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**VEER SURENDRA SAI UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY, BURLA**

**MINUTES OF**

**MEETING OF BOARD OF MANAGEMENT**



**Meeting No. : 41<sup>st</sup> Meeting (online + in-person)**  
**Venue : VSSUT, Burla (Board Room)**  
**Date : 18/12/2021**  
**Time : 11.30 A.M.**

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**41<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Board of Management**

**Date:** 18/12/2021  
**Time:** 11:30 A.M.  
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At the outset, the Chairman Board of Management welcome the esteemed members and appraised various happenings of the university.							
<b>BOM: 41-01:</b>	<p>To confirm the Minutes of the 40<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Board of Management held on 06.11.2021 by mixed-mode (online + in-person). (<b>Annexure-I</b>) Pages from 05 to 11</p> <p><i>Resolution: BOM approved the minutes with a note that some induction programs for faculty members/staff be conducted on service rules/financial regulations to enrich their administrative capabilities and smooth functioning. In addition, grievances of any stakeholders be addressed/sorted out in a month time. If the stakeholder is not happy with the decision made, he may move to a court of law or RTI with due permission from Vice-Chancellor.</i></p>						
<b>BOM: 41-02:</b>	<p>Action Taken Report on 40<sup>th</sup> meeting of BOM held on 6<sup>th</sup> November, 2021.</p> <table border="1"><tr><td>Creation of Dean(AR)</td><td>In the process</td></tr><tr><td>The case regarding the pension benefit from 58 years to 60 years</td><td>Approved by Govt. Written for Gazette notification</td></tr><tr><td>Consideration of NPS by Govt. of Odisha for VSSUT</td><td>A letter of request has been sent to Govt. For consideration</td></tr></table> <p><i>Resolution: BOM noted the Action Taken Report</i></p>	Creation of Dean(AR)	In the process	The case regarding the pension benefit from 58 years to 60 years	Approved by Govt. Written for Gazette notification	Consideration of NPS by Govt. of Odisha for VSSUT	A letter of request has been sent to Govt. For consideration
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<b>BOM: 41-03:</b>	<p>Minutes 22<sup>nd</sup> Finance Committee held on 6<sup>th</sup> November, 2021 is placed in <b>Annexure-II</b> for approval of a few financial decisions taken in the meeting. Pages from 12 to 14.</p> <p><i>Resolution: BOM noted the FC minutes and accorded approval for necessary items.</i></p>						
<b>BOM: 41-04:</b>	<p>The Budget for the year 2022-23 has been submitted to Govt. of Odisha. Put up for the information of the Board. (<b>Annexure-III</b>), Pages from 15 to 18.</p> <p><i>Resolution: BOM noted the Budget submitted by the university.</i></p>						
<b>BOM:41-05:</b>	<p>The minutes of the Academic Council held on December 15, 2021 put up for information and necessary approval for the items as needed by the Board. (<b>Annexure-IV</b>)</p> <p><i>Resolution: BOM noted the items and accorded approval for the items as needed.</i></p>						
<b>BOM:41-06:</b>	<p><b>VSSUT related issues</b></p> <p>(a) Being one of the oldest Engineering Education Institutions in the country, VSSUT needs substantial funding for the renovation of its infrastructure, laboratories, teaching aids, and accommodation for both staff and students. Govt. of Odisha has provided a meager plan grant of 50 lakhs only in the last financial year. In the last four financial years, the University received only 27.9 Crores (out of which administrative approval for 20 crores so far) against the requested amount of 671.7 Crores. Probably it becomes easier if this university is converted into a</p>						

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national institute. Earlier the Government of Odisha had written to MHRD to upgrade this university to IEST. As the IEST concept has been put to rest by GoI, may we resolve to request Govt. of Odisha once again to send a fresh request to GoI to convert VSSUT to a National Institute in line with the Institute of Eminence / IIIT/ National University.

*Resolution: A proposal be prepared to submit to MoE through Govt. of Odisha convert VSSUT Burla to CFTI status. In addition, a proposal be prepared to submit Govt. of Odisha regarding the requirements of academic and residential requirements along with the cost estimate. Prof. C R Tripathy and Shri Bimal K Mishra will assist in the preparation of the proposal before submission to the SDTE dept. Govt. of Odisha.*

- (b) VSSUT should put effort into Institute Industry collaborations with leading corporate houses in the country in general and those in Odisha in particular. We can get very good research grants from the industries which in turn will add to the development funds of our university. It will also increase the placement prospects and enhance learning for the students. Shri Bimal Kumar Mishra, a BOM member has assured to participate actively in these endeavours in association with the Dean (SRIC) of the university. BOM also suggested exploring the position of industry chairs to strengthen institute-industry relations.

*Resolution: BOM requested Vice-Chancellor to initiate such efforts and explore the position of industry chairs to strengthen institute-industry relations.*

- (c) Reward schemes be devised for the performing faculty in the form of a "Best Faculty Award" every year with prize money of 15 thousand along with a certificate of appreciation. The performance criteria may be quality publications, Ph. D. supervision, teaching ability sponsored projects, consultancy, and contribution to university welfare etc. A committee constituted by the Vice-Chancellor will evaluate and submit recommendations to Vice-Chancellor. The award will be given on 26<sup>th</sup> January every year.

*Resolution: BOM approved the proposal and suggested keeping the prize money as Rupees 50,000 and the award be given during the annual convocation.*

- (d) Government of Odisha be requested to constitute a high-level technical committee with members from external members and senior professors from VSSUT to evaluate the life of the 65 years old structures of the university and devise an action plan for modernization to comply with the present need of the university.

*Resolution: BOM requested Vice-Chancellor to constitute a committee in this direction to submit a report.*

- (e) VSSUT may initiate collaboration with BPUT to pursue R&D in niche areas. This will facilitate BPUT to leverage the faculty expertise of VSSUT and the incubation hub available at VSSUT. In turn, BPUT can invest in developing a Centre of Excellence in VSSUT. The Government of Odisha may be requested to steer such a noble move between two of its Technical Universities.

*Resolution: BOM suggested writing a request letter to VC, BPUT in this direction.*

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<b>BOM:41-07:</b>	<p>Convocation for the year 2021</p> <p>With reference to letter No. GOV-HE-UXVII-0004-2021/ 12347/ SG(HE) dated 30.11.2021, the Hon'ble Chancellor has cancelled the convocation in-person for all state public universities. However, we have been permitted to conduct in purely virtual mode to maintain the continuity of Annual Convocation. (<b>Annexure-V</b>), page no. 19. Shri Dharmendra Pradhan, Hon'ble Minister of Education has been requested to grace the occasion as the Chief Guest and we are waiting for his consent. The budget for the convocation is attached in <b>Annexure – V</b> for approval.</p> <p><i>Resolution: BOM noted the proposal and approved the budget.</i></p>
<b>BOM:41-08:</b>	Enquiry report of a faculty member due to the charges framed against him due to participation in a flash strike. The BOM decided based on the report and resolved accordingly. The details are available in the record and archived in the registry.
<b>BOM:41-09:</b>	Enquiry report of a faculty member due to the charges framed against him due to participation in a flash strike. The BOM decided based on the report and resolved accordingly. The details are available in the record and archived in the registry.
<b>BOM:41-10:</b>	Enquiry report of a faculty member due to the charges framed against him due to participation in a flash strike. The BOM decided based on the report and resolved accordingly. The details are available in the record and archived in the registry.
<b>BOM:41-11:</b>	Enquiry report of a faculty member due to the charges framed against him due to participation in a flash strike. The BOM decided based on the report and resolved accordingly. The details are available in the record and archived in the registry.
<b>BOM:41-12:</b>	Enquiry report of a faculty member due to the charges framed against him due to disciplinary issue. The BOM decided based on the report and resolved accordingly. The details are available in the record and archived in the registry.
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<b>BOM:41-17:</b>	Enquiry report of a faculty member due to the charges framed against him due to disciplinary issue. The BOM decided based on the report and resolved accordingly. The details are available in the record and archived in the registry.
<b>BOM:41-18</b>	Enquiry report of a faculty member due to the charges framed against him related to misappropriation of funds in a Hostel The BOM decided based on the report and resolved accordingly. The details are available in the record and archived in the registry.
<b>BOM:41-19</b>	<p>Maintenance of the old four hostels</p> <p>The conditions of the old four hostels have deteriorated and unless the repairing and peripheral developmental works are taken up they will soon be inhabitable. Approval</p>

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	<p>be granted to meet the expenditure of the maintenance work from the Hostel Students Corpus Fund that is collected every semester for such activities. The committee recommendation is enclosed as <b>Annexure – XVII</b>.</p> <p><i>Resolution: Proposal is approved.</i></p>
<b>BOM:41-20</b>	<p>Non-Teaching recruitment request</p> <p>The number of posts for non-teaching positions is lying vacant for quite a long time and three letters have been written to SDTE to expedite the process of recruitment through Odisha Sub-ordinate Staff Selection Commission (OSSSC), but no action has been taken yet. Further, due to increased student intake, faculty sanctioned strength has been increased to 308, however, the number of non-teaching sanctions has not been done proportionately. BOM is requested to permit to write a letter to SDTE to sanction the additional non-teaching positions and accord VSSUT to conduct non-teaching selection at the university level.</p> <p><i>Resolution: BOM approved the proposal as follows:</i></p> <p>(a) <i>SDTE is requested to expedite the recruitment of non-teaching positions through OSSSC or permit VSSUT to fill up the position through its own advertisement as per the guidelines of Govt. Odisha</i></p> <p>(b) <i>Additional non-teaching posts may be sanctioned</i></p>
<b>BOM:41-21</b>	<p>Increment to faculty members not having Ph. D.</p> <p>The Asst. Professors without Ph. D. recruited during 2012 and 2014 were issued appointment letters to complete their Ph. D. within 7 years of their joining failing which their increments will be withheld. There are 18 such faculty whose increment has been withheld. A committee was constituted to review the matter. The recommended that considering the pandemic, the increments be released with the approval of BOM.</p> <p><i>Resolution: BOM expressed the concern of non-completion of Ph. D. of faculty even after 7 years of joining. The increment be released with an undertaking from the faculty that they will complete Ph. D. within the next four years failing which their increment will be withheld. As VSSUT has Ph. D. programme, faculty will be dissuaded to go for Ph. D. outside our VSSUT if a faculty in such subject is available in-house. This will be effective from July, 2022.</i></p>
<b>BOM:41-22</b>	<p>Creation of Advocate panel to handle university court cases</p> <p>Presently only one advocate handling most of our court cases and as a result, the outcome of the cases is getting delayed. Like any other institutes of higher learning, the VSSUT be permitted to create a panel of advocates be created.</p> <p><i>Resolution: The BOM resolved that the existing advocate (s) is/are having a good track record of winning cases for long should be encouraged and if found overloaded, be partly off-loaded by sharing cases with an additional advocate(s) depending on the situation/load as decided by the Vice-Chancellor. Vice-Chancellor is advised to create a panel of advocates as per guidelines.</i></p>

Registrar  
Convener-cum-Secretary

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*24.01.2022*

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