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(An Institute of National Importance, Established under NITSER Act by Ministry of Education, Govt. of India)



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Date: 13/07/2021

To,
All the Members
Board of Governors
SVNIT, Surat

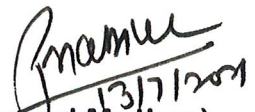
SUB: Minutes of the 58th Meeting of the Board of Governors held on
29/06/2021.

Sir,

Please find enclosed the Minutes of the 58th meeting of the Board of Governors for Sardar Vallabhbhai National Institute of Technology, Surat held on 29/06/2021 for your kind perusal and comments, if any.

The comments, if any, may please be sent back preferably within 7 days to take appropriate action as per decisions of the Board.

Encl.: As above


(Dr. Pramod Mathur)
REGISTRAR &
SECRETARY

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SARDAR VALLABHBHAI NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY, SURAT

MINUTES

Minutes of the Fifty Eighth (58th) meeting of the Board of Governors of the Sardar Vallabhbhai National Institute of Technology, Surat held on Tuesday, the 29th June, 2021 at 11:30 a.m. onwards in the Conference Room of Sardar Vallabhbhai National Institute of Technology, Surat.

Following members were present:

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| (1) | Prof. S.R. Gandhi
Director, SVNIT, Surat | : | Chairman |
| (2) | Mrs. Darshna Dabral
JS & FA (IFD), Ministry of Education
Govt. of India, New Delhi | : | Member
(Through video-conferencing) |
| (3) | Shri Mrutyunjay Behera
Economic Adviser (HE),
Ministry of Education,
Govt. of India, New Delhi | : | Member
(Through video-conferencing) |
| (4) | Prof. Amit Prashant
Professor, Civil Engg. Department.,
IIT, Gandhinagar. | : | Member
(Through video-conferencing) |
| (5) | Shri Prashant Desai
Director
DNA Healthcare Projects LLP, Surat | : | Member
(Through video-conferencing) |
| (6) | Shri Nihar Doctor
Director,
Envision Environ Technologies Pvt. Ltd., Surat | : | Member |
| (7) | Dr. R. A. Christian
Professor, Civil Engg. Department.,
SVNIT, Surat | : | Member |
| (8) | Dr. P. V. Bhale
Asso. Professor, Mech. Engg. Department.,
SVNIT, Surat | : | Member |

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- (9) **Prof. P. L. Patel** : **Special Invitee**
Deputy Director, SVNIT, Surat (Through video-conferencing)
- (10) **Dr. Pramod Mathur** : **Secretary**
Registrar, SVNIT, Surat.

At the outset Prof. S. R. Gandhi, Chairman BoG and Director warmly welcomed all the members present. He specially thanked Mrs. Darshna Dabral, JS & FA (IFD) and Shri Mrutyunjay Behera, Economic Adviser (HE) and other external members Prof. Amit Prashant of IIT Gandhinagar, Shri Nihar Doctor, Director, Envision Environ Technologies Pvt. Ltd., Surat and Shri Prashant Desai, DNA Health Care, Surat for sparing their valuable time for the meeting. The Members expressed the gratitude and deep condolence for sad demise of Shri Madan Mohan, Former ADG (HE), Ministry of Education, GoI who passed away due to critical illness. His contributions to the NIT System as well as to SVNIT Surat were remembered and appreciated. Thereafter, the Member Secretary was requested to go through the agenda items. Following agenda items were deliberated:

Item 58.1: To confirm the minutes of the 57th meeting of the Board of Governors held on 26/03/2021.

Reso.58.1: The Board noted the comments received from one of the Members on the minutes for the Agenda Item No. 57.11. The comment shall be reviewed while discussing item 58.11 of current BoG. In view of this, the Minutes of the 57th Meeting of the Board of Governors held on 26/03/2021 was confirmed.

"Resolved to confirm the minutes of the 57th meeting of Board of Governors held on 26/03/2021."

Item 58.2: To note and approve the action taken on the resolutions adopted by the Board of Governors in its 57th meeting held on 26/03/2021.

Reso.58.2: While discussing on the action taken on the resolutions of item 57.10 of the 57th BOG, members opined that Institute will write to the Ministry to expedite and get the response for the pending 2nd stage advice from the CVC, MoE, for ongoing disciplinary proceedings against Dr. L. K. Saini, Asst. Professor, Deptt. of Physics of the Institute.

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While discussing the action taken on resolution 57.17, members desired that broad criteria for appointment of Professor (HAG) be circulated to all faculty for their reference.

"Resolved to circulate the detailed guidelines & rules (as approved in 11th meeting of NITSER held on July 18, 2018, Resolution of Item no. 11.5) for appointment of Professor (HAG) in future."

"Resolved to note and approve the action taken on the resolutions adopted by the 57th meeting of the Board of Governors held on 26/03/2021."

Item 58.3: To note the report of the Director on recent achievements and activities taken up by the Institute during recent past.

Reso.58.3: The Institute Director, presented the recent achievement and activities in the Institute during the meeting.

"Resolved to note the report of the Director on achievements and activities taken up by the Institute in recent past."

Item 58.4: To note and approve the minutes/recommendations of the 41st meeting of the Finance Committee held on 29/06/2021

Reso.58.4: The recommendations made by the 41st Finance Committee Meeting held on 29.6.2021 were approved subject to approval by Finance Committee (FC).

"Resolved to approve & confirm resolution of the Finance Committee for Agenda item No.41.8 regarding Extension of Existing Annual Electrical Operation and Maintenance Contract (LT AMC) for SVNIT campus, Surat at Estimated cost of Rs.23,48,276/- (excluding GST, EPF, Workman Compensation Policy etc.) in the present meeting itself so that required order can be placed by the institute authorities in time."

"Further resolved to approve & confirm resolution of the Finance Committee for Agenda item No. 41.10 regarding approval of Annual Accounts of the Institute for Financial Year 2020-21 in the present meeting so that the report can be sent to CAG immediately."

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"Further resolved to note and approve the recommendations of the 41th meeting of the Finance Committee held on 29/06/2021 subject to confirmation of minutes by Finance Committee."

Item 58.5: To note the minutes/recommendations of the 71st meeting of the Building & Works Committee to be held on 15/06/2021

Reso.58.5: *"Resolved to note the recommendations of the 71st meeting of the Building & Works Committee held on 15/06/2021. The GFR 2017 provisions should be strictly followed for the works being taken up by the institute."*

Item 58.6: To ratify the action taken by the Chairman, BoG's for submission of Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between SVNIT, Surat and Ministry of Education, New Delhi for the year 2021-22.

Reso.58.6 *"Resolved to ratify the action taken by Chairman for submission of Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between SVNIT, Surat and Ministry of Education, New Delhi for the year 2021-22."*

Item 58.7: To consider and adopt the following office memorandums/ letters received from Govt. of India, Ministry of Finance & Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pension during recent past:

- (i) Office Memorandum No.TA-3-07001/1/2020/TA-III/ca-3881/404 dated 17/05/2021 regarding notification of CCS (NPS) Rules by Department Pension & Pensioners Welfare (DoP&PW) vide its Gazette notification no. 227 (E) dated 30/03/2021 issued by Ministry of Finance, Deptt. of Expenditure, New Delhi.
- (ii) Office Memorandum F.No. 1-34014/01/2020-Ad.II dated 31/05/2021 regarding Central Civil Services (Implementation of National Pension Scheme) Rules, 2021- Seeking options in the prescribed Form I & II under the Rule 10 of CCS (Implementation of NPS) Rules, 2021 issued by Govt. of India, Ministry of Finance, Department of Expenditure
- (iii) Office Memorandum No.1/11/2021-P&DPW(E) dated 03/06/2021 regarding Payment of family pension, death gratuity and other dues to the family on death of a Government servant during service issued by Govt. of India, Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances & Pensions
- (iv) Office Memorandum no No.13020/1/2019-Estt.(L) dated 07/06/2021 of Government of India Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances & Pensions Department of Personnel and Training regarding Treatment/regularization of hospitalization/quarantine period during COVID-19 Pandemic

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Reso 58.7 The following three office memorandums needs to be adopted by the BoG of the Institute for the benefits of NPS subscribers at SVNIT, Surat:-

- (i) Office Memorandum No.TA-3-07001/1/2020/TA-III/ca-3881/404 dated 17/05/2021 regarding notification of CCS (NPS) Rules by Department Pension & Pensioners Welfare (DoP&PW) vide its Gazette notification no. 227 (E) dated 30/03/2021 issued by Ministry of Finance, Deptt. of Expenditure, New Delhi.
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- (iii) Office Memorandum No.1/11/2021-P&DPW(E) dated 03/06/2021 regarding Payment of family pension, death gratuity and other dues to the family on death of a Government servant during service issued by Govt. of India, Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances & Pensions

The ministry representative informed that all above three OMs have not been forwarded by Ministry of Education to the Institute for their implementation. Accordingly, the Ministry be approached for forwarding the same to the institute for their implementation at the earliest.

Further, the office memorandum no.13020/1/2019-Estt.(L) dated 07.06.2021 of Government of India, Ministry of Personnel, public grievances & pensions, Department of Personal and Training, related with treatment/ regulation of hospitalization/ quarantine period during COVID-19 pandemic, can be adopted for implementation at the Institute level.

“Resolved to adopt Office Memorandum No.13020/1/2019-Estt.(L) dated 07/06/2021 of Government of India Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances & Pensions Department of Personnel and Training regarding Treatment/regularization of hospitalization/quarantine period during COVID-19 Pandemic”

“Resolved to refer the following office memorandums to the Ministry of Education for clarification/approval for their adoption at SVNIT Surat. The institute shall adopt the same after approval from the Ministry:

- a. Office Memorandum No. TA-3-07001/1/2020/TA-III/ca-3881/404 dated 17/05/2021
- b. Office Memorandum F. No.1-34014/01/2020-Ad.II dated 31/05/2021
- c. Office Memorandum No.1/11/2021-P&DPW(E) dated 03/06/2021.”

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Item 58.8: To consider and approve the recommendations of the Committee constituted to assess the performance of the Faculty Member for confirmation of probation of Dr. L. K. Saini, Assistant Professor, Department of Physics.

Reso.58.8: The Board was informed that 57th Board meeting vide resolution 57.10 dated 26.03.2021, resolved that performance assessment of Dr. L. K. Saini, Asst. Professor, Department of Physics be reviewed during the extended probation period and shall be placed before the Board for the confirmation. Accordingly, the committee constituted for the purpose recommended that, the decision on disciplinary proceeding against the faculty is still pending. The vigilance clearance of the employee has not been issued due to pending departmental inquiry contemplated against Dr. L. K. Saini, and second stage advice report from the Central Vigilance Commission is also pending. Therefore, the committee recommended to review the performance of Dr. L K Saini on receipt of vigilance clearance from CVO. After deliberations, it was:

"Resolved to review the confirmation of probation of Dr. L K Saini, Assistant Professor, Department of Physics in the AGP of Rs. 8000 (Pay Level 12) after receipt of the vigilance clearance from the CVO. The matter be follow up with the Ministry to expedite for 2nd stage advice from CVC."

Item 58.09: To note the recommendation of the Committee constituted for revision of the Hostel Seat Rent of the Institute.

Reso.58.09 The Board was informed that the BOG in its 49th Meeting held on 15/06/2019, vide resolution No.7, resolved to revise the Hostel Seat Rent at the interval of every two years based on the appropriate parameters. The existing Hostel Seat Rent is effective from the academic year 2019-20 which was approved in the 49th BoG meeting held on 15/06/2019. A committee was constituted for the revision of the Hostel Seat Rent in the Institute. The Committee reviewed the existing Hostel Seat Rent of the Institute and other NITs, and recommended that, as the entire nation is going through the COVID pandemic since March 2020, any enhancement in the Hostel Seat Rent may be an extra burden to the students and their parents. Accordingly, to avoid any financial burden on the families of students, the committee recommended to go

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ahead with the existing seat rent in the Institute. However, existing seat rent may be reviewed after improvement of COVID situation in near future. It was also informed to the Board that, due to COVID 19 Pandemic, partial amount of electricity charges will be refunded by the institute to the students who have paid the hostel fees for the academic year 2020-21. After deliberations, it was:

"Resolved to continue the charging of hostel seat rent as per existing rates which was approved in the 49th meeting held on 15/06/2019 vide resolution (7). The same will be reviewed after improvement of the COVID situation in the country".

Item 58.10: To consider and approve the proposed delegation of Financial Power & Administrative powers to functionaries of Institute

Reso 58.10 The Board was informed that existing financial powers to the Authorities of SVNIT were approved in 42nd Board of Governors meeting held on 12.10.2015 (Res.17) which needs modification in view of joining of various functionaries and joining of regular Director and Registrar at SVNIT to smoothen day to day functional arrangements. The proposal for modifications in the delegation of Financial Power to functionaries of Institute was placed before the Board of Governors in its 55th meeting held on 21/09/2020. The proposed delegation was based on delegation of powers of some leading NITs, viz. VNIT Nagpur, NIT Calicut, NITK, Surathkal. The JS&FA, Ministry of Education, GoI, New Delhi advised to place the same in next BoG for consideration along with details of other NITs. Accordingly, the institute collected the details of delegation of powers at VNIT Nagpur, NIT Calicut, NIT Surathkal and few other NITs and CFTIs and the same were placed before the Board of Governors in its 56th Meeting held on 23/11/2020, wherein the Board Resolved to approve the proposed delegation of Financial & Administrative powers to the functionaries of Institute. However, after issuance of Minutes, the institute has received comments from IFD through Email dated 9.12.2020 on the modifications in the resolution no 56.11 as under:

"According to Section 13(1) of the NITSR Act, the BoG shall exercise all the powers of the Institute not otherwise provided for by the Act, the Statutes and the Ordinances. Accordingly, the delegation of powers for administrative approval and financial sanction for purchases in favor of the Director will be upto Rs. 50 lakh per proposal/item with a maximum ceiling of Rs. 4 crore in a Financial Year subject to

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availability of budgetary provisions & allocations. All the proposals of procurement of goods and services above Rs. 50 lakh per proposal/ item or after incurring a total expenditure of Rs.4crore is required to be brought to BoG for approval on the recommendation of the FC.

In view of the provisions under Rule 133 (1) of GFR 2017 and Statute 13 of the NITs Statutes as amended in 2017, the delegation of power by the BoG to the BWC for repair and maintenance works and for minor works will be upto Rs. 30 lakh.

Compliance of the relevant provisions in the extant General Financial Rules and CVC guidelines are required to be ensured in all the cases of procurement of goods, services and works. As per the general principle of delegation of powers, the above delegation made by the BoG to the Director of the Institute may not be further delegated to other authorities."

The Comments received from IFD were discussed during the 57th Meeting of the Board of Governors held on 26/03/2021 and the Board resolved that proposed delegation of powers be reviewed before implementation. Accordingly, the committee for delegation of Financial Power to functionaries of Institute Chaired by Deputy Director of the Institute reviewed the same and submitted their recommendations on June 03, 2021. The committee is of the view that as per provisions of first statutes of NIT Act 2007 (29 of 2007) enacted by the Gazzette Notification dated 23rd April 2009 vide Section 17(16), the Director may, with the approval of the Board, delegate any of his powers, authorities or responsibilities vested in him by virtue of the Act and Statutes to one or more members of academic or administrative staff of the institute. As regarding maximum ceiling for Director of Rs. 4.00 Crore in a financial year shall have operational difficulties. The Director should have power for administrative approval and financial sanction for purchase up to Rs.50 Lakhs per approval without restrictions of maximum ceiling in a financial year within the budgetary provisions and allocations in the Institute. Accordingly, the proposed delegation of financial and administrative approvals may be implemented.

The matter was discussed at length. The Professor-in-charge (F&A), as special invitee for this agenda item and member of the committee on delegation of financial power, also emphasized that proposed delegation of financial power is as per provisions of First statues of NIT Act 2007 enacted by Gazette Notification dated April 23, 2009 vide Section 17(16).

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During discussion, the members expressed their concern that extent of financial power in some of other NITs are much higher than SVNIT Surat and there is no maximum ceiling for the Institute Director in a financial year. It was also discussed that the delegated financial powers to the Director and other functionaries are different in other NITs in the country and there should be uniformity of delegated powers to the Director in all the NITs. The Ministry representative advised to have yearly maximum ceiling for each functionary in the delegated powers. It was also advised to have one 'Financial advisor' in the Institute as the provision of GFR 2017.

The Registrar also apprised the Board that as per the delegation of financial power to the functionaries vide Resolution No.17 of 42nd BOG meeting held in 2015, though Registrar/Dy Registrar (Accounts) are involved with due diligence at the time of release of purchase order or release of payment only, it is not adequate considering the role of Registrar who is custodian of the funds of the institute. The Deputy Director, as a special invitee, suggested to include the Registrar and Dy Registrar (Accounts) for all the financial concurrence/ Checks and balances in day to day financial proposals to be approved by the various functionaries in their working domain.

As the delegation of financial powers are different in several NITs and SVNIT Surat has very limited financial powers delegated to the Director, it was felt that there should be a proper representation to the Ministry to consider this as an agenda item in ensuing NITSER council meeting to have uniform financial delegation of powers across the NITs. Till such guidelines are made available, existing financial powers as per 42nd BoG be continued.

"Resolved to continue with existing delegation of financial powers to the functionaries as was approved vide Resolution (17) of 42nd BoG meeting held on 12-10-2015."

"Further resolved to represent the matter to the NIT Division, Ministry of Education, Govt of India for placing before NITSER Council to adopt an uniform policy on delegation of financial powers among all NITs."

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"Resolved to bring updated proposed financial delegation within the Institute for consideration of BoG in due course."

"Further, resolved to have one 'Financial Advisor' in the institute as per provisions of GFR 2017."

"Further, resolved to include the role of Dy Registrar (Accounts) and Registrar for all financial concurrence /checks and balances in day to day proposals before approvals from the competent authority".

Item 58.11: To consider and approve the Reporting and Reviewing Officers of the Employees of SVNIT Surat

Reso 58.11 In the 57th BoG meeting held on 26.03.2021, vide resolution 57.11, resolved to review the proposed authorities of Annual Performance Appraisal report in line with the provisions in NIT Act and Statutes and implement the same. Accordingly, a committee was constituted under the Chairmanship of Prof. H. K. Rawal of Mechanical Engineering Department vide Office Order no. E/141/APAR/194, dated 16.06.2021 to propose the list of Reporting and Reviewing officers for Teaching and Non-Teaching employees of the Institute in line with NIT Act and Statutes. The committee has submitted its recommendations vide letter no. E/312, dated 23.06.2021. The recommendations of the committee was deliberated at length, the Ministry representative advised that Reporting & Reviewing Authority should be different in all cases. The Ministry official suggested that, wherever the Reporting and Reviewing Officer (Senior Employee) of the Junior Employee is same, there should be provision of "Accepting Authority". The Accepting Authority would be the Reviewing Officer of Senior Employee to whom the Junior Employee is reported upon.

"Resolved to approve the proposed authorities as Reporting and Reviewing Officers of Teaching and Non-Teaching employees (Annexure 58.11.1) with suggestion that, in case the Reporting and Reviewing Officer are same, there must be Accepting Authority of a given employee in the Institute."

"Further, this will supersedes the list as circulated on 25.08.2020 across the Institute."

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Item 58.12: To consider and approve the conversion of Assistant Registrar (Rajbhasha) (GP of Rs 5400) to Assistant Registrar (GP of Rs 5400) as prescribed by Non-teaching RRs of NITs

Reso 58.12 The proposal for conversion of post of Assistant Registrar (Rajbhasha) (GP of Rs 5400) to Assistant Registrar (Grade Pay 5400 - 6 CPC, Pay Level 10 -7 CPC) as prescribed by Non-teaching Recruitment Rules of NITs was discussed. It was proposed that the existing post of Assistant Registrar (Rajbhasha) to be subsumed in Assistant Registrar, wherein one of the Assistant Registrar/Deputy Registrar will look after the implementation of Official Language Policy (Rajbhasha) in addition to other administrative duties assigned to him/her. After deliberations it was:

“Resolved to approve the conversion of post of Assistant Registrar (Rajbhasha) (GP of Rs 5400) to Assistant Registrar (Grade Pay 5400 - 6 CPC, Pay Level 10 -7 CPC) as prescribed by Non-teaching RRs of NITs. The existing post of Assistant Registrar (Rajbhasha) to be subsumed in Assistant Registrar and one of the Assistant Registrar/ Deputy Registrar may be assigned to look after the implementation of Official Language Policy (Rajbhasha) in addition to other administrative duties assigned to him/her.”

Item 58.13: To consider and approve the conversion of Principal Students Activity & Sports (SAS) officer (GP of Rs 10000- Pay Level 14 of 7th CPC) to Senior Students Activity & Sports (SAS) officer (GP of Rs 7600 - Pay Level 12 of 7th CPC) as prescribed by Non-teaching RRs of NITs

Reso 58.13 It was informed to the Board that there are 325 sanctioned posts for Non-Teaching staff at SVNIT Surat. The sanctioned posts consist of one post of Principal Students Activity & Sports (SAS) Officer (GP of Rs.10000-Pay level 14 of 7th CPC) and one post of Students Activity & Sports (SAS) Officer (GP of Rs5400-Pay level 10 of 7th CPC) and there is no sanctioned post of Senior Students Activity & Sports (SAS) Officer (GP of Rs.7600-Pay level 12 of 7th CPC). The Institute has advertised the post of Principal Students Activity & Sports (SAS) Officer (GP of Rs.10000-Pay Level 14 of 7th CPC) during the year 2020 & 2021. However, number of applications received were less and during scrutiny of applications, none of the candidates was found eligible. Hence, the Institute could not fill up the said post. It was proposed

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that, the post of Principal Students Activity & Sports (SAS) Officer (GP of Rs.10000-Pay Level 14 of 7th CPC) be converted to Senior Students Activity & Sports (SAS) Officer (GP of Rs.7600-Pay Level 12 of 7th CPC) as per New Recruitment Rules for Non-Teaching employees of NITs (2019). After deliberations, it was :

"Resolved to approve the proposal for conversion of post of Principal Students Activity & Sports (SAS) Officer (GP of Rs 10000- Pay Level 14 of 7th CPC) to Senior Students Activity & Sports (SAS) Officer (GP of Rs 7600- Pay Level 12 of 7th CPC) as prescribed by Non-teaching RRs of NITs."

Item 58.14: To Report Performance Review of Registrar as per 2nd amendments in the Statutes issued during the year 2017

Reso 58.14 The Board was informed that Dr. Pramod Mathur has joined as Registrar of the institute on 11.02.2020 on deputation from Indian Institute of Technology (Indian School of Mines) Dhanbad for a period of 5 years. As per 2nd amendments in the Statutes issued during the year 2017, the Statutes clause 21 (3) has provision to *review the performance of the Registrar upon completion of one year of service may be carried out by the Committee constituted by the Board. In 57th Board Meeting (Resolution 57.8) the Director, SVNIT, Surat was authorized to constitute a committee for performance Review for Registrar. The report of the committee constituted for performance review of Registrar was placed before the Board. The Board noted the performance of Dr. Pramod Mathur as Registrar at SVNIT Surat upon completion of one year of service as satisfactory.*

"Resolved to note the performance review of Dr. Pramod Mathur, Registrar from 11.02.2020 to 31.12.2020."

Item 58.15: To consider establishing a "Center for Inter-Disciplinary Education and Research (CIDER) at SVNIT Surat" as a significant part of imparting education and training to young generations to meet contemporary global requirements.

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Reso 58.15 It was informed to the Board that as per recommendation of the perspective plan committee it is planned to setup a 'Center for Inter-Disciplinary Education and Research (CIDER) at SVNIT Surat' that is aimed to cater the need for addressing technological issues/problems that overlap multiple Engineering disciplines and/or Engineering/Science disciplines. The proposed Centre is aimed to provide a framework for interdisciplinary research-based growth. Accordingly, a committee was set up with Prof D. C. Jinwala as Chairman, to setup a 'Centre for Inter-Disciplinary Research'. The Senate in its 50th meeting held on 19 May, 2021, recommended the proposal and advised to prepare a complete and forward-looking Brochure for the beginning of the Centre from the admission process to the award of degrees/certificates, including possible post-course opportunities.

During deliberations, the Ministry representative desired to place complete details of activities and fund requirement for the proposed center. It was informed that as per preliminary estimation, a sum of Rs. 15.00 Crore (approx.) will be required for establishing the proposed center, which includes space and 3 major equipment for establishing Data Centre & High Performance Computer etc. After deliberations, it was:

"Resolved to approve in principle, for establishing a Center for Inter-Disciplinary Education and Research (CIDER) at SVNIT Surat as a significant part of imparting education and training to young generations and industry employees to meet contemporary global requirements. The detailed plan of activities & fund requirements be worked-out and be placed before the next meeting of Board for approval."

Item 58.16: To consider Tuition fee waiver to SC/ST/PH/EWS category students of five years integrated M.Sc. programme at SVNIT, Surat.

Reso 58.16 The Board was informed that the SVNIT Surat is offering 5 years integrated M.Sc programme in Physics, Chemistry & Mathematics where the intake is through JOSAA/CSAB. Earlier the SC/ST/PH category students were given Fee waiver in 5 years integrated M.Sc programme when the tuition fee was Rs. 10000/- (for 1st to 3rd Year) per annum. The tuition fee was increased to Rs.62,500/- per annum for the

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new students admitted from Academic Year 2019-20 which was approved in 49th Meeting of BoG held on 15/06/2019. The Institute has received letter from Indian Audit & Account Department, Ahmedabad vide letter no K.L.P(Vyay) / FN / SVNIT/ow-30 dated 12-04-2019 wherein the audit had raised the issue of collection of tuition fees from SC/ST students.

As per, Reso.12.17 of 12th Meeting of Council of NITSER held on 25/09/2019 the students of M.Tech belonging to SC/ST/PH category of the Institute were exempted from paying tuition fees from the Even semester of Academic Year 2019-20. In the agenda of NIT Council vide item No.12.17, it was mentioned as "To consider tuition fee waiver for SC/ST/PH category of students of M.Tech and M.Sc programmes in NITs and IIST." However, in the resolution no. 12.17 there was no mention about tuition fee waiver to SC/ST/PH in Integrated M.Sc. programme who are also admitted through JOSAA/CSAB. Hence the tuition fee waiver to SC/ST/PH category students couldn't be given to Integrated M.Sc. Programme students in the Institute.

After repeated follow up, the Institute received a letter from Ministry of Education vide letter F.No.17-4/2021-TS.III dated 11/05/2021 wherein the Ministry advised to examine the issue of applicability of tuition fee waiver to Integrated M.Sc Programmes belonging to SC/ST/PH/EWS category in accordance with the Ministry of Education's letter dated 24th June 2016 & 2nd July 2016.

During deliberations, the Ministry representative advised to check the status of other NITs offering 5 year integrated M.Sc. programme and their fee details and exemption provided to SC,ST,PH,EWS students. The item may be placed again with complete details of other NITs offering 5 year integrated M.Sc. Programme. After deliberations, it was:

"Resolved to defer the proposal for Tuition fee waiver to SC/ST/PH/EWS category students of five years integrated M.Sc. programme at SVNIT, Surat. The details of other NITs be obtained who are offering similar courses with complete details including fee charged to various categories, fee waiver, number of students, year of introduction etc."

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Item 58.17 To consider the recommendations of the Senate regarding change in the name of specialization from M.Tech. in Computer Engineering to M.Tech. in Computer Science and Engineering (CSE).

Reso 58.17 It was informed to the Board that the Departmental Academic Advisory Committee (DAAC) of Computer Engineering Department recommended to “*change the degree name of M.Tech. and PhD from Computer Engineering to M.Tech and PhD in Computer Science and Engineering and also proposed to change the Department name from Computer Engineering to Computer Science and Engineering*”. The 47th IAAC meeting recommended that the change of degree name will be applicable only after revision of Syllabus for M.Tech. programme by the department. The Senate in its 49th meeting held on 22 October 2020 recommended to approve the change in name of specialization from M.Tech in Computer Engineering to M.Tech in Computer Science and Engineering (CSE). Further, the Senate in its 50th meeting held on 19/05/2021 recommended to approve to change in the name of Department from ‘Computer Engineering Department’ to ‘Department of Computer Science and Engineering’.

“Resolved to approve the change in name of specialization from M.Tech in ‘Computer Engineering’ to M.Tech in ‘Computer Science and Engineering (CSE)’ subject to approval of revised syllabus by the institute Senate.”

“Further resolved to approve the change in the name of Department from ‘Computer Engineering Department’ to ‘Department of Computer Science and Engineering’.”

Item 58.18: To consider recommendations of the Senate for revision in the nomenclatures of the Academic Departments’ of the Institute.

Reso 58.18 It was informed to the Board that the 48th Institute Academic Advisory Committee (IAAC) meeting held on 25/02/2021 recommended to the Senate of the Institute for revision in the nomenclatures of the Academic Departments’ of the Institute as below;

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Existing	Recommended
Department of Chemistry	Department of Chemistry
Department of Physics	Department of Physics
Applied Mathematics and Humanities Department	Department of Mathematics and Humanities
Civil Engineering Department	Department of Civil Engineering
Chemical Engineering Department	Department of Chemical Engineering
Computer Science and Engineering Department	Department of Computer Science and Engineering
Electrical Engineering Department	Department of Electrical Engineering
Electronics Engineering Department	Department of Electronics Engineering
Mechanical Engineering Department	Department of Mechanical Engineering

The Senate in its 50th Meeting held on 19/05/2021, considering the perspectives of achieving uniformity and inclusivity in various academic Departments of the Institute, recommended modification in the nomenclatures of the Academic Departments as mentioned above. After deliberations, it was:

“Resolved to approve modifications in the nomenclatures of the Academic Departments as recommended in the 50th Senate Meeting of the institute held on 19.5.2021.”

Item 58.19 To consider and ratify the recommendations of the Senate regarding change in the name of specialization from M.Tech. in Soil Mechanics and Foundation Engineering to M.Tech. in Geotechnical Engineering.

Reso 58.19 It was informed to the Board that the Departmental Academic Advisory Committee (DAAC) of Civil Engineering Department recommended to change in the name of M.Tech. in Soil Mechanics and Foundation Engineering to M.Tech. in Geotechnical Engineering. The 48th IAAC meeting held on 25/02/2021 recommended the same to the Institute Senate. The Senate in its 50th meeting held on 19/05/2021 vide Reso. 5 recommended to approve to change in the name of specialization from M.Tech. in ‘Soil Mechanics and Foundation Engineering’ to M.Tech. in ‘Geotechnical Engineering’. After deliberations it was:

“Resolved to approve change in the name of specialization from M.Tech. in ‘Soil Mechanics and Foundation Engineering’ to M.Tech. in ‘Geotechnical Engineering’ offered by Civil Engineering Department.”

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Item 58.20 To ratify the approval given by the Director, SVNIT, Surat (Chairman, BOG) as Chairman BOG for panel of Experts/nominee for direct recruitment for the post of Medical Officer and to consider & approve the recommendations of the Selection Committee meeting held during 19/06/2021 for the post of Medical Officer.

Reso. 58.20 The Board was briefed about selection process adopted for the post of Medical Officer in the Pay Level 10. The Director & Chairman, BoG's, SVNIT, Surat approved the constitution of selection committee as mentioned in NITSER Act 2007 (29 of 2007) and provisions made in First Statute under NIT Act, 2007 under Section 23(5) for selection of Medical Officer. The approved list of selection committee by the Director and Chairman BoG was noted in the meeting.

Further, the recommendations of the selection committee, kept in sealed envelope, was approved to open in the meeting. After opening of envelope, it was noted that the Selection Committee has recommended the following names:

S No	Name	Category	Remarks
1	Dr. Neha Sharma	UR	Selected
2	Dr. Priyanka Sangar	UR	W/L - 1

In case, if selected candidate does not join the post, the candidate in the waiting list (W/L-1) be considered for the appointment.

"Resolved to ratify the approval given by the Director, SVNIT, Surat as Chairman, BOG for panel of Experts/nominee for direct recruitment for the post of Medical Officer."

"Further resolved to approve the recommendations of the Selection Committee meeting held during 19/06/2021 for the post of Medical Officer. Compliance of Recruitment Rules be ensured before releasing the appointment offer to the selected candidate. The selected candidate be issued appointment offer on probation with standard clauses of appointment as per provisions & rules."

"The Director of the institute was authorized to issue appointment offer to the selected candidate."

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Item 58.21 To consider the recommendations submitted by the Committee constituted to look into the issues/ points raised by some of the faculty members (12 faculty members) vide letter dated 09/03/2021.

Reso. 58.21 It was informed to the Board that in the 57th Meeting of the Board of Governors held on 26/03/2021, it was informed that a joint representation from 12 faculty members was received by the Director vide letter dated 9.3.2021. During discussion, it was advised to look into their grievances through a committee to be constituted by the Director having at least one external representation from the Board and the recommendation of the committee may be placed before Board/ forwarded to the Ministry for appropriate decision. Accordingly, a committee, comprising of Prof. R. V. Rao, Dean (FW) as Chairman and Prof. Amit Prashant IIT Gandhinagar, Prof. C. D. Modhera, Dr. (Mrs) S N Shah, and Shri K. K. Singh Dy Registrar (Estt) was constituted.

The Committee after going through the representation dated 9.3.2021 and all relevant rules/orders/regulations/guidelines, submitted its recommendations to the Director which was placed on the table during the meeting. While discussing the above issue, Prof. R. A. Christian was not allowed to participate in the discussion as he was one of the twelve faculty members who have made the joint representation. Prof. R. V. Rao, Dean (Faculty Welfare) was requested to present the recommendation of the committee before the Board. The brief recommendations of the committee is as under:

S.N.	Issue	Recommendation of Committee
1	Recovery of excess payment due to incorrect fixation of pay in compliance to the CAG para 13.10	The Committee recommended compliance of resolution 3.18 (c) of the minutes of 3rd meeting of NITSER Council held on 18-11-2011, which states that, "No reversion of faculty granted Associate Professor Status who were recruited Assistant Professor 5 CPC between 01-01-2006 and 18-08-2009, with the stipulation that the effective date of appointment as Associate Professor for future promotions etc. will be fixed only on earning three increments (including initial increments, if any, awarded at the time of selection) in the scale of 5 CPC Assistant Professor and 6CPC Associate Professor combined". However, since the matter is sub-judice in the Hon'ble High Court of Gujarat (SCA filed in 2013, 2017 and 2018), hence settlement may not be finalized till all these petitioners of SCAs submit a written application

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S.N.	Issue	Recommendation of Committee
		to the Court expressing their willingness to withdraw the cases on their own and also submit an affidavit to SVNIT, Surat regarding withdrawal of their petition from the Court to consider their request for pay fixation and settlement of dues.
2	Revision of appointment order to the post of Professor by omitting statement of SCA 2752 of 2018	The statement of SCA 2752 of 2018 may be omitted from the appointment order related to Professor post issued in January 2019.
3	Mapping from existing AGP of Rs 9000 to 9500 as Associate Professor in 4 tier system	The request of mapping from the AGP of Rs 9000 to 9500 as Associate Professor in the 4-tier system retrospectively may not be considered as these 12 faculty members had not applied for mapping at that time.

The recommendation of the committee was deliberated at length. It was agreed to accept the recommendation of the committee, however, in the matter regarding recovery of excess payment due to incorrect fixation of pay, it was decided that, since the matter is pending before Hon'ble High Court of Gujarat, no decision can be taken at this stage. Therefore, this may be kept pending till finalization by the court and will be discussed upon outcome of the court judgement. Accordingly, it was:

"Resolved to accept the recommendations of the committee for omitting the statement of SCA 2752 of 2018 from the appointment letter issued to Professors of the institute in 2019."

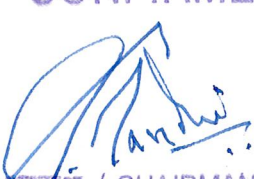
"Resolved, to defer the decision on the matter for recovery of excess payment due to incorrect pay fixation in compliance to the CAG para 13.10, and be placed after finalization of pending petitions by the Hon'ble High Court of Gujarat in this regard."


"Further resolved not to consider the request for mapping in the 4-tier system retrospectively to the faculty members who had not applied at that time."

The meeting ended with vote of thanks to the Chair.

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ANNEXURE- 58.11.1

Sub: Reporting – Reviewing officers of Teaching & Non Teaching employees of the Institute
Ref: Reso.58.12 of 58th Meeting of the Board of Governors held on 29/06/2021

Sr. No.	Name of the employee whose APAR is to be written	Reporting Officer	Reviewing Officer*
1.	Deputy Director	Director	Director
2.	Faculty (HAG-Professor)	Deputy Director / Director, if Deputy Director is Professor	Director
3.	Faculty (Professor)	HoD / Deputy Director, if HoD is Associate Professor	Director
4.	Faculty (HODs)	Deputy Director	Director
5.	Faculty (Associate Professors, Assistant Professors other than HoDs)	Head of Department	Director
6.	Registrar	Director	Director
7.	Librarian	Deputy Director	Director
8.	Principal SAS Officer		
9.	Principal Scientific/Technical Officer		
10.	Faculty of Physical Education		
11.	Chief Medical Officer		
12.	Superintending Engineer		
13.	Deputy Registrar, Assistant Registrar	Section Head	Director
14.	Deputy Librarian, Assistant Librarian	Section Head/ Registrar	Registrar/ Director
15.	Senior Student Activity & Sports (SAS) Officer / SAS Officer	Librarian	Director
16.	Sr. Medical Officer, Medical Officer	Principal SAS Officer / Faculty of Physical Education	Director
17.	Sr. Scientific officer / Sr. Technical Officer, Scientific Officer / Technical Officer,	Chief Medical Officer	Director
18.	Senior Executive Engineer, Executive Engineer	Section Head	Director
19.	Technical Assistant, Sr. Technical Assistant, Technical Assistant SG-II, Technical Assistant SG-I	Superintending Engineering(S.E.) /Section Head in absence of S.E.	Director
20.	SAS Assistant, Sr. SAS Assistant, SAS Assistant SG-II, SAS Assistant SG-I	Lab-Incharge / Workshop In-Charge / Officer-In Charge	Department Head/ Section Head
21.	Library and Information (LIA)Assistant, Sr. Library and Information (LIA)Assistant, Library and Information (LIA)Assistant SG-II, Library and Information (LIA)Assistant SG-I	Sr. SAS Officer / SAS Officer in absence of Sr. SAS Officer	Principal SAS Officer / Faculty -Physical Education in absence of Principal SAS Officer
22.	Junior Engineer, Asst. Engineer, Asst. Engineer SG-II, Asst. Engineer SG-I	Deputy Librarian / Assistant Librarian in absence of Deputy Librarian	Librarian / Deputy Director in absence of Librarian
23.	Technician, Sr. Technician, Technician (SG II), Technician (SG I)	Sr. Executive Engineer / Executive Engineer in absence of Sr. Executive Engineer	Superintending Engineer / Sectional Head in absence of S.E.
24.	Pharmacist, Sr. Pharmacist, Pharmacist (SG-II), Pharmacist (SG-I)	Lab-Incharge / Workshop In-Charge / Officer-In Charge	Departmental Head/ Section Head
25.	Superintendent, Sr. Superintendent , Superintendent SG-II, Superintendent SG-I	Sr. Medical Officer / Medical Officer	Chief Medical Officer
26.	Stenographer , Sr. Stenographer , Stenographer (SG-II), Stenographer (SG-I)	Section Head	Registrar
27.	Jr. Assistant, Sr. Assistant, Assistant SG-II, Assistant SG-I	Section Head / Lab-Incharge / Workshop In-Charge/ Officer-In Charge	HoD / Registrar
28.	Office Attendant / Lab Attendant, Sr. Office / Lab Attendant, Office Attendant / Lab Attendant (SG-II), Office Attendant / Lab Attendant (SG-I)		

* Wherever the Reporting and Reviewing Officer (Senior Employee) of the Junior Employee is same, there should be provision of 'Accepting Authority'. The Accepting Authority would be the Reviewing Officer of Senior Employee to whom Junior Employee is reported upon.

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13/7/21