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MALAVIYA NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY, JAIPUR

Minutes of the 16th Meeting of the Board of Governors

The 16th meeting of the Board of Governors of the Malaviya National Institute of Technology, Jaipur was held on 2nd March, 2009 at 5.00 p.m. in the Board Room, Administrative Block of the Institute. The following were present:

1. Shri Mukul Kasliwal : Chairman
2. Prof. Ranjit Singh : Member
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Sector - 13, Dwarka
New Delhi - 110 075.
3. Prof. Venugopal Reddy : Member
Ex-Vice Chancellor, Andhra University
Waltair
4. Shri A.K. Chhatwani : Member
Sr. Vice President
M/s. Larsen & Turbo Limited
Powai, Mumbai
5. Shri Abhay Jain : Member
Director
M/s. Ambika Petro Chemical (P) Ltd.
Bangalore
6. Prof. S.C. Pathak : Member
Department of Mechanical Engineering
MNIT Jaipur
7. Prof. R.P. Dahiya : Member-Secretary
Director
MNIT Jaipur

The Registrar Shri P.S. Dhaka was also invited to attend the meeting. Shri N.K. Sinha, Joint Secretary, MHRD; Shri Ravi Mathur, Principal Secretary Higher & Technical Education, Govt. of Rajasthan; Prof. Surendra Prasad, Director IIT Delhi, Prof. S.C. Saxena, Director IIT Roorkee; Shri S.K. Ray, Financial Adviser MHRD; Dr.

R.K. Yadava, Prof. of Metallurgical & Materials Engineering, MNIT, Jaipur; Dr. Rajeev Sharma, Bombay Hospital and Shri Mohan Guruswamy could not attend the meeting.

The Chairman welcomed all those present in the meeting and the agenda items were then taken up.

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General:

The Director made a presentation about the progress made in the Institute. There has been substantial increase in research and development activities over the past three years. It is evident from the research publications made by the Institute faculty and students, in the international journals, national journals, international conferences and national conferences. The total publications reported by the faculty in the last three years is 590. Presently over 185 Ph.D. scholars are registered in the Institute, which shows tremendous increase during the past three years. The Institute now awards its own Ph.D. degrees and for the first time, MNIT Ph.D. degrees were awarded in the 3rd convocation in the year 2007 and 5 Ph.D. degrees were also awarded in the 4th Convocation in the year 2008. The number is continuously rising. The progress made on several other aspects in recent months listed under the agenda item number 16-5.0 was also discussed. The Board highly appreciated the progress made in the Institute over the past three years and the Chairman desired that a position-paper giving the progress made during this period may be prepared.

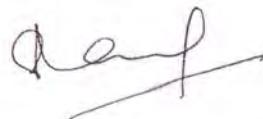
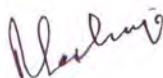
16-1.0: Visit to the Department of Computer Engineering

The Board members - Prof. V. Reddy, Prof. Ranjit Singh, Shri A.K. Chhatwani and Shri Abhay Jain visited the Department of Computer Engineering starting from 3.30 p.m. on 2nd March, 2009. In the Board meeting when they briefed the Board about the visit, the Head of Computer Engineering Department was also invited to be present. The Board took note of the shortage of regular faculty in the Computer Engineering Department. Shortage of computer engineering faculty is all pervasive throughout the country. It was suggested that continuous efforts should be made to hire qualified faculty. Director informed the Board that advertisement for hiring regular faculty has been made in news papers and a standing advertisement has been placed on the Institute website. The Institute is employing guest faculty for meeting the teaching load requirements of the Department. The Board was of the opinion that monthly remuneration of the guest faculty may be raised for attracting the qualified faculty. The Director informed that it has been our constant effort to have Ph.D. degree holders as faculty members in the Institute but in exceptional cases, like for the Department of Computer Engineering, M.Tech. degree holders are also considered for hiring as Lecturer. Since the pay scale of the faculty members are under revision, the case for revising the monthly emoluments of the guest faculty will be presented before the Board once the revised pay scales of regular faculty are announced by the MHRD.

Item No.16-2.0: To confirm the minutes of the 15th meeting of the Board of Governors

The minutes of the 15th meeting of the Board of Governors placed before the Board were perused and approved.

Shri A.K. Chhatwani, put forward the point raised in the last Board meeting to replace one of the Institute members on the Board, as he has been promoted to the



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position of Professor from the position of Reader. The Board discussed this issue and decided that a female member from the cadre of Reader be taken as a Board member in place of Prof. R.K. Yadava. The Chairman and the members perused the list of Readers and the Board resolved to have Dr. (Mrs.) Jyoti Joshi as a member of the Board. The services rendered by Prof. R.K. Yadava as a Board member were appreciated.

It was also decided that a lady social worker of repute from Jaipur region would be considered for having on the Board as a special invitee.

Item No. 16-3.0: To note the action taken on the decisions made in the 15th meeting of the Board of Governors

Action taken on the decisions made in the 15th meeting of the Board of Governors were accepted. The minutes of the 13th meeting of the Finance Committee held on 1st February 2009, placed before the Board were also accepted.

The Board in its 15th meeting had decided that the tender committee should negotiate with the lowest bidder M/s. Ramky Infrastructure Ltd. for awarding the construction work of 1000-capacity men hostel and 400-capacity women hostel. The outcome of the negotiation was placed before the Board. The bidder had agreed to bring down the cost from Rs. 58.40 crores to 57.30 crores. There were detailed deliberations on this issue and Prof. Venugopal Reddy was given the responsibility to speak to senior officials of M/s. Ramky Infrastructure Ltd. Prof. Reddy has informed the Director on 3.3.2009 that the bidder has agreed to revise the cost to Rs. 57.20 crores and a letter to this effect has also been received from the Company. It was decided that the matter should be put up to the Building & Works Committee, which should take the appropriate decision.

Item No. 16-4.0: Items for Consideration

Item No.16-4.1: To consider the plan for raising the student strength at the Institute

Director made a power point presentation giving the detailed plan to raise the student strength at the Institute. There was considerable discussion on various aspects of the plan. The Director pointed out that the Heads of the Departments have been informed to make action plan for raising the student strength to 800-1000 in every department. As per the plan presented before the Board, the total number of regular students may be raised to 10800 over the next five years. Short term courses and collaborative programmes with national and international institutions should also be worked out. This will further raise the student strength on the campus.

The human resource plan and the cost estimate for creating the infrastructural facilities for increasing the number of students was also placed before the Board. This includes increase in student strength due to OBC reservation and the proposal

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for starting new programmes. Dr. Rakesh Jain, Prof. of Mechanical Engineering & Coordinator Continuing Education, who has assisted the Director in working out the plan was invited during the discussions on the proposed plan. The Board accepted the proposed plan and decided that further details of the academic programmes and infrastructural facilities be worked out. It was decided to have a planning and coordination cell in the Institute.

Item No.16-4.2: To consider the progress of TEQIP

The progress of the TEQIP was perused and highly appreciated. The Institute has continuously improved its performance in the audit score in the performance audit carried out by the World Bank expert. The score was 9.4/10 in December 2008 audit. The Board gave its approval to the visit of faculty and non teaching staff members to various institutions in the country and abroad with financial support from the TEQIP grant. Re-appropriation of the TEQIP budget was approved.

Item No.16-4.3 To consider proposal for hiring Mr. Mahagaonkar as consultant

The proposal for hiring Mr. S.C. Mahagaonkar, who has 35 years of work experience in the capacity of town planner, chief town planner etc., to assist the Institute as a consultant with monthly payment of Rs. 10,000 was discussed. The Board highly appreciated this proposal of the Director that such an experienced person will be involved in further development of the Institute infrastructure and approved the proposal.

Item No. 16-5.0: Reporting Items

As mentioned in the beginning under the heading "General", the reporting items highlighting the progress of the Institute were perused and it was highly appreciated that the Institute is progressing at the accelerated pace.

Item No. 16-6.0: Any other Item (s) with the Permission of the Chair

Item No.16-6.1 To consider involving students as teaching assistants/research assistants

The Board agreed to the proposal to involve research scholars, M.Tech. students and senior level B.Tech. students in teaching/research activities as teaching assistants/research assistants. They will not be given lecture classes but can be involved to assist the teachers in conducting tutorials/practical classes and other such activities which will be helpful in the academic activities of the Institute. The number of hours per week a student can be involved and the honorarium to be paid will be as per the existing IIT Delhi norms.

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Item No.16-6.2 To consider the letter received by the Chairman regarding Prof. Ranjit Singh, Board member

A letter received by the Chairman regarding Prof. Ranjit Singh, Board member was discussed and it was decided that the Director will write a letter to Prof. Ranjit Singh seeking clarification.

Item No.16-6.3 To consider the case of 37 persons working in the Institute on fixed monthly emoluments

The Board discussed the case of thirty seven persons who are working in the Institute on fixed monthly emoluments for over 10 years. Their monthly emoluments were raised by 50% in the year 2006 after approval of the Finance Committee and BOG. In the past, advertisement was given for recruitment to some of the non-teaching posts and the process was initiated. Meanwhile, some of the persons working on fixed monthly emoluments filed writ petition and brought stay order from the Rajasthan High Court. The Board invited their representatives during the discussions and all the 3 persons who came agreed that the court case will be withdrawn. The Board resolved that after withdrawal of the court case by the persons working on fixed emoluments, advertisement should be made to take up the recruitment process and those found suitable should be given regular appointments. Since model code of conduct is enforced now due to the coming Parliamentary elections, clarifications may be obtained from the Election Commission for advertising the posts.

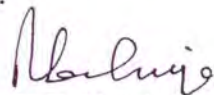
Item No.16-6.4 : To consider the reimbursement of medical expenses incurred by Shri P.S. Dhaka, Registrar for taking treatment at FORTIS Escort Hospital, Jaipur.

The Board gave its approval to reimburse the medical expenses incurred by Shri P.S. Dhaka, Registrar for the treatment taken by him in the FORTIS Escort Hospital Jaipur. The reimbursement will be as per the medical reimbursement rules followed in the Institute.

Item No.16-6.5 : To consider to include FORTIS Escort Hospital in the list of hospitals for reimbursement of medical expenses incurred by the employees of the Institute

The Board approved to include FORTIS Escort hospital, Jaipur in the list of approved hospitals where MNIT employees can take treatment and claim reimbursement of the expenditure incurred for the treatment. The reimbursement will be as per the medical rules followed in the Institute.

The meeting ended at 8.45 p.m. with a vote of thanks to the Chair.


R.P. Dahiya
Director &
Member Secretary