

MINUTES OF THE 11TH MEETING OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS HELD AT 12.15 P.M. ON 28TH July 2006, AT NIT TRANSIT HOUSE, DELHI

The 11th Meeting of the Board of Governors, VNIT, Nagpur was held on 28th July 2006 at NIT Transit House, Delhi. The following were present at the meeting:

1. Shri. S. S. Sohoni, Chairman
2. Shri. V. R. Jamdar, Member
3. Dr. R. W. Khare, Member
4. Dr. G. L. Jambhulkar, MHRD Representative
5. Dr. V.A. Mhaisalkar, Member
6. Prof. A.D.Chopde, Member
7. Dr. Madhu Murthy, Member
8. Dr. S. S. Gokhale, Member Secretary

Shri. Sudhakar Moorthy, MHRD attended the meeting as special invitee.

Shri Ravi Mathur, Dr. Vijay Bhatkar, Shri Bhawarlal Jain, Prof. Ashok Misra., Nominee of Govt. of Maharashtra (Deptt. of Higher & technical Education) and Prof.. S. V. Bhat could not attend the meeting.

The following agenda was discussed:

11.01 To note minutes of the 10th Meeting of the Board of Governors held on 29th April 2006

The Board noted minutes of the 10th meeting of the Board of Governors held on 29th April 2006.

11. 02 To note Action Taken Report on resolutions of the 10th meeting of the Board of Governors

The Board noted the Action Taken Report and made the following observations.

With reference to item 10.04 i.e. to consider the representation received from VNIT Staff Association regarding the application of Career Advancement Scheme (CAS), the Board requested the Sub-Committee to expedite the matter and submit a report at the earliest.

With reference to item 10.11 i.e. Establishment of ICSR Centre, the Chairman, at the outset, thanked the Members of the Committee particularly , Dr. R. W. Khare and Prof. S. V. Bhat for critically examining the proposal and offering valuable comments on the proposal on establishment of ICSR Centre. The Board appreciated and placed on record the above contribution made by the Members and requested Director, VNIT to study the recommendations and suitably prepare a note for consideration in the next meeting of the Board.

11.03 To approve the conferment of Degrees and Awards during the 4th Convocation

The Board approved the Conferment of Awards.

11.04 To ratify the notes approved by the Chairman

The Board ratified the notes approved by the Chairman.

The Board, however, with respect to the proposal on CAS 2006, observed that it should be held in abeyance pending receipt of the report of the Committee constituted to examine the issues related to Professor Appointments to Non-Ph D candidates during CAS 2003 and consideration thereof.

11.05 To permit the inclusion of additional members on Special Cell.

The Board approved the proposal.

11.06 To note the draft minutes of the 9th meeting of the Senate held on 24th June 2006

The Board noted the minutes of the Senate.

11.07 To note and approve the Minutes of 10th meeting of Stores Purchase Committee held on 6th June 2006

The Board noted the minutes of the meeting.

11.08 To note and approve the minutes of the 8th meetings of the Building and Works Committee held on 21st July 2006

The Board noted the minutes of the meeting.

11.09 To note and approve the minutes of the 7th meeting of the Finance Committee held at 11 A.M. on 28th July 2006.

The Board noted and approved the minutes of the meeting.

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

- (i) Dr. S. S. Gokhale, Director, VNIT appraised the Board regarding a proposal received from Dr. Sachin Bakare, lecturer appointed recently in July 2006 in the Deptt. of Applied Mechanics regarding his applying for deputation abroad to undergo specialized training under, NPEEE, for a period of six months at University of California, Davis Campus, USA in the area of earthquake engineering , and stated that the incumbent is on probation for a period of two years. The invitation is an honor to both, the candidate and the Institute and there will not be any financial liability on the Institute on account of his travel and stay

abroad, Director informed. The Department of Applied Mechanics has no objection to the deputation of Dr. Bakare and during his absence for the period of deputation, the teaching load will be shared by his colleagues in the Deptt., it was informed.

In light of the above, the Board, as a special case, approved the proposal of forwarding the deputation proposal of Dr. Sachin Bakare, Lecturer to the concerned Institution and relieve him after completing all necessary official formalities, if selected.

- (ii) Director VNIT informed the Board that there has been a practice, since last three years, to present a song composed by one of the faculty members of the Institute at the Convocation.. There is a suggestion to include the name of the Deekshabhumi in Nagpur in the song.

The Board was delighted to note the suggestion and advised Director to incorporate the same suitably in the song.

- (iii) The Chairman informed the Members about a representation he had received from the VNIT Staff Association dated 25th July 2006 through E mail and advised Director to provide a copy of the same to all the Members. He also advised Director to prepare a note giving his observations on the points discussed in the above letter and submit it for discussion in the next meeting of the Board.

- (iv) The following suggestions made by the Members were approved by the Board.

- a) In the light of investment made in purchase of equipment, it is necessary to ensure that this equipment is utilized properly. For this purpose, an appropriate system of monitoring the usage of equipment, particularly those costing more than 10 lac. be evolved and implemented.
- b) The composition of Stores & Purchase Committee may be reviewed to suitably include a representative from Accounts Dept/IAO.
- c) The "Oath" taken by the students at the time of convocation may be modified suitably to include a statement regarding "commitment to profession".

- (v) The Board advised Director VNIT to initiate action with regard to India - Canadian Education collaboration, as deemed fit

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

*Draft Minutes are
approved hereby for issue
as proposed by you.*

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**Continuation of 11th Meeting of 28th July 2006 of the Board of Governors, VNIT, Nagpur:
The following were present at the meeting held in the Conference Hall, VNIT Campus on
August 12, 2006 at 11 am:**

1. Shri. S. S. Sohoni, Chairman
2. Shri. V. R. Jamdar, Member
3. Dr. R. W. Khare, Member
4. Mr. AVNS Sastry, MHRD Representative
5. Dr. V.A. Mhaisalkar, Member
6. Prof. A.D.Chopde, Member
7. Dr. S. S. Gokhale, Member Secretary

Shri Ravi Mathur, Dr. Vijay Bhatkar, Shri Bhawarlal Jain, Nominee of Govt. of Maharashtra (Deptt. of Higher & Technical Education) could not attend the meeting. Prof. Ashok Misra, Prof. S. V. Bhat, Dr. Madhu Murthy sought for leave of absence on account of prior engagement.

11.11 To approve the conferment of Additional Degrees and Awards during the 4th Convocation

The Board approved the Conferment of Awards to ten additional candidates.

11.12 Report of the Board Sub Committee for CAS 2003.


The report of the Sub-Committee and its' recommendations are as follows:

The Committee examined all the details of the processes undergone, detailed bio-data of individual candidates along candidates and discussed various pros and cons of the issue and decided the following:

- (a) Since Prof. Chopde has already obtained his PhD Degree, there is no dispute about his selection as Professor.
- (b) Shri S P Jog and Shri R R Gawalpanchi have not yet acquired their Ph D degree. As per records, both these faculty members are retiring before the March 2007 (Shri S P Jog in December 2006 and Shi R R Gawalpanchi in March 2007)
- (c) Since all three candidates were direct recruits as Assistant Professors and having required length of service for the promotion as Professors.

Taking the above facts into consideration and since these appointments were made prior to the take over (14th May, 2003) of the Institute as full funded Central Institute by Government of India, the Committee recommends that they may be allowed to continue as Professors as personal to them as one time relaxation and this decision should not be quoted as precedent in any future appointments. The Board considered the Report comprehensively and accepted the same.

11.13 Ratification of Chairman BoG Approval for CAS 2006.

 The Board ascertained that the Selection Committee comprising of experts from IIT/IISc/NIT and nominees as per the prescribed norms of AICTE had given sufficient and fair opportunity to the candidates to present their case. Consequently CAS 2006 selections approved by the Chairman BoG were ratified by the Board and the appeals were rejected as these did not have any merit.

11.14 The letter dated July 26, 2006 "My Observations" by the President, Staff Association

It was brought to the attention of the Board that this communication was not forwarded through proper channel but was made in a personal capacity by him as was pointed out by other members of the Association in a letter addressed to the Chairman. Notwithstanding this flaw, Director explained various measures that have been taken during the past 9 months since he joined the VNIT. BoG noted the position.

11.15 Re-designating reserved category candidates who have qualified on their own merit.

This needs to be done as per the prevailing guidelines. Reserved category candidates recruited on merit basis in an open competition on the same standards as prescribed for general candidates shall not be appointed against reserved quota but against general vacancies. Thus 2 SC candidates and 4 OBC candidates selected in Lecturer cadre in May 2006 selections will be declared in the Open category. Vacancies arising in SC/ST will be filled up immediately as per MHRD directives under Special Recruitment Drive. The imbalance arising out of this shifting will be adjusted in subsequent recruitments. The Board noted and approved the proposal.

11.16 Any Other Item:

The Chairman BoG asked the Director to consider the following suggestions: a) Appointing some of the senior M Tech Students as Assistant Wardens in UG hostels, b) Utilizing services of the trainees from the Hotel & Management Institutions for supervision of the VNIT Hostel Mess, c) Augmenting of the Staff position in VNIT Dispensary, d) Improving Gymnasium with expertise of a Trained Instructor and motivating students to develop physical fitness.

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

*Draft Minutes are approved
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by Sr.*

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Director