



**VISVESVARAYA NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY,
NAGPUR – 440 010 (INDIA)**

Minutes of the 31st meeting of the Senate held on 29th August 2013.

The following members were present;

1.	Dr. Narendra S. Chaudhari	Director	Chairman
2.	Dr. Milind Atrey	Prof. of Mech. Engg., IIT Bombay	Member
3.	Dr. (Ms.) Meenakshi Gupta	Prof. of Hum. & Social Sc., IIT Bombay	Member
4.	Dr. (Ms.) Kamal Singh	Former Vice-Chancellor of Amravati University	Member
5.	Dr. V. S. Adane	Professor of Architecture	Member
6.	Dr. A. B. Andhare	Faculty I/c Training & Placement	Member
7.	Dr. M. V. Aware	Head, Department of Electrical Engg.	Member
8.	Dr. S. V. Bakre	Head, Applied Mechanics Department	Member
9.	Dr. P. P. Chakavarthy	Head, Mathematics Deptt.	Member
10.	Dr. Animesh Chatterjee	Professor of Mechanical Engg.	Member
11.	Dr. R. B. Deshmukh	Head, Department of Electronics Engineering	Member
12.	Dr. P. S. Deshpande	Head, department of Computer Sc. & Engg.	Member
13.	Dr. V. K. Deshpande	Head, Deptt. of Physics	Member
14.	Dr. (Ms.) Alpana Dongre	Head, Deptt. of Architecture	Member
15.	Dr. A. S. Gandhi	Professor of Electronics Engineering	Member
16.	Dr. L. M. Gupta	Professor of Structural Engineering	Member
17.	Dr. Rajesh Gupta	Professor of Civil Engineering	Member
18.	Dr. R. K. Ingle	Dean (Faculty Welfare)	Member
19.	Dr. O. R. Jaiswal	Dean (Academic)	Member
20.	Dr. Y. B. Katpatal	Professor of Civil Engg.	Member
21.	Dr. A. G. Keskar	Professor of Electronics Engg.	Member
22.	Dr. K. D. Kulat	Professor of Electronics Engg.	Member
23.	Dr. A. M. Kuthe	Professor of Mechanical Engg.	Member
24.	Dr. D. H. Lataye	Chief Warden	Member
25.	Dr. M. M. Mahajan	Professor of Structural Engineering	Member
26.	Dr. V. A. Mhaisalkar	Professor of Civil Engineering	Member
27.	Dr. P. M. Padole	Professor of Mechanical Engineering	Member
28.	Dr. R. K. Paretkar	Head, Deptt. of Metallurgical & Mat. Engg.	Member
29.	Dr. A. P. Patil	Professor of Metallurgical & Materials Engg.	Member
30.	Dr. R. M. Patrikar	Professor of Electronics Engineering	Member
31.	Dr. D. R. Peshwe	Professor of Metallurgical & Materials Engg.	Member
32.	Dr. A. D. Pofale	Professor of Civil Engineering	Member
33.	Dr. S. G. Sapate	Professor of Metallurgical & Materials Engg.	Member
34.	Dr. S. R. Sathe	Dean (P&D)	Member
35.	Prof. S. Shringarputale	Professor of Mining Engg.	Member
36.	Dr. G. P. Singh	Dean (Students Welfare)	Member
37.	Dr. H. M. Suryawanshi	Dean (Research & Consultancy)	Member
38.	Dr. A. R. Tembhurkar	Head, Civil Engineering Deptt.	Member
39.	Dr. S. B. Thombre	Head, Mechanical Engineering Deptt.	Member
40.	Dr. S. S. Umare	Head, Department of Chemistry	Member
41.	Dr. K. L. Wasewar	Head, Chemical Engg.	Member
42.	Dr. R. R. Yerpude	Head, Deptt. of Mining Engg.	Member
43.	Dr. B. M. Ganveer	Registrar	Secretary

Shri D. M. Parate, Dy. R. (Acd) and Smt. A. A. Ansingkar, A.R. (Exams) were present in the meeting.

Dr. Yogesh Deshpande, Dr. I. K. Chopde, Dr. K. L. Thakre, Dr. G. N. Ronghe and Dr. C. S. Moghe sought leave of absence.

Mr. K. Darshan General Secretary, Mr. Avijit Bansal Secretary, Academic Affairs UG and Ms. Piyusha Hirpurkar Secretary, Academic Affairs PG from Students Council attended the meeting.

At the outset, the Chairman placed on record the active participation and contribution of Dr. A. G. Kothari, an outgoing member (retired) and Dr. R. M. Patrikar, former Dean (Acd).

The Chairman also welcomed Dr. O. R. Jaiswal, Dean (Acd) and the newly inducted members Dr. A. R. Tembhurkar, HoD, Civil, Dr. P. S. Deshpande, HoD, Computer Science & Engineering and Dr. A. B. Andhare, Faculty I/c T&P. The Chairman also welcomed the newly constituted Students Council members, Mr. K. Darshan General Secretary, Mr. Avijit Bansal Secretary, Academic Affairs UG and Ms. Piyusha Hirpurkar Secretary, Academic Affairs PG.

The House welcomed Dr. Narendra S. Chaudhari, Chairman Senate on his first Senate meeting after he took over the charge of the Director, VNIT Nagpur and also senate member Dr. Milind Atrey from IIT Bombay.

Students' representatives placed following points;

- a) **Students unable to appear for end-semester examination due to medical emergency, be not rated FF grade.**

The Senate had detailed discussion on earlier occasions. For want of proper quantification of medical emergency it was decided that the request of the students' representative cannot be accepted at this stage.

- b) **There shall be flexible academic curriculum for major-minor specialization.**
c) **A policy to help the student falling short of 6 credits.**

The issues be referred to Dean (Acd) for consideration.

- d) **Inclusion of rating of extra-curriculum activities in Grade Card / Transcripts.**

Senate members opined that since the extra-curricular activities do not fall in academic curriculum the request cannot be accepted.

- e) **Provision of remedial classes to academically weak students.**

The Senate resolved that the Student's Council shall identify the senior students who would be able to take classes for academically weaker students. They may start this programme informally. Further the training programme to be arranged for UG Students during vacation shall remain optional and must be with precise objectives.

- f) **Help to M.Tech. / M.Sc. students for placement through Institute.**

It was informed to the students representatives that the Companies do not visit the Institute exclusively for placement of PG students due to less number of students in PG programmes. Efforts are being made by the Institute for placement of PG students and the placement is progressing.



g) Recommendation to PG students for further higher studies.

It was suggested that a good quality M.Tech. project work with good research paper output will help the students to opt for further higher studies.

The Senate deliberated the agenda and resolved as under;

S 31.01 To note and confirm the minutes of the 30th meeting of the Senate held on 11th May 2013.

Confirmed.

S 31.02 To note the Action Taken Report on decisions of the 29th meetings of the Senate.

Noted the action taken report with following suggestions;

(i) In Academic Process Review (ref. 30.03) IISc shall be included alongwith IITs for peer review of B.Tech. / M.Tech. programme.

(ii) Peer review shall be done "preferably" in the month of August.

S 31.03 Approval of lists of students for conferment of degrees and awards.

Approved the list as proposed. Further, the Senate authorized the Chairman Senate to include the names of the scholars who will complete their Ph.D. successfully till 14th September 2013.

S 31.04 Academic Calendar for the session 2013-14.

The Senate deliberated the issue at length and suggested the Dean (Acad) to modify it suitably starting the next session from 1st January 2014 instead of 22nd December 2013. Possibility of conducting sessional exams on Saturdays be explored to squeeze the duration of semester.

S 31.05 Intellectual Property (IP) Policy for VNIT Nagpur.

The Senate resolved to circulate the draft policy to all faculty members to examine and discuss at department level and to give suggestions / comments on relevant points. The policy, duly revised may be placed for consideration in next Senate meeting.

S 31.06 Guidelines & Rules governing Ph.D. programmes.

The Senate approved the proposal with following modifications;

a) Point 4.2 (4) may be read as "Minimum CGPA requirement for course work is 6.0".


b) In Point 6, word "registrations" be replaced by "Extension of registration" and retention of registration fee be charged.

S 31.07 Changes in B.Tech. and M.Tech. (CSE) Schemes.

Approved the schemes with suggestion to modify suitably 500 level courses in B.Tech. scheme.

S 31.08 Induction of new subjects (DE) in a B.Arch. and M.Tech. Urban Planning and also revise the course contents in two M.Tech. Urban Planning (DE) programme.

The Senate deliberate the issue and approved the induction of Built Environment – Behaviour Studies (DE) for B.Arch. course and RS & GIS Applications (DE) for M.Tech. Urban Planning. The Senate also accepted the revision of the course contents of M.Tech. Urban Planning in ARL516, Sustainable Development (DE) and ARL438, Urban Landscape (DE) as proposed.



(b) Mechanism to handle academically weak students.

Senate recommended that APPEC shall prepare a policy on lines with IIT Bombay and place the same in next Senate meeting for consideration.

(c) Relaxation in rules for continuing registration.


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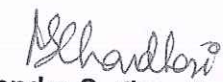
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The meeting ended with vote of thanks to the Chair.


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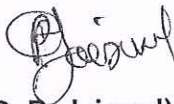
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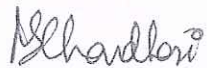
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