

# **Malaviya National Institute of Technology, Jaipur** (Deemed University)

## **Minutes of the 6th Meeting of the Board of Governors**

The 6th meeting of the Board of Governors was held on 11th March, 2006 at 3.45 P.M. in the Conference Hall of the Institute. The following were present:

- |   |                  |
|---|------------------|
| 1. Shri Mukul Kasliwal  | Chairman         |
| 2. Shri Prem Kumar<br>Under Secretary (T)<br>MHRD, New Delhi                        | Nominee of MHRD  |
| 3. Prof. Surendra Prasad<br>Director, IIT Delhi                                     | Member           |
| 4. Shri A.K. Chhatwani<br>Sr. Vice President<br>M/s. Larson & Toubro Ltd.<br>Mumbai | Member           |
| 5. Shri Abhay Jain<br>Director<br>M/s. Ambika Petro Chemical (P) Ltd.<br>Bangalore  | Member           |
| 6. Dr. C.P. Srivastava<br>Educational Advisor<br>BIT, Noida                         | Member           |
| 7. Dr. S.C. Pathak<br>Professor, MNIT, Jaipur                                       | Member           |
| 8. Dr. R.K. Yadava<br>Reader, MNIT, Jaipur  | Member           |
| 9. Prof. R.P. Dahiya<br>Director, MNIT, Jaipur                                      | Member-Secretary |

Shri G.S. Sandhu, Deptt. of Hr./Tech. Edu., Govt. of Rajasthan, Prof. S.C. Saxena, Director, Thapar Institute of Engg. and Tech., Dr. U.S. Tandon, AICTE, Shri Hari Shankar Singhania, Chairman and Managing Director, J.K. Corporation Ltd., and the

special invitees Shri S.K. Ray, Shri Mohan Guruswamy and Dr. Rajeev Sharma could not attend the meeting.

The Chairman welcomed the members to the meeting and the Board placed on record the good contribution made by the outgoing members Prof. P.K. Saxena and welcomed Prof. S.C. Pathak as a new member of the Board of Governors. The Chairman then informed that the First Convocation of the Institute was scheduled to be held on 12th March, 2006. He emphasised to raise the level of academic programmes for achieving excellence in all aspects and that there should be audit of the academic programmes. He also gave a novel concept of 'academic tourism' to attract the students from other countries for pursuing their studies in MNIT and other institutions of the Country. Prof. Surendra Prasad, Director, IIT Delhi suggested that the profile of the faculty members of the Institute can be discussed in one of the forthcoming meetings of the BOG. He also suggested to identify gap areas and accordingly recruit faculty; the faculty recruitment should be a continuous process. Prof. R.P. Dahiya, Director suggested that members of the Board may visit different departments of the Institute from time to time to take stock of the academic activities and have interaction with faculty, staff and students. Shri Chhatwani was of the view that industries should come forward and adopt an Institute for having close interaction.

Agenda items were then considered by the Board and decisions taken are as follows:

**1.0 To confirm the minutes of the 5th meeting of the BOG held on 17.12.2005**

No comments were received on the minutes of 5th meeting of the BOG which were circulated to all the members. The Board, therefore, confirmed the minutes of the 5th meeting of the Board of Governors.

**2.0 To note the action taken on the decisions made in the 5th meeting of the BOG held on 17.12.2005**

The Board perused and noted the action taken on the decisions made in the 5th meeting of the BOG with the following observations/decisions:

- (i) The action points prepared by the committee constituted to examine the report of M/s. Taparia & Associates should be placed before the Board with clear



indications as to what actions are required and in which way the Institute can benefit from the outcome of the report.

- (ii) per the decision of the Board, the minutes of the 4th meeting of the Finance Committee were circulated to all the members of the BOG and no comments were received. The Board, therefore, accepted the minutes of the 4th meeting of the Finance Committee.
- (iii) The Board resolved that the stagnation increments to the employees of the Institute will be admissible w.e.f. the date the Malaviya, Regional Engineering College, Jaipur was converted to Malaviya National Institute of Technology, Jaipur, i.e. 26th June, 2002.

### **3.0 Items for consideration**

#### ***3.1 To consider the recommendations of the 5th meeting of the Finance Committee***

The 5th meeting of the Finance Committee, which was originally scheduled to be held on 10.3.2006, was postponed to 11th March, 2006. The meeting was held at 2.00 p.m. on 11.3.2006 in the Conference Hall of the Institute. The Board resolved that the minutes of the 5th meeting of the Finance Committee held on 11th March, 2006 should be circulated to the members of the BOG.

#### ***3.2 To consider the minutes of the 6th meeting of the Senate held on 27.2.2006***

The Minutes of the 6th meeting of the Senate placed before the Board were accepted.

#### ***3.3 To consider the programme of the First Convocation of the Institute to be held on 12.3.2006***

The programme of First Convocation of the Institute which was to be held on 12th March, 2006 was placed before the Board. The programme was approved.

In the convocation, B. Tech., B. Arch., M. Tech., MMS degrees and medals were awarded to the students who have graduated in the years 2003, 2004 and 2005 after the Institute was given the status of Deemed University. Shri Subhash Chandra, Chairman, Essel Group of Industries was the Chief Guest and Prof. D.P. Agrawal, Member, Union Public Service Commission was the Guest of Honour. Shri Mukul Kasliwal, Chairman Board of Governors, presided over the function and Prof. R.P. Dahiya, Director, presented the Director's report. Former Chairmen and Principals/Directors of Malaviya Regional Engineering College/Malaviya National Institute of Technology were felicitated at this occasion. Three outstanding Alumni of MREC/MNIT, Shri Anand K. Chhatwani, Shri Naval Choudhary and Prof. Rakesh Sarin were honoured with Distinguished Alumni Awards.

The Board appreciated the efficiency and the work of the Chairman, Director, faculty and staff for organizing the First Convocation of the Institute in a very short span of time. It also expressed satisfaction that the degrees pending for the past three years since MNIT came into existence were to be awarded in the convocation.

An expenditure of Rs. 6.95 lakhs for holding the convocation was approved keeping in view the water proofing requirements of the 'convocation pandal' since rain like conditions developed in Jaipur around the convocation day.

The Board further decided to hold the next convocation in the year 2006 itself for awarding degrees to the students who will graduate in July, 2006.

***3.4 To consider the recommendations of the 3rd meeting of the Buildings and Works Committee held on 28.2.2006***

The Board considered the minutes of the 3rd meeting of the Buildings and Works Committee held on 28.2.2006. This meeting was held after a gap of nearly 1 year and 10 months. The Chairman, Board of Governors, who is also the Chairman of the Finance Committee, suggested to revise the financial



requirements for the Convention Centre (including Auditorium, Seminar Hall, Conference Hall and Utilities etc.) to Rs. 800 lakhs in the budget proposal for financial year 2006-07, instead of spreading it over more than a year. Director, IIT Delhi, Prof. Surendra Prasad suggested to get an integrated plan prepared for the whole campus of the Institute. Director, MNIT, Prof. R.P. Dahiya informed the Board that in response to the advertisement for hiring of Architect, three firms have submitted quotations. The Chairman emphasised that the architectural plan of the campus should be in sink with the city of Jaipur and further mentioned that faculty from the Department of Architecture of the Institute should also be involved in planning out the campus.

Three senior faculty members, Prof. Alok Ranjan, Prof. Rajeev Shringi and Ms. Rina Surana (HOD) from the Department of Architecture were invited to the meeting for discussions. The faculty members assured the Board to actively take part in working out the architectural plans for the Institute. The Board has resolved to create an Architectural and Construction Cell in the Institute. Appropriate facilities will be developed by the Institute faculty in this cell and necessary funds will be made available from the Institute budget.

After detailed discussions the Chairman and members Shri A.K. Chhatwani, Dr. C.P. Srivastava and Shri Abhay Jain suggested to consider UP Bridge Construction Corporation, Engineers India Ltd., and other such construction companies in addition to CPWD and PWD for entrusting the construction work of the campus.

The Board accepted the proposals of the Building and Works Committee with slight alteration in the budget proposal for financial year 2006-07 by making a provision of Rs. 800 lakhs for the Convention Centre and also accorded approval for taking one Executive Engineer (Civil), one Assistant Engineer (Civil), one Assistant Engineer (Electrical) and one Junior Engineer (Electrical) on deputation for the Building, Civil and Electrical Works of the Institute.

### ***3.5 To consider the issue of Career Advancement Scheme for the faculty***

In its 5th meeting held on 17th December, 2005 the Board has recommended to start the process for implementation of the Career Advancement Scheme (CAS). Director of the Institute informed the Board that the process has been initiated. The chronology of past events of the CAS held in the years 2004 and 2005 were placed before the Board for kind consideration and directions. While discussing this issue the Institute faculty representatives were requested to wait in the ante room next to the Conference Hall, as one of the faculty members himself was a candidate during the last CAS held in the year 2004. After detailed discussions the Board has decided that the process of CAS postponed in March, 2005 shall also be taken up.

Applications will also be invited from the teaching faculty members of the Institute who have become eligible till 30th June, 2005 for consideration under the Career Advancement Scheme. The decisions taken in the 4th meeting of the BOG with respect to the CAS shall be taken into account while implementing the recommendations of the CAS selection committees. Information will be sent to the Ministry of Human Resource Development about the implementation of CAS.

The Institute faculty representatives were invited to rejoin the meeting after deciding on agenda item No. 3.5 and the remaining items were then taken up.

### ***3.6 To consider the proposal for starting MBA programme in the Department of Management Studies***

The Board has considered the proposal and approved it for starting the MBA programme in the Department of Management Studies of the Institute.



**3.7 To consider for approval replacement for the aged out vehicles and the additional requirements of vehicles**

At present the Institute has three old vehicles which have aged out and are not in good condition. A two-wheeler is also required for the security unit. It has been pointed out that in place of Jeep, a utility vehicle should be purchased. The Board has considered and approved the proposal for the purchase of a Baleno Vxi Car, Bolero DI utility vehicle, Hero Honda Motor Cycle and one trolley tanker for carrying water.

**4.0 Reporting Items**

The Board took note of the reported items. The Chairman and the members appreciated the visit of various experts, and the academic and other activities in the Institute.

**5.0 Any Other Item with the Permission of the Chair**

**5.1 Table agenda**

The table agenda items were considered and the decisions taken are:

**5.1.1 To consider to start PG Programmes in M.Sc. Physics, Chemistry and Mathematics**

The proposals to start M.Sc. in Physics, Chemistry and Mathematics were considered by the Board. The proposals were in line with the suggestion of the Secretary, MHRD and the academic need of the institute. The proposals were given clearance by the Board to prepare detailed documents for obtaining the necessary approval from AICTE and MHRD.

**5.1.2 To consider payment of water and electricity charges by the Director for their use in the Director's lodge**

The Director of the Institute is provided furnished rent free accommodation in the campus. The Board has resolved that the Director will pay monthly charges at the rate of Rs. 110/- and Rs. 200/- for water and electricity







respectively for use in the Director's lodge and these are effective from 1st November, 2005.

**5.1.3 To consider the proposal for giving grant to the faculty from Institute R&D fund**

The Board has appreciated the proposal as this will give impetus to the R & D activities in the Institute. The proposal for giving grant to the faculty upto Rs. 50,000/- from the Institute R & D fund based on the duly evaluated projects was approved by the Board.

**5.1.4 To consider the proposal for re-appropriation of the plan budget**

A break up of the re-appropriation of the Plan Budget accepted by the Finance Committee for the financial year 2005-06 was submitted to the Board for kind consideration and it was approved in view of the urgent requirements.

**5.1.5 To consider delegation of financial powers to the Heads of Departments and Principal Investigators of the sponsored project**

A proposal for delegating powers to the Heads of Departments (HODs) and Principal Investigators (PIs) of sponsored projects was accepted by the Finance Committee in its 5th meeting held on 11.3.2006 at 2.00 p.m. This will be helpful in efficient implementation of various programmes. The Board has agreed to delegate the financial powers to HODs and PIs as accepted by the Finance Committee.

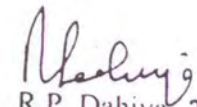
**5.1.6 To create Centre for Building Technology and Construction Materials and Centre for Energy and Environment**

The proposal for starting the above two centres of excellence was placed before the Board. This was appreciated as focus groups will be established based on the expertise from various departments for the creation of the inter-disciplinary Centres. The Board has approved the proposal for the creation of 'Centre for Building Technology and Construction Materials' and 'Centre for Energy and Environment'. Institute and TEQIP grant will be utilized in developing these inter-disciplinary centres of excellence.

5.2 **List of experts for selection committees**

As per the MHRD guidelines, experts nominated by the Board are members of the selection committees for conducting the CAS and faculty recruitments. The Chairman is authorized to consider and approve the lists of experts on behalf of the Board.

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair.

  
R.P. Dahiya 21/3/0  
Director