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Draft Minutes for 42<sup>nd</sup> meeting of the Board of Governors held on 14<sup>th</sup> September 2014 at VNIT, Nagpur.

The following members were present:

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| 1. Dr. Narendra S. Chaudhari, Director, VNIT, Nagpur.                            | - Chairman  |
| 2. Dr. S.C.Sahasrabudhe, Director, DAICT, Gandhinagar.                           | - Member    |
| 3. Dr.U.N.Gaitonde, Prof.of Mechanical Engg., IIT Mumbai                         | - Member    |
| 4. Mr.Alex.P.Thomas.AFA(IFD), MHRD GOI Representative                            | - Member    |
| 5. Prof R.K.Paretkar, Faculty Representative, VNIT, Nagpur<br>GOI Representative | - Member    |
| 6. Prof. I.L.Muthreja, Faculty Representative VNIT, Nagpur.                      | - Member    |
| 7. Dr. Rajendra R. Yerpude, Registrar, VNIT, Nagpur.                             | - Secretary |

Prof P.D. Padole Dean(FW) attended the meeting as a special invitee.

42.01 To confirm the minutes of the 41<sup>st</sup> meeting of the Board of Governors held on 26<sup>th</sup> April 2014 at VNIT Nagpur.

*Agenda Item: The Minutes of the 41<sup>st</sup> meeting of the Board of Governors held on 26<sup>th</sup> April 2014 are placed at Annexure-I.*

*The Board is requested to confirm.*

**Resolution:** The minutes of 41<sup>st</sup> meeting of BoG are confirmed.

42.02 To note the Action Taken Report on resolutions of the 41<sup>st</sup> meeting of the Board of Governors.

*Agenda Item:*

	Agenda Item	Resolution	Action taken
41.05	To approve the proposal for creation of Associate Deans	Approved.	Order Issued.
41.08	To approve the re-designation of existing employees as per MHRD recruitment rules.	Approved.	Order Issued.
	As approved in 39.04, the selections of Librarian, Dy. Registrars were made by the duly constituted committee.	Approved.	Further action initiated.

**Resolution:** Action taken report is accepted.

42.03 To approve the recommendations of 31<sup>st</sup> meeting of the Finance Committee held on 14<sup>th</sup> September 2014.

*Agenda Item: The recommendations of 31<sup>st</sup> meeting of the Finance Committee held on 14<sup>th</sup> September 2014 are placed. The BoG is requested to approve.*

**Resolution:** BoG approved the minutes of 31<sup>st</sup> Finance Committee meeting with the following remarks. Finance committee vide item.no.30.03 and 30.04 and 41<sup>th</sup> BoG vide

item no.41.04 has approved construction activities of total estimated cost of Rs.210.49 Crores. The institute has approached the MHRD for allocation of funds under plan grant. The construction activity cannot be initiated due to non availability of funds. The institute has requested Rs.47 Crores out of which Rs.33 Crores were for initiating the construction activity. However, the institute did not receive any funds.

Hence, the institute should follow up with MHRD on urgent basis due to the need of academic block, students hostels for boys and girls and mega messes for boys and girls.

#### **42.04 To approve the appointment of "Steel Chair Professor" Ministry of Steel, Government of India.**

*Agenda Item: The Ministry of steel has sanctioned "Ministry of Steel Chair Professor" for the period of five years; 2013-18 and scholarship to UG students pursuing study in Metallurgy at VNIT Nagpur. VNIT Nagpur is one of the institutions nominated for the Ministry of Steel Chair Professor along with nine other institutions in INDIA. The Ministry of Steel is also offering scholarship to four batches of 5 UG students.*

*Applications were invited from distinguished academic personnel/professionals from Institutes, R&D Labs, and Industry in India for effective teaching and commitment to enhance the research activities in the field of Metallurgical Engineering, to develop human resources to support future needs of steel plants, academia and R&D Institutions for recruitment of one Professor under the scheme of "Ministry of Steel Chair Professor", Ministry of Steel, Government of India. The scheme for Chair Professor commences in the academic year 2014-15 and will run for five years (2014-15 to 2018-19), however continuation into fourth and fifth year will be subject to a review at the end of third year.*

*The appointment of Steel Chair Professor was made by the duly constituted selection committee adopting the standard procedure. Dr.S.U.Pathak has been offered the "Steel Chair Professor", financed by Ministry of Steel, Government of India as per rules.*

*The BoG is requested to approve.*

**Resolution:** BoG approved the recruitment of Professor Steel Chair.

#### **42.05 To approve the visit of faculty abroad for paper presentation and interaction.**

*Agenda Item: The faculty members/research scholars of various departments have gone aboard for attending the conferences, interaction with university professors etc. during May-Aug. 2014. Further, few faculty members/research scholars have applied for visits abroad. The list of such persons is provided in Annexure-II.*

*BoG is requested to approve.*

**Resolution:** BoG has gone through the list and approved the visits abroad.

#### **42.06 To approve the visit of Dr Atul Ballal, Asst. Prof. in Dept. of Metallurgical & Material Engg. to USA under Sir D. Tata-TR Ananathraman faculty fellowship.**

*Agenda Item: Dr Atul R. Ballal, Asst. Prof. in Dept. of Metallurgical & Material Engg. is selected to visit to University of Colorado, USA for a period of four months from 11<sup>th</sup> January to 11<sup>th</sup> May 2015 under prestigious Sir D. Tata-TR Ananathraman faculty fellowship. The details are enclosed in Annexure-III. This fellowship is awarded to young faculty for exposure to academic and research environment at international level. During the period of visit, he will be associated with senior professor of the University of Colorado for course work and also will be working in the research labs. The institute has no financial liability for his travel and other expenses during the visit as they are covered in the fellowship scheme.*

*To avail this fellowship, it is proposed that special study leave for the above period may be given to Dr Atul Ballal with the condition that he signs a Bond to serve the VNIT after he resumes the duty for the period as per institute norms.*

*BoG is requested to approve.*

**Resolution:** BoG appreciated the selection of Dr. Atul Ballal for Sir D. Tata-TR Ananathraman faculty fellowship and approved the visit for the period of four months from 11<sup>th</sup> January 2015 to 11<sup>th</sup> May 2015 under the scheme with special study leave.



#### **42.07 To approve the proposal Ph.D. Supervision in other institutes/universities for career progression.**

**Agenda Item:** Many faculty members have sought the permission to supervise Ph.D. students in the institutes/universities other than VNIT. Such permission may be granted to VNIT faculty members to supervise Ph.D. students in other institutes/universities, as this is useful to develop the collaboration.

However, number of Ph.Ds. guided, credited to faculty member is linked with Recruitment Rules(RR) under 4-tier flexible system adopted by BoG in its 40<sup>th</sup> meeting. Therefore, whether such Ph.D. guided/credited to VNIT faculty member should be considered for the purpose of RR and career progression or not, needs to be deliberated.

In the broader interest of institute growth, it is necessary to have some guidelines on this issue that are applicable to internal (VNIT) as well as external candidates applying for faculty positions.

BoG is requested to provide some guidelines for the same.

**Resolution:** BoG has deliberated the issue and recommended constitution of committee consisting faculty of the institute for formulating the guidelines and to submit these guidelines to the BoG .

#### **42.08 To consider the representation of faculty for the purpose of recruitment.**

**Agenda Item:**As approved in 40<sup>th</sup> BoG, the cases of regular internal faculty members having shortfall in the essential requirements of RR, were to be reviewed for consideration eligibility. As per the guidelines of the BoG, these cases, along with representations from the faculty initially scrutinized by the Department Committee and their recommendations are placed before AcoFAR for further review and final recommendations.

The final recommendations of AcoFAR are enclosed in the Annexure-IV.

BoG is requested to approve.

**Resolution:** BoG has gone through the recommendations of ACoFAR along with the faculty representations. BoG approved the recommendations for the purpose of eligibility of faculty. BoG has also authorized the Director to include new cases or to review existing cases for any inadvertent error.

#### **42.09 Institute convocation on 15<sup>th</sup> September 2014.**

**Agenda Item:** The VNIT is organizing 12<sup>th</sup> Convocation on 15<sup>th</sup> September 2014. Padmashri Dr.B.L.Deekshatulu, former Director, National Remote Sensing Agency, Hyderabad, Ex-Professor, IISc, Bangalore and Distinguished Fellow, IDRBT, Hyderabad, has kindly consented to be the Chief Guest and will deliver the convocation address. All BoG members are cordially invited to grace the occasion.

The list of degree recipients for 12<sup>th</sup> Convocation is recommended by the 36<sup>th</sup> senate for BoG approval. BoG is requested to approve the same.

**Resolution:** BoG has approved the list of degree awardees and prize winners.

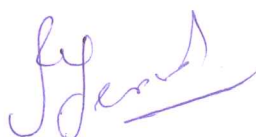
#### **42.10 Any other Item with the permission of the chair.**

##### **42.10.01 Non Creation of Physical Education Department in NITs.**

**Agenda Item:** In Compliance with NIT Council 7<sup>th</sup> Meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> October 2013 Item No 7.9, VNIT Nagpur will not create Physical Education Department and existing Physical Education arrangement is used as sports and students activity centre. As recommended those physical education personnel who are already continuing in a cadre, may be allowed in the same position till they retire. The cadre of such physical education personnel would be a dying cadre after the incumbent retire.

BoG is requested to approve.

**Resolution:** BoG has approved the above as per NIT Council minutes.



#### **42.10.02 To consider the provision of search cum selection committee for appointment of Directors in NITs.**

*Agenda Item:* NIT Council in its 7<sup>th</sup> Meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> October 2013 Item No 7.11 has approved , amending the provisions of NIT Act and Statute to make a way for "Search-cum-Selection-Committee" instead of "Selection Committee" for appointment of Directors in NITs.  
BoG is requested to recommend.

**Resolution:** BoG recommended amending the provision of NIT Act and NIT Statute as above.

#### **42.10.03 To recommend formation of NITs and IITs group for effective collaboration.**

*Agenda Item:* As per the minutes of 7<sup>th</sup> NIT Council meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> October, 2013, vide Item 7.5(xii), it is recommended that the groups may be formed for effective collaboration in order to bring NITs and IITs closer to each other, based on the following guidelines:-

- a. One established IIT, One new IIT and four NITs (two established and two new). IIT Roorkee and IIT Hyderabad could be grouped with three NITs (atleast one new). IIT BHU and IIT Gandhi Nagar could be grouped with three NITs (atleast one new).
- b. For each group, three faculty members from IITs, belonging to different disciplines could be invited to be members of each NIT senate. Similarly, two faculty members from each NIT could be members in each of the IIT's senate.
- c. IIT faculty and NIT faculty to work for joint projects.
- d. One faculty from each IIT could be made a member in the governing body of each NIT.
- e. Some high performing IIT faculty should spend a semester at NITs and similarly some NIT faculty could spend a semester in IIT's as teachers.

The BoG is requested to deliberate on the issues and suggest suitable recommendation.

**Resolution:** BoG suggested to constitute a committee for joint discussions and providing the guidelines and modalities for effective collaboration of NITs and IITs group.

#### **42.10.04 To consider and approve VNIT Annual Report 2013-14.**

*Agenda Item:* The draft Annual Report of VNIT for the year 2013-14 is placed for consideration of BoG.

BoG is requested to approve.

**Resolution:** BoG approved the Annual Report- 2013-14.

#### **42.10.05 To approve the panel of experts for Selection Committee of Faculty Recruitment.**

*Agenda Item:* As approved vide BoG Item No.40.02, institute is proposing to conduct the interviews shortly for the faculty.

The panel of expert recommended by ACoFAR is placed before the BoG for consideration.

BoG is requested to approve.

**Resolution:** BoG approved the list.

The meeting concluded with vote of thanks to the Chair.

  
Chairman