence" at VNIT, Nagpur.**

As per finance committee item no F.55.09, it has been resolved that the detailed MoA along with the undertaking be placed in forthcoming BoG meeting for its approval. (**Annexure-VI, VIa and VIb**).

The finance committee item no F 55.09 is as given below:

*F 55.09 To approve the setting up of Siemens Centre of Excellence at VNIT, Nagpur.*

*Siemens India Limited has shown the willingness for setting up the "Siemens Centre of Excellence" at VNIT, Nagpur. The detailed proposal is enclosed in Annexure-VIII.*

*The FC is requested to recommend the same to BoG.*

**Resolution:** FC resolved the following:-

- (i) *The necessary contribution from VNIT Nagpur towards setting up of Siemens Centre of Excellence may be given from IRG of the Institute*
- (ii) *The detailed MOA may be placed in the forthcoming BoG meeting for approval, after examining the proposal with reference to standards guidelines issued by MHRD, in this regard.*

The institute has shown the draft MOA to institute lawyer and his opinion has been sought. Hence, BoG is requested to approve signing of MOA for setting up the Siemens Centre of Excellence at VNIT, Nagpur.

**Resolution:** MHRD will be constituting committee for examining the similar proposals regarding setting up of "Siemens Centre of Excellence" at various NIT's. The VNIT, Nagpur may go ahead with the proposal after the receipt of communication from MHRD.

**67.08 To consider the request of Maharashtra State Electricity Distribution Co. Ltd., Nagpur regarding renewal of lease agreement for VNIT substation.**

The Maharashtra State Electricity Distribution Co. Ltd., Nagpur has put up the request letter no: SE/NUC/Tech/Civil dated 5th March 2019(**Annexure-VII**) regarding renewal of lease agreement for VNIT substation at lease rent agreement for Rs.1/- per year. They have mentioned that other organisations including private are giving the land required for erection of substation of 33 KVA or others as per Mahavitran needs at rent lease of Rs.1/- per year.

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The said matter has been discussed during 59th BoG, item no.59.11 the details of which are as follows:

**59.11 To extend Lease of Maha Vitran for Sub-Station.**

VNIT Nagpur(erstwhile VRCE) has given land on lease to MahaVitran (erstwhile MSEB) for erecting Sub-Station for Power Distribution to VNIT Nagpur and other part of locality. The Lease was for 30 years and which will be terminating on 30th December 2018.

Maha Vitran has submitted a request letter for renewal of Lease. The proposal from Associate Dean(Electrical Maintenance) is enclosed in Annexure-XI

BoG is requested to approve.

**Resolution:** BoG approved the renewal of lease of land for its use by Maha Vitran at a monthly rent of Rs. 1,97,442/- w.e.f. 1<sup>st</sup> January, 2019 and asked the Institute to send this proposal along with draft agreement to MHRD for its consent. BoG further resolved that the agreement should be renewed every year with fresh terms and conditions and with a prior approval of Ministry of HRD.

Hence, BoG is requested to deliberate.

**Resolution:** BoG resolved to refer the matter related to renewal of lease agreement for VNIT Sub Station with Maharashtra State Electricity Distribution Co. Ltd., Nagpur to MHRD mentioning the advantages extended by MSEDCL to VNIT, Nagpur.

**67.09 To approve the request of Dr.O.G.Kakde regarding grant of HAG scale.**

Dr.O.G.Kakde has been appointed as Director, IIIT, Nagpur and was relieved on deputation to join on 26th June 2018.

As per the MHRD circular no.F.No.34-9/2012-TS-III dated 22nd March 2013 point (4),it is stated that all NITs should follow the guidelines while fixing the HAG Scales to 20% Professors including the Director's on deputation. (Annexure-VIII)

As per the said circular Dr.O.G.Kakde is eligible to get HAG scale with effect from 26th June 2018.

BoG is requested to approve.

**Resolution:** VNIT, Nagpur should write a letter to IIIT Section for verifying the status of IIIT, Nagpur (PPP model) as regards CFTI for the purpose of grant of HAG Scale.

**67.10 To consider request related to Post Retirement Medical Assistance.**

Dr.I.L.Muthereja, Professor of Mining Engg. was a Board Member from May 2012 to December 2014. During his tenure an agenda item no 31.08 has been placed related to Post Retirement Medical Assistance, the details of which are as given below:

**31.08 The scheme for Post Retirement Medical Assistance.**

**Resolution:** The Board supported the idea and appreciated the role of VNIT as a leader in thinking and suggested to forward the proposal to Ministry of HRD along with our inputs for framing uniform policy for all the NITs.

As per Dr.I.L.Muthereja, the said matter was once again discussed during 36th BoG meeting held on 14th September 2013 but was not included in minutes as it was not a part of agenda.

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He has once again submitted the proposal related Post Retirement Medical Assistance along with all details for its consideration. **(Annexure-IX).**

The said matter was also deliberated during 63rd BoG, the details of which are as given below:

**63.04: To submit the detailed proposal related to Post Retirement Medical Scheme (PRMS) for retired employees (Pensioners and Family Pensioners) of VNIT Nagpur.**

As per the BoG Item No. 62.18.03, a Committee is constituted to prepare a detailed proposal regarding Post Retirement Medical Scheme (PRMS) for retired employees (Pensioners and Family Pensioners) of VNIT Nagpur vide Office Note No. D/483 dated August 6, 2018. (Annexure-IV).

BoG is requested to deliberate.

**Resolution:** Under Secretary, IFD informed the BoG that the Group Insurance Medical Benefit scheme is under consideration for present as well retired employees of NITs at MHRD level. Hence, the proposal related to PRMS need not be considered.

The BoG is requested to deliberate.

**Resolution:** Dy. Secretary (IFD) informed the Board members that Group Insurance Medical Benefit Scheme is under consideration at MHRD level.

**67.11 To note the reply from MHRD regarding Physical Education Personnel's change in designation from Lecturer to Assistant Professor and granting them the associated benefits.**

VNIT Nagpur is in receipt of email along with letter **(Annexure-X)** as a reply to the representations sent by institute on 19.12.2018 to MHRD in connection of Physical Education Personnel's change in designation from Lecturer to Assistant Professor and granting them the associated benefits.

The details of the agenda item placed during 64th BoG meeting is as given below:

**64.15 Representation received from Physical Education Personnel's regarding change in designation to Assistant Professor and giving them the associated benefits.**

The institute is in receipt of representations from Physical Education Personnel's for granting them the status of Assistant Professor and giving them the associated benefits as it is applied to faculties of Physical Education. (Annexure-XIII and Annexure-XIV)

VNIT Nagpur has received the comments from Integrated Finance Division, MHRD regarding this matter (Annexure-XV). These comments were for the agenda item for existing Physical Education Personnel's which were received during 50th BoG meeting and details of agenda item along with resolution is as given below:

**50.06 To consider the change of designation of existing Physical Education personnel's.**

As per item no 3.13 of BoG dated 27th June 2003, to consider the change in designation of Sports Officer to Lecturer in Physical Education, the Board took note of the comments made by Shri S.K. Biswas, Director (NIT) and understood that the proposal is about merely a change in nomenclature and absolutely nothing else by way of financial or other involvement.

The Board, therefore, resolved that the Sports Officer be designated as Lecturer in Physical Education as is done elsewhere in the State of Maharashtra, since long ago.

Further, as per minutes 7th NIT council meeting held on 18th October 2013, it is resolved and accepted following recommendations of Physical Education Committee of the NITs.

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- i) Those physical education personnel's who are already continuing as a faculty, may be allowed in the same position till he/she retires. The cadre of such physical education personnel's would be dying cadre posts after the incumbent retires.
- ii) The sports and students activity scheme to continue as non faculty as duly approved by the council.
- iii) No Physical Education department be opened in NITs.

Consequent to 6th Pay commission implementations the designation of Lecturer in faculty cadre is replaced by Assistant Professor. Therefore, as per the NIT council resolution no.(i) and in compliance with the 6th Pay commission, it is proposed to merely change the nomenclature from Lecturer to Assistant Professor.

The benefits including superannuation of the following employees will be as per the earlier BoG resolution.

Sr.No.	Name of the Employee	Existing Designation	Proposed Designation
1	Dr. Robin Simon	Lecturer	Assistant Professor
2	Dr Prashant S. Nagrale	Lecturer	Assistant Professor

BoG is requested to consider.

**Resolution:** The comments are received from Joint Secretary (NITs and DL) and Under Secretary (IFD) on this item. As per the comments, Lecturer in Physical Education should not be re-designated as Assistant Professor and freeze the positions of the physical education persons.

In the light of above, BoG declined the proposal. BoG suggested that they should be given the option to be absorbed as "Students Activity & Sports (SAS) Officer".

The BoG is requested to deliberate.

**Resolution:** The Council of NITSER has taken a decision that physical education is a dying cadre and those physical education personnel who are already continuing as a faculty, may be allowed in the same position till he/she retires.

BoG resolved that the details regarding this matter should be sent to MHRD for necessary directives.

BoG is requested to note.

**Resolution:** It is resolved that the letter with a factual position and salient points regarding change of designation from Lecturer to Assistant Professor and granting associate benefits be sent to MHRD.

**67.12 To deliberate on the matter related to Assistant Professor Grade II appointed on contract for five years at VNIT Nagpur.**

The note from Estt. section along with a copies of appointment letters and contract documents signed by Assistant Professor Grade II appointed on five years contract at VNIT Nagpur is placed in **Annexure-XI**.

These faculty members could not reach to AGP Rs.8000/- i.e pay level 12 within a stipulated time of five years.

Hence, BoG is requested to deliberate.

**Resolution:** BoG resolved to refer the matter to MHRD.

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**67.13.01 :** To approve implementation of RRs (2017) for faculty of NITs and IEST -issue of clarifications as per the recommendations of the Oversight Committee.

The institute is in receipt of letter No.F.No.33-9/2011-TS-III dated 16th April 2019 regarding implementation of RRs(2017)for faculty of NITs and IEST- issue of clarifications as per the recommendations of the Oversight Committee.(Annexure-XII)

BoG is requested to approve.

**Resolution:** Approved.

**67.13.02 :** Nomination of teacher's nominee for BoG

As per the NIT Act 2012, the item has been put up in 52<sup>nd</sup> Senate held of 28<sup>th</sup> December 2018 regarding Teacher's nominee for BoG the details of which as given below:-

*S 52.05 : Teacher's nominee for BoG.*

*As per NIT Act, 2012, constitution of Board of Governors (BoG), as stated in Clause 11(f), one Professor and one Associate Professor/Assistant Professor of the Institute would be nominated by the Senate as BoG Members.*

*In this regard, Dr. A.G.Keskar, Professor of Electronics and Communication Engg. is completing his term on 29th January 2019 as BoG member nominated by Senate.*

**Resolution:** *The Chairman Senate is authorized to nominate the BoG member from Professors category.*

The name of Prof. S.R. Sathe, Prof. of Computer Science has been proposed as teacher's nominee for BoG. Since, Prof. S.R. Sathe who is working as Registrar and is also Secretary of BoG, the Chairman Senate may nominate another person as a BoG member from Professors category.

BoG is requested to approve.

**Resolution:** The BoG resolved that the Chairman Senate should nominate another BoG member from Professors category in place of Prof. S.R. Sathe.

The meeting concluded with thanks to the Chair.

  
Chairman

