



VEERMATA JIJABAI TECHNOLOGICAL INSTITUTE (VJTI)
MATUNGA, MUMBAI, 400 019

MINUTES
of 52nd Meeting of

Board of Governors of VJTI, Mumbai

held on

12th February, 2019 at 11.00 a.m. at **Director's Office, VJTI Mumbai 400019**

Members Present

1	Smt Sandra Shroff	Chairperson
2	Prof Dhiren R Patel	Member Secretary
3	Prof D B Phatak	Member
4	Dr Mangesh V Joshi	Member
5	Shri Dinanath Kholkar	Member
6	Prof Prachi Gharpure	Member
7	Dr M S Panse	Member
8	Dr M R Nagare	Member
9	Dr S G Bhirud	Invitee

Principal Secretary, HTE, GoM, could not attend due to other engagements and granted leave of absence.

At the outset, Director VJTI welcomed all members (including new members) for the extended term of BoG. Formal agenda items were taken up and following matters were deliberated and decisions taken:

Item No 52.1	Confirmation of Minutes of 51st BoG Meeting held on 26th Sept 2018
BoG confirmed the minutes of 51 st meeting held on 26 th Sept 2018.	

Item No 52.2	Action taken report on Minutes of the 51st Meeting
BoG took on record action taken report and expressed satisfaction on action taken. For some items (51.4, 51.5, 51.8, 51.10, 51.14, 51.16A) action taken work is still going on which BoG has asked to report in the next meeting.	

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Item No 52.3	Report of Activities at VJTI since last BoG meeting and VJTI vision formulation – short term (1 year) and long term (5 years)
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Director, VJTI appraised the BoG about the activities and achievements, since last meeting. BoG has expressed satisfaction and provided useful suggestions to move forward. BoG observed and suggested the following:

- BoG expressed satisfaction about clearing of the pending assessment by RO/DTE. BoG appreciated efforts about bridging gap of recovering pending salary from Sevarth system and thanked government for releasing pending dues.
- BoG expressed satisfaction about submission of extension of Autonomy proposal to UGC and asked to follow up
- BoG appreciated the success of VJTI events (organized by students during Dec 2018) and overwhelming response to the ISRO exhibition, and congratulated students, security, canteen contractor, and other stake holders.

52.3.A Short term vision related

- Tenure faculty – BoG appreciated the efforts and suggested to continue tenure appointments (PhD) in future as and when required.
- Revision in curriculum – BoG has suggested to incorporate project based learning and Industry 4.0 courses in curriculum. BoG has also suggested to upgrade language/soft-skill lab and asked to engage toast-masters.
- BoG has shown concern about skewed alumni engagements to few departments and suggested for uniform attention to all department. BoG suggested to encourage Alumni for Institute level projects apart from creating department level facilities. BoG member Mr Dinanath has agreed to address the faculty members across VJTI.
- For TBI – BoG has opined to appoint good CEO or to render services of alumni/industrialist on paid assignment as interim arrangement. BoG has suggested to handed over space earmarked for TBI to VJTI-TBI (i.e. COE lab space, part of machine lab leaving 70 sq mts, and adjacent Fab lab shed).
- Board has suggested to appoint CA (on contract) immediately to strengthen the finance reconciliation process in VJTI
- BoG has insisted to restore every building with structural repairs, painting, revamping of all toiles and regular deep cleaning.

52.3.B Long Term vision related

- BoG showed concern about the condition of D Hostel and emphasized immediate repair of D Hostel. BoG deliberated on the need of new hostel for boys and girls and suggested to prepare plan for Mega Hostels and 'master plan for VJTI. Meanwhile all buildings will be repaired.
- BoG suggested to find out the possibility to hire Govt building or any other transit accommodation for students during construction of hostels
- BoG suggested to create panel of advocates and engage them for different issues.
- BoG suggested to engage students in various projects on paid assignments
- BoG suggested to include salary part in budget and conduct regular review of the expenditure by every department/section
- BoG suggested visit of BoG members to departments after every BoG meeting

Item No 52.4	Diploma and Degree awardees of VJTI graduated in 2017-18 and approving for VJTI Convocation function scheduled on 26th Feb, 2019
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BoG approved conduction of Diploma convocation, Degree Certificate distribution and medal award ceremony of VJTI scheduled on 26th Feb, 2019. BoG has approved diploma to be awarded to 311 successful candidates of academic year 2017-18, distribution of degree certificates to 642 candidates, Distribution of M Tech certificates to 316 candidates, MCA certificates to 48 candidates during the convocation. It is noted that from VJTI, 13 candidates have been awarded PhD in AY 2017-18 through Mumbai University.

Item No 52.5	Budget plan 2019-20 and Delegation of financial powers to various VJTI stake holders
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This item was deliberated at length and BoG suggested few changes such as enhancement of budget (for repair, cleaning, and elegant look to VJTI buildings and landscape), review of financial powers to be delegated, and provision for infrastructure/lab up-gradation expenses as discussed in short term vision plan (52.3A). BoG has suggested to review proposal, accommodate changes in 2018-19 budget and take it through finance committee. This will go on to 2019-2020 and 2020-2021.

Item No 52.6	Faculty/Staff Promotions and Recruitment
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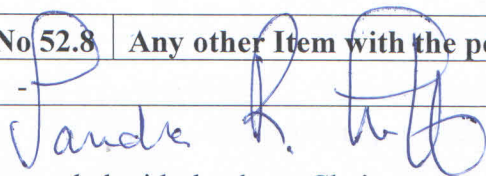
BoG noted the request made by faculty members to promote/designate them as Professor. BoG deliberated on the matter and suggested to expedite the process of promotion of Faculty (at all levels) and Staff (including promotion chain). BoG instructed to follow the process as per rules of Government (DTE/HTE) since salary comes from state government. BoG has approved immediate recruitment drive to fill up vacant faculty positions as per DTE/RO to ensure that we get the salaries from Government.

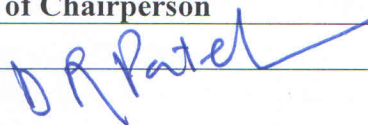
Item No 52.7	Adopting/Appointing Invitee members on BoG VJTI
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BoG approved appointing following members as invitee on BoG VJTI up to the tenure of existing BoG

1. Chairman, Alumni Association VJTI
2. Dy Director / Registrar VJTI
3. Deans by Rotation in every meeting

Item No 52.8	Any other Item with the permission of Chairperson
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Meeting ended with thanks to Chair.