



Minutes of the *Fortieth (Special)* meeting of the Board of Governors for the Sardar Vallabhbhai National Institute of Technology, Surat, held on Monday, the 20th April, 2015 at 11.30 a.m. in the Hotel J.R.D.Exotica, A-1/284, Safdarjung Enclave, New Delhi-110 029.

The following members were present :

- (1) **Mrs. Jaya Panvalkar** : Chairperson
Hon'ble Chairperson, BOG's
(Former Senior Director and Site Leader,
NVIDIA Pune Design Centre),
B-702, Kapilvastu, Nr. Pratignya Hall,
Karvenagar, Pune-411 052 (Maharashtra)
- (2) **Shri Rajesh Singh** : Member
Director Finance
MHRD, New Delhi.
- (3) **Shri Sanjeev Kumar Sharma** : Member
Director (NITs)
MHRD, New Delhi.
- (4) **Dr. M.N. Patel** : Member
Vice Chancellor, Gujarat University,
Ahmedabad.
- (5) **Shri Dinker C Naik** : Member
R/O. Meghdoot Society,
Surat.
- (6) **Dr. H.B. Naik** : Member
Professor, MED
SVNIT, Surat.
- (7) **Dr. (Mrs.) V.A. Shah** : Member
Associate Professor, EED
SVNIT, Surat.
- (8) **Dr. S.A. Channiwala** : Member
Incharge Director
(Professor, Mech. Engg. Deptt.)
SVNIT, Surat.

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- (9) **Dr. D.P. Vakharia** : Secretary
Incharge Registrar
(Professor, Mech. Engg. Deptt.)
SVNIT, Surat.

Dr. (Mrs.) Uma Bhattacharya, Professor, Bengal Engineering & Science Uni., Howrah and Prof. D.K. Ghosh, Rtd. Professor, Deptt. of IIT, Mumbai could not attend the meeting due to unavoidable circumstances and requested to grant leave of absence.

At the outset Hon'ble Chairperson welcomed all the members of the Board and thanked them especially Shri Rajesh Singh, Joint Secretary & Financial Advisor (IFD), Shri Sanjeev Kumar Sharma, Director (NITs), MHRD, New Delhi, Dr. M.N. Patel, Vice Chancellor, Gujarat University, and Shri Dinker Naik, Surat for sparing their valuable time to attend the BOG meeting.

Item 1: To discuss the status of the court case filed by the two previously dismissed faculty members viz. Dr. Vivekanand Mishra and Dr. Ranjit Roy.

Reso. 1 : The BoG noted the status of the court case. The BoG directed the Director, SVNIT Surat to take all necessary steps and pay special attention to ensure that respondents are well represented through legal counsels.

It is noted that Hon'ble High Court of Gujarat has observed that "*It was also felt that Hon'ble High court of Gujarat has not been submitted complete facts regarding the procedure adopted under Rule 14 and Rule 15 of CCS(CCA) Rules.*"

Board in its 38th meeting has observed that as per the CCS(CCA) rule 14 (2), "*where there is a complaint of sexual harassment within the meaning of rule 3 C of the Central Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964, the*



complaints Committee established in each ministry or Department or Office for inquiring into such complaints, shall be deemed to be the inquiring authority appointed by the disciplinary authority for the purpose of these rules."

Following CCS (CCA) Rule 15, a show cause notices were served to Dr. Ranjit Roy, Dr. Vivekanand Mishra and Kanirkar on Feb. 17, 2015, enclosing therein the relevant portion of the complaint committee report. All three submitted their representations. Dr Ranjit Roy and Dr. Vivekanand Mishra sought personal hearing from the BoG after submitting replies to the show cause notice. BoG agreed to their request. In 39th meeting of BoG held on March 4, 2015, Dr. Vivekanand Mishra was present while, Dr Ranjit Roy indicated his inability to attend. BoG heard Dr. Vivekanad Mishra and subsequently BoG decoded the matter.

Hence, as per Rule 14 (2) Inquiry Authority, in form of complaint committee, was instituted and the report of the Inquiry authority was considered. Following Rule 15, the Inquiry authority report was also served to the Suspected Public servants. They were provided opportunity to express their views in writing. They requested and were granted personal hearing by BoG. Therefore, adequate opportunity was given to represent their views on the inquiry committee report and allegations contained in the report. Hence, BoG was conscious of relevant rule positions under CCS(CCA) Rule and followed procedures under Rule 14 and Rule 15 of CCA(CCA) Rules.

"BoG instructed Director, SVNIT that legal counsel should be appraised all facts of the case including above so that same may be submitted to Hon'ble High Court of Gujarat."

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'L. M. M.', with a horizontal line underneath.

Item 2: To discuss the matter pertaining to the Registrar Mr. H. A. Parmar

Reso. 2: The item was discussed at length. After careful discussion on all aspects the Board unanimously adopted following resolution:

"It is resolved to constitute an inquiry committee of the following members to investigate the matter related to alleged lapses by the registrar, Shri H A Parmar in handling the court cases related to dismissals of Associate professor, Dr. Ranjit Roy, and Associate Professor Dr. Vivekanand Mishra for sexual harrasment.

1. Dr. G. K. Sharma, IIT. Gandhinagar - Chairman
2. Mr. R. D. Desai, ExDirector-Town Planning (Surat Municiple Corporation), "Dhiraj Bunglow", Adarsh Society, Nr. Gokulam Dairy, Athwa Lines, Surat – Member
3. The Incharge Registrar,SVNIT, Surat – Convener/Secretary

The committee will investigate the matter and submit the report in three weeks of time from the date of issue of the order. The institute will provide all necessary facilities and support.

"It is further resolved that Convener/Secretary of above inquiry committee shall represent the case on behalf of the institute. He shall also submit all the documents to the inquiry committee pertaining to the alleged lapses by the Registrar Shri H. A. Parmar. He is also authorize to call for any person before the inquiry committee during the process of inquiry."

The letters submitted by students to the Board's chairperson and faculty members to all the Board members were submitted before the 40th BoG. "After due discussion it is resolved to hand over all the letters to the convener/Secretary of the inquiry Committee."

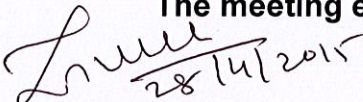



Item from Chair :

Item 3: Ratification of the decision to give charge of Director and Registrar.


Reso. 3 : “Dr. S. A. Channiwala has been given the charge of acting Director of the institute because Dr. P. D. Porey has resigned as Director and is on leave following NIT Statute. Prof. D. P. Vakharia has been given the charge of Registrar as Sh H A Parmar is on leave.”Both of these actions are ratified by the BoG's.

The meeting ended with a vote of thank to the chair.


(Dr. D.P. VAKHARIA)
SECRETARY
BOARD OF GOVERNORS


(Mrs. JAYA PANVALKAR)
CHAIRPERSON
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