

**DRAFT MINUTES OF THE 31ST MEETING OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS HELD
ON MAY 26, 2012 AT VNIT NAGPUR**

Following members were present:

Dr. S. K. Joshi	- Chairman
Dr. S. S. Gokhale	- Member
Dr. S. C. Sahasrabudhe	- Member
Dr. Joyashree Roy	- Member
Shri Pramod Chaudhari	- Member
Dr. A. G. Kothari	- Member
Shri I. L. Muthreja	- Member
Dr. B. M. Ganveer	- Secretary

Ex-Officio members from the Ministry could not attend meeting and had telephonically sought leave of absence. Shri Satpal Sharma attended the meeting vice Financial Advisor, MHRD to represent GoI.

At the outset the Chairman welcomed the members of the newly reconstituted Board and expressed hope that with academic luminaries as well as industrialist representing niche and latest area of Biotechnology, VNIT would be benefitted immensely. The Board also placed on record the contributions made by the members of the previous Board. As per suggestion of the Board, the Director appraised briefly the Board about journey of VNIT from VRCE and current status, achievements etc.

31.01 To note and confirm the draft Minutes of the 30th meeting of the Board of Governors held on 12th October 2011.

No comments were received and hence the minute were confirmed and thus recorded.

31.02 To note the Action Taken Report on resolutions of the 30th meeting of the Board of Governors.

The Director elaborated on the salient point from ATR regarding adoption of the flexible faculty structure that this recommendation has been communicated to MHRD. The Chairman instructed that MHRD be sent reminder to expedite the approval for the flexible faculty structure. Board expressed immense satisfaction and happiness over the fact that quite a few faculty members of VNIT have been providing academic leadership in the capacity as the Director of various NITs or leading technical institutes and Vice Chancellor of Universities.

Minutes of the 22nd Meeting of the Finance Committee held on May 26th 2012 were placed on the table and approved.



31.03 Approvals to Adopt MHRD Communications

a) Guidelines issued by MHRD for CAS – Approved as proposed. VNIT has adopted since 2006 practice of ensuring that CAS applicants also appear before the same SSC as that for faculty appearing in open / direct selections.

b) Model RR for Faculty – While accepting MHRD directive in this respect in principle, Board felt that committee comprising Dr. S. C. Sahasrabudhe, Dr. S. S. Gokhale, Dr. A. G. Kothari and Dean (FW) should study it critically and make suitable recommendations to be placed before the Board and subsequently to MHRD. It was suggested that these RRs be circulated to the Academic Departments inviting comments from the faculty.

31.04 To ratify the recommendations of SSC

Approved as proposed. Board appreciated the fact that all except two are without PhD and most of them have exposure to other academic institutions of greater standing. Chairman mentioned that the current practice of Chairman approving recommendations and Board approving it at a later date should be continued considering that the Board meetings are not too frequent and there is sense of urgency in ensuring that the selected faculty joins immediately for the benefit of the Institute. As per the directions of the Board, this will be communicated to MHRD.

31.05 Direction on faculty promoted to AP under CAS

Latest OM of MHRD No. F. 33-7/ 2011 – TS III dated 14/03/2012 is to be adhered to in letter and spirit. As such five faculty members under consideration should be encouraged to complete PhDs expeditiously and subsequent normalization for PB4 and AGP be put up to the Board.


31.06 Visiting Professor from abroad for 1 or 2 semesters

Board while approving the proposal appreciated such an interaction including Chair Professorships would enhance the prestige of the Institute. This may arise out of person to person contact. The Board opined that such a bilateral facility may be extended to persons from Industry as well and further directed that wide publicity may be given to these efforts.

There was discussion regarding having a re-look at the courses in HSS especially in economics in the modern day context and expressed that HSS needs to be strengthened in terms of additional faculty.

31.07 To approve policy for retention of record

While appreciating the efforts taken by VNIT, Board suggested that confidential records of Faculty and Non-Faculty should be retained for life and the answer books of the students and research scholars should be retained for the duration of the course. Board also suggested exploring the possibility of maintaining some of the records in electronic format.



31.08 The scheme for Post Retirement Medical Assistance.

The Board lauded VNIT initiative in this direction and suggested that this matter having far reaching consequences as well as financial implications; it may be discussed with other NITs and subsequently put up as a proposal in the NIT Council.

31.09 To note and approve the minutes of the 24th & 25th meetings of the Senate, meetings held on 30.11.2011 and 15.03.2012.

Noted

31.10 New construction on campus.

Administrative approval for the new construction was accorded.

31.11 Approval for Annual Performance Assessment report (APAR).

Approved as per the directions of GoI.

31.12 Age of retirement of the Director.

Retirement age of the Director to 70 years is approved.

31.13 Condonation of break in service of Dr. R. M. Patrikar, Professor in Electronics Engineering.

Considering contribution made by Dr. Patrikar as well as his continued academic interaction and involvement in VNIT during the period of absence, request is considered favorably.

31.14 Conversion of the post of Foreman to Technical Assistant.

Board recommends it and suggested that it be communicated to MHRD for final decision in this regard.

31.15 Incubation Centre at VNIT

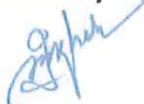
While appreciating VNIT efforts as well as initial support from RGSTC for this endeavor, Board suggested that help and support from IIT Mumbai may be availed as and when required. The Dean (R&C) would be included in this activity.

31.16 Ratification to extension order of Registrar

Board was appraised about Board Sub-Committee's recommendations of extension to the present incumbent, Dr. B. M. Ganveer for two years (up to 62 years) subject to satisfactory performance. He was further directed to occupy rent free quarter on campus in the interest of the Institute. Chairman has approved the proposal and the Board ratified the same.

31. 17 Highlights (October 2011 onwards) of Institute

Board congratulated Faculty and Students for their achievements and placed on record its' appreciation in bringing laurels to VNIT. It was suggested that such individuals may be invited informally to have better interaction with the



members of BoG. Board noticed and expressed concern over the fact that there are few fellows of various National Academies.

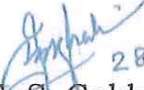
31.18 Item(s) for information.

Introduction of the scheme of House Building Advance (HBA).
Noted.

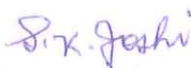
31.19 To approve the minutes of the 24th and 25th meetings of the BWC held on 10.02.2012 and 09.04.2012 respectively
Noted

31.20 Any Other item(s) with the permission of the Chair.

- a. Board congratulated Dr. O. G. Kakde of CSE and wished him all the best in his new assignment as the Director of VJTI Mumbai
- b. Draft Organization Chart was placed on the table and comments and suggestions from the members of the BoG were invited.
- c. Work Flow diagram is also placed on the table. Comments and suggestions from the members of the BoG were invited.
- d. Sponsorship of Faculty members for PhD Degree – Approved as proposed.


S. S. Gokhale
Director

28.5.2012


S. K. Joshi
Chairman