



Draft Minutes for 75th Meeting of the Board of Governors held on 16th February, 2021 at VNIT, Nagpur.

The following members were present:

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| 1. Dr. P.M. Padole, Director, VNIT, Nagpur | Chairman & Member |
| 2. Mrs. Darshana M. Dabral, JS & FA, MoE, New Delhi (on Webex) | Member |
| 3. Mr. Pawan Kumar, Under Secretary, NITs, MoE, New Delhi (on Webex) | Member |
| 4. Prof. Hari Pandalai, Professor of Earth Sciences, IIT Bombay(on Webex) | Member |
| 5. Ms. K. Niveditha Reddy, NIT Council Representative | Member |
| 6. Mr. V.K. Divekar, NIT Council Representative | Member |
| 7. Dr. D.R. Peshwe, Professor of Met. and Material Sc. Engg. and Dean (FW) | Member (on Webex) |
| 8. Dr. Y.M. Puri, Associate Professor in Mechanical Engg. | Member |
| 9. Dr. S.R. Sathe, Registrar, VNIT, Nagpur | Secretary |

Dr. A.G. Keskar, Prof. of Electronics & Communication Engg.,CVO, VNIT, Nagpur has attended the meeting as Special Invitee.

75.01 To confirm the minutes of 74th meeting of the Board of Governors held on 24th December 2020 at VNIT, Nagpur.

The Draft Minutes of the 74th meeting of the Board of Governors held on 24th December 2020 are placed at **(Annexure-I)**. The comments are received from Dr.D.R.Peshwe and accordingly the minutes are corrected.

The Board is requested to confirm the minutes.

Resolution : (i) The comments received from Dr. D.R. Peshwe, Professor of Met. and Material Sc. Engg. and Dean (FW) are incorporated.

(ii) JS & FA, MoE informed to include the comment for Item No. 74.14 resolution as “subject to condition that Dr. M.S. Ramakarthik is eligible to be appointed” are incorporated.

Accordingly, the BoG confirmed the minutes of 74th meeting of Board of Governors.

S.R. Sathe

75.02 To note the Action Taken Report on resolutions of the 74th meeting of the Board of Governors.

<i>Item No</i>	<i>Agenda</i>	<i>Resolution</i>	<i>Action taken</i>
74.06	<p>Institute Convocation on 28th December, 2020 (in online mode)</p> <p>VNIT, Nagpur is organizing 18th Convocation on 28th December, 2020 (in online mode). All the BoG members are cordially invited to grace the occasion.</p> <p>The list of Degree recipients and Medals / Prizes winners for 18th Convocation is enclosed at Annexures-VIa and VIb for the approval of BoG.</p> <p>The BoG is requested to approve the same.</p>	<p>The BoG approved the list of Degree recipients and Medals / Prizes winners for 18th Convocation to be held on 28th December, 2020 (in online mode).</p> <p>BoG approved the Ph.D. Degree recipients list of 61 students including 13 additional Ph.D. recipients.</p>	<p>The VNIT, Nagpur has organized 18th Convocation on 28th December, 2020 (in online mode) and it was grand success.</p>
74.13	<p>Clarification regarding pending matters with Ministry of Education.</p> <p>Clarification has been sought by VNIT Nagpur from the Ministry of Education on the following matters:</p> <p>i) Clarification regarding fixation of pay without increment and fixation of date of next increment for faculty of VNIT Nagpur (Annexure-XIIIa) vide letter no D/76 dated 30 June 2020.</p> <p>ii) Recruitment of faculty positions at VNIT Nagpur (Annexure-XIIIb & XIIIc) vide letters no. D/122 dated 30 Oct 2019 and D/89 dated 05 Aug 2019.</p> <p>VNIT Nagpur has not received any response from the Ministry</p>	<p>i) In case of internal faculty of the institute, it is cleared by Ministry of Education that all the recruitment done at NITs is under Direct Recruitment as per Four Tier Faculty Recruitment and is not to be considered as promotions. The fixation of pay and date of increment has to be carried out as per the OM No.F.No.15-4/2017-TC dated 27th October 2017.</p> <p>ii) Regarding recruitment of faculty positions at higher level, this issue pertains to all NITs and IITs. Ministry of Education is examining the issue and will issue the directives, accordingly.</p> <p>iii) The issue related to one time measure regarding faculty members of VNIT Nagpur, which was referred</p>	<p>For resolution no.ii), the reply from MoE is awaited.</p>

	<p>of Education on these matters till date.</p> <p>Hence, the BoG is requested to deliberate.</p>	<p>to Ministry of Education vide letter No.D/08 dated 18th February 2020 has been once again discussed in the meeting for seeking clarification from Ministry of Education.</p>	
74.14	<p>To approve the grant of extension of six months/one year to Dr. M.S. Ramkarthik, Assistant Professor Grade-II, Department of Physics.</p> <p>The Institute is in receipt of application dated 01.12.2020 from Dr. M.S. Ramkarthik, Assistant Professor Grade-II, Department of Physics, requesting for extension of contract beyond 25 December 2020 (Annexure-XIVa).</p> <p>In the BoG Resolution No. 70.15.01, the matter related to Assistant Professor Grade -II appointed on contract for 5 years was discussed and it was resolved that Assistant Professor Grade -II appointed on contract for 5 years will continue on contract for six months after the completion of present contract and meanwhile clarification should be sought from MHRD.</p> <p>Further as per Dean (F. W.) note put up in 72nd BOG meeting vide item no. 72.09, further extension of six months was granted to Dr. M. S. Ramkarthik, Assistant Professor Grade-II, Department of Physics till 25th Dec 2020. Copy of approval (Annexures-XIVb) and Office Order for extension till 25th Dec 2020</p>	<p>Regretted. Further extension cannot be granted to Dr. M. S. Ramkarthik, Assistant Professor Grade - II, Department of Physics. However, as a special case he should be considered for the post of Adjunct faculty for a period one year at a fixed salary to be decided by Institute subject to condition that he is eligible to be appointed.</p>	<p>The letter has been issued to Dr. M.S. Ramkarthik, Assistant Professor Grade-II, Department of Physics.</p>

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	<p>(Annexures-XIVc)are enclosed.</p> <p>As per the above referred application and since no clarification is received from Ministry of Education, further extension of Six Months/ one year is recommended to Dr. M. S. Ramkarthik, Assistant Professor Grade-II, Department of Physics.</p> <p>The BoG is requested to approve.</p>		
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The BoG is requested to note.

Resolution : The BoG noted the action taken report.

75.03 Confidential Item.

75.04 To approve the recommendations of 63rd meeting of the Finance Committee held on 24th December 2020.

The recommendations of 63rd meeting of the Finance Committee held on 24th December 2020 are placed in (Annexure-III).

The BoG is requested to approve.

Resolution : BoG approved the minutes of 63rd meeting of Finance Committee.

75.05 To approve the proceedings of 64th meeting of Finance Committee held on 16th February 2021.

The proceedings of 64th meeting of Finance Committee held on 16th February 2021 are placed in (Annexure-IV).

The BoG is requested to approve.

Resolution : The proceeding of 74th meeting of Finance Committee are noted subject to confirmation of minutes in the next Finance Committee meeting.

75.06 Status of pending Public Grievances and Parliamentary Assurances till date.

VNIT, Nagpur is in receipt of letter No. F.No.33-3/2020-TS.III dated 29th December, 2020 for inclusion of status related to pending Public Grievances and Parliamentary Assurances in BoG meetings till date. (Annexure-V)

Pending Public Grievances - Nil.

Pending Parliamentary Assurances- Nil.

The BoG is requested to note.

Resolution : Noted.

75.07 To approve two seats (supernumerary) per M.Tech programme offered by VNIT Nagpur.

As per Item No. S 58.09.02, the Senate has recommended two seats (supernumerary) per M.Tech programme offered by VNIT Nagpur, the details of which are as given below:

S58.09.02: To consider the request from the HQ Integrated Defence staff, Ministry of Defence to admit their service officers (Army Navy & Airforce) under their Post Graduate Training (PGT) scheme to various M.Tech programmes offered by VNIT. (Letter copy attached). (Annexure-VI)

Dean (Acad) informed the Senate that the Institute is in receipt of letter from HQ Integrated Defence staff, Ministry of Defence to admit their service officers (Army Navy & Airforce) under their Post Graduate Training (PGT) scheme to various M.Tech programmes offered by VNIT, Nagpur.

The Senate is requested to deliberate.

Resolution: The Senate recommended two seats (supernumerary) per M.Tech programme offered by VNIT Nagpur.

Hence, BoG is requested to approve.

Resolution : BoG approved two seats (supernumerary) per M.Tech. programme offered by VNIT Nagpur.

75.08 Non-payment of rent by Maharashtra Remote Sensing Application Centre (MRSAC), Nagpur located in the premises of VNIT Nagpur.

The matter related to renewal of lease deed of Maharashtra Remote Sensing Application Centre, Nagpur has been discussed during 65th Board meeting, the details of which are as follows:

65.09.02 The request from Maharashtra Remote Sensing Applications Centre regarding the renewal of lease deed.

The Institute is in receipt of letter No. MRSAC/VNIT-lease/850/2018-19 dated September 28, 2018 (Annexure-VIII) from Maharashtra Remote Sensing Applications Centre, Nagpur regarding the renewal of lease deed.

BoG is requested to deliberate.

Resolution: BoG does not agree to renew lease deed for Maharashtra Remote Sensing Applications Centre, Nagpur. However, BoG resolved that the period of one year from the date of confirmation of this minutes be given to MRSAC, Nagpur for relocating their premises and fresh agreement to that effect between VNIT Nagpur and MRSAC, Nagpur be made. BoG further resolved that the, Maharashtra Remote Sensing Applications Centre, Nagpur should pay the rent as per CPWD rate with effect from the date of expiry of lease. i.e. 25th September, 2018.

Accordingly, as per Item No. 66.02 the legal agreement has been prepared and sent to MRSAC vide letter No. Admn/MRSAC/2019/1458 dated 18th March, 2019 requesting them to release rent of Rs. 7,13,932/- p.m. w.e.f. 25/09/2018. The reminder for the same, vide letter No. Admn/MRSAC/2019/2285 dated 25th April, 2019 and Admn/MRSAC/2019/3486 dated 28th June, 2019.

VNIT, Nagpur has received a letter No. MRSAC/GB(47th)/4195/2019-20 dated July 8, 2019 and accordingly the item has been placed in 69th meeting, details of which are as follows:

69.07 Regarding expiry of lease deed and non payment of rent by Maharashtra Remote Sensing Applications Centre (MRSAC), Nagpur.

As per the 66th meeting of Board of Governors Item No. 66.02, VNIT, Nagpur has sent a letter dated 18th March 2019 to MRSAC along with the rent agreement format for payment of rent along with the arrears from 25/09/2018. The rent has been calculated based on the CPWD rate which works out to be Rs. 7,13,932/- per month with effect from date of expiry of original lease. Subsequently, the reminder letters dated 25th April, 2019 and 28th June, 2019 were sent. However, till date the rent has not been deposited by MRSAC, Nagpur.

Presently, Director, VNIT, Nagpur has received the letter No. MRSAC/GB(47th)/4195/2019-20 dated July 8, 2019 along with the approved minutes of 47th Governing Body of MRSAC, Nagpur. (Annexure-IX)

The MRSAC BoG Item No. 47.4.1 is as given below:

47.4.1 The Director MRSAC & Member Secretary, Governing Body of MRSAC apprised the Governing Body about the issue of renewal of lease of land of 0.3 hectare located in the premises of VNIT, Nagpur (formerly known as VRCE) and is in possession of MRSAC. He further apprised about the decision of the Board of Directors of VNIT regarding vacating of the premises by MRSAC.

The Chairman, MRSAC & Hon'ble Chief Secretary, Government of Maharashtra advised Director MRSAC & Member Secretary, Governing Body of MRSAC to locate a suitable land in Nagpur City including vacant land belonging to State Government of Maharashtra, Dr. Punjabrao Deshmukh Krishi Vidyapeeth Akola or Maharashtra Animal Husbandry and Fisheries Science University or any State Government Bodies / Agencies which can be considered for allotment to MRSAC and accordingly submit proposal to the Planning Department.

BoG is requested to deliberate.

Resolution: BoG noted the contents of MRSAC BoG Item No. 47.4.1 & BoG resolved that the Institute should send a letter to MRSAC regarding payment of rent along with the arrears from 25/09/2018.

Subsequently, the letter No. Admn/MRSAC/2019/5459 dated 23rd September, 2019 has been sent with a request to release the rent from 25/09/2018. Further, letter No. Admn/2019/497 dated 27th January, 2020 followed by reminder letter No. Admn/2020/3144 dated 14th August, 2020 has been sent with a request to release rent w.e.f. 25/09/2018.

VNIT, Nagpur has received a letter No. MRSAC/VNIT-lease/396/2020-21 dated August 18, 2020 regarding execution of Deed of Rent along with a draft copy of rent agreement. VNIT Nagpur has approved the rent agreement and corrected copy has been sent vide letter No. Admn/3283 dated 27th August, 2020 with a request to release the rent of Rs. 7,13,932/- p.m. w.e.f. 26/09/2018 and execute a rent agreement with a stamp duty to be paid by MRSAC Nagpur as per the Bombay Stamp Act 1958. The letter No. Admn/3979 dated 29th October, 2020 is again sent with a request to execute the rent agreement as per the approved agreement format (**Annexure-VII**) but till date MRSAC Nagpur has not processed the execution of agreement for paying the rent of Rs. 7,13,932/- p.m. w.e.f. 26/09/2018.

Hence, it is proposed to issue the legal notice to MRSAC Nagpur.

The BoG is requested to deliberate.

Resolution : BoG asked the Institute to issue legal notice to Maharashtra Remote Sensing Applications Centre (MRSAC), Nagpur.

75.09 Non-payment of lease rent of Rs. 98,721/- per month by MSEDCL from 1st January 2019.

As per the BoG Item No. 71.10, VNIT Nagpur has discussed the matter related to non-payment of lease rent of Rs. 98,721/- per month from 1st January 2019. Accordingly, the letter No. Admn/3223 dated 20th August 2020 was issued to Executive Engineer (Civil) asking MSEDCL to pay lease rent from 1st January 2019 (Letter attached).

The officials from MSEDCL has requested VNIT Nagpur to have a joint meeting with higher authorities of MSEDCL to take appropriate decision regarding the lease rent. Accordingly, VNIT Nagpur is issued a letter No. Admn/Maha Vitaran/3960 dated 28th October 2020 (Letter attached) informing the date of meeting as 3rd November 2020 at 4.00 PM, Venue : Director's Office. (Annexure-VI) Accordingly, the authorities from MSEDCL attended the meeting and discuss the matter related to reduction of lease rent.

Director, VNIT Nagpur along with Dean (P & D) and Registrar apprised the MSEDCL officials who attended the meeting stating that the VNIT Nagpur has extended 50% concession i.e. 50% of total rent of Rs. 1,97,442/- works out to Rs. 98,721/- p.m. Further, the GST is payable on entire amount on actuals by MSEDCL and MSEDCL has to pay appropriate stamp duty for execution of lease agreement.

The MSEDCL officials were asking for further reduction of lease rent, which was denied by VNIT authorities.

Now, the institute has received the letter No. SEC/CCCM/CIR/NGP/Tech/No/0165 dated 01 February 2021 in the name of Chairman and Director, VNIT, Nagpur requesting revision of lease rent. (Annexure-VIII)

The BoG is requested to deliberate.

Resolution : BoG does not agree to renew lease deed for MSEDCL as per the previous lease rent i.e. Rs. 1/- per year.

BoG resolved that the Institute should send a letter to higher authorities of MSEDCL regarding non payment of lease rent of Rs. 98,721/- per month from 1st January, 2019.

75.10 Any other item with the permission of Chair.

75.10.01 : To consider request received from VNIT Non Teaching Staff Association, Nagpur related to Post Retirement Medical Assistance.

The matter related to Post Retirement Medical Assistance to be extended for retired employees (Pensioners and Family Pensioners) of VNIT Nagpur has been placed in 70th BoG meeting vide Item No. 70.14. The Director, VNIT informed the House that the scheme related to Post Retirement Medical Assistance is under consideration with MoE.

BoG requested to deliberate.

Resolution : Joint Secretary and FA, MoE, New Delhi informed the House that the proposal related to Post Retirement Medical Assistance for Pensioners and Family Pensioners is under consideration at MoE level.

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



Chairman

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