

**Draft minutes of the 5<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Board of Governors held at 11.00 A.M. on 10<sup>th</sup> May 2004, at V.N.I.T., Nagpur.**

The following were present :

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| 1. Prof. Ashok Misra, Director, IIT, Bombay | Chairman           |
| 2. Shri V. R. Jamdar                        | Member             |
| 3. Dr. R. W. Khare                          | Member             |
| 4. Dr. A. G. Deshpande                      | Member             |
| 5. Dr. C. S. Moghe, i/c Director            | Member – Secretary |

Shri. V. S. Pandey, Jt. Secretary to Govt. of India, Dr. Rame Gowda, Dr. Vijay Bhatkar, Shri Bhavarlal Jain, Dr. K. Subramanian and nominee of Govt. of Maharashtra could not attend the meeting due to their pre-occupation. Dr. P. D. Porey of V.N.I.T. was present as a "special invitee".

At the outset, the Board placed on record its deep appreciation of the contributions made by the previous Chairman and Director for the development of the Institute.

The Hon'ble Chairman, in his preliminary remarks, urged the Institute to prepare a 'vision document' based on SWOT analysis that would enable it to evolve a strategy for working towards achieving the desired goal. The Board resolved that the first draft of the document would be ready within 6 months.

The following agenda was discussed :

**05.01 To confirm the draft minutes of the 4<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Board of Governors held on 9<sup>th</sup> August 2003.**

The Board confirmed the Draft Minutes of the 4<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Board of Governors with certain modifications which are indicated in item No. 05.02 (under Action Taken Report).



**05.02 To note the action taken report on resolutions of the 4<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Board of Governors.**

While deliberating on the item under 04.02, the Board did not agree to the promotion of Dr. M. V. Aware to the post of Professor (under Career Advancement Scheme) as he does not satisfy the essential criterion of 8 years experience as Asst. Professor.

With reference to item No. 04.02 (03.05) the Chairman expressed the opinion that there was no need for a Standing Committee of BoG as the Director can take decisions on important matters in consultation with the Chairman.

With reference to the discussion on 03.06 under item 04.02 regarding visits aboard, the Board resolved to delete the sentence : "However Hon'ble Chairman Dr. R. H. Tupkary will be visiting some universities on the continent including U.K. in Aug-Sept 2003", from the minutes as it has no relevance to resolutions passed by the Board.

While discussing item No. 03.14 under 04.02, the Member Secretary apprised the Board that course evaluation by students would be implemented from the ensuing academic session i.e. 2004-2005.

**05.03 To consider the investment of General Provident Fund.**

The Board approved the item with the suggestion that the term "GILT Funds" shall be replaced by "Govt. Securities or Liquid Term Deposits".

**05.04 To approve the construction of P.G.Hostel.**

During discussion on this issue, it was strongly felt that in order to encourage good students to enroll for PG / Research programs, it was essential to provide them a proper environment. On-campus hostel accommodation would enable PG/Research students to pay better and greater attention to academics.

The Board strongly recommended construction of a PG hostel to accommodate 300 students (estimated cost, Rs. 600/- Lakhs) and directed the Institute to vigorously pursue the matter with the Ministry of HRD.



**05.05 Request for permission to fill up the Non – Teaching posts.**

The Board requested the Member-Secretary to confirm from the Government that the post of Librarian is considered as one under 'Teaching Category'. As regards filling up of the other non-teaching posts as proposed, the Board is satisfied that these need to be filled on urgent basis and requested the Director to pursue the matter with the Ministry of HRD on priority.

**05.06 To consider the creation of the post of "Hindi Officer".**

Since it is a mandatory requirement of the Central Govt. to have the post of Hindi Officer, the Board approved the proposal.

**05.07 To consider the nomination of Teacher Representatives on Board of Governors and the duration of their terms.**

The Board resolved that the tenure of a Teacher Representative shall be 2 years from the date of nomination.

It was decided that Dr. P. D. Porey shall be a special invitee for the Board's meetings (to represent Professors) till 31<sup>st</sup> Dec 2004 and thereafter, a full / regular Board Member with a tenure of 2 years.

Shri A. D. Chopde, Asst. Professor in Metallurgy has been nominated as a representative from among Asst. Professors vice Dr. A. G. Deshpande (who has been promoted as Professor under CAS) with immediate effect.

**05.08 To consider the application from Shri Pravin Bhivapurkar Lecturer in Architecture, for extension of Study Leave.**

The Board noted with appreciation that Shri Bhiwapurkar is the recipient of a fellowship from the prestigious Ford Foundation. The Board resolved to grant extension of extra-ordinary leave for a further period of 2 years as a special case to Shri Pravin Bhiwapurkar, Lecturer in Architecture, to allow him to pursue his Ph.D. at Illinois Institute of Technology, USA. However, the extension of leave beyond 1 year is subject to his satisfactory performance. Shri Pravin Bhiwapurkar should arrange to send, at the end of the next academic year, a progress report from IIT, USA.





**05.09 To consider the request of Shri K. R. Rao, Designated Asst. Professor, Deptt. of Mining, for seeking voluntary retirement.**

The Board did not agree to extend pensionary benefits to Shri K. R. Rao as the rules adopted by the Institute do not permit such benefit to those who have not completed 20 years of service.

**05.10 To consider the request of Shri S. M. Deshmukh, Asst. Proctor, for temporary relief on health grounds, from responsibilities of Training and Placement.**

The Board decided to defer a decision on the item. However, arising out of the discussion on this, the Board emphasised that the post of Professor of Training & Placement should be filled up early and that more assistance should be provided to the T & P Section.

**05.11 To accord approval to research / PG initiatives under TEQIP.**

The Board deliberated on the item and recommended the following :

- a) Two full time Ph.D. fellowships per department.
- b) Decision deferred; Institute to ascertain the practice followed by other NITs regarding Emeritus Fellowships and to workout full details.
- c) Financial assistance to faculty members as proposed.
- d) Deputation of faculty members to International Conferences as proposed.
- e) Starting of the proposed three new M. Tech. programmes :  
Director to pursue the matter with the Ministry of HRD.

**05.12 To accord approval to payment of CAS arrears.**

The Board approved the proposal for payment of CAS arrears. The Board further directed that the employees concerned should refund to the Institute any excess payment made to them, if so determined by the authorities. A suitable undertaking to this effect be obtained from them.

**05.13 To consider for pensionary benefits the previous service of employees of this Institution in Central Govt. Departments / Institutions.**

The Board approved the item in respect of past services only in Central Govt. organizations or institutes. The extent of pensionary benefit for past service in organizations where CPF scheme was followed, would be as per rules applicable to Central Govt. employees.



**05.14 To consider the upgradation of payscale for Shri D. H. Maiske, System Manager.**

The Board requested the Director to write to the Ministry of HRD with details of the case seeking clarification.

**05.15 To note and approve the minutes of the 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Stores Purchase Committee.**

The Board noted and approved the minutes of 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Stores Purchase Committee.

**05.16 To note and approve the minutes of the 3rd meeting of the Building & Works Committee held on 24<sup>th</sup> December 2003.**

The Board noted and approved the minutes of the 3rd meeting of the Building & Works Committee held on 24<sup>th</sup> December 2003.

**05.17 To grant post-facto approval to the request of Dr. (Mrs.) J.K. Shukla, Asstt. Professor (CAS) for lien.**

The Board granted post-facto approval of lien to Dr. (Mrs. ) J. K. Shukla for a period of 1 year only (as against her request for 2 years).

**05.18 To accord post-facto approval for Academic Link between Deptt. of Mining Engg. and Camborne School of Mines, University of Exeter, UK.**

The Board granted post-facto approval stressing that inter-disciplinary activities should be encouraged.

**05.19 Items for Information :**

**(1) Pending Court Cases**

Arising out of the discussion on pending court cases, the Board recommended that the Institute should try to reclaim the land on the other side of South Ambazari Road that it had earlier surrendered.



## **(2) Security arrangements**

The Board noted the efforts of the Institute for security arrangements in making temporary appointments through Zilla Sainik Welfare Office till the issue regarding registration with the Guard Board is settled.

### **05.20 Any other item/s with permission of the Chair.**

#### **(1) Bond period after return from a QIP deputation – request for clarification and advice.**

The Board resolved that the provision of a 5 year bond for those deputed by the Institute for higher studies (Board Resolution 03.14) would be applicable only to those deputed after the date of the resolution viz. 27.06.2003.

#### **(2) Disciplinary action against Shri D. K. Dixit, Asstt. Professor in Mech. Engg.**

The Board ratified the approval accorded by the Chairman for proceeding with the Departmental Enquiry against Shri D. K. Dixit, Asst. Professor in Mech. Engg. in respect of certain complaints by students.


#### **(3) Transfer the intake capacity of students at 1<sup>st</sup> year level from Architecture to Computer Science & Engg.**

The Board granted post-facto approval to the Institute's proposal to AIEEE, MHRD to reduce the intake strength for B.Arch. from 40 to 30 and, in compensation, to increase the intake for B.Tech. (Computer Science Engg.) from 30 to 40 for the UG admissions of 2004.

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair.

  
(C. S. Moghe)

**Member-Secretary**

  
(Ashok Misra)

**Chairman**