



**Minutes for 86<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Board of Governors held on 28<sup>th</sup> July 2022 at VNIT, Nagpur.**

The following members were present:

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| 1. Dr. P.M. Padole, Director, VNIT, Nagpur                                  | Chairman & Member |
| 2. Ms. Darshana M Dabral, Joint Secretary (IFD),<br>MoE, New Delhi (Online) | Member            |
| 3. Prof. Milind Atrey, Dean (R&D) & Prof. of Mechanical Engg.<br>IIT Bombay | Member            |
| 4. Ms. Kankanala Niveditha Reddy, NIT Council Representative                | Member            |
| 5. Dr. O. R. Jaiswal, Professor, Applied Mechanics, VNIT, Nagpur            | Member            |
| 6. Dr. K. L. Wasewar, Professor of Chemical Engg., VNIT, Nagpur             | Member            |
| 7. Dr. S. R. Sathe, Registrar, VNIT, Nagpur                                 | Secretary         |

**86.01 To confirm the minutes of 85<sup>th</sup> Board of Governors meeting at VNIT, Nagpur.**

The Draft Minutes of the 85<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Board of Governors held on 09<sup>th</sup> June 2022 is placed at **Annexure-I**.

**Resolution:** The Minutes of 85<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Board of Governors are confirmed.

**86.02 To note the Action Taken Report on resolutions of the 85<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Board of Governors.**

Item No	Agenda	Resolution	Action taken
85.07	Information regarding Recruitment of Faculty under “Four Tier Flexible Faculty Structure”.	It is resolved that VNIT Nagpur should issue the appointment orders to the selected candidates.	The office orders to the selected candidates are issued.
85.08	To approve recasting of leave account for vacation staff as per DOPT gazette notification dated 11.12.2018.	Approved.	In Process.
85.12	To approve the forwarding of application of Dr. Sathish Kumar A., Assistant Professor Grade I in Mathematics Department to IIT Madras under Special Drive- Mission Mode.	Approved as a special case. Further, this should not be considered as a precedence.	Dr.Sathish Kumar A., Assistant Professor Grade I in Mathematics Department has submitted resignation and he will be relieved on 04 <sup>th</sup> August 2022 as per the rules.

**Resolution:** BoG noted Action Taken Report.

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**86.03 To approve the recommendations of 71<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Finance Committee held on 9<sup>th</sup> June 2022.**

The recommendations of 71<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Finance Committee held on 9<sup>th</sup> June 2022 are placed in (Annexure-II).

The BoG is requested to approve.

**Resolution:** Approved.

**86.04 To note the proceedings of 72<sup>nd</sup> meeting of Finance Committee held on 28<sup>th</sup> July 2022.**

The proceedings of 72<sup>nd</sup> meeting of Finance Committee held on 28<sup>th</sup> July 2022 are placed in (Annexure-III).

The BoG is requested to note.

**Resolution:** Noted.

**86.05 Status of pending Public Grievances and Parliamentary Assurances.**

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

Pending Public Grievances - Nil.

Pending Parliamentary Assurances - Nil.

The BoG is requested to note.

**Resolution:** Noted.

**86.06 The Backlog Vacancy Status at VNIT, Nagpur.**

As per the letter No.D.O.No.33-2/2021-TS-III (Pt.I) dated 24<sup>th</sup> August 2021, the Backlog vacancy status at VNIT, Nagpur is as given below:

**Faculty Backlog as per Approved Roaster** (as on 1<sup>st</sup> February 2022)

Sr.No	Name of NITs	Total Sanctioned post (Faculty)	Backlog as per approved Roaster			
			SC	ST	OBC	EWS
1	VNIT, Nagpur	335	3	7	1	13

The BoG is requested to note

**Resolution:** Noted. The present position of Backlog after the conduct of faculty Recruitment during May and June 2022 is as given below:

Sr. No.	Name of NITs	Total Sanctioned post (Faculty)	Backlog as per approved Roaster			
			SC	ST	OBC	EWS
1	VNIT, Nagpur	335	1	2	5	9

This will be updated in Roaster after the conduct of special cell meeting.

**86.07 To note the minutes of 67<sup>th</sup> Building and Works Committee meeting.**

The 67<sup>th</sup> Building and Works Committee minutes are placed in (Annexure-IV).

The BoG is requested to note.

**Resolution:** Noted.

**86.08 To ratify signing of MOU between VNIT, Nagpur and IIIT Vadodara, SVNIT, Surat, Tata Elxsi Ltd., Bangalore and VSPM's Dental College and Research Centre, Nagpur.**

VNIT, Nagpur has signed MoU's (Annexure-Va to Vd) with

- i) IIIT Vadodara.
- ii) SVNIT, Surat.
- iii) Tata Elxsi Ltd, Bangalore.
- iv) VSPM's Dental College and Research Centre, Nagpur.

BoG is requested to ratify.

**Resolution:** Ratified. BoG was informed that there is no financial implication on VNIT Nagpur and institutes IPR interest will be protected.

**86.09 To accept resignation letter of Dr. Siba Kumar Patro, Assistant Professor Grade-II, Electrical Engineering Dept.**

Dr. Siba Kumar Patro, Assistant Professor Grade-II, Electrical Engineering Dept. has submitted the resignation letter with a request to relieve him as per rules. (Annexure-VI).

As per NIT Statutes, his resignation is accepted and he stands relieved from services of VNIT w.e.f. 21.06.2022 (A.N). He has obtained clearance from all respective sections and no vigilance and departmental enquiry is pending / initiated against him.

BoG is requested to ratify.

**Resolution:** Ratified. Dr. Siba Kumar Patro was relieved after a notice period of one month since was on contract.

**86.10 To consider study leave application of Dr. Diwakar Z. Shende, Associate Professor, Chemical Engg. Dept. for undergoing L.L.B. Program of Six Semesters.**

Dr. Diwakar Z. Shende, Associate professor, Chemical Engg. Dept. has applied for study leave for undergoing L.L.B. Program of Six Semesters at IIT, Kharagpur.

The office note from Establishment Section along with request application of Dr. Diwakar Z. Shende, Associate professor, Chemical Engg. Dept. is as enclosed. (**Annexure-VII**).

BoG is requested to deliberate.

**Resolution:** Regret, since the duration of six semesters (i.e. 3 years) is not permissible under the present norms for granting study leave. Further, this professional know-how is not of direct relevance to core engineering; hence, such professional degree can be completed through part time mode, without seeking study leave.

**86.11 To consider the Sabbatical leave request of Dr. A. M. Kuthe, Professor Mechanical Engineering Department to apply for Fulbright– Nehru Academic and Professional Excellence Fellowship of Nine months duration from 01/09/2023 to 30/05/2024.**

Dr. A. M. Kuthe, Professor Mechanical Engineering Department is interested to apply for Fulbright – Nehru Academic and Professional Excellence Fellowship of Nine month's duration from 01/09/2023 to 30/05/2024.

The office note from Establishment Section along with request application of Dr. A. M. Kuthe, Professor Mechanical Engineering Department is as enclosed. (**Annexure-VIII**). The grant of Sabbatical leave will be subject to fulfillment of terms and conditions of circular No. Dean FW/78 dated 16/02/2022 and also as per NIT statutes.

BoG is requested to approve.

**Resolution:** Approved.

If selected, Dr. A. M. Kuthe, Professor Mechanical Engineering Department shall be relieved as per the terms and conditions of circular No. Dean FW/78 dated 16/02/2022. He will be entitled only for salary from only one source either from VNIT, Nagpur or from the sponsoring organization.

**86.12 To consider the Sabbatical leave request of Dr. Mahesh Verma, Professor Chemical Engineering Department to apply for Fulbright– Nehru Academic and Professional Excellence Fellowship of Nine months duration from 01/11/2023 to 30/07/2024.**

Dr. Mahesh Verma, Professor Chemical Engineering Department is interested to apply for Fulbright – Nehru Academic and Professional Excellence Fellowship of Nine month's duration from 01/11/2023 to 30/07/2024.

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The office note from Establishment Section along with request application of Dr. Mahesh Verma, Professor Chemical Engineering Department is as enclosed. (**Annexure-IX**). The grant of Sabbatical leave will be subject to fulfillment of terms and conditions of circular No. Dean FW/78 dated 16/02/2022 and also as per NIT statutes.

BoG is requested to approve.

**Resolution:** Approved.

If selected, Dr. Mahesh Verma, Professor Chemical Engineering Department shall be relieved as per the terms and conditions conditions of circular No. Dean FW/78 dated 16/02/2022. He will be entitled only for salary from only one source either from VNIT, Nagpur or from the sponsoring organization.

**86.13 To consider request received from VNIT Non-Teaching Staff Association, Nagpur related to Post-Retirement Medical Assistance.**

VNIT Non-Teaching Staff Association, Nagpur has submitted a letter related to Post-Retirement Medical Assistance to be extended for retired employees (Pensioners and Family Pensioners) of VNIT Nagpur along with dependent family members. This matter has been discussed in 75<sup>th</sup> BoG meeting vide item no.75.10.01 and the resolution is as given below. 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.**

BoG requested to deliberate.

**Resolution:** BoG resolved to send reminder letter to Ministry of Education related to Post-Retirement Medical Assistance.

**86.14 Any other matter with the permission of chair.**

**86.14.01 To consider the matter related to Waiving off the levy of interest on arrears of rent payable by MRSAC, Nagpur.**

The institute is in receipt of letter No. MRSAC/VNIT/441/2022-23 dated 19<sup>th</sup> July 2022 from Maharashtra Remote Sensing Application Centre, Nagpur with a request to consider Waiving Off the levy of interest on arrears of rent payable by MRSAC, Nagpur.  
(Letter Attached.-**Annexure-X**)

This matter has been discussed in 71<sup>th</sup> Finance Committee meeting vide item no F71.02, the details of which are as given below:

**F 71.02** To note the action taken on the resolutions of 70<sup>th</sup> meeting of Finance Committee.

<i>Agenda Item</i>	<i>Resolution</i>	<i>Action Taken</i>
<b>F 70.03</b> To consider request Letter received from Maharashtra Remote Sensing Applications Centre (MRSAC), Nagpur regarding waiver off interest of Rs. 51,96,168/- on arrears of rent payable.	FC resolved that legal opinion may be obtained on the matter and request for waiver of interest may be considered accordingly.	The legal opinion of Adv. Anand Parchure is enclosed ( <b>Annexure-II</b> ).  Adv. Anand Parchure has opined that the agreement for rent was never executed between VNIT Nagpur and MRSAC and in absence of any concluded contract, it was neither obligatory on our part to charge interest (on arrears of rent payable) nor it was obligatory on part of MRSAC to pay interest. Delay in execution of agreement was for the reasons specified in Para 15 to 17 of communication dated 05.04.2022 from MRSAC Nagpur.

Accordingly, FC is requested to note the ATR on the resolutions of 70<sup>th</sup> FC meeting and recommend the waiver off interest of Rs. 51,96,168/- on arrears of rent payable by MRSAC Nagpur to BoG, for its approval.

**Resolution:** The action taken report of 70<sup>th</sup> meeting of Finance Committee meeting is noted. It was resolved that correspondence regarding interest on arrears of rent payable should be continued with MRSAC Nagpur.

Accordingly, the letter no Admn/2725 dated 20<sup>th</sup> June 2022 and Admn/3189 dated 20<sup>th</sup> July 2022 were sent to MRSAC, Nagpur.

BoG is requested to deliberate.

**Resolution:** It was pointed out by JS & FA, Ministry of Education that as per DFPR guidelines, Ministry of Finance is competent authority to waive off interest of Rs. 51,96,168/-. Hence, BoG resolved to send the letter to Ministry of Education regarding waiving off interest of Rs. 51,96,168/- .

#### **86.14.02 The matter related to Pay Fixation of Internal Faculty.**

VNIT, Nagpur is facing the issue with regards to Pay Fixation of Internal Faculty. After conduct of recent faculty recruitment May-June 2022, while fixation the Senior Faculty Members reaching to the next close cell on promotion it is found that they have the marginal increase in basic salary and their increment is deferred from July to January as the 7<sup>th</sup> pay Commission.

Similar matter has been discussed in earlier recruitments during 73<sup>rd</sup> and 74<sup>th</sup> BoG and as per resolutions these matters were referred to Ministry of Education.

It is resolved that Dr. R. R. Yerpude, Dean (FW) and Dr. S. R. Sathe, Registrar should seek an appointment with Joint Secretary (Bureau), Ministry of Education, New Delhi to resolve the issue.

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

  
Chairman



