

MINUTES OF THE 12th MEETING OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS HELD AT 1.30 P.M. ON 12th February 2007, AT NIT TRANSIT HOUSE, DELHI

The 12th Meeting of the Board of Governors, VNIT – Nagpur was held on 12th February 2007 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. Prof. S. V. Bhat, Member
5. Dr. G. L. Jambhulkar, Member
6. Dr. V.A. Mhaisalkar, Member
7. Prof. A.D.Chopde, Member
8. Dr. Madhu Murthy, Member
8. Dr. S. S. Gokhale, Member Secretary

Shri. B.K.Ray, IFD, MHRD, attended the meeting as special invitee.

Shri Ravi Mathur, Dr. Vijay Bhatkar, Shri Bhawarlal Jain, Prof. Ashok Misra.(who sought for leave of absence to prior commitments), and Nominee of Govt. of Maharashtra (Deptt. of Higher & technical Education) could not attend the meeting.

The following agenda was discussed:

12.01 To note the minutes of the 11th Meeting of the Board of Governors held on 28th July 2006 and continued on 12th August 2006

The Board noted minutes of the 11th meeting of the Board of Governors held on 28th July 2006 and continued on 12th August 2006 and agreed to include the comments offered by Mr. V. S. Jamdar with respect to appointing CAG empanelled Auditor for Institute accounts on the similar lines of TEQIP as well as following the practice of having depreciation account on the lines similar to IIT - Mumbai. Regarding items 11.12 and 11.13 the BoG had approved these in its meeting on August 12, 2006 by majority vote.

12.02 To note the Action Taken Report on resolutions of the 10th meeting of the Board of Governors

The board noted the Action Taken Report and agreed to suitably incorporate the modifications suggested by V. S. Jamdar vide his letter of 7th September 2006 in the 13th Meeting of the Board of Governors.

12.03 Constitution of Selection Committee for Temporary Engagements.

The Board approved the proposed constitution of the Committee.



12.04 To consider the term of office of the membership on the Senate

The Board approved the proposal.

12.05 To accept the resignation of Shri P.S. Bhiwapurkar, Lecturer in Architecture

The Board approved the proposal and gave concurrence to recover the dues, as per the Bond executed by Mr. P. S. Bhiwapurkar

12.06 To consider revised tariff of Guest House

The members felt it desirable to have only few, say 2 or 3, slabs of tariff typically Rs. 300 and Rs. 500. The Board authorized Director to revise the tariff, as appropriate.

12.07 To ratify the notes approved by the Chairman

The Board ratified the notes approved by Chairman.

12.08 To note the approval on item by Circulation

The Board noted the approval on item by Circulation.

12.09 To approve the academic link under Indo-Polish Bilateral Co-operation Scheme by Department of Science and Technology (DST) Govt. of India

The Board approved the proposal on academic link under Indo-Polish Bilateral Co-operation Scheme by Department of Science and Technology (DST) Govt. of India and visit of Mr. S. S. Bhat to Poland during the said link.

12.10 To approve the enhancement in fees to be charged for supplying information under RTI Act.

The Board approved the proposed rate of Rs.10 per page towards the fee for supply of document.

12.11 Permission for extension counter of Canara Bank on VNIT Campus.

While according the approval in principle to open another Bank on VNIT premises, the Board requested the Director to study pros and cons of having another bank on the campus before taking a suitable decision in this regard considering existing SBI accounts in connection with the Pay Bill, Student and Pensioners etc.

12.12 To note and approve the Minutes of the 9th meeting of the Building & Works Committee held on 5th January 2007.

The Board noted and approved the minutes of the meeting.



12.13 To note and approve the draft Minutes of the 11th meeting of the Stores Purchase Committee held on 27th September 2006

The Board noted and approved the minutes of the meeting.

12.14 To note the Minutes of the 10th meeting of the Senate held on 24th January 2007

The Board noted and approved the minutes of the meeting.

12.15 To approve the Minutes of the 8th meeting of the Finance Committee held on 12th February 2007

The Board noted and approved the minutes of the meeting.

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

Tabled Items

- (a) The Board noted the information furnished to MHRD Empowered Committee on the additional requirements due to increased student intake in 11th Plan Period.
- (b) The Board decided to constitute a three member Committee to critically review the suggested norms on qualifications for faculty recruitment and submit a report within 30 days. The Committee shall comprise Dr. S. S. Gokhale, Prof. S. V. Bhat and one other member may be co-opted by them.
- (c) The Board approved, in principle, the proposal to increase one more floor where possible and structurally feasible only after conducting safety audit of such buildings.
- (d) Regarding proposal of transfer of posts of Deputy Registrar (Academic), Assistant Registrar (Est.), Assistant Proctor (T & P), Hostel Manager and Stores Officer and the Board was of the view that the Director may exercise his powers to carry out such transfers, as deemed necessary in his wisdom/judgment for better administrative functioning / efficiency in the interest of the Institute.
- (e) The Board advised Director continue with the existing arrangement of Special Cell constituted for the purpose of monitoring the implementation of the reservation policies of the central government.

Other Items

In light of the fact that considerable construction activities are ongoing/ envisaged on the Campus, the Chairman emphasized the need to carry out these activities in an exemplary way and advised Director to ensure that the material being used in construction is in accordance with the specifications mentioned in the tender. Director was advised to prepare and present a note in the next meeting of the Board highlighting the salient features of various construction projects (ongoing / envisaged) on the Campus.

The Chairman informed that he is in receipt of a letter dated 27th January 2007 addressed by the President and General Secretary of the VNIT Staff Association seeking his intervention in matters related to CAS 2003, CAS 2006, Pay Fixation and Roaster etc. The Association has also sent a copy of the above letter to all Members of the Board of Governors, Principal Secretary, Deptt. of Edn, MHRD and Hon'ble Minister for HRD, Govt. of India. The Chairman observed that it would be appropriate if Parliamentary expressions were used in such representations. The practice of casting ad hoc aspersions would be found to be counterproductive.

As evidently, the Staff Association had also already written to the Government of India, having sent a copy of the representation to the Government of India, the Institute may inform the factual position and its comments thereon to the GoI for an appropriate direction in this matter.

Director apprised the Board Members about steady and continuous progress of VNIT in TEQIP project due to which additional Rs. 2 crore has been allotted to VNIT by NPIU. The Director also briefed the BoG members regarding the NIT Directors meeting with the Secretary, Higher Education, MHRD in Jaipur on February 9th 2007.

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



MEMBER SECRETARY

Board of Governors

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of Technology, Nagpur.