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**DRAFT MINUTES OF THE 10<sup>TH</sup> MEETING OF THE SENATE HELD ON 24<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2007.**

The following members were present;

1.	Prof. S. S. Gokhale	Director	Chairman
2.	Dr. Sukumar Devotta	Director NEERI, Nagpur	Member
3.	Dr. Y. V. N. Krishna Murthy	Head, RRSSC, Nagpur	Member
4.	Dr. A. K. Sinha	Director, MRSAC, Nagpur	Member
5.	Mr. V. S. Adane	Head, Deptt. of Architecture	Member
6.	Dr. Animesh Chatterjee	Professor in Mechanical Engg.	Member
7.	Shri A. D. Chopde	i/c Training & Placement	Member
8.	Dr. I. K. Chopde	Professor in Mechanical Engg.	Member
9.	Dr. A. G. Deshpande	Head, Deptt. of Mathematics	Member
10.	Dr. V. K. Deshpande	Head, Deptt. of Applied Physics	Member
11.	Dr. J. D. Ekhe	Head, Deptt. of Applied Chemistry	Member
12.	Mr. R. R. Gawalpanchi	Professor in Civil Engg.	Member
13.	Dr. (Ms.) M. Ghoshal	Head, Deptt. of Humanities	Member
14.	Dr. A. P. Gokhale	Professor in Electronics & Comm.	Member
15.	Dr. L. M. Gupta	Dean (Planning & Finance)	Member
16.	Dr. Rajesh Gupta	Professor in Civil Engg.	Member
17.	Dr. R. K. Ingle	Head, Deptt. of Applied Mechanics	Member
18.	Dr. O. G. Kakde	Head, Deptt. of Electronics & Comp.Sc.	Member
19.	Dr. Y. B. Katpatal	Dean (Students Counselling)	Member
20.	Dr. A. G. Keskar	Dean (Research & Development)	Member
21.	Dr. M. K. Khedkar	Dean (Academic Affairs)	Member
22.	Dr. A. G. Kothari	Head, Deptt. of Electrical Engg.	Member
23.	Dr. K. D. Kulat	Professor in Electronics & Comm.	Member
24.	Dr. V. A. Mhaisalkar	Professor in Civil Engg.	Member

25.	Dr. C. S. Moghe	Professor in Computer Science Engg.	Member
26.	Dr. P. M. Padole	Head, Deptt. of Mechanical Engg.	Member
27.	Dr. R. K. Paretkar	Professor in Metallurgical Engg.	Member
28.	Dr. S. U. Pathak	Head, Deptt. of Metallurgical Engg.	Member
29.	Dr. R. M. Patrikar	Professor in Electronics Engg.	Member
30.	Dr. D. R. Peshwe	Professor in Metallurgical Engg.	Member
31.	Dr. A. D. Pofale	Head, Deptt. of Civil Engg.	Member
32.	Dr. G. N. Ronghe	Professor in Applied Mechanics	Member
33.	Dr. S. R. Sathe	Professor in Computer Science Engg.	Member
34.	Prof. S. Shringarputale	Head, Deptt. of Mining Engg.	Member
35.	Dr. K. L. Thakre	Professor in Electrical Engg.	Member
36.	Dr. A. K. Tiwari	Professor in Mathematics	Member
37.	Dr. S. B. Thombre	Associate Dean (Acad)	Member
38.	Dr. H. T. Thorat	Professor in Mechanical Engg.	Member
39.	Dr. S. S. Umare	Chief Warden	Member
40.	Shri B. M. Ganveer	Registrar	Secretary

Dr. (Mrs.) V. S. Dani, Dean GMC, Nagpur, Shri Lokesh Chandra, IAS, Municipal Commissioner, Dr. J. Mukhopadyay, Director JNARD & DC Centre, Nagpur, Dr. V. S. Tabhane, Director, Institute of Science, Nagpur, Dr. Tarun Kant, Prof. IIT, Bombay and Dr. R. K. Paretkar, Prof. in Metallurgical Engg., VNIT, could not attend the meeting due to their pre-occupation.

At the outset, the Chairman welcomed the newly inducted Senate members namely Dr. Y. V. N. Krishna Murthy, Dr. A. K. Sinha, Shri Lokesh Chandra, Dr. (Mrs.) V. S. Dani, Dr. V. S. Tabhane, Dr. J. Mukhopadhyay and hoped that their reach experience in the field of education, research and administration will be of great help in academic development of the Institute.

The Senate also placed on record their deep sense of appreciation to the outgoing members namely, Dr. P. D. Mangalagiri, Dr. Subhash Paranjape, Shri Satish Parchure, Shri Vikas Lothe, Dr. Srihari Rao, Dr. Vibhuti Mishra, for their valuable contribution.

Thereafter, following agenda items were taken for consideration :

**S 10.01 To note the minutes of the 9<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Senate held on 24<sup>th</sup> June 2006.**

The Senate noted and confirmed the minutes of 9<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Senate.

**S 10.02 To note the Action Taken Report on decisions of the 9<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Senate held on 24<sup>th</sup> June 2006.**

Noted and approved. As regards,

09.04 The Senate noted the recommendations of APEC on general uniform policy for allotment of teaching load and approved with minor modification viz.,

(i) Percentage against Sl.No. 8 Administrative work (Dean, i/c, Warden, Chairman etc.

Sl.No. 8 Percent (P) - 17

Percent (AP) - 14

Percent (L) - 12

Sl.No. E Administration / Professional Societies etc.

Percent (P), (AP), and (L) - 22

*(\*) The Senate approved for implementation of the scheme of examination for B.Tech. (Compete level based) program as placed at Annex III of the agenda. Uniform policy in addition, as implemented after it is finalized by APEC*

*(\*)* The policy shall be implemented provisionally.

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09.07 The Institute implemented the inclusion of Mechanical Characterization of materials as a choice subject in Elective II of 7<sup>th</sup> Semester in Mechanical Engineering.

While noting the ATR on item S 09.09(9), the members emphasized the need of strengthening inter-disciplinary work. System shall be flexible for shifting the discipline in the area of research. There is a need to widen the horizon so that interdisciplinary knowledge exchange is made available to each branch. For e.g. the student with B.Tech. in Chemical Engineering shall be considered for M.Tech. in Environmental Engineering and M.Tech. Chemical shall be considered for Ph.D. program in Environmental Engg. Such exchange programmes are required to be extended even to basic sciences.

**S 10.03 Item for information.**

Noted.

*as regards (1) The title of the award sponsored by Mr. Dabake family will be "In memory of Ms. Madhu Dabake Gold Medal"*

**S 10.04 To consider the minutes of the APEC, meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> November 2006.**

While deliberating the issue, it was suggested to modify Para 8 of the minutes of APEC (meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> November 2006) as below, "Regarding students failing in practical subjects, the Director opined that the concerned departments may take appropriate decision of their own or may refer the matter to the Director. Further, answer-books of the end semester exam be shown to the concerned students, if the students so desire.

The Senate approved the Slot Time Table with an understanding to review the matter after an year i.e. on improving the faculty strength.

**S 10.05 Continuation of part time Ph.D. and M.Tech. (by Research) programmes.**

During deliberations it was pointed out to the members that the norms for part time Ph.D. and research programmes (duly approved by the Senate) already exist. Some members opined that the part time research scholars may not have adequate seriousness for research. There is a need to give weightage to publication in standard / referred journals. In consideration of these facts, it was suggested to reflect the information about research work in Annual Report.

The Senate resolved to constitute a Committee comprising of Prof. M. K. Khedkar – Chairman, Prof. A. G. Kothari – Member, Prof. H. T. Thorat – Member, Prof. V. K. Deshpande – Member to work out the modalities about Research programs at VNIT and submit the report preferably in the next Senate meeting for consideration.

**S 10.06 To approve the modifications in data acceptance procedure.**

Item is withdrawn in view of the discussions over item number S 10.13.

**S 10.07 Proposals received from the Department of Metallurgical & Materials Engineering.**

**1. Commencement of M.Tech. programme in Materials Engg. under QIP.**

Approved.

**2. Admission of B.Tech. / B.E. (Mechanical / Production Engineering) to M.Tech. programmes in Materials Engineering.**

Approved with the inclusion of Chemical Engineering in the list.

**S 10.08 Equidistribution of teaching load between Electrical Engineering and Engineering Mechanics.**

Approved. However, it is desired that all the BoS make necessary changes in their Scheme of Examination, at the earliest.

**S 10.09 Issue of Transcripts.**

The Senate approved the proposal as under;

- The Registrar will issue the transcripts including to those passed prior to conversion as VNIT, under his signature.
- The Dy. Registrar (Academic) will issue the Grade Cards under his signature.

**S 10.10 Constitution of Student's Discipline & Welfare Committee.**

The Senate approved the following constitution of Student's Discipline and Welfare Committee for dealing with non-academic issues :

1. Dean (Students Affairs) – Ex-officio Chairman
2. Chief Warden
3. Medical Officer
4. Associate Dean (Academic)
5. Faculty nominated by the Director
6. General Secretary (Students' Council)
7. Official(s) concerned may be co-opted as a member for the specific case.

Students / General Secretary will not be allowed to be present during policy making or decision process.

The constitution of the Committee will be reviewed after 1 year.

**S 10.11 To consider the proposals received from Deptt. of Mechanical Engineering.**

**i. Modification in B.Tech. (Mechanical Engineering) Scheme.**

Approved. (Uniform credit policy be implemented after finalization in APEC).

**ii. Introduction of PG Course in Computer Aided Design and Manufacturing.**

Approved. (Uniform credit policy be implemented after finalization in APEC).

**S 10.12 Review of Academic Rules, Regulations and Ordinances.**

It is agreed in principle by all the members to have uniform credits for all the programs. APEC will finalise the credits for all the programs.

Summer course for Maths – I is to be offered during this Summer (2007).

Chairman Board of Studies, General Sciences should look into Maths – I syllabus, for suitable modification.

Student will be provided a composite grade card for all the completed semesters with comprehensive recording of his / her academic progress.

Soft copy of PG/Ph.D. project reports be sent to Library.

**S 10.13 (a) Result analysis for odd semester (July-November-2006).**

Noted.

**(b) To modify the procedure in view of decentralization of examination.**

Noted.

**(c) To approve the formation of "Class Committee" for monitoring the progression of the course including declaration of results.**

The Senate approved the proposal with nomination of 2 students of the concerned semester.

**(d) To approve increase in students intake.**

The Senate approved the increase of 18% additional students each year for 3 years commencing from Academic Year 2007-2008.

**(e) To consider CPI of 5.00 to be eligible for award of the degree.**

Approved.

**(f) Information about students' constitution.**

While considering the constitution the Senate suggested the Dean (Students Counselling) to re-structure the proposal keeping in view the legality.

**(g) To approve the scheme of M.Tech. in Urban Planning.**

Approved. ((Uniform credit policy be implemented after finalization in APEC).

The meeting ended with vote of thanks to the Chair.

  
CHAIRMAN