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सरदार वल्लभभाई राष्ट्रीय प्रौद्योगिकी संस्थान, सूरत

SARDAR VALLABHBHAI NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY, SURAT

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



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To,
All the Members
Board of Governors
SVNIT, Surat

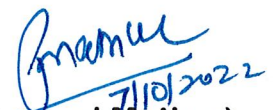
SUB: Minutes of the 61st Meeting of the Board of Governors held on
27/09/2022

Sir,

Please find enclosed the Minutes of the 61st meeting of the Board of Governors for Sardar Vallabhbhai National Institute of Technology, Surat held on 27.09.2022.

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

Encl.: As above


(Dr. Pramod Mathur)
REGISTRAR &
SECRETARY

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SARDAR VALLABHBHAI NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY, SURAT

MINUTES

Minutes of the Sixty First (61st) meeting of the Board of Governors of the SVNIT, Surat held on Tuesday, the 27th September, 2022 at 12:00 noon in the office of Joint Secretary (NITs), Department of Higher Education, Ministry of Education, Room No. 203, C wing, Shastri Bhavan, New Delhi 110115. The following members were present:

1. **Prof. Anupam Shukla** : Chairman
Director, SVNIT, Surat
2. **Ms. Leena Johri, IAS** : Member (online)
Additional Secretary
Ministry of Education,
Shastri Bhawan New Delhi-110 001
3. **Ms. Saumya Gupta, IAS** : Member
Joint Secretary (NITs)
Department of Higher Education,
Ministry of Education, Room No. 203
C wing, Shastri Bhavan, New Delhi 110115
4. **Shri Rajiv Gandhi** : Member
CEO & Managing Director,
Hester Biosciences Ltd., Ahmedabad
5. **Prof. Harit K. Raval** : Member
Professor (HAG), Deptt. of Mechanical
Engineering, SVNIT, Surat.
6. **Dr. Namrata D. Jariwala** : Member
Assistant Professor, Department of Civil
Engineering, SVNIT, Surat
7. **Dr. Pramod Mathur** : Secretary
Registrar, SVNIT, Surat

Professor Amit Prashant and Shri Manharbhai Sanspara could not attend the meeting due to pre-occupation. At the outset Prof. Anupam Shukla, Director and Chairman BoG warmly welcomed all the members present and thanked them for sparing their valuable time for the meeting. He has briefed the major ongoing activities for campus development including construction works by CPWD under HEFA & EWS, maintenance of buildings by NBCC etc. The steps taken for implementation of New Education Policy of Government of India was also briefed and decision taken by Senate in this regard. He emphasized that to improve the NIRF Ranking of the institute

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and to improve public perception immediate repair & maintenance of all old buildings & hostel is essentially required. The CPWD has been advised to submit their proposal for major repair works of all hostel and old academic buildings. Thereafter, following agenda items were deliberated:

Item 61.01: To note and approve the action taken on the resolutions adopted by the Board of Governors in its 59th meeting held on 17-18 August 2021 & 60th Special meeting held on 29.07.2022.

Reso.61.01: It was noted that the minutes of 59th & 60th meetings were approved on 29.07.2022. The action taken on the agenda items were noted. Therefore,
“Resolved to approve the action taken on the resolutions adopted by the Board of Governors in its 59th meeting held on 17-18 August 2021 & 60th Special meeting held on 29.07.2022.”

Item 61.02: To note the minutes/recommendations of the 73rd meeting of the Building & works Committee held on 23/12/2021 & 74th Meeting of the Building & Works Committee schedule to be held on 20/09/2022

Reso.61.02: It was informed to the members that the minutes of 74th Building & Works Committee meeting held on 20.9.2022 was circulated through email and minutes of 73rd meeting was attached alongwith regular agenda of the Board. After deliberations,

“Resolved to note the recommendations of the 73rd & 74th meeting of the Building & Works Committee held on 23/12/2021 & 20/09/2022. The GFR 2017 provisions should be strictly followed for the works being taken up by the institute.”

Item 61.03: To note and approve the recommendations of the 43rd meeting of the Finance Committee held on 27.09.2022

Reso.61.03: The recommendations made by the 43rd Finance Committee Meeting held on 27/09/2022 were noted and approved. Action may be initiated for the works/ procurement of items as recommended by the Finance Committee as per provisions of GFR 2017.

“Resolved to approve the recommendations/ resolution of the Finance Committee Meeting held on 27.9.2022. Action be initiated for procurement of items/ works as per provisions of GFR 2017.”



Item 61.04: To consider and approve the recommendations of the Committee constituted to assess the performance of Prof. J. N. Sarvaiya, Professor, Department of Electronics Engineering and Dr. Neha Sharma, Medical Officer

Reso.61.04: The Board took note of the recommendations of the Committee constituted to assess the performance of the Professor J. N. Sarvaiya, Department of Electronics and Dr. Neha Sharma, Medical officer who were appointed during March 2021 & June 2021 respectively. It was appraised that, for their assessment for confirmation, the Committee has gone through the Self-Appraisal Form/Annual Performance Appraisal Form submitted by them, the copy of Appointment orders and Joining Reports, Police Verification certificate, Vigilance Clearance certificates and Medical fitness certificate. The Committee has recommended confirmation of their service at SVNIT on completion of their probation period. After deliberation, it was;

“Resolved to approve the recommendations of the Committee constituted to assess the performance and confirmation of service of Professor J.N. Sarvaiya, Professor and Dr. Neha Sharma, Medical Officer as detailed below:

Sl. No.	Name of the employee, Designation & Deptt	Pay Level	Date of Joining	Date of Confirmation
(1)	(2)	(4)	(5)	(6)
1	Prof. J. N. Sarvaiya, Professor, DoECE	Level 14 as per 7 th CPC	30-03-2021	30-03-2022
2	Dr. Neha Sharma Medical officer	Level-10 as per 7 th CPC	26-07-2021	26-07-2022

Item 61.05: To approve the recommendations of the Departmental Promotion Committee for grant of promotion to the eligible Non-Teaching employees of the Institute (Group B & C)

Reso.61.05: The Board noted that the Institute has constituted Departmental Promotion Committee to assess suitability of the Non Teaching employees of the Institute for promotions. in line with MHRD letter No.F.35-5/2018-TS.III dated 20/02/2019 regarding recommendations of Oversight Committee for removal of anomalies of non-teaching staff and revised Recruitment Rules (RRs). The DPC has assessed the same. Total 20 (Group B & C) employees were found eligible for assessment through DPC. The departmental proficiency test for Group B & C employee was held on 06.09.2022. The recommendations of the DPC are kept in

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a sealed envelope. It was clarified that all the procedure as required for DPC were followed. After deliberation, it was agreed to open the envelope for recommendation of Departmental Promotion Committee for grant of promotion to the eligible Non-Teaching employees of the Institute (B & C).

Upon opening of the said Envelopes for recommendation of Departmental Promotion Committee (B & C), the recommendations were read by the Chairperson BoG. The summary of recommendations of Departmental Promotion Committee is given below:

S No	Post & Pay Scale	Name of person recommended
1	Technical Assistant SG-I, (Pay Level - 9) Group 'B'	1. Shri Axaykumar Budhabhai Billimoria 2. Shri Parshottambhai Parmabhai Vankar 3. Shri Ganpatbhai Somabhai Shah 4. Mrs. Mamta Sunilbhai Patel
2	Technical Assistant (SG-II), (Pay Level-08) Group 'B'	1. Shri Shivdasan Raghavan Panakar 2. Shri Gav Bomi Master 3. Shri Bharatkumar Dahyabhai Mistry 4. Shri Gajendra Jamnadas Panchal
3	Technical Assistant (Pay Level-6) Group 'B'	1. Shri Nareshkumar Dhirubhai Patel 2. Shri Bharatkumar Shridharrao More 3. Shri Ajitkumar Makanbhai Mistry
4	Superintendent (Pay Level - 6) Group 'B'	1. Mrs. Minaben Amrutbhai Patel w.e.f. 01-11-2022
5	Assistant SG-II (Pay Level - 5) Group 'C'	1. Ms. Parulata Keshavbhai Bhagvagar 2. Shri Chetan Manilal Suthar 3. Mrs. Pragna Hitendrakumar Kantharia 4. Shri Mahesh Lallubhai Patel

"Resolved to approve the recommendation of Departmental Promotion Committee (DPC) for grant of promotion to the selected Non Teaching employees of the Institute (B & C). The promotions will be effective from the date of Board meeting, except promotion of Mrs. Minaben Amrutbhai Patel for Superintendent post which will be effective from 01.11.2022."

"Resolved further, to issue order for promotion to all the selected Non Teaching employees of the Institute (B&C) as per recommendation of the committee."

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Item 61.06: To consider and approve the revised norms for proper utilization of CPDA by faculty of SVNIT, Surat

Reso.61.06 It was briefed that, the Board of Governors in its 57th Meeting held on 26/03/2021 adopted the guidelines accepted by the NITSER Council for proper utilization of CPDA by faculty in NITs issued by Ministry of Education (earlier MHRD) vide letter No.F.No.35-6/2016-TS.III dated 08/06/2017. Accordingly, the norms for utilization of Cumulative Professional Development Allowance (CPDA) were implemented with effect from 1st April 2021. With a view to promote more research and development culture in the Institute a committee has been constituted to review the existing norms of the CPDA (approved by the 57th BoG held on 26.03.2021) in line with orders of Ministry of Education issued from time to time. The committee has suggested modification in the existing norms. After deliberations the Board;

“Resolved to approve the modification in the existing guidelines at the institute for utilization of CPDA by the SVNIT faculty members. The updated modified guidelines may be issued by the institute.”

Item 61.07: To approve conferment of the Degree & awards to the Bachelor of Technology, Master of Technology, Master of Science (Five years Integrated Programme) and Doctor of Philosophy.

Reso.61.07: The Board was briefed that, the 19th Convocation of the Institute is expected to schedule during the Month of October/ November 2022. The exact date of convocation has not been fixed. In terms of NIT Statutes under clause 8 (iii) the Senate in its 55th Meeting held on 20.09.2022 recommended the list of 1296 degree recipients and 35+02 medalists/ cash prize winners to the Board of Governors for conferment of the same. The list was circulated to the members through mail and was also placed before the Board. The date for conferment of degree, shall be the date of approval by the Board of Governors for conferment of degree. After deliberation it was;

“Resolved to approve the recommendations of the Senate for conferment of 1296 degrees/medals to the B.Tech (733), M.Tech (376), 5 Years integrated M.Sc. (119) and PhD (68) of 2021-22 batch and 35 medalists & 02 cash prize winners to be conferred during 19th Convocation of the Institute”.

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“Resolved further that, the date of conferment of Degree/ Medal will be the date of BoG resolution, i.e 27.09.2022. The original Degree Certificate(s) may be handed over to the desirous students after 27.09.2022 with the signature of the Institute Authorities”.

Item 61.08: To note and approve the Reservation Roster Register for Faculty cadre at SVNIT Surat and to initiate the recruitment drive for all cadre of faculty.

Reso 61.08 The Board was informed that in pursuance of Ministry of Education, Govt. of India directives, issued vide Letter No.F.No.33-3/2018-TS.III dated 05/11/2019 for implementation of the provisions of the Central Educational Institutions (Reservation in Teacher's Cadre) Act 2019, an Institute Level Committee was constituted for recasting of existing Reservation Roster Register for Faculty cadre posts at SVNIT Surat. The Committee prepared the Reservation Roster Register for Faculty Cadre at SVNIT, Surat. As per the register following cadre wise faculty posts (including backlog vacancies) are proposed to be advertised on Direct Recruitment basis:

Cadre Post	GEN	EWS [@]	OBC	SC	ST	Total
Assistant Professor Grade II (Pay Level 12)	02	0	0	01	01	04
Assistant Professor Grade II (Pay Level 11)	08	01	0	00	01	10
Assistant Professor Grade II (Pay Level 10)	01	0	11	10	14	36
Associate Professor	9	01	05	03	01	19
Professor	01	00	00	0	0	01
Total Vacancy	21	01	16	14	07	69

The Ministry representative present in the meeting advised that before implementing the roster register, the institute ACoFAR should take necessary action for distribution of faculty position across the cadre and departments. Possible recruitment for movement to higher academic grade for the serving faculty members of the respective departments of the institute may be as per provisions of Schedule –E, Note-1 (5). The proposal of ACoFAR for proposed advertisement including category wise distribution of post across the departments be placed before Board for approval. Regarding Expert nominee of the Board and Expert nominee of Senate for the Selection Committee, the Board authorized the Chairman BoG to approve the list of Experts to be member of the Selection Committee for various faculty positions. After deliberation it was;

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"Resolved to defer the matter to the next meeting of Board of Governors."

"Further resolved to authorize the Chairman, BoG & Director to finalise the list of Experts as Board Nominee & Senate Nominee in the Selection Committee(s) for recruitment of faculty and non-faculty position in accordance with provisions of NIT Statutes."

Item 61.09: To note the status of engagement of Shri Ravinder Kumar, Assistant Registrar, SVNIT, Surat at MoE, NITs Division New Delhi on loan/attachment basis.

Reso.61.09 The Board was briefed that Shri Ravinder Kumar, Assistant Registrar has been posted at Ministry of Education from the date of joining at the institute. His engagement with MHRD/MOE has been extended from time to time. After deliberations,

"Resolved to note the status of engagement of Shri Ravinder Kumar, Assistant Registrar, SVNIT, Surat at MoE, NITs Division New Delhi on loan/attachment basis which is extended till 09.09.2023."

Item 61.10: To ratify the action taken by the Director for extension of probation of Dr. L. K. Saini, Assistant Professor, Department of Physics.

Reso 61.10 The Board was informed that, Dr. L. K. Saini joined to the post of Assistant Professor (AGP-8000) on 28/01/2019. His probation was initially for a period of one year which was extended for a period of one year w.e.f. 28/01/2020 as per resolution adopted by the Board in its 53rd meeting held on 14/03/2020. His probation was further extended for a period of one year w.e.f. 28/01/2021 While approving the extension for probation it was also resolved by the 57th BOG Meeting that, the performance assessment of Dr. L. K. Saini be reviewed during the extended probation period and be placed before the Board for his confirmation. The matter was placed in the 58th Meeting of BOG wherein it was decided to review the same after receipt of the vigilance clearance from the CVO and 2nd stage advice from CVC. The Institute received the advice of CVC vide Letter No.F.No.C-13011/73/2019-Vig. Dated 25/10/2021.



Further, the copy of Inquiry report, tentative views of the Board of Governors of SVNIT, Surat alongwith advise of CVC was forwarded to Dr. L. K. Saini on 22/11/2021 and Dr. L. K. Saini has submitted his reply vide letter dated 20/12/2021. His extended probation period has been completed on 27/01/2022.

The committee was constituted vide No. E/141/Confirmation/303 dated 18/06/2021 was requested to review the performance assessment of Dr. Saini. The Committee assessed the performance of Dr L K Saini. On the recommendation of the committee, the probation of Dr. L. K. Saini, Asst. Professor, Department of Physics was extended further for one year w.e.f. 28/01/2022 or till further orders. The Board took note of the same. After deliberation it was;

“Resolved to ratify the action taken by the Director for extension of probation of Dr. L. K. Saini, Assistant Professor, Department of Physics for one year w.e.f. 28.01.2022.”

Item 61.11: To consider the representation/ reply submitted by Dr. L. K. Saini Assistant Professor, Department of Physics to take appropriate action

Reso 61.11 The Board was informed that the Board of Governors in its 49th Meeting held on 15/06/2019 resolved to initiate Regular Departmental Action (RDA) as per CCS (CCA) Rules against Dr L K Saini, Assistant Professor and authorized the Director to issue charge sheet as per CCS (CCA) rules. Accordingly, the inquiry against Dr. L. K. Saini was initiated and Dr. L. K. Saini was suspended vide Order No.E/LKS/636 dated 08/07/2019. His case was referred to the Central Vigilance Commission for their first stage advice. However, the Chief Vigilance Commission replied to submit the case through CVO, MHRD. Accordingly, the Institute has sent a letter to CVO, MHRD for first stage advice vide letter dated 06/09/2019 and CVO, MHRD advised to go for second stage advice in the matter vide letter dated 05/12/2019.

The charge-sheet was issued vide Memorandum dated 26th September 2019 against which Dr L K Saini morally accepted all Articles of the Charges vide letter dated 03/10/2019. The Institute appointed the Inquiry Officer (I.O) and Presenting Officer (P.O) and the preliminary hearing was held on 18/10/2019 and

on the same day the Charged officer accepted all the article of charges against him and inquiry was concluded.

After completion of inquiry his suspension was revoked on 15/11/2019. The Report of Inquiry Officer was placed before Board of Governors in its 53rd Meeting held on 14/03/2020 and resolved to forward the same to Chief Vigilance Commission, New Delhi through CVO of the institute for second stage advice. The matter was sent to CVO, Ministry of Education, New Delhi for 2nd stage advice and in response, the Vigilance Section advised the Institute to furnish tentative views of the Disciplinary Authority and CVO of the Institute. The matter was placed before the 57th Meeting of Board of Governors held on 26/03/2021 to provide tentative views and the Board decided its tentative views on the matter which was forwarded to CVO, Ministry of Education on 16.4.2021. The Vigilance Section, MoE, replied the same vide Letter on 25/10/2021. The copy of Inquiry report, tentative views of the Board of Governors of SVNIT alongwith advise of CVC was forwarded to Dr. L. K. Saini on 22/11/2021 and he has submitted his response on 20/12/2021. After deliberations, it was:

“Resolved to defer the matter for next Board Meeting and will be discussed again. The institute may provide the additional information, if any as desired by the Members of the Board.”

Item 61.12: To note the status of recruitment process for non-teaching Group B & C posts including relaxation of upper age limit upto 56 years to the persons who are working/serving at SVNIT, Surat on the date of advertisement (for Group B & C posts) on ad-hoc/ temporary/ contractual/ outsourced basis and daily wages basis having continuous one-year of service at SVNIT, Surat.

Reso 61.12: The Board was briefed that, the Institute has advertised vacant posts of Group B & C during the Year 2021. The total No. of posts advertised is 111 and against which 7292 applications have been received. The Scrutiny Committee for scrutiny of the application received were constituted. It was informed that, the Board of Governors of SVNIT in its 52nd Meeting held on 09/01/2020 resolved that Institute can go ahead for the recruitment process of non-teaching staff as per new Recruitment Rules of NITs and given age relaxation upto 56 years to those who are working on adhoc/temporary/ contractual/ outsource basis in the Institute

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to participate in the first regular recruitment process for the post for which they fulfil all other conditions mentioned in the Recruitment Rules proposed by the Oversight Committee as per MHRD Letter No.F.35-5/2018-TS.III, dated 20th February, 2019.

Therefore, the advertisement notifications for recruitment of various Group B & C posts were published by the Institute during the Month of March, 2021 and one-time age relaxation in upper age limit upto age of 56 years has been given to the persons currently engaged at SVNIT, Surat on Ad-hoc /Temporary / Contractual / Outsourced basis, to participate in this regular recruitment process for the posts for which they fulfil all other conditions including educational qualifications mentioned in the Recruitment Rules (2019),

Against the advertisements for recruitment of various Group B & C posts, the Institute's daily wagers, persons engaged through out-sourced agencies, workmen engaged through various service providers have applied to the various posts and claimed for age relaxation against the above recruitment notification. The workman engaged through ad-hoc/ temporary/ contractual/ outsourced basis and daily wage basis having continuous one-year service at SVNIT, Surat have been extended the benefits of relaxations of upper age limit upto 56 years to all those applicants who were working at SVNIT, Surat on the date of advertisement. After deliberation it was

"Resolved cancellation of the earlier advertisement (2021) and to re-advertise the non-teaching position for which recruitment process has not been completed. The applicant already applied earlier against the advertisement post in 2021 may be allowed to apply afresh with the exemption for payment of application fees, if any quoting their reference number of earlier application."

"Further resolved to approve the one-time age relaxation in the first regular recruitment process for non-teaching posts upto upper age limit of 56 years to the persons who are working/serving at SVNIT, Surat on the date of advertisement to the workmen engaged on ad-hoc/ temporary/ contractual/ outsourced basis engaged through various service provider and institute daily wages basis having one-year of service at SVNIT, Surat."

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Item 61.13: To consider and approve the modalities for assessment of applications received for appointment on compassionate ground at SVNIT, Surat

Reso 61.13 The Board was briefed that, the advertisement for the vacant posts for non-teaching Group A, B & C were published during the Month of March 2021, wherein two posts of Senior Assistant/Junior Assistant/ Office Attendant and Two posts of Technician/ Senior Technician were earmarked for appointment on compassionate ground as per norms of DoPT, Government of India. The Institute received total 08 applications for appointment on Compassionate ground from 09 dependents of deceased employees of the Institute. A Committee Chaired by Deputy Director was constituted vide Surat vide order dated June 26, 2021 to frame the guidelines for point based merit system for assessing the merit of the claims of compassionate in line with DoPT/Govt. of India norms/earlier decisions/ resolutions adopted by the BoG. The Committee consulted the guidelines on the said appointments devised by CBIC and recommended that the Table of allocation of points to various attributes based on a 100-point scale as per Letter No. A.12012/52/2018-Ad.III.B dated 15th May, 2019 CBIC of Department of Revenue, Ministry of finance may be adopted for assessing comparative merit of the applicants for compassionate appointment. After deliberation it was;

“Resolved to approve the modalities for assessment of applications received for appointment on compassionate ground for recruitment of B & C Post at SVNIT, Surat.”

Item 61.14: To consider and approve the Intellectual Property Rights Manual Guidelines, Policy & Forms for SVNIT, Surat

Reso 61.14: The Board was briefed that, the Finance Committee & Board of Governors in its meeting held on 05/12/2012 approved the norms of Intellectual Property Rights vide Resolution no.5. The Institute is in process of establishment of IPR Cell in the Institute as per the directives from the Government to encourage and support the researchers of the Institute within emphasizing importance of IPR rights, encouragement on IP generation & its utilization, creating educational materials for IP, inculcate & appreciate value of IP formation etc. A committee was constituted for revision of existing IPR policy of the Institute. The Committee prepared the Intellectual Property Rights Manual Guidelines, Policy & Forms

which has been vetted by the patent consultants appointed by the Institute. After deliberation it was;

“Resolved to approve the Intellectual Property Rights Manual Guidelines, Policy Forms for SVNIT, Surat.”

Item 61.15: Reporting Item for the Board

Reso 61.15: The Board took note of the permission granted to the staff members to visit abroad for attending international conference, workshop and grant of sabbatical leave to the faculty member of the Institute as mentioned below;

(a) The following staff members have been permitted to visit abroad for attending international conference, workshop, visiting abroad during the period:

Sr. No.	Name & Designation	Country	Duration of visit
1	Dr. P. V. Timbadiya, Associate Professor, DoCE	Dubai	22/03/2022 to 24/03/2022
2	Dr. Nave Malek, Associate Professor, DoC	Sweden	05/10/2022 to 07/10/2022
3	Dr. S. M. Yadav, Professor, DoCE	Singapore	12/08/2022 to 23/08/2022
4	Dr. R. V. Rao, Professor (HAG), DoME	Poland	15/10/2022 to 30/10/2022

(b) Sabbatical Leave

Dr. Bade Mukund, Assistant Professor, Department of Mechanical Engineering was granted Sabbatical Leave during 01/09/2022 to 31/03/2023 for writing of Book titled Superheated Stream Drying : Fundamentals and Advances” vide order No.E/BM/S.Leave/820 dtd. 12.09.2022

Item 61.16: To note submission of Memorandum of Understanding to be signed between SVNIT, Surat and Department of Higher Education, Ministry of Education (MoE), Govt. of India for the year 2022-23.

Reso.61.16 *“Resolved to ratify the action taken by Director & Chairman for submission of Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between SVNIT, Surat and Ministry of Education, New Delhi for the year 2021-22.”*

Item: 61.17.1 To consider and approve the recommendations of the 55th meeting of Senate held on 20.09.2022 regarding de-merger of Department of Mathematics & Humanities to Department of Mathematics, Department of Humanities & Social Sciences and Department of Management Studies.



It was informed to the Board that the Senate in its 55th Meeting held on 20.09.2022 recommended to demerge the existing 'Department of Mathematics and Humanities' into three Academic Departments, i.e. Department of Mathematics, Department of Humanities and Social Sciences and Department of Management Studies. The existing Mathematics & Humanities Department consists of faculty from Mathematics, Humanities and Management, which needs to be separated for growth of the Departments and the Institute.

The Department of Mathematics will offer 5-year *Dual Degree Programme in Mathematics and Computing (Bachelor of Technology and Master of Technology)* with 'the exit option after meeting the total credit requirement for the award of the degree of B.Tech. in Mathematics and Computing'. The Dual Degree Programme in Mathematics and Computing (M&C) is primarily intended to produce post-graduate Students with strong foundations to apply their leaning to solve the complex and the interconnected problems of the Industry, Society and to impart better services to the Nation.

It is planned that the Department of Management Studies will offer a two/ five years MBA programme/ Integrated MBA Programme.

The Department of Humanities and Social Sciences will offer courses related to Humanities and Social Sciences for undergraduate and post graduate programme of different departments and will also offer new PG/ Ph.D programme in future.

Upon in-principle approval from the Board, for demerger of department and introduction of new academic programmes, action for Demerger of Departments, designing the course curriculum, number of students including faculty requirements and infrastructure/space/fund requirement will be finalized in due course, which will be placed through Institute Level Academic Advisory Committee/ Senate.

The Board was requested to approve the recommendations of the Senate regarding de-merger of Department of Mathematics & Humanities to Department of Mathematics, Department of Humanities & Social Sciences and Department of Management Studies and in-principle approval for introduction of new academic programmes. After deliberations,



“Resolved to approve the de-merger of Department of Mathematics & Humanities to Department of Mathematics, Department of Humanities & Social Sciences, and Department of Management Studies, and introduction of the Dual Degree Programme ‘Bachelor of Technology and Master of Technology in Mathematics & Computing (MaC).’ Detailed proposal and action plan for demerger of departments, course curriculum, number of students, faculty requirements and infrastructure/space/fund requirement be placed after recommendation from Senate & Finance Committee of the Institute. “

Item: 61.17.2 To consider and approve the recommendations of the 55th meeting of Senate regarding introduction of a ‘New Academic Department’, i.e. Department of Artificial Intelligence.

It was informed to the Board that the Senate in its 55th Meeting held on 20.09.2022 recommended to introduce a new Academic Department, i.e. Department of Artificial Intelligence. The proposed establishment of Department of Artificial Intelligence is aimed to help the students to develop greater understanding and to train towards the formidability and solvability of problems arising from Technology and Societal perspectives. Considering the industry need and placement scenario, it is proposed that the new department will offer undergraduate and post graduate programmes in the field of Computing & Artificial Intelligence.

Upon approval from the Board of Governors of the Institute for establishment of Department of Artificial Intelligence, action will be initiated for course design, course curriculum, number of students, faculty requirements and infrastructure/space/ fund requirement, which will be placed in due course through Senate & Finance Committee. After deliberations,

“Resolved to approve the introduction of new department ‘Department of Artificial Intelligence’ at the Institute. Detailed proposal alongwith action plan for new department, academic programmes, course curriculum, number of students’ intake, faculty requirements and infrastructure/ space/fund requirement be placed after recommendation from Senate & Finance Committee of the institute”.



Item: 61.17.3 To note the status of engagement of Shri Ajay Kumar Agarwal as Advisor (Civil works) and Shri A. K. Jain as Adviser (Electric works) on contract basis on purely contract basis @ consolidated remuneration of Rs 1 Lakh per month.

It was informed that the Institute has engaged Advisor on contract basis for Civil works and Electric works at consolidated remuneration of Rs 1.00 Lakh per month (on an average of 6-7 days' visits/online consultations per month).

Shri Ajay Kumar Agarwal Additional Director General (Retd), CPWD has been engaged as Advisor (Civil Works) on Contract since 06.01.2020 for a period of one year and the same has been extended on year to year basis. The present extension is till January 2023 or upto completion of new construction works of SVNIT Surat.

Similarly, Shri A. K. Jain, Special Director General (Rtd.), CPWD has been engaged as Advisor (Electrical Works) on Contract since 01.02.2020 for a period of one year and the same has been extended on year to year basis. The present extension is till January/February 2023 or upto completion of new projects of SVNIT Surat.

As per the terms and conditions of their engagement they are being paid honorarium of Rs 1.00 Lakh per month (on an average of 6-7 days' visits/online consultations per month), alongwith Transportation (Institute to provide transport or reimbursement of travel expenditure and other incidental charges on actual basis) & Accommodation (A rent free accommodation and local hospitality will be provided in the Institute's Guest House) for their visit at SVNIT, Surat for the said work.

The Ministry representative present in the meeting observed that such appointment should be made against the regular vacant positions and the incumbent should not be above the age of prescribed age limit as per of GoI orders as issued by the Ministry of Finance Department of Expenditure vide OM No F.No.3-25/2020-E.IIIA dated 9.12.2020. After deliberations, the Board decided to discontinue their engagement after completion of existing contract period as Advisor on consolidated monthly remuneration. However, considering the need of the situation, the institute may take their services as 'Expert' in


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various meetings for ongoing construction works and pay honorarium of Rs. 10000/- per meeting day alongwith admissible TA/DA as per rules.

“Resolved to discontinue further engagement of Shri A K Jain and Shri Ajay Kumar Agarwal as Advisor on completion of existing contract period. The institute may take services of Expert in various meetings for ongoing construction/ consultation/ review of ongoing construction activities in the institute and pay honorarium of Rs. 10000/- per meeting day alongwith admissible TA/DA & local hospitality.”

“Further resolved to engage third party inspection for the ongoing construction activities being undertaken through CPWD. The third party inspection should be done from other agencies/ organisation.”

The meeting ended with vote of thanks to the Chair.


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