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



Minutes

25th Meeting of Board of Governors On

July 11, 2011 at 5.30 PM

at

Board Room, V.J.T.I., Matunga, Mumbai 400019



Minutes of the THE TWENTYFIFTH (25TH) MEETING of the Board of Governors held on

Monday, 11th July 2011

The twenty-fifth meeting of Board of Governors of the Veermata Jijabai Technological Institute, Mumbai was held on 11th July 2011 at 5.30 PM in the Board Room, Veermata Jijabai Technological Institute, Matunga, Mumbai 400 019. The following were present:

Shri Nusli Wadia : Chairman

Dr. Anil Kakodkar : Member

Dr. Ashok R. Joshi : Member

Dr. Abhay Wagh : Member

Dr. Devang Khakhar : Member

Prof. (Mrs) Medha Dharap : Member

Prof. (Mrs.) S. S. Sane : Member

Prof. M. C. Deo : Member Secretary

Prof. K. G. Narayankhedkar, Director Emeritus attended as special invitee.

Leave of absence was granted to Dr. J. J. Irani, Sir D. M. Petit, Dr. V. N. Magare, Dr. H. B. Joshipura & Dr. S. K. Mahajan.

- Confirmation of minutes of the 24th BoG meeting held on May 25, 2011

 Minutes of the 24th BoG meeting held on May 25, 2011 were confirmed.
- 2 Action taken by Director on minutes of the 24th BoG meeting held on May 25, 2011

BoG noted the action taken by Director on minutes of the 24th BoG meeting held on May 25, 2011.

3 Presentation on Master Plan of VJTI up to 2050

The presentation and discussion on the Master Plan was differed in view of other important items.

4 For information

i) Visit of UGC Committee

Director briefed the members on details of the UGC Committee's visit made on June 23 – 24, 2011.

The BoG discussed at length various suggestions made by the Committee orally during the interaction sessions.

It was suggested by BoG members that for improving the working of VJTI and its autonomy in real sense the model on Deemed university, the running of Wadia colleges, the IIT's, and the like may be studied.

It was suggested that a group of experienced faculty may be formed to prepare the strategic plan of growth for VJTI. Also a highly experienced and senior retired faculty or equivalent expert may be appointed on contractual basis to liaison with various agencies for this purpose. A similar appointment exclusively for the purpose of promoting un – aided programmes is also welcome.

5 Administrative matters

i) Approval for resignation from Prof. Y. D. Venkatesh, Associate Professor, Production Engineering

BoG approved the resignation of Prof. Y. D. Venkatesh.

ii) Approval for resignation from Prof. N. P. Deore, Lecturer (Diploma), Mechanical Engineering Department

BoG approved the resignation of Prof. N. P. Deore

iii) Officiating Director's assignment to senior most Dean

The proposal to appoint Prof. V. M. Topkar as Officiating Director during the period of absence of Director was approved.

Director was also advised to form a Committee of faculty to address the decentralization of the decision making process and related issues. The Committee's report may be sent to Chairman - BoG for further consideration and approval.

6 To take on record

(i) Minutes of 19th meeting of Senate held on 9th May 2011.

The minutes will be placed after their confirmation in the subsequent Senate meeting.

7 Any other matter with permission of the Chair

(i) Grant in aid for salary

Under this item it was proposed to meet the shortfall in salaries grant by drawing advance / temporary loan from IRG / Fees Current Account up to Rs. 6 Crores on need basis.

The BoG allowed the drawl of such temporary loan as an exception with the rider that VJTI should write to the Govt. that this was done on a temporary basis only and in future the Institute should not be pressed into such a situation. As per one of the earlier GR's the Govt. is expected to give block grant and hence Govt. should ensure that the grant money is given much in advance to avoid such a situation in future. The BoG asked the Director to write a letter to the Govt. / Secretary expressing BoG's grave concern toward this and emphasizing that such a delay is detrimental to the institute's working, it is hampering the growth of the institute and also that the Govt. should honor its commitment as per the GR.

In this connection the BoG resolved as follows:

"The Board of Governors of VJTI expressed grave concern on delays in receiving salary grants from the Govt. due to which temporary advances are required to be drawn from Institute's other resources. The Board emphasized that these delays are detrimental to the working of the Institute and that they hamper the growth of the institute. As per one of the earlier GR's the Govt. is expected to give block grants. The Govt. should honor its commitment as per it and ensure that the grant money is given much in advance to avoid such a situation in future. The Board urged the Govt. to ensure that VJTI is not pressed into such a situation anymore."

(ii) Request by Prof. D. K. Shinde to consider Study Leave with pay for pursuing Ph. D.

It was decided that Prof. D. K. Shinde be granted study leave with half pay till completion of five years of his service in the Institute and with full pay thereafter for rest of the study leave.

(iii) Request by Prof. V. M. Phalle for extension for study leave to pursue Ph.D.

BoG approved the request by Prof. V. M. Phalle for extension of study leave by two more months - i.e. till 01/10/2011 to enable him to complete his Ph. D. at IIT Roorkee.

(iv) Study Leave for pursuing Ph. D. to Prof. A. V. Deshpande

BoG approved to relieve Prof. A. V. Deshpande from his duties w.e.f. 8th

July 2011 for one semester to join IIT Bombay to pursue his Ph. D.

programme under the College Teacher category

- (v) BoG allowed Shri Atul A. Dhonde, I/c P. A. to Director to withdraw his application for voluntary retirement.
- (vi) Additional suggestions by BoG members toward Institute's progress
 - Dr. Anil kakodkar suggested that tripartite collaborations of VJTI with foreign Universities as well as industries may be explored. He also felt that VJTI. might consider offering social services on payment basis in its premises after office hours as an additional revenue generation measure along with that of an executive education programme.
 - Increasing emphasis may be laid on resource generation through Continuing Education Programmes.
 - A good number of Chair Professors be established.
- All of the five autonomous Institutions of Maharashtra Government may come together and approach the Government jointly in connection with their common issues.

The meeting ended with thanks to the Chair

Chairman