

Draft Minutes of the 3rd Meeting of the Board of Governors held at 11 a.m. on Friday, the 27th June 2003 at VNIT, Nagpur.

Following members were present;

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| 1. Prof. R.H. Tupkary | - Chairman |
| 2. Dr. Ved Prakash | - Member |
| 3. Shri Bhavarlal Jain | - Member |
| 4. Dr. R.W. Khare | - Member |
| 5. Shri V.R. Jamdar | - Member |
| 6. Dr. C.S. Moghe | - Member |
| 7. Dr. A.G. Deshpande | - Member |
| 8. Dr. S.U. Pathak | - Member Secretary |

Shri V.S. Pande, Jt. Secretary to Govt. of India, Dr. K. Subramnian, Dr. Vijay Bhatkar, Dr. Ashok Misra and representative of Govt. of Maharashtra could not attend the meeting due to their pre-occupation. However, last meeting of Board of Governors was attended by Shri S.K. Biswas, Director (NIT) on behalf of Shri V.S. Pandey, Jt. Secretary to Govt. of India. Shri Biswas also did not attend this meeting and instead sent his comments vide DO letter no. 10-8 / 2002 – TS.3 dt. 25th June 2003. This was taken in to account with reference to each one of the corresponding items on which he commented.

At the outset, since the VNIT, Nagpur completed one year on 25th June 2003, the Hon'ble Chairman informed the Board about the progress made by the Institute during last one year of its existence. Dr. Ved Prakash, Hon'ble Member of the Board congratulated the Institute in particular the faculty, staff and students for their efforts in achieving so much success in a short span of one year.

Following agenda was discussed.

- 03.01 To confirm the draft minutes of the 2nd Meeting of the Board of Governors held on 3rd February 2003.**
The Board confirmed the draft minutes of the 2nd Meeting of the Board of Governors held on 3rd February 2003.
- 03.02 To note the action taken report on resolutions of the 2nd Meeting of the Board of Governors.**
While deliberating on the action taken report of the 2nd Meeting, the Board made following observations.

- i) Action on item no. 02.07 be read as “since the Board did not **approve** the proposal”, no action necessary.
- ii) Action on item no. 02.16, the Board resolved that the remuneration could be raised upto Rs. 1000 in exceptional cases.

On rest of the items, action remains noted and approved.

03.03

To consider and approve the merger of the Staff in Research Laboratory of in Electrical Power System, in teaching category.

During the deliberation, it was pointed out that Shri S.K. Biswas, Director (NIT) did not approve this item because of the restrictions of Govt. of India on the creation of additional posts, nor filling of vacancies which are lying vacant for more than a year. It was noted that ;

- a) These posts in the Research Laboratory in Electrical Power System are regular posts and present incumbent were selected on regular basis through proper selection committee and they are all confirmed in the services of the Institute.
- b) Even if the proposed change is not implemented, all the incumbents are entitled to remain in their present posts till they superannuate and get all due benefits.
- c) Their present scales are ;
 - i) Scientist ‘C’ – Rs. 12000 – 420 – 18300/- which is also the scale of Asstt. Professor.
 - ii) Scientist ‘B’ – Rs. 8000-275-13500/- which is also the scale of lecturer.
- d) This is merely a conversion of the designation and nothing else. It is, therefore, obvious that even if the proposed change is implemented, there is absolutely no additional expenditure involved in such a change and also in future.
- e) Even after taking due note of the comments of Shri S.K. Biswas, Director (NIT), the Board unanimously thought it fit to effect the proposed change as it does not, in principle, violate the directives of Govt. of India in this regard.

Therefore, it is resolved that the staff in Research Laboratory in Electrical Power System as Scientist C & B be changed to equivalent post, in teaching cadre without altering their pay structure and benefits in any way whatsoever.

03.04

To consider and approve the appointment of Shri S.G. Kulkarni as Professor of Training and Placement in accordance with the proviso in MoA Rule 12(1) of MoA.

While deliberating the issue following facts were made known ;

- i) That the Professor of Training and Placement is a regular post and the last incumbent Shri R.R. Lakhe resigned from this post on 11th Sept. 2002 and since then this post is lying vacant.
- ii) Presently, Dr. M.K. Khedkar, Prof. of Electrical Engg. looks after this as an additional assignment and hence is unable to devote the required time and energy to carry out the activities of this post effectively.
- iii) This is extremely important post in view of the placement of the students in the final year and also establishing contact with industries for its attendant advantages.
- iv) It is needless to mention that the ranking of the Institute is based on the percentage of students getting job through campus placement.

After taking into consideration comments of Shri S.K. Biswas, Director (NIT), the Board unanimously resolved that Prof. S.G. Kulkarni of Amrita Institute of Management, Coimbtore be appointed as a Professor of Training and Placement in accordance with the proviso in Rule 12 (1) of MoA. And his salary be fixed by the Hon'ble Chairman considering the present emoluments drawn by Shri S.G. Kulkarni.

03.05

To consider and approve the appointment of Dr. Rajendra Patrikar as Professor of Electronics Engineering, in accordance with the provision in MoA Rule 12(1) of MoA.

During deliberations of the above item, the following facts were brought about;

- i) The Professor of Electronics Engineering is lying vacant since 1st January 2003 as the then incumbent Prof. P.S. Pandit superannuated on 31st December 2002.

- ii) The appointment against the post, therefore does not contravene the limitations imposed by Govt. of India Rules and is being considered in accordance with the provision made vide para 3 of the Govt. of India letter no. F-22-1 / 2002 – TS.III dt. 29th August 2002 (Record of discussions and decisions taken in the meeting of Director’s NITs held on 27.07.2002).

The Board, therefore, resolved that Dr. Rajendra Patrikar be appointed as Professor of Electronics Engineering in accordance with the provision of Rule 12(1) of MoA and his salary be fixed in accordance with his present emoluments.

The Board further resolved that this post will be offered to Prof. Rajendra Patrikar for a period of two years on contract basis with provision of extending further, if found suitable.

Arising out of discussion in this item the Board unanimously felt that the precious time of Board Members be utilized in a better way than deliberating on routine items and therefore, RESOLVED that a Sub-Committee consisting of the following be constituted as a Standing Committee of the BoG to deal with matters related to the staff and the decision taken thereat be placed before the Board for information.

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| Chairman Board of Governors | - Chairman |
| Shri V.R. Jamdar (BoG Member) | - Member |
| Dr. R.W. Khare (BoG Member) | - Member |
| The Director | - Member Secretary |

The Standing Committee shall ordinarily meet well before the Board meeting for effective contribution in helping the Board to discharge its responsibilities efficiently.

03.06 To consider and approve Academic Interaction with Universities abroad.

The Board approved the academic interaction with Universities abroad as proposed.

03.07 To Consider and approve the minutes of the 3rd Meeting of Senate held on 26th May 2003.

The Board approved the minutes of the 3rd Meeting of the Senate held on 26th May 2003, with the resolution that the status quo will be maintained regarding the syllabus for first year B.Arch.

03.08 To consider and approve the minutes of the 2nd Meeting of the Finance Committee held on 26th June 2003.

The Board approved the minutes of the 2nd Meeting of the Finance Committee held on 26th June 2003.

03.09 To consider and approve the minutes of the 1st, 2nd and 3rd Meetings of the Stores Purchase Committee.

The Board approved the minutes of the 1st, 2nd and 3rd Meetings of the Stores Purchase Committee and suggested as follows;

With reference to the delegation of powers to various authorities for procurement of equipment, the Board resolved to devolution of powers for purchase as follows;

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| Head of the Department | upto Rs. 50,000/- |
| Deans | upto Rs. 1,00,000/- |
| Dy. Director | upto Rs. 3,00,000/- |
| Director | upto Rs. 5,00,000/- |
| Chairman BoG | above Rs. 5,00,000/- |

Arising out of discussion the Board unanimously resolved that;

1. New equipment be procured only if they are to be utilized for at least 50% of the time.
2. Performance audit be implemented so as to assess the effective utilization of equipment.
3. The work order for the imported and sophisticated equipments shall incorporate and include Annual Maintenance Contract for at least five years.
4. The spare capacity of the equipment could be extended to the industries which would result in additional revenue generation.

03.10 To consider and approve the minutes of the 3rd Meeting of the Building and Works Committee held on 23rd June 2003.

The Board approved the minutes of the 3rd Meeting of the Building and Works Committee held on 23rd June 2003.

03.11 To ratify the notes approved by the Chairman, BoG.

The Board ratified the notes approved by the Chairman.

03.12 Items for information.

The Board noted the status of World Bank (TEQIP) Project and specific projects funded by Ministry of HRD.

03.13 To consider the change in designation of Sports Officer to Lecturer in Physical Education.

While deliberating the item, the Board took note of the comments made by Shri S.K. Biswas, Director (NIT) and understood that the proposal is about merely a change in nomenclature and absolutely nothing else by way of financial or other involvement.

The Board, therefore, resolved that the Sports Officer be designated as Lecturer in Physical Education as is done elsewhere in the State of Maharashtra, since long ago.

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

a) To consider the nomination on Finance Committee

The Board nominated Dr. S.W. Khare on the Finance Committee as per the provision in MOA vide para 6 (i) (b).

b) Transfer of Bond during relieving the staff member to join other Institute.

The Board approved the transfer of Bond in respect of Dr. M.K. Mishra, Lecturer in Electrical Engineering, as requested by him. However, he has **NOT** been granted lien. He shall resign from the services of VNIT, Nagpur to join IIT, Madras.

The Board further resolved that the staff deputed for higher studies will have to serve the Institute at least for 5 years on completion of his studies.

No application shall be forwarded and no NOC granted for appointment to other organizations during the cooling period of 3 years after completion of the deputation.

c) To consider the views expressed by Hon'ble Member Shri Bhavarlal Jain, vide his correspondence dated 24th June 2003.

The Board appreciated the concern shown by the Hon'ble Member. All the points were discussed and elaborated in length. It was resolved to develop ways and means for evaluating teachers by the students. The Board also appreciated the suggestions of Mr. Bhavarlal Jain regarding discussion on important issues related to students programmes, examination results, placement analysis, examination analysis, etc. during the BOG meeting.

While considering the comments received from the Director (NIT), Deptt. of Secondary and Higher Education, Ministry of HRD, Govt. of India, vide letter no. 10-8/2002-TS-3 dt. 25th June 2003, the Board did not appreciate the tenor of the above letter. With particular reference to his comments pertaining to item no. 03.04, the Board Members felt that it is tantamount to no work left for the rest of the Board Members.

The meeting ended with vote thanks to the Chair.



R.H. Tupkary
Chairman