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VEER SURENDRA SAI UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY, BURLA

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

ON

MEETING OF BOARD OF MANAGEMENT



Meeting No. : 42nd Meeting
Venue : VSSUT, Burla (Board Room)
Date : 23.04.2022
Time : 11.00 A.M.

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VEER SURENDRA SAI UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY, BURLA 42nd Meeting of the Board of Management (BOM)	
Date:	23.04.2022
Time:	11.00 A.M.
Venue:	VSSUT, BURLA (Board Room)
Mode:	In-person+Online

BOM:42-01:	<p>Welcome to new members and thanksgiving to outgoing members of the Board</p> <p>(i) In accordance with Section 19.(2)(b)(v) of VSSUT Act 2008, Dr. Damodar Acharya, Ex-Director, IIT, Kharagpur, Ex-Chairman, AICTE, is nominated by AICTE as a member of the Board of Management for a period of 3 years w.e.f 04.03.2022 in place of Prof. Venkappayya R. Desai, Professor of Civil Engineering, IIT, Kharagpur, on completion of his term.</p> <p>(ii) In accordance with Section 19.(2)(b)(iii) of VSSUT Act 2008, Er. Ashesh Padhy, VP and Head-Project, JSW Paradip Steel Project & President Alumni Association of VSSUT, Burla and Prof. (Dr.) Sukumar Mishra, Professor in Electrical Engg., IIT, Delhi is nominated by the Hon'ble Chancellor as members of the Board of Management for a period of 3 years w.e.f. 28.02.2022 in place of Er. Bimal Krushna Mishra, CEO, RSB Metal Tech. (P) Ltd., and Er. Sashi Sekhar Mohanty, Vice-Chairman cum MD, Neelachal Ispat Nigam Ltd., Duburi, Jajpur on completion of their terms.</p> <p>(iii) In accordance with Section 19(2)(b)(vi) of VSSUT Act 2008, Prof. Chintamani Mahapatra, Centre for Canadian, US & Latin American Studies, School of International Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University is nominated by UGC as a member of the Board of Management for a period of 3 years w.e.f. 23.03.2022 in place of Prof. H.C.S. Rathore, Vice-Chancellor, Central University of South Bihar Patna, Bihar, on completion of his term.</p> <p>On behalf of the VSSUT fraternity, the Vice Chancellor welcomed the new members of the Board of Management, Prof. D. Acharya, Prof. Chintamani Mahapatra, Prof. Sukumar Mishra, Shri Asesh Kumar Padhi and expressed that with their experience, VSSUT will benefit in its growth path.</p> <p>At the same time, he extended sincere appreciation to Shri Bimal Kumar Mishra, Shri Sashi Sekhar Mohanty, and Prof. V R Desai for their contributions during the last three years.</p> <p>The meeting got started with note from the members that in subsequent Board Meetings, the agenda including Annexures are to be sent to all the members at least before one week for their perusal.</p>
BOM: 42-02:	<p>To confirm the Minutes of the 41st meeting of the Board of Management held on 18.12.2021 by mixed-mode (online + in-person). Annexure-I.</p> <p>Resolution: The minutes of the 41st meeting got confirmed.</p>

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BOM: 42-03:	Action Taken Report on 41st meeting of BOM held on 18.12.2021 has been accepted with few modifications as under,
BOM: 41-02:	<i>In response to our request regarding the extension of pension benefits to faculty and staff of employees of VSSUT from 58 years to 60 years. A notification to this effect has been issued by the Government in favor. Further, A letter of request has been sent to Govt. in SDTE Department for consideration NPS scheme for VSSUT in line with other employees of Govt. of Odisha.</i>
BOM: 41-04:	<i>The Budget for the year 2022-23 has been submitted to Govt. of Odisha after approval of BOM</i>
BOM: 41-06:	<p><i>VSSUT-related issues.</i></p> <p>(a) A proposal to convert VSSUT to a CFTI has been submitted to SDTE, Govt. of Odisha to forward it to MoE, Govt. of India for consideration.</p> <p><i>The Board suggested to orient the university's proposal to convert it to an Institute of National Importance (INI) to, the Ministry of Education, Govt. of India through SDTE, Govt. of Odisha.</i></p> <p>(b) Efforts are underway to improve relations and collaborations with industries. Vice-Chancellor along with 18-interested faculty have visited DRDO and PXE Chandipur for a possible engagement in Sponsored research.</p> <p>(c) The approval for the constitution of the best faculty award has been circulated amongst the faculty members.</p> <p><i>The BOM suggested to form a Committee under the chairmanship of Prof. D. Acharya to formulate the modalities of evaluation of the award.</i></p> <p>(d) A letter of request has been sent to SDTE, Govt. of Odisha to constitute a committee to look into the old structures of the building for necessary action.</p> <p><i>The Board suggested to create a committee to do a structural audit of old structures and prepare a report. Subsequently, to prepare a master plan and submit it to the Govt. for a one-time grant.</i></p> <p><i>The board suggested VC to constitute a committee of faculties under the chairmanship of the HoD Civil dept. to examine the structural stability of old and aged academic buildings, hostel rooms, and faculty quarters, and suggest remedial measures. The Committee would highlight if any building is unsafe. VC is requested to submit the said report to the state government and organize the repair works including electrical wiring, sanitation, etc.</i></p> <p><i>The board also urged the VC to make an estimate of bare minimum additional facilities such as additional hostels, classrooms, laboratory rooms, office Chambers for each faculty, gadgets like laptops/printers for each faculty, research centers, indoor and outdoor sports complex for students, canteens, shopping complex, etc. and seek a one-time grant. It also regretted that the power supply to University is highly unreliable and asked VC to take up with OPTCL for giving a dedicated power supply.</i></p>

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BOM: 41-07:	As approved by His Excellency the Governor of Odisha and Hon'ble Chancellor of VSSUT, the 13th Annual Convocation of VSSUT was conducted on 31st January 2022 at 11.30 A.M. on purely virtual mode.
BOM: 41-08 to 41-16:	As per the resolution regarding the closure of proceedings against alleged faculty members as per the inquiry report, office orders have been issued and action has been taken accordingly.
BOM:41-17:	<i>As approved, the letter of termination has been issued to Dr. Mahalik, Reader ETC dept. vide Office order No.VSSUT/Estt/91 dated 20.01.2022 and communicated to him by post and email.</i>
BOM: 41-18:	Closure of inquiry proceeding against warden Pulaha Hall of Residence. Office Order has been issued to this effect.
BOM: 41-19:	In regard to maintenance of the old four Hostels, R&B has been contracted and one hostel work has been initiated.
BOM: 41-20:	To fill up the Non-Teaching positions through OPSC/OSSC/OSSSC, a letter has been sent to SD&TE Department vide No. VSSUT/F&P-151/210/2022 dated 19.01.2022 regarding filling up of Non-teaching posts. <i>The Board suggested to follow the Act and Statutes of VSSUT for the recruitment of non-teaching positions and communication may be made to SDTE accordingly.</i>
BOM: 41-21:	Increments to faculty members not having Ph.D. increments have been released and letters have been issued as per the directives of BOM.
BOM: 41-22:	VSSUT is in the process of creating an advocate panel to handle university court cases.
BOM: 42-04:	Minutes of the 23 rd Finance Committee held on 21.04.2022 are placed for information approval of items recommended to BOM. (Annexure-II) Resolution: <i>The Board noted the minutes and approved the recommended items.</i> <i>Further, the BOM suggested to send the proposed SRIC guidelines to a committee headed by Prof. D. Acharya as the Chairman and Prof. Sukumar Mishra, Dean SRIC, VSSUT, Prof. A N Nayak as members to examine and suggest modifications if any. Dean, SRIC will coordinate and submit the final guidelines.</i> <i>In addition, BOM suggested to constitute an investment committee to invest the available funds for better return.</i>
BOM: 42-05:	Minutes of the 29 th Academic Council meeting held on 19.04.2022 is placed for information and to approve items recommended to BOM. Annexure-III. Resolution: <i>The Board noted the minutes and approved the recommended items. However, BOM suggested to bring 29.13 and 29.17(1) as agenda items in detail to the next meeting of BOM.</i>
BOM: 42-06:	To Consider and approve the Revised House Allotment Rules of VSSUT, Burla. (Annexure-IV)

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	<p>Resolution: BOM approved the revised house allotment rules. In the process of discussion, it has been brought out that the employees after retirement or untimely demise retain the quarters even after the lean period as the amount of HR is quite less as compared to the market rate. BOM suggested to follow the procedures at the earliest date to vacate the quarter.</p>																
BOM: 42-07:	<p>To consider and approve the recommendation of the Departmental Promotion Committee (DPC) for promotion to the various posts. (Annexure-V)</p> <p>Departmental Promotion Committee (DPC) has examined and recommended the following incumbents for promotion to the vacant non-teaching posts according to merit cum seniority basis. The Vice-Chancellor has approved promotion to the eligible candidates subject to the approval of the Board of Management, Hence, the Board may please be approved.</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Sl No.</th> <th>Name</th> <th>Designation</th> <th>Promoted to the promotional post</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>01</td> <td>Sri Subodh Kumar Panda</td> <td>Senior Assistant</td> <td>Section Officer</td> </tr> <tr> <td>02</td> <td>Sri Surendra Nath Sahoo</td> <td>Peon</td> <td>Laboratory Attendant</td> </tr> <tr> <td>03</td> <td>Sri Upendra Pradhan</td> <td>Peon</td> <td>Head Peon</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>Resolution: The Board approved the DPC report.</p>	Sl No.	Name	Designation	Promoted to the promotional post	01	Sri Subodh Kumar Panda	Senior Assistant	Section Officer	02	Sri Surendra Nath Sahoo	Peon	Laboratory Attendant	03	Sri Upendra Pradhan	Peon	Head Peon
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BOM: 42-08:	<p>To consider and recommend the list of subject experts for selection of Faculty under direct recruitment and promotion under CAS. The list of experts Chancellor's nominee is also attached for approval for onward transmission for approval to the Hon'ble Chancellor.</p> <p>Resolution: The BOM approved the lists.</p>																
BOM: 42-09:	<p>Appointment of Prof. R.B. Panda in the department of Chemical Engineering</p> <p>Based on the approval and suggestions of the proposal under item BOM:40-18 it is proposed to appoint Prof. R.B. Panda, who has recently superannuated from the Department of Chemistry to mentor the young faculty members of the Chemical Engineering Department and take the department ahead. It is suggested to give an honorarium of Rs. 70,000/= (Rupees Seventy Thousand) per month in line with the honorarium paid to faculty under TEQIP-III (NPIU). The CV of Prof. R B Panda is put up for consideration and approval of the Board. (ANNEXURE-VI)</p> <p>Resolution: The Board discussed the proposal at length and declined it.</p>																
BOM: 42-10:	<p>Suggestions and guidance relating to inquiry proceedings of Prof. S.K. Swain, Dept. of Chemistry.</p>																

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	<p>With reference to BOM: 36-15.4, a committee was constituted comprising of Er. Bimal Krushna Mishra, Board Member, Prof. V.R. Desai, Professor in Civil Engg., IIT, Kharagpur, Board Member, Prof. R.P. Panda, Professor in ECE and Registrar VSSUT as the convenor to look into the alleged scam by Prof. S.K. Swain after rejecting the inquiry done by another committee.</p> <p>However, the inquiry could not take place due to COVID-19 initially. Subsequently, a mail was circulated by the convenor to fix up a date for the inquiry, but it could not be materialized. In the meantime, two BOM members, Er. Bimal Krushna Mishra and Prof. V.R. Desai have completed their terms as BOM members. Further, a court case has been filed by Prof. S.K. Swain, Chemistry relating to the matter. Put up for your necessary guidance for further proceedings. (ANNEXURE-VII)</p> <p>Resolution: <i>BOM resolved that the committee constituted in 38th BOM held on 09.03.2021 is dissolved as the tenure of two members of the committee in the BOM is over. Further, in the process of discussion, BOM came to know that a committee was constituted earlier with HOD, Chemistry, Dean SRIC, HOD, Mechanical Engineering, and Registrar (Convenor) to investigate the matter. The same committee had submitted a report already. As the matter is subjudice, the matter cannot be taken up for further discussion and hence deferred.</i></p>
<p>BOM: 42-11:</p>	<p>Adoption of AICTE CAS regulation to Architecture Department like other Engineering strength. (Annexure-VIII)</p> <p>While conducting the CAS selection process, it has been observed that regulations for CAS have not been available in AICTE for the Architecture department. On inquiry to the Council of Architecture, they have clarified that no such CAS regulations have been framed and the university may adopt the regulations available for engineering faculty by AICTE. Put up for discussion and approval.</p> <p>Resolution: <i>The Board approved the proposal to adopt CAS regulations for Architecture like other Engineering departments.</i></p> <p><i>Further, BOM suggested creating a committee including all Deans, Prof. Sukumar Mishra, and Prof. D. Acharya as the Chairman to evolve the CAS promotion criteria consisting of parameters such as number of quality publications, no. of patents, no. of quality conferences attended, number of sponsored projects, etc. which will be measurable with specific weightage/marks. Such performance evaluation procedure shall be made transparent and be available to the faculties beforehand. Dean(Academic) will be the convenor of the meeting.</i></p> <p><i>The Board also suggested that the next CAS may be called at the earliest, i. e. after a year.</i></p> <p><i>The Board had a detailed discussion regarding the completed CAS recruitment. Board showed its satisfaction with the procedures adopted for the better interest of VSSUT.</i></p>

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	<p>The Board further suggested that in addition to the internal academic audits by the internal committee every semester, an annual performance appraisal of the faculties may be conducted in presence of external experts. The performance appraisal be utilized for the further promotions of the faculty and staff. A Performance Improvement Plan (PIP) shall be drawn wherever performance would be found wanting.</p> <p>An academic audit by the external experts be conducted to review the running programs in line with NEP-2020 and current trends and action may be taken to introduce new programs and close down the programs not in demand both at UG and PG levels.</p>
BOM: 42-12:	<p>Approval of the list of write-off items (ANNEXURE-IX)</p> <p>Resolution:</p> <p>The write-off list is approved by the BOM. However, it is suggested that any written-off items appearing in the list, which are under sponsored research funds, need to be communicated to the concerned agencies for their information.</p>
BOM: 42-13:	<p>Engagement of retired revenue staff to streamline land issues of VSSUT.</p> <p>Resolution:</p> <p>BOM suggested engaging retired revenue staff to expedite resolving the land issues of the university.</p> <p>Board requested the Registrar to take up with district administration to put VSSUT name as the recorded tenant of the available land, on high priority. The Registrar may constitute a committee to help him on the said work if so needed.</p>
BOM: 42-14:	<p>Resolution regarding the appointment of HoDs in the department (Ref: BOM:38-Any other items (15), Dated:09/03/2021)(ANNEXURE-X)</p> <p>Resolution:</p> <p>With reference to the resolution taken in BOM:38-Any other items (15), Dated:09/03/2021, in regard to the appointment of HoDs in departments, was not in line with the VSSUT Statutes 41(2). Hence, the said resolution is revoked and it is suggested to follow the statutes for this matter.</p>
BOM: 42-15:	<p>Amendment of VSSUT 1st Statute</p> <p>Resolution:</p> <p>The Board felt the necessity of amendment of some items in the "1st Statute of VSSUT Burla, 2010" for the larger interest of the university and suggested to form a committee to review the 1st statute of VSSUT, Burla, 2010. The submitted report may be placed in the next meeting of BOM for discussion and necessary amendments.</p>
BOM: 42-16:	<p>Provision for fellowship to M.Tech. and Ph.D. students</p> <p>Resolution:</p> <p>The board observed that good talents are not attracted to doing research work at VSSUT as M Tech students are not given fellowships as NITs and IITs do. Board advised VC to introduce fellowship after necessary approvals from State Govt.</p>

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