



विश्वेश्वरय्या राष्ट्रीय प्रौद्योगिकी संस्थान, नागपूर - 440 010  
VISVESVARAYA NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY, NAGPUR - 440 010

**Draft Minutes for 73<sup>rd</sup> Meeting of the Board of Governors held on 28th August, 2020 at VNIT, Nagpur.**

The following members were present:

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| 1. Shri Vishram Jamdar, Industrialist   | Chairman  |
| 2. Dr. P.M. Padole, Director, VNIT, Nagpur  | Member    |
| 3. Shri D.K. Singh, Deputy Secretary (IFD), Ministry of Education, New Delhi (on Skype) | Member    |
| 4. Mr. Pawan Kumar, Under Secretary, Ministry of Education, New Delhi (on Skype)        | Member    |
| 5. Prof. Hari Pandalai, Professor of Earth Sciences, IIT Bombay (on Skype)              | Member    |
| 6. Mr. V.K. Divekar, NIT Council Representative (on Skype)                              | Member    |
| 7. Ms. K. Niveditha Reddy, NIT Council Representative                                   | Member    |
| 8. Dr. D.R. Peshwe, Professor of Met. and Material Sc. Engg. & Dean (FW)                | Member    |
| 9. Dr. S.R. Sathe, Registrar, VNIT, Nagpur  | Secretary |

**73.01 To confirm the minutes of 72nd meeting of the Board of Governors held on 18th June 2020 at VNIT Nagpur.**

The Draft Minutes of the 72nd meeting of the Board of Governors held on 18th June 2020 are placed at **(Annexure-I)**.

The Board is requested to confirm the minutes.

**Resolution :** The BoG confirmed the minutes of 72<sup>nd</sup> meeting of Board of Governors.

**73.02 To note the Action Taken Report on resolutions of the 72nd meeting of the Board of Governors.**

Item No	Agenda	Resolution	Action taken
72.06	<p><b>To recommend the proposal for signing the MOU between VNIT, Nagpur and Virginia Commonwealth University, Richmond, USA.</b></p> <p>As per BoG item no.65.07, VNIT, Nagpur should send the proposal of signing international MOUs with due recommendation of BoG to MHRD for its approval.</p> <p>Accordingly, the proposal regarding signing of MOU between VNIT, Nagpur and Virginia Commonwealth University, Richmond, USA is enclosed. <b>(Annexure-V)</b> BoG is requested to recommend the same to MHRD for its approval.</p>	<p><b>Resolution:</b> The BoG approved in principal the signing of MoU between VNIT, Nagpur and Virginia Commonwealth University, Richmond, USA as there are no financial implications from VNIT Nagpur and proposed to send the MoU to MHRD for its approval.</p>	<p>The letter has been sent to MHRD.</p>

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BoG is requested to note.

**Resolution :** The BoG noted the action taken report.

**73.03 To discuss the applicability of Leave Salary Contribution from employees who are on lien to other Government Institutions.**

Dr.Vinay Kumar, Assistant Professor Grade II in Electronics and Communication, was relieved by VNIT, NAGPUR with effect from 15.07.2019 AN. to join the post of Assistant Professor Grade I at MNNIT, Allahabad with permission to hold lien on the above post for two years and the grant/continuance of lien shall be subject to acceptance/observance of conditions. One of the condition is to pay leave salary contribution as determined by VNIT Nagpur, every year during the month of April.

When asked by the institute, Dr.Vinay Kumar vide email dated 16.06.2020 has requested to waive off leave salary contribution.

In view of the above the following may be noted:

- i. Fundamental Rules and Supplementary Rules (FRSR) does not have any specific provision related to payment of Leave Salary by employees who are granted Lien to join other government institutes / organizations / establishments.
- ii. Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances & Pensions, GOI OM No. 28020/1/2010-Estt.(C) dated 17th August, 2016 regarding Technical Resignation & Lien- Consolidated guidelines does not have any provision related to payment of Leave Salary by employees who are granted Lien to join other government Institute / organizations / establishments.

As a matter of precedence in VNIT Nagpur, Leave Salary Contribution was being claimed from employees who were granted Lien to join other government Institutes/organizations/establishments. **(Annexure-II)**

Hence, as per i) and ii), Leave Salary Contribution is not to be claimed from employees who were granted Lien to join other government Institutes /organizations/establishments.

BoG is requested to deliberate.

**Resolution :** The BoG approved that VNIT Nagpur should not claim Leave Salary Contribution from the employees who are granted lien to join other government Institutes/organizations/establishments.

**73.04 To approve the recommendations of 61st meeting of the Finance Committee held on 18th June 2020.**

The recommendations of 61st meeting of the Finance Committee held on 18th June 2020 are placed in **(Annexure-III)**.

The BoG is requested to approve.

**Resolution :** The BoG approved the minutes of 61<sup>st</sup> Finance Committee.

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**73.05 To approve the proceedings of 62nd meeting of Finance Committee held on 28th August 2020.**

The proceedings of 62nd meeting of Finance Committee held on 28th August 2020 are placed in (Annexure-IV).

The BoG is requested to approve.

**Resolution :** The proceedings of 62<sup>nd</sup> meeting of Finance Committee are approved subject to confirmation of minutes in the next Finance Committee meeting.

**73.06 To note the minutes of 60th Building and Works Committee meeting.**

The minutes of 60th Building and Works Committee meeting held on 15th June 2020 are placed in (Annexure-V).

The BoG is requested to note.

**Resolution :** The BoG noted the minutes of 60<sup>th</sup> Building and Works Committee meeting.

**73.07 To recommend the proposal for signing the MOU between VNIT, Nagpur and Dussault Aviation, Paris, France.**

As per BoG item no.65.07,VNIT, Nagpur should send the proposal of signing international MOUs with due recommendation of BoG to MHRD for its approval.

Accordingly, the proposal regarding signing of MOU between VNIT, Nagpur and Dassault Aviation, Paris, France is enclosed. (Annexure- VI)

BoG is requested to recommend the same to MHRD for its approval.

**Resolution :** The BoG approved the signing of MoU between VNIT, Nagpur and Dussult Aviations, Paris, France as there are not financial implications from VNIT Nagpur and proposed to send the MoU to Ministry of Education for its approval.

**73.08 : To ratify the payment of fees (two installments) to be paid by VNIT students.**

As per the Deans meeting held on July 7, 2020 considering the prevailing Covid-19 pandemic situation in India, the Committee recommended that the total fees amount for the Winter Session 2020 be collected in two installments.

- i) First Installment - 30% at the time of registration (From 25<sup>th</sup> July to 7<sup>th</sup> August, 2020).
- ii) Second Installment - Remaining 70% before 30<sup>th</sup> September, 2020.

This relaxation regarding the payment of fees by VNIT students is only for Winter 2020 Session. The approval of the same is enclosed. (Annexure-VII)

BoG is requested to ratify.

**Resolution :** Ratified.

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**73.09 : Item related to signing of MoUs with Foreign Universities.**

As per the BoG Resolution No. 62.02, 71.09 and 72.06, the BoG approved in principal the signing of the following MoUs as there are no financial implications from VNIT Nagpur and proposed to sent these draft MOUs to MHRD for its approval.

1. Liverpool John Moores University, UK
2. University of Texas, Arlington, USA
3. Keio University, Japan
4. Virginia Commonwealth University, Richmond, USA

Accordingly, VNIT Nagpur has sent the letters no Admn./1992 dated 8th April 2019, Admn./1518 dated 11th March 2020 and Admn./2681 dated 14th July 2020 requesting MHRD to approve these MOUs for formal collaborations with these organizations.

Now, VNIT Nagpur is in receipt of Letter No. F.No.11-4/2020-TS.III dated 31<sup>st</sup> July 2020 informing us regarding the approval of the competent authority in the Ministry only for signing MoU with Keio University, Japan (**Annexure-VIII**).

BoG is requested to note.

**Resolution : Noted.**

**73.10 Item for ratification to accept Voluntary Retirement request of Smt. Munnibai, Jadhav, Office Attendant, SG-II, Computer Science and Engg. Dept.**

Smt. Munnibai, Jadhav, Office Attendant, SG-II, Computer Science and Engg. Dept. has submitted the Voluntary Retirement application with a request to relieve her as per rules. (**Annexure -IX**). The note from Establishment Section is enclosed.

Accordingly, her Voluntary Retirement application is accepted by appointing authority and she will be relieved from services of VNIT w.e.f. 3.10.2020 as per rules.

BoG is requested to ratify.

**Resolution : Ratified.**

**73.11 To consider committee reports regarding transfer of services from NPS to GPF scheme in respect of Dr. Atul Wankhade, Asst. Professor Grade-I, Chemistry Dept, Dr. Rashmi Uddanwadikar, Asso. Professor, Mechanical Engg. Dept., Dr. Ritesh Lokhande, Asst. Professor, Grade-I, Mining Engg. Dept.**

The Institute is in receipt of request letters regarding consideration for transfer of services from NPS to GPF scheme from Dr. Atul Wankhade, Asst. Professor Grade-I, Chemistry Department, Dr. Rashmi Uddanwadikar, Asso. Professor, Mechanical Engg. Dept., Dr. Ritesh Lokhande, Asst. Professor, Grade-I, Mining Engg. Dept.

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Accordingly, the Institute constituted a committee under the Chairmanship of Dr. G.P. Singh, Dean (P&D). The committee has submitted the reports (committee report / 2831, dated 22.07.2020 and committee report / 3087, dated 10.08.2020) [Annexure-X & XI], the details of which are as given below :

In these cases the committee as per the enclosed OM No. 28/30/2004-P&PW(B), dated 11<sup>th</sup> June 2020 and based on the document submitted by these employees, the transfer of services from NPS to GPF cannot be considered favourably.

In case of Dr. Atul Wankhade, Asst. Professor Grade-I, Chemistry Department and Dr. Rashmi Uddanwadikar, Asso. Professor, Mechanical Engg. the committee was of the opinion that clarification may be sought from MHRD whether the benefit of this OM can be extended to the Institute like Nagpur Shikshak Mandal and Women Education Society which are partially receiving grants from Central / State Government, for counting past services rendered.

BoG is requested to deliberate.

**Resolution :** The BoG asked the Institute to refer this matter to Ministry of Education.

**73.12 To consider committee report regarding the pay fixation of Associate Professor.**

The Institute is in receipt of request letter No. VSA/37, dated 10<sup>th</sup> June 2019 regarding considering pay fixation of Associate Professors (old designation Asst. Professor) under CAS. Accordingly, the committee has been constituted under Chairmanship of Dr. L.M. Gupta, Professor, Applied Mechanics Dept.

The committee has submitted the report No. Grievance/2343, dated 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2020 (committee report enclosed) [Annexure-XII], the details of which are as given below :

- (i) All concerned Associate Professors possessing Ph.D qualification at the time of their CAS promotion to Assistant Professor may be granted PB-4 and AGP of Rs 9000/- from the date of their promotion and allowed increments only after completing a residency period of 3 years in the AGP Rs. 9000/-.
- (ii) Associate Professors who did not possess PhD qualification at the time of their CAS promotion to Assistant Professor and were granted 3 advance increments for acquiring Ph.D degree subsequently (within 3 years from CAS promotion) when they were in the AGP of Rs 8000/- should be placed in AGP of Rs. 9000 from the date they acquired Ph.D qualification and allowed increments (in AGP Rs. 9000) only after completing a residency period of 3 years in the AGP Rs. 9000/-.
- (iii) Associate Professors who did not possess Ph.D qualification at the time of their CAS promotion to Assistant Professor and were granted 3 advance increments for acquiring Ph.D degree subsequently (after 3 years from CAS promotion) when they were in the AGP of Rs 9000/- should not be given increments in the AGP of Rs 9000/- but should be given 3 advance increments for acquiring Ph.D degree in AGP of 8000/-. Further

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they should be allowed increments (in AGP Rs. 9000) only after completing a residency period of 3 years in the AGP Rs. 9000/-.

- (iv) The CAS was intricately linked with RRs for Faculty post and the matter is not yet resolved even after migration to Four-Tier Flexible Faculty Cadre Structure.
- (v) The said matter has been discussed in 40<sup>th</sup> BoG vide Item No. 40.05 and the resolution was that the suggestions made by Prof. V.A. Mhaisalkar Committee are not approved.

Further, the committee is in the opinion that, the recommendations of this committee shall be approved only after obtaining specific approval of MHRD/ BoG.

BoG is requested to deliberate.

**Resolution :** BoG asked the Institute to refer this matter to Ministry of Education and Dean ( Faculty Welfare) and Registrar should visit MoE to discuss this matter.

**73.13 To consider committee report regarding the anomaly in pay fixation as per 7<sup>th</sup> Pay Commission of Prof. B.S. Umre, Professor, Electrical Engg. Dept.**

The Institute is in receipt of request letter dated 30<sup>th</sup> January 2019 from Dr.B.S.Umre, Professor, Electrical Engg. Dept regarding anomaly in pay fixation as per 7<sup>th</sup> Pay Commission. [Annexure XIII a] Accordingly, the Institute constituted the committee under the Chairmanship of Dr.A.G. Keskar, Professor in Electronics & Communication Engg. Dept., The committee has submitted the report (Grievance /2204, dated 4<sup>th</sup> June 2020) [Annexure XIII b], the details of which are as given below :

- i) Fitment Factor of 2.57 applied by the Institute is correct. Factor of 2.67 as claimed by Dr B.S. Umre is Index of Rationalization and the same is to be applied only for arriving for entry pay (first cell of the particular level).
- ii) As regards grant of increment on promotion/direct recruitment, a decision has already been taken in May 2018 and accordingly it has been decided that all recruitment as per selection committee are 'Direct Recruitment'.
- iii) Also, matter regarding Fixation of pay without increment and fixation of date of next increment for Faculty of VNIT Nagpur has already been referred to MHRD for clarification, vide letter No. D/102 dated 28<sup>th</sup> August 2019. The committee recommended to send the reminder to MHRD regarding the same. Accordingly, the letter No. D/76, dated 30<sup>th</sup> June 2020 has been sent to MHRD requesting to clarify details regarding fixation of pay.

BoG is requested to deliberate.

**Resolution :** The BoG asked the Institute to refer this matter to Ministry of Education.



**73.14 To grant administrative approval for the construction of VNIT Convention Centre.**

It is proposed to construct VNIT Convention Centre for organizing Institute Convocation, International Conference, National Conference, Short Term Training Programme, Faculty Development Programme and National level students activities such as Aarohi, Consortium and technical festivals which are conducted throughout the academic session and also during vacations. The present strength of B.Tech., M.Tech, Ph.D. students is around 5000.

The current infrastructure is very old i.e. 40 years old and it is inadequate for conduct of Institute Convocation, International / National conferences. The proposal regarding construction of Convention Centre, VNIT Nagpur is enclosed in **Annexure-XIV**.

This proposed Convention Centre will have a capacity to accommodate 2500 persons in the Auditorium and additional two halls each of the capacity 100 and 200 to carry out short term training programmes, group discussions, small events of National and International forums. This Convention Centre will also have Exhibition Hall with a capacity of 50 Booths of 3X3 Meters, VIP lounge, Discussion area etc. The approximate cost of this Convention Centre will be Rs. 68.00 crores (Excluding GST). It is proposed to utilize IRG funds of the Institute for this Convention Centre.

Hence, BoG is requested to grant administrative approval for construction of VNIT Convention Centre.

**Resolution :** The BoG granted the administrative approval in principal for construction of VNIT Convention Centre. The Institute should revisit the item in connection with the seating capacity to accommodate persons in the proposed Convention Centre and sent the DPR to Ministry of Education, accordingly.

**73.15 To approve signing of MOU between VNIT, Nagpur with M/s Hi-Safe Electronics Corporation, Panchkula, Haryana.**

VNIT, Nagpur proposes to sign MOU with M/s Hi-Safe Electronics Corporation, Panchkula, Haryana. The draft MOU is enclosed at **Annexure-XV**.

BoG is requested to approve.

**Resolution :** Approved.

**73.16 Any other item with the permission of Chair.**

**73.16.01 Pending matter related to Non Teaching staff of VNIT Nagpur.**

**Resolution :** Director, VNIT Nagpur apprised BoG regarding pending matters related to following employees.

Sr.No.	Subject	Letter No. & Date
1.	Matter related to Mr. R. G. Dixit Technician (SGII), Mechanical Engg. Dept. and Mr. N. D. Suryawanshi, Pharmacist	Admn/1734 dated 03/04/2018
2.	Matter related to Pay Fixation of Mr. N. D. Suryawanshi, Pharmacist	Admn/1734 dated 03/04/2018, Admn/4902 dated 08/10/2018, Admn/1459 dated 18/03/2019, Admn/5579 dated 03/10/2019
3.	Pay protection and other matters in respect of Ms. Mugdha Lamsonge, Suptd. (Hostel Section) at this Institute	Estt/A/2498 dated 01/07/2020, Admn/5686 dated 10/10/2019, Admn/4023 dated 29/07/2019, Admn/2472 dated 02/05/2019

Dean(Faculty Welfare) and Registrar should visit Ministry of Education, New Delhi to discuss various issues related to Teaching and Non Teaching staff.

**73.16.02 ATAL Ranking of VNIT Nagpur.**

**Resolution :** Director, VNIT Nagpur has informed BoG regarding improvement in ATAL ranking of VNIT Nagpur for the year 2020. VNIT Nagpur is categorized as "Band A" (Rank between 11-25) in category of Institute of National Importance, Central Universities & CFITs' in Atal ranking of Institutions on Innovation Achievement (ARIIA) 2020. Chairman along with all Board members extended congratulations to all faculty -members regarding improvement in ATAL ranking.

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

*V. R. Jandekar*

**Chairman**

*S. P. Bhat*