



**VEERMATA JIJABAI TECHNOLOGICAL INSTITUTE
MATUNGA, MUMBAI, 400 019**

MINUTES
of 54th Meeting of

Board of Governors of VJTI, Mumbai

held on
10th October, 2019 at 11.15 a.m. at CoE conference room, VJTI Mumbai 400019

Members Present

1	Smt Sandra Shroff (UPL)	Chairperson
2	Prof. Dhiren Patel (Director VJTI)	Member Secretary
3	Dr Mangesh Joshi (SSPL)	Member
4	Mr Dinanath Kholkar (TCS)	Member
5	Dr M S Panse (Faculty VJTI)	Member
6	Dr M R Nagare (Faculty VJTI)	Member
7	Dr S G Bhirud (Registrar VJTI)	Invitee
8	Mr Kalyanramana (Chairman AA)	Invitee
9	Dr R N Awale (TEQIP Coordinator VJTI)	Invitee
10	Dr F S Kazi (Dean RDC VJTI)	Invitee
11	Dr K K Sangle (Dean AP VJTI)	Invitee

Principal Secretary HTE, Prof D B Phatak (IITB), Dr Prachi Gharpure (MU) could not attend the meeting due to other engagements and granted leave of absence.

At the outset, Director VJTI welcomed all members. Formal agenda items were taken up and following matters were deliberated and decisions taken:

Item No 54.1	Confirmation of Minutes of 53rd BoG Meeting held on 27th May 2019
BoG confirmed the minutes of the 53 rd BoG held on 27 th May 2019.	

Item No 54.2	A. Action taken report on Minutes of the 53rd Meeting
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B. Confirmation of Minutes of 38th Finance Committee meeting

54.2 A - Action taken report on Minutes of the 53rd Meeting

BoG took on record action taken report and expressed satisfaction on action taken on 53rd meeting.

BoG made the following observations and suggestions:

- a. Code of conduct and Appointment of Legal advisor: Board suggested to simplify and implement the code of conduct and appreciated efforts taken to identify the Legal advisor and VJTI administration to appoint Legal advisor (53.2 a).
- b. M Tech fees: BoG deliberated at length on the fees for post graduate program. BoG authorized VJTI fee committee to resolve the issue with the DTE and the students. However, any decision in the reduction of fees shall be applicable only to the students admitted in few PG courses in the academic year 2017-18 (53.2 c).
- c. BoG ratified the faulty appointments Tenure and purely temporary as made in June/July 2019 (53.2 d)
- d. Finance and Consultancy norms: BoG appreciated implementation of delegation of financial powers, and approved that revised norms and regulations will be implemented retrospective from Quarter starting July 2019. BoG suggested Dean RDC to have one final review with the external members of the committee esp. for Testing and Consultancy norms considering full ownership and responsibility by the concerned faculty taking up and carrying out the work. (53.4).
- e. Auditorium refurbishment: BoG appreciated and put on record efforts of the Alumni Association for completing refurbishment of the auditorium in record time. BoG also approved the interim loan(s) of total INR 40.00 lacs to Alumni Association - requested for completing this work on fast track (53.5).
- f. Academic Council meeting: BoG appreciated curriculum revision cycle and suggested to have curriculum workshop(s) involving external and industry experts (53.6).
- g. Faculty related: BoG approved re-induction of retired faculty Dr N M Singh (Electrical/Electronics) and Dr R Thomas (Humanities) as adjunct faculty. BoG also suggested to associate few IIT faculty, BARC Scientists and renowned Industry experts to take lectures at VJTI (53.9).
- h. Revision of Wages to temporary staff: BoG approved the proposal of disbursement of arrears to temporary staff for the period Jan 2019 to May 2019. BoG emphasized to establish mechanism to frequently review the performance of these employees and strict action on the non-performing staff (53.10).
- i. Disposal of tanks: BoG appreciated the efforts taken by Alumni association for disposal of three old tanks (53.12 a).

54.2 B - Confirmation of Minutes of 38th Finance Committee meeting

BoG confirmed the minutes of the 38th Finance Committee held on 10th October 2019.

BoG took note on financial health of VJTI (audit/balance sheets/returns/7th pay implementation/writing-off old advances/simplifying accounts etc.) and approved necessary budget provisions for VJTI new infra projects.

BoG insisted to strengthen Accounts section by appointing suitable professional to head

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accounts and internal auditor including govt deputed person.

Item No 54.3	Report on academic performance of 2018-19 and admissions in Diploma, UG, PG and PhD during Academic Year 2019-20
BoG took note of various programs of VJTI's academic performance, admission status and placement record, expressed satisfaction and suggested the following:	
<ol style="list-style-type: none">BoG suggested to tie up with industry to improve admissions in Textile and Production departments and restructure the syllabus as per industry requirements.BoG approved for the award of Diploma to all successful students of 2018-19 at the next convocation with degree certificate distribution to all successful B Tech and M Tech graduates of 2018-19. For award of PhD certificates, cut-off date is set as 31 Dec 2019 (thesis defended).BoG approved the amendments in Diploma Exam Rules as proposed by committee - in line with the MSBTE rules.BoG expressed concern on very small number of VJTI's Diploma awardees be admitted to VJTI UG programs and suggested Diploma section of VJTI to act on fast track to introspect and align teaching/examination/evaluation practices.BoG suggested that for the Ph D thesis evaluation, Foreign examiners be included and thesis be sent to one foreign examiner.	

Item No 54.4	Report of VJTI NIRF 2019 ranking and way forward
BoG took note of the status of data collection and submission for this year. BoG appreciated the efforts taken for establishment of VJTI-TBI.	

Item No 54.5	Report on TEQIP III activities, Provisions for PhD scholarships, research grant and matching-funding for research projects under TEQIP III
BoG appreciated the progress of VJTI TEQIP-III. BoG approved following initiatives with the condition that the funding should be through TEQIP funds only:	
<ol style="list-style-type: none">Stipend for all full time Ph D students: Extension of PhD scholarships to all full time non-sponsored PhD students through TEQIP-III fund for the duration of the TEQIP III project fund availability i.e. till Sept. 2020 @Rs. 18000/- per month.Research Grant: Research grant of Rs. 50,000/- to Rs. 300000/- through TEQIP-III to full time Ph D scholars enrolled in the institute.Matching support for the externally funded projects: Supporting of JRF/SRF/top-up till Sept. 2020 through TEQIP-III to externally funded projects subject to fund availability.	

Item No 54.6	Report on progress of Infrastructure activities including modernization of C hostel Kitchen
BoG appreciated the modernization of the C hostel Kitchen. BoG at length deliberated on the increased capacity of the mess kitchen, the hygienic cooking equipment, and the	

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improvement of the cleanliness of the hostels and the campus was appreciated. The BoG ,insisted to push hard for completing ongoing/approved infra projects and emphasized on the following:

- a. BoG emphasized on fast track actions (including support from Accounts for clearing -bills and long term appointment of good contractors for regular maintenance/painting/coloring) for elegant, safe, environment friendly and modern VJTI.
- b. BoG suggested engaging reputed professional agency for housekeeping with regular deep cleaning of the entire building including windows.

Item No 54.7	Faculty and staff related including revised computation of faculty and staff positions by Govt of Maharashtra and way forward on recruitment, finance and 7th pay scale implementation (Registrar)
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BoG noted the revised staff/faculty pattern approved by Government and suggested/approved the following:

- a. BoG suggested to take corrective measures in the curriculum and examination pattern, and recruitment due to reduced sanction of staff/faculty at all levels.
- b. BoG suggested to start process of appointing faculty for PG courses. BoG approved 7th Pay implementation; however payment shall be made only after clear instructions and verification from the Government.

- c. BoG approved transfer of past service of Dr B E Narkhede and associated benefits to NITIE as per rules after clearance of State Government/DTE.
- d. To consider the request of faculty for deputation to PhD under QIP and Post Graduate Programs – Ms. Archana Pai, and Ms. Anjali Dhiware: BoG expressed concerns over delay in approval from Government/DTE on faculty deputation for QIP and suggested to facilitate faculty with special leave on case to case basis considering merit of application/IIT admission.

Item No 54.8	Any other Item with the permission of Chairperson
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There was no item from Chair.

Chairperson insisted all to put up extra efforts for the clean, elegant, safe, environment friendly and modern VJTI campus for all stakeholders and visitors.

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Meeting ended with thanks to Chair.

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