



SARDAR VALLABHBHAI NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY SURAT-395007

Minutes for the *Fifteenth* meeting of the *Board of Governors* for the Sardar Vallabhbhai National Institute of Technology Surat, held on *Tuesday, 11th March, 2008* at *5.00 p.m.* onwards in the *NIT Transit House, A-1/267, Safdarjung Enclave, New Delhi*

The following members were present:

- 1) ***Dr. W.R. Sherekar*** : Chairman
Ex-Minister
Govt. of Maharashtra
- 2) ***Shri Madan Mohan*** : Member
Director (NITs),
(Rep. of Jt. Secretary)
MHRD, New Delhi.
- 3) ***Shri S. Mohan*** : Member
Dy. Secretary (IFD)
(Rep. of Financial Adviser)
MHRD, New Delhi
- 4) ***Prof. Dipan K. Ghosh*** : Member
Professor (Physics Deptt.)
IIT, Powai, Mumbai
- 5) ***Prof. Prasad Krishna*** : Member
Adviser (QA) (I)
AICTE, New Delhi
- 6) ***Prof. W.N. Gade*** : Member
Prof. & Head, Deptt. of Bio-Technology,
University of Pune, Pune
- 7) ***Shri Y.M. Shukla*** : Member
Principal
Girls Polytechnic
Ahmedabad
- 8) ***Shri N.M. Bhatia*** : Member
Resident Engineer, Maharashtra Sadan,
NEW DELHI.

- 9) *Dr. H.S. Patil* : Member
Professor, AMD, SVNIT, Surat.
- 10) *Shri D.B. Raijiwala* : Member
Asstt. Prof., AMD, SVNIT, Surat.
- 11) *Dr. P.D. Porey* : Member
Director, SVNIT, Surat.
- 12) *Shri H.A. Parmar* : Secretary
Registrar, SVNIT, Surat

Dr. S.K. Mukkherjee, Vice Chancellor, Birla Institute of Tech., Mesra, Ranchi and Shri Girish P. Dani of Ahmedabad have conveyed their inability to attend the meeting due to pre-occupation and have requested to approve the leave of absence.

At the outset, the Chairman, Board of Governors warmly welcomed members of the Board of Governors and the institute profile for latest development happen in the institute was presented through Electronics media. During the presentation all the members appreciated the efforts being put in for the development of the infrastructural activities as well as academic and research activities. The board advised to submit more and more projects to the various funding agencies.

The board also congratulated to Mr. Sankalp Mittal of final year Electrical students for bringing Laurels for the institute getting 1st rank with 99.99 percentile in CAT. On behalf of the board a letter of appreciation be sent to him. The board has also appreciated the students of 1st and 2nd year whose project selected under KVPY.

The board also advised to strengthen the laboratories with latest equipment to be purchased under various projects and TEQIP as well as plan grant, with a view to improve more and more testing and consultancy to improve more internal revenue generation.

The following business was transacted:

- Item 1:** To confirm the minutes of the 14th meeting of the Board of Governors held on 22/10/2007.
- Reso. 1:** “Resolved that the minutes of the 14th meeting of the Board of Governors held on 22/10/2007 be confirmed.”

- Item.2:** To note and approve the action taken on the resolutions adopted by the Board of Governors at its 14th meeting held on 22/10/2007.
- Reso. 2:** “Resolved that the action taken on the resolution(s) adopted by the Board of Governors at its 14th meeting held on 22/10/2007 be noted and approved.”
- Item 3:** To ratify the action taken by the Chairman, Board of Governors for deputing Shri P.G. Agnihotri, Lecturer in Civil Engineering Department to attend International Conference at abroad.
- Reso. 3:** “Resolved to ratify the action taken by the Chairman, Board of Governors for granting permission for presenting the research paper at international conference to attend International Conference at University of Cambridge, U.K. during September 23-25, 2008.” to Shri P.G. Agnihotri, Lecturer in Civil Engineering Department.”
- Item 4:** To note the recommendations / minutes of the 1st to 15th meetings of the Library Book Purchase Committee held from 27th October 2004 to 30th December 2007.
- Reso. 4:** “Resolved that the recommendations/minutes of the 1st to 15th meetings of the Library Book Purchase Committee held from 27th October 2004 to 30th December 2007 be noted.”
- “Resolved, further that, the Library Books Purchase Committee has been constituted by the Board. The Library Books Purchase Committee functions and exercises the powers as delegated by the board hence, now onwards a copy of the minutes of every meeting of the committee should not be sent to the Board.”
- Item 5:** To note and approve the recommendations/minutes of the 23rd & 24th meetings of the Building & Works Committee held on 03/10/2007 and 18/12/2007 respectively.
- Reso. 5:** “Resolved that the recommendations/minutes of the 23rd & 24th meetings of the Building & Works Committee held on 03/10/2007 and 18/12/2007 respectively be noted (APPENDIX: 5.1 & 5.2).”

Item 6: To note and approve the recommendations/minutes of the 18th & 19th meetings of the Purchase Committee held on 29/11/2007 & 15/01/2008 respectively.

Reso. 6: “Resolved that the recommendations/minutes of the 18th & 19th meetings of the Purchase Committee held on 29/11/2007 & 15/01/2008 respectively be noted.”

“Resolved, further that, the Purchase Committee has been constituted by the Board. The Purchase Committee functions and exercises the powers as delegated by the board hence, now onwards a copy of the minutes of every meeting of the committee should not be sent to the Board.”

Item 7: To consider and approve the recommendations of the meeting of the Inter Ministerial Group on revision of Research Fellowship regarding.

Reso. 7: “Resolved to adopt the recommendations of the Inter Ministerial Group on revision of Research Fellowship as conveyed by the GOI, MHRD vide letter No. F.No.9-2/2007-TS.I dtd: 22/11/2007 in principle. The board authorized the institute to implement the revised rate of fellowships / scholarships same as implemented in NIT, Rourkela w.e.f. 1st January, 2008 for the students registered under Full Time Institute Research (FIR) and be reported to the board accordingly.”

Item 8: To consider renewal of Pre-Auditing work of the Institute’s account for the year 2008-09 onwards engaging Chartered Accountant.

Reso. 8: The board discussed the agenda in detailed. The member Mr. S. Mohan, Dy. Secretary, IFD (Rep. of FA) emphasized to create internal audit cell and unanimously adopted following resolution:

“Resolved to consider awarding of pre-auditing work of the Institute’s account for the year 2008-09, 2009-10 & 2010-11 to M/s. P.M. Shah & Co. @ Rs.60,000/- per annum plus service tax as applicable without any escalation in audit fee inclusive of certification for the audit work etc. being a C&AG empanelled Chartered Accountant and having experience of auditing of educational institution.”

*renewal of
pre-auditing of A/c.*

Item 9: To consider to create separate Professional Development Fund for the staff of this Institute.

*Creation of
Separate Development
Fund for staff.*

Reso. 9: The Director explained the purpose of creation of separate Professional Development Fund for the staff of the Institute. The main motto of the creation of PDF is to inspire the faculty to take up more and more research activity and to generate internal revenue through testing and consultancy and certain proportional amount of IRG will be transferred to PDF of the individual faculty and it will be solely used for the academic and allied activities only. After detailed discussion the board adopted following resolution:

“Resolved to approve the creation of separate Professional Development Fund for the staff of the Institute in principle. The board authorized the institute to implement the creation of separate Professional Development Fund for the staff of the Institute same as implemented in NIT, Surathkal and be reported to the Board accordingly.”

Item from Chair:

Item 10: To Note the clarification received from MHRD (Department of Higher Education), Govt. of India, New Delhi regarding granting benefit under ACP Scheme to retired staff members.

Reso. 10: As per resolution adopted by the board in its 13th meeting held on 8/7/2007 vide Reso. No. 4 it was decided to grant benefit under ACP to retired staff members be clarified with the Ministry and to report to the Board. Accordingly, the matter was referred to the Ministry and clarification has been received in this regard as placed in agenda item. The institute also reported that six cases in respect of retired staff members are yet to be considered. After detailed discussion following resolution adopted:

“Resolved to note the clarification received from the Ministry vide letter bearing No. F.17-1/2008-TS-III dtd: 12/2/2008.”

“Resolved to approve to grant benefit under ACP to retired staff members as per **APPENDIX: 10.1, 10.2 & 10.3.**”

“Further resolved that the left out 7 cases of ACP in respect of retired staff members be also processed and be reported to the Board.”

Item 11: To consider the recommendation of the Library Committee for Writing Off 19,092 books worth Rs.42,07,022.44 lost in flood during 5th August to 12th August, 2006.

Reso.11: "Resolved to accept the recommendation of the Library Committee for Writing Off 19,092 books worth Rs.42,07,022.44 lost in during 5th August to 12th August, 2006."

"Resolved further that the above lost books in flood amounting to Rs.42,07,022=44 (19,092 Books) be deleted from Accession Register of the Library."

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

Sd/-
(H.A. PARMAR)
SECRETARY
BOARD OF GOVERNORS

Sd/
(Dr. W.R. SHEREKAR)
CHAIRMAN
BOARD OF GOVERNORS

NOTE: The Appendices referred to in the above resolutions are not enclosed as they have already been sent alongwith the Agenda.