



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

Minutes of the 32nd meeting of the Senate held on 24th October 2013.

The following members were present;

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

Dr. Rajesh Gupta, Dr. P. M. Padole, Dr. I. K. Chopde, Dr. A. P. Patil did not attend the meeting.

Mr. Avijit Bansal Secretary, Academic Affairs UG and Ms. Piyusha Hirpurkar Secretary, Academic Affairs PG represented the Students Council.

At the outset, the UG Secretary informed the House the statistical data of students attending remedial classes, informally conducted by senior students for academically weaker students. The PG Secretary informed that a list of companies that need to be included for placement has been handed over to the Faculty I/c Training & Placement.

The initiatives taken by students' representatives were lauded by the House.

The Senate deliberated the agenda and resolved as under;

S 32.01 To note and confirm the minutes of the 31th meeting of the Senate held on 29th August 2013.

Noted and confirmed.

S 32.02 To note the Action Taken Report on decisions of the 31st meetings of the Senate.

The Senate approved, the revised Intellectual Property (IP) Policy (Ref. S 31.05).

Further, while deliberating the issues related to constitution of APPEC (Ref. 31.13 (a)), it was recommended that (i) APPEC would invite representative of concerned BoS as a Special Invitee wherever necessary, (ii) proposals in APPEC, if necessary, be referred to the concerned department for opinion and (iii) the decision of the APPEC be intimated to the Senate.

The Senate noted the action taken report on all other items.

S 32.03 Change in course code of Sports/Yoga/NCC course.

The Senate approved the change in course code of Sports course as SAC101.

S 32.04 Course on Human Values.

The matter was deliberated at length. In consideration of Human and Social aspects, it was resolved to introduce a course on Human Values for B.Tech. /B.Arch. students. The Chairperson, BoS Humanities, will submit the detailed proposal including scheme and syllabus in the next Senate meeting for consideration.

S 32.05 Revision of honorarium for faculty co-ordinator of summer term course.

The Senate resolved to pay an honorarium to the faculty coordinator of Summer Term Course as under;

Upto 5 students	- Rs. 5000/-
Students in the range of 6 to 15	- Rs. 15000/- and
Students in the range of 16 to 30	- Rs. 30000/-
Each additional student	- Rs. 1000/-

However, the class size shall be preferably not more than 30 students.

S 32.06 Printing of thesis on both sides of pages.

Senate approved the printing of thesis on both sides of pages, as proposed

S 32.07 M Tech 3 year Course.

Proposal for students admitted under M.Tech. 3 year programme was accepted by the Senate.

S 32.08 Information Brochure for Ph.D. admission.

It was unanimously agreed by the House not to encourage part time PhDs. It was further suggested to formulate a mechanism for enabling persons from industry to pursue Ph.D. at VNIT Nagpur.

S 32.09 Ordinances on norms for dealing with unfair means.

Senate approved the ordinances as proposed.

S 32.10 Policy to handle academically weak student.

The Senate approved the policy with following additions;

- i. Maximum allowable time for B.Arch. shall be 7 years.
- ii. Category 0 for students who passed in all the courses shall be introduced.
- iii. In category 1 for higher semester (3rd Semester onwards) the criteria shall be read as, "a student has earned less than 30 credits but 24 or more credits in each of the previous 2 semesters."

S 32.11 Academic Rule Book.

The Senate approved the proposed academic rules with suggested modifications. The Senate further directed to formulate mechanism for monitoring M.Tech. project work to be done in collaboration with industries, which may be placed in next Senate meeting for consideration.

S 32.12 Any other item(s) with permission of the Chair.

Request from Gujrat Technical University for seats in M.Tech. and Ph.D. programs.

The matter was debated keenly but could not be resolved for want of time.

Note : In regard to Senate items involving documents (For example, PG Rule Book, IP Policy, Information Brochure, etc.) the Senate members are requested to give corrections in writing at least two working days prior to the Senate meeting. The discussion in Senate meeting will be limited to policy aspects of document(s) only.

The meeting ended with vote of thanks to the Chair.


(Narendra S. Chaudhari)
CHAIRMAN