

VEER SURENDRA SAI UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY, BURLA

MINUTES OF 36TH MEETING OF BOARD OF MANAGEMENT OF THE UNIVERSITY HELD ON 25.09.2020 AT 12.00 NOON IN THE CHAMBER OF VICE-CHANCELLOR'S SECRETARIAT VSSUT, BURLA BY ONLINE MODE (THROUGH WEB LINK)

The following members were present:

1. Prof. Atal Chaudhuri : Chairman
Vice-Chancellor, VSSUT, Burla
2. Dr. A.K. Nayak, OAS (S) : Member
Joint Secretary to Govt. of Odisha
SD&TE Dept. (Nominee of
Commissioner-cum-Secretary SD&TE)
3. Prof. Venkappayya R Desai : Member
Professor, Dept. of Civil Engineering
IIT, Kharagpur (AICTE Nominee)
4. Er. Bimal Krushana Mishra : Member
CEO, RSB Metal Tech. (P) Ltd, Bhubaneswar
5. Er. Sashi Sekhar Mohanty : Member
Vice-Chairman cum-MD,
Neelachal Ispat Nigam, Ltd, Duburi, Jajpur
6. Prof. A.N Nayak, Professor in Civil Engg. : Member
VSSUT, Burla
7. Prof. P.C. Swain, Professor in Civil Engg. : Member
VSSUT, Burla
8. Smt. Upama Kalo, OAS (S) : Member-Convenor
Registrar, VSSUT, Burla

The leave of absent is granted to the following members who could not attend the meeting:

9. The Special Secretary, : Member
Finance Department, Govt. of Odisha
10. The Director, Technical Education & Training : Member
Odisha, Cuttack
11. The Vice-Chancellor, : Member
Biju Pattnaik University of Technology, Odisha
Rourkela-769004
12. Shri Kishore Kumar Mohanty, Hon'ble M.L.A. : Member
13. Shri Debesh Acharya, Hon'ble M.L.A. : Member
14. Prof. K.S. Reddy : Member
Prof. & HOD Dept. of Civil Engg.
IIT, Kharagpur

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Shri N.P. Kujur OFS-I (SB), COF, VSSUT, Burla attended the meeting as special invitees.

At the outset, the Vice-Chancellor Prof. Atal Chaudhuri, Chairman, BOM welcomed the members present in 36th meeting of the Board of Management with the new member Prof. P.C. Swain, Professor in Civil Engg.

Then the Agenda items were discussed and resolved as follows:

BOM : 36-01 : To confirm the Minutes of the 33rd BOM held on 02.11.2019, 34th BOM on 24.03.2020 and 35th meeting of the Board of Management on 18.05.2020.

Resolution: Confirmed

BOM : 36-02: Action taken report on the Minutes of 32nd meeting of the Board of Management held on 24.08.2019.

Resolution: Registrar discussed in details on the action taken.

BOM : 36-03: To approve the Minutes of 20th Finance Committee Meeting held on 25.09.2020.

Resolution: Approved with proposal for modification in the budget format.

BOM : 36-04 : To consider and approve the recommendations of the 26th meeting of Academic Council held on 23.09.2020.

Resolution: Approved with the following modifications: In reference to Agenda 26.11, Students of Dual Degree Programmes (Civil and Electrical Engg) will be awarded two (02) Degree certificates for B.Tech & M.Tech after completion of 5 year integrated course. Similarly, 5 year integrated M.Sc. will also get 2 Degree certificates (B.Sc. & M.Sc.) after completions of 5 years integrated course. With reference to Agenda 26.14 the name of Padmashree Dr. Gopal Chandra Mitra be included. The members also suggested to try Dr. K. Sivan as first choice. Further with reference to Agenda 26.15 few members raised their concern regarding the procedure followed for the nomination of Prof. Sarat Kumar Swain as Board Member. It was resolved that the representatives from Academic Council to the board have to be elected by the Academic council as per Section 19.(2).(b).(II) of the VSSUT Statute. Due process of election is to be followed at the earliest. Proper procedure for such election involves sufficient prior notice, appointment of election officer, invitation of nomination, secret ballot in case of more candidatures than the number of vacancy. The

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tenure of the so elected representative to fill the vacancy created out of departure of Mr. P.K. Das on lien to join as Registrar, NIT, Rourkela will be only for the balance period of the tenure of Mr. P.K. Das as board member.

BOM : 36-05 : To approve the Minutes of 21st Building & Works Committee held on 16.03.2020.

Resolution: Approved with suggestion to approach Sambalpur Municipality for Installation of LED Flood lighting in M.Tech Hostel.

BOM : 36-06 : To recommend two subject experts for selection of Dean Students Welfare as per 1st Statutes Chapter-4 Para-34(9).

Resolution: List of six experts (Name) suggested with preference towards experts from Odisha for convenience. Name of Mr. Bibhuti Bhusan Biswal, Director, NIT, Meghalaya was added to the list.

BOM : 36-07 : To consider and recommend one nominee of the Board not below the rank of Professor, for selection of Librarian/Officers in accordance to 1st Statutes Para-8(2).

Resolution: List of same six experts (Name) suggested in 36.06 be used with at least one additional expert from Library Science background be in the Quorum, preferably from Odisha for convenience.

BOM : 36-08 : To consider and recommend for advertisement of the post of Controller of Examination.

Resolution: Approved

BOM : 36-09: To note the (order of SDTE Department Government of Odisha) regarding the selection of Non-teaching staff through OPSC/OSSC/OSSSC.

Resolution: Noted

BOM : 36-10: To consider the proposal for establishing the University Civil Construction Cell (UC³) of VSSUT, Burla for various Civil Construction.

Resolution: Approved with recommendation that it must run in self financed mode with financial account lying with the University.

BOM : 36-11:

12th Convocation of the University

It is proposed to conduct the 12th Convocation of the University the exact date of Convocation shall be finalised in consultation with the Hon'ble Chancellor. This is for kind information of the Board.

Resolution: Approved with advice to get the date from Hon'ble Chancellor with consent for possible on-line mode instead of conventional off-line mode, particularly for this year due to COVID-19 Pandemic situation.

BOM : 36-12:

To Consider and approve the recommendation of the Departmental Promotion Committee (DPC) for promotion to the Group-B,C&D Posts.

Sl. No.	Name	Designation	Promoted to the promotional post
01	Sri Pradeep Kumar Sinha	Junior Assistant	Senior Assistant
02	Sri Suresh Chandra Nayak	Peon	Daftary
03	Sri Basanta Kumar Patra	Peon	Library Attendant
04	Sri Suresh Chandra Bhoi	Peon	Library Attendant
05	Sri Prahlad Rout	Senior Assistant	Section Officer
06	Sri Pramod Kumar Swain	Peon	Laboratory Attendant

Resolution: The recommendation of Departmental Promotion Committee (DPC) held on 05.08.2019 is resolved and confirmed with a note that the candidate as serial no. 1 be requested to submit an undertaking at the time of joining as his Promotion is subject to the result of W.P.(C) No. 9851 of 2007.

BOM : 36-13 :

To consider and ratify the Academic Activities of TEQIP-III like online conducting and participating EDP /Seminar/Workshop.

Resolution: Prof. A.N. Nayak, Co-ordinator TEQIP-III described the academic activities like EDP/Seminar/FDP/Workshop conducted which were appreciated with ratification.

Miscellaneous:

* To consider and ratify the Revised Procurement Plan of TEQIP-III as follows.

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Revised Procurement Plan
TEQIP-III

(A) Total amount Sanctioned for Procurement (Rs.)		9,00,00,000.00		
(B) Revised list of Equipment				
Sl. No.	Equipment Details	Mode of Procurement	Approximate Amount (Rs.)	Remarks
1.	Vicker Microhardness (Mech. Engg.)	Shopping	16,44,825.00	Payment Made (Rs.6,64,01,219.00)
2.	MD FEA Bundle (Mech. Engg.)	Shopping	9,33,975.00	
3.	AC DC Micro Grid (Electrical Engg.)	Shopping	44,34,565.00	
4.	Numerical Relay Development (Electrical Engg.)	Shopping	1286250.00	
5.	MI Power Software (Electrical Engg.)	Shopping	26,77,500.00	
6.	Rack for housing of HP Blade Server, 10 KVA online UPS, Layer 3 switch (Central Internet Facility)	Shopping	35,18,159.00	
7.	Friction Steer Welding (Production Engg. Dept)	Shopping	56,27,822.00	
8.	TGDTA(Chemistry Dept.)	Shopping	24,99,000.00	
9.	Dynamic light Scattering (Chemistry Dept.)	Shopping	24,96,376.00	
10.	Impedance Analyser, Microwave Furnace, P-E Loop Tracer, U-V Visible Spectrometer (Physics Dept.)	Shopping	50,64,360.00	
11.	ANEK & Netsim Software (CSE Dept.)	Shopping	35,40,000.00	
12.	ADS software (ETC Dept.)	Shopping	12,39,000.00	
13.	Microelectronics Semiconductor and Symica EDA (ETC Dept.)	Shopping	33,01,200.00	
14.	IOT Professional Kit (IT Dept.)	Shopping	49,40,500.00	
15.	Rational Rose, Statistical Data Minor and SQL Server (IT Dept.)	Shopping	27,08,124.00	
16.	E-books (Central Library)	Shopping	26,96,694.00	
17.	iThenticate Software (Central Library)	Shopping	7,13,957.00	
18.	<u>Gas Chromatograph with mass spectroscopy with FID and ECD (Civil Engg.)</u>	Shopping	41,73,750.00	
19.	<u>Force Displacement, Velocity Acceleration, Vibration, Torque and Speed Measurements Trainers with NI LabVIEW License for Virtual Instrumentation (Electrical Engg.)</u>	Shopping	41,14,362.00	
20.	UV-Visible Spectrophotometer (Chemical Engg.)	Shopping	5,00,850.00	
21.	FPGA Hardware for VLSI Lab (ETC Dept.)	Shopping	12,46,350.00	
22.	Impedance Tube, KD20 probe (Physics Dept.)	Shopping	12,24,300.00	
23.	<u>CNC Grinding Machine (Mech. Engg.)</u>	Shopping	18,60,600.00	
24.	Equipment for E-Learning Resources	GEM	39,58,700.00	
25.	Asphalt Test Apparatus	Shopping	15,35,987.00	

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26.	Laser spot Welding	Shopping	18,16,500.00	Payment to be made (Rs.33,52,487.00)
27.	Density Measurement Instrument (MME Dept.)	Shopping	6,23,525.00	PO placed (Rs.7,65,495.00)
28.	Concrete Mixture (Civil Engg.)	GEM	97,400.00	
29.	Hydraulics Stacker (Civil Engg.)	GEM	44,500.00	
30.	ANSYS Software (Proprietary Item)	Direct Contract	30,00,000.00	To start the procurement process (Rs.1,94,93,150.00)
31.	3D Printer (Proprietary Item)	Direct Contract	90,00,000.00	
32.	Double Beam UV VIS (Chemistry Dept.)	GEM	5,00,000.00	
33.	Equipment for Civil Engineering Transportation Lab (REMI Digital Laboratory Stirrer, REMI RQ 100 Plus DJI Drone Camera Mavic Pro Platinum, Dragon Eye Compact LIDER and Canon XF300)	GEM	10,00,000.00	
34.	Vector Network Analyser (VNA) ETC Dept.	GEM	19,00,000.00	
35.	Equipment for Electronics Instrumentation Lab (Optical Temperature Transducer, LVDT Trainer, Strain Gauge Trainer, Oscilloscope Demonstrator, PID controller trainer, Digital Storage Oscilloscopes, Wheat stone bridge trainer, Schering Bridge Trainer Kit)	GEM	1,78,000.00	
36.	Digitizer Pen Tablet (for Regular faculties)	GEM	13,40,900.00	
37.	Trinocular Stereo Zoom Metallurgical Microscope and Analytical Balance (MME Dept.)	GEM	7,00,000.00	
38.	Banbros Digital Rockwell Hardness Testing Machine, Torsion Testing Machine, Digiquil LED Display K type Kanthal Wire Muffle Furnace, HP Laser Mono computer Printer, Induction Motor (Mechanical Engg.)	GEM	6,50,250.00	
39.	Smart Class room Interactive Panel and Wireless Presentation System (EEE Dept.)	GEM	12,24,000.00	
	Total Amount		9,00,12,351.00	

Resolution: Ratified and member suggested to expedite the procurement process to be completed before 31st March 2021, tentative termination date for TEQIP-III.

BOM: 36-14:

A letter requesting voluntary retirement was received from Prof. Pawan Kumar Modi, Professor Electrical Engineering Dept., Approved, as he fulfilled all conditions for such application.

BOM:36-15:

Additional agenda points received on 22.10.2020 from Mr. Bimal Krishna Mishra, Member and accepted by VC were discussed

1. VC informed that Innovation Centre was operational post inauguration by Hon'ble Chancellor, but is not in use now because of Covid pandemic. It was also informed that the building is still not handed over completely by CPWD for non-payment of balance amount of the bills.

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Resolution: The agency should be asked to vacate the premises at the earliest handing over the possession to the authorities.

2. Members expressed concern for the abnormal delay in finishing the enquiry against the suspended faculty members. More than 13 months have passed since the suspension was imposed on the accused faculties. VC informed that in spite of his best efforts, the enquiry officers are not conducting the enquiries expeditiously, BOM felt that the taxpayers' money is paid towards 75% salary of the suspended members without any benefit to the students and the institution.

Resolution: The enquiry officers will be given a deadline of two months to finish the enquiry and submit reports. If required training sessions by Administrative officers from the Government may be arranged for the enquiry officers.

3. Prevalence of negative environment both in academics and administration in VSSUT.

Resolution: VC emphatically negated all such apprehensions of existence of negative environment in the campus be it academics or otherwise. Board accepted the same.

4. VC expressed his ignorance of any pending enquiry against any of the Deans of the University, but emphasised that appropriate action would be initiated in case any such instance is brought to his notice. One Member quoted VC of informing in one of the previous BOM meeting held at Burla that Mr. S.K. Swain, Dean admitted of his wrong doing claiming research grant under Mechanical Department when he belongs to Chemistry Department and subsequently refunded the said amount to AICTE.

Resolution: That a proper enquiry by instituted against Mr. S.K. Swain on the allegations of falsely obtaining AICTE grant and making false claims of Patent/Gol awards be initiated and report be sent to the Government. It was also resolved that Prof. Swain is put on rest from the responsibility of Dean till he is declared free of all these allegations.

5. VC appreciated the excellent work being done by all the Deans.

Resolution: A note of appreciation for the Deans and all the faculties of VSSUT for conducting the online examinations successfully and smooth conduct of online classes for the odd semester during pandemic.

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6. Some of the administrative actions taken recently by the authority were discussed, like recovery from salary of one faculty member who is in-charge of Warden of one Hall of Residence.

Resolution: The order of salary deduction be withdrawn immediately and proper enquiry be started as per the government rules. Registrar was requested to initiate a proper departmental enquiry to confirm charges of misappropriation if any and quantify the amount and put up the report to the next board for final decision.

7. Appointment of Advocates by the University was discussed. It was informed that one Advocate, who was removed from the panel of the University on serious anti-University charges, has been re-engaged by the University recently. Even University moved to the court for appropriate action against the said advocate on charges like fabricating Vakalatnama of the University in the court. The court finding cognizance, directed the University to take appropriate action against him. Though VC expressed ignorance of such development, BOM members expressed serious concern on the issue.

Resolution: Concerned advocate should be permanently removed from University panel with immediate effect.

8. It was also brought to the notice of the board that some individual whose antecedents are completely unknown to the University was engaged by the authority to collect the case file from one of our advocates Mr. Udgata of Odisha High Court and was to be handed over to another new advocate, Both VC and Registrar expressed their ignorance of any such authorisation from the University. But the same was confirmed by Mr. Mishra, Member.

Resolution: Considering the seriousness of the issue, it was resolved that an enquiry be immediately instituted (if required with the help of Police) to investigate as to who issued such letter impersonating Registrar of the University authorising an unknown outsider to receive very confidential legal file of the University from our Advocate.

9. Members expressed dissatisfaction on the issue of amendment to the regulation on award of PhD to students. The matter has been discussed in last so many BOMs. In BOM: 33-04 it was resolved that a committee be constituted to look into the matter and come up with its report to the next board. No such

report was produced to the board even after almost one year. On the contrary a new clause 1.3 was incorporated into the PhD Regulation of the University. Such addition/amendment contrary to the decision of the BOM were seriously viewed by the members. The issue is related to application of amended rules with retrospective effect. Such retrospective application has been repeatedly turned down by various BOM meetings.

Resolution: The two member committee constituted vide BOM: 33-04 will listen to all such affected PhD scholars and put up the report to the next board with specific recommendations in line with the earlier deliberations of the BOM. Any amendments to the regulations will only be applicable prospectively.

10. Mr. A.K. Nayak, mentioned about the grievance received from good number of guardians and students on the their ineligibility to sit for campus placement on having back paper in 6th semester. It was told that around 300 students are affected. As in earlier BOM, it was decided to have supplementary examination after 8th semester only.

Resolution: Some special effort like discussion with the recruiting companies citing abrupt change of examination rule by the BOM, may please be initiated by our T&P cell to findout some solutions to help the students.

11. Issue of Administrative approval for the new Academic complex, for which the first instalment of fund has already been released by the Government since last one year.

Resolution: To request the Government once again to give approval for starting of the new Academic complex.

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02.3.2021
(Smt. Upama Kalo)
Registrar
Convener-cum-Secretary

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02.03.2021
(Prof. B.B. Pati)
Vice-Chancellor
Chairman