

Minutes

of the

THE TWENTYSEVENTH (27TH) MEETING

of the

Board of Governors

held on

Friday, March 9, 2012

The twenty-seventh meeting of Board of Governors of Veermata Jijabai Technological Institute, Mumbai was held on 09th March 2012 at 3.30 PM in the Board Room, VJTI. The following were present:

Shri Nusli Wadia

Chairman

Dr. Anil Kakodkar

Dr. Narain Singh

Dr. Hasit Joshipura

Dr. V. N. Magare

Dr. (Mrs) M. A. Dharap

Dr. (Mrs.) S. S. Sane

Dr. M. C. Deo

Member Secretary

Sir D. M. Petit

Dr. Ashok Joshi

Shri Sanjay Kumar, Dr. S. K. Mahajan, Dr. Devang Khakhar & Dr. J. J. Irani could not attend due to pre-occupations.

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1 Confirmation of minutes of the 26th BoG meeting held on December 15, 2011

Minutes of 26th meeting held on December 15, 2011 were confirmed.

Action taken by Director on minutes of the 26th BoG meeting held on December 15, 2011

BoG noted the action taken on minutes of 26th meeting held on December 15, 2011

- 3 Academic Matters
 - (i) Diploma Convocation & approving the list of potential diploma recipients

The list of students receiving the Diploma on March 9, 2012 was approved.

- 4 Administrative Matters
 - (i) There was no item under (i).
 - (ii) Revised Finance and Building & Construction Committees

In view of the Government's letter cancelling appointments of co-opted members as discussed in the preceding BoG meeting of Dec, 15, 2011 a new Finance Committee was constituted as under:

Mr Hasit Joshipura, Chairman

Secretary, H and T E or nominee (1)

Secretary, H and T E or nominee (2)

Director, Member Secretary

Dean (RM and Finance)

Dean (Infrastructure and Planning)

Mr Girish Advani, c/o Bombay Dyeing

One C A - to be appointed

As regards appointing the Chairman of the Building and Works Committee it was decided to hold on till the issue of co-opted members on the BoG is resolved.



(iii) Approval for recommendations of Scrap Committee

The scrap committee report was approved. Prof. Narain Singh suggested that the disposal of hazardous material, if any, should be carefully done by following appropriate norms in this regard.

(iv) Approval for VRS application of Shri A. A. Dhonde

BoG approved the VRS application from shri A. A. Dhonde on personal and family grounds.

(v) Procurement of an integrated software, iON Education Solution of TCS

Dean (RM and F), invited for the discussion on this item, explained details of the proposal. The proposal involved procurement of the software as a proprietary item with a single negotiable quote. It was however decided to follow the full and regular procedure by inviting the tenders, pre-qualifying, short listing the respondents and thereafter taking the decision to award the contract.

(vi) Appointment of Consultant for reviewing and streamlining accounting systems & procedures

It was decided to search for other possible candidates, evaluate each one and select one of them accordingly. The Chairman, Finance Committee would approve such an appointment.

(vii Award of work of structural strengthening of Electrical engineering

Dean (I and P), invited for the discussion on this item, explained the procedure followed including appointment of a special consultant to facilitate the award of the work and also the site visits to look at works done by respondents to the tenders. The proposal of awarding the work to M/s Unique Rehab Pvt Ltd (L1 tender) for Rs 26, 70, 838/- was approved.

(viii) Revision of distribution of Testing & Consultancy amounts

BoG approved the revision of distribution of Testing & Consultancy amounts.

5 Administrative Matters (Faculty)

(i) Approval for application from Mrs. Aarti Baliga to pursue Ph. D. programmes

It was decided that Mrs Baliga be sponsored for the Ph D program at IIT Bombay as per rules if she secured admission as external Ph D candidate (college teacher).

(ii) Sabbatical leave to Dr. S.M. Gaonkar & Dr. V. M. Topkar

The item was differed. The Chairman may take decision on this later.

(iii Letters from Directorate of Technical Education (DTE) regarding
) appointments

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It was decided to follow the Lawyer's advice in the cases of Prof. M N Patel and Prof. P A Wankhede.

Prof. M A Patel's demand for settlement of his PF and other dues was rejected.

It was decided to issue show cause notices to Prof. M N Patel and Prof. P A Wankhede asking why the payments made to them (salaries, allowances, perks, bonus and others) during the relevant period of 'no submission' of the caste validity certificates should not be recovered from them.

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It was decided that a proper investigation on the allegations made regarding the appointments under consideration should be carried out by a Lawyer and his opinion be placed before the BoG.

(iv Representation by Prof. Bambole, Structural Engineering Department) regarding seniority and Head of Department

The BoG accepted the lawyer's opinion and asked Director to issue a letter to Dr Bambole accordingly and mentioning additionally that his conduct in this matter was not appropriate, but currently no action is contemplated against him in view of the relatively reasonable behavior shown by him recently.

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Administrative Matters (Finance)

(i) Enhancement of Salary for Contractual Faculty

The revision in the salaries of contractual faculty was approved. However it was directed that in future a complete document explaining the basis should first be submitted to the Finance Committee for its consideration and recommendation.

- ii- Placement in higher pay band (37400-67000) after completion of three years
- a) in pay scale of 12000-18300 as per sixth pay commission pay scales

It was decided that the concerned eight faculty members be re-designated as Associate Professor and be placed in the higher pay bands as per the Govt. rules.

ii-b) Fixation of Mr. P.W.Kubde as Associate Professor

Approved, subjected to counter approval from DTE.

7 To take on Record

(i) Minutes of Finance Committee meeting held on February 29, 2012

BoG took on record minutes of Finance Committee meeting held on February 29, 2012.

(ii) Minutes of 25th Building & Construction Committee meeting

BoG took on record Minutes of 25th Building & Construction Committee meeting

8 Any other matter with permission of Chair

The Chairman informed the Board that the Director had expressed his desire to resign, stating his inability to continue in his present position. The Board considered the matter and decided to accept the resignation of the Director.

The Director was then called in, and the Board of Governors conveyed their decision to the Director and instructed him to commence the search process for his successor. The Board also conveyed to the Director that it would not be possible to accede to his request for an early release and insisted that the Director should hold Office until his successor had been selected and had joined Office, in order to ensure a smooth and orderly transition to the new Director.

The Director requested whether he could be relieved after three months. The Board insisted that in the interest of the Institution the Director could only be released as and when the new Director took Office.

The Board thereafter decided to constitute a Search / Selection Committee, consisting of the following members, for the appointment of a new Director.

- 1. Mr. Nusli N. Wadia Chairman-Board of Governors
- 2. Secretary, Higher & Technical Education
- 3. Prof. Devang Khakhar
- 4. Dr. Anil Kakodkar
- 5. Dr. Hasit Joshipura
- 6. Prof. S. K. Mahajan

The Director was requested to immediately take all necessary steps such as Advertising, writing to other Institutions and co-ordinating all the activities in order to facilitate the Committee and provide it with the necessary support.

The meeting ended with thanks to the Chair

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Chairman