



**MINUTES OF THE TWENTY FIRST MEETING OF THE BOARD OF MANAGEMENT
HELD ON 29 AUGUST 2016 AT 16:00 HRS AT THE CONFERENCE ROOM**

The Twenty First meeting of the Board of Management was held on 29 August 2016 at 16:00 hrs at the Conference Room.

PRESENT:

The following were present:

Dr Leena Srivastava	Chairperson
Dr Rajiv Seth	
Mr TN Thakur (through skype)	
Air Marshal K K Nohwar (Retd.)	
Mr Ishteyaque Amjad	
Mr S Sundar	
Mr Shri Prakash	
Mr Amit Kumar	
Dr Prateek Sharma	
Dr Manipadma Datta	
Dr Suresh Jain	Special Invitee
Capt. Pradeep Kumar Padhy (Retd.)	Secretary

Prof Parthasarathi Shome, Mr Tulsi Tanti, Mr Prashant Bangur, Dr Yasmine Hilton and Mr Ashok Lavasa were unable to attend the meeting.

ITEM NO. 1 To confirm the minutes of the Twentieth meeting of the Board of Management held on 30 May 2016. The Chairperson informed that the Minutes of 20th Meeting of the Board of Management held on 30 May 2016 were circulated to the members of the Board. No comments on the Minutes have been received.

TU/BM 21.1. The Board discussed and confirmed the minutes of 20th meeting of BoM held on 30 May 2016.

ITEM NO. 2(a). To report on appointment of Chancellor by the Sponsoring Society. The Chairperson informed that in its meeting held on August 19, 2016, the Governing Council of the sponsoring society, TERI, has appointed Shri Ashok Chawla, Chairman TERI as the Chancellor of TERI University for a period of 5 years.

ITEM NO. 2(b). To report on the decision of the Sponsoring Society. The Chairperson stated that a presentation on the TERI University was given to the members of the Governing Council of TERI in its meeting held on August 19, 2016 and three resolutions were put up and approved by the GC:-

1. TERI University;
 - (i) is authorized on behalf of TERI, to rent out any portions of the campus at 10 Institutional Area, Vasant Kunj, New Delhi, within the rules of DDA.
 - (ii) will retain all rental income within the permissible rules of DDA, solely for promoting the objectives of the deemed university. Simultaneously, TERI University will be responsible for payment of ground rent, and any other charges /taxes from time to time
 - (iii) will reimburse TERI for the remaining EMIs on the loan amount availed by TERI for the construction of TERI University building.
2. The Governing Council of TERI had no-objection to the TERI University approaching the Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation and other relevant government authorities to change the ownership of the land allotted in the name of TERI for purposes of establishing a campus of the TERI University, to TERI University.
3. The Governing Council of TERI had no-objection to the TERI University approaching the Revenue Department, Government of Assam, and other relevant government authorities to change the ownership of the land allotted in the name of TERI for purpose of establishing a campus of the TERI University, to TERI University.

The Board considered the matter and noted the resolutions.

ITEM NO. 2(c). To report on the launching of LLM Programme. The Chairperson informed that the University launched its maiden LLM programmes on Infrastructure & Business Law and Environmental & Natural Resource Law w.e.f. AY 2016-17. The Registrar informed that a total of eleven students had joined the first batch of both the programmes.

The Board considered the matter and noted the launching of LLM Programme.

ITEM NO. 2(d). To inform about admission status of MSc, MBA, MTech and PhD programmes AY 2016-17. The Registrar informed the Board about the completion of the admission process for the AY 2016-17. The details of the strength presented to the Board were as follows:-

Ser	Programmes	No.
(i)	MSc: Environmental Studies and Resource Management, Climate Science and Policy, Geo-informatics, Economics, Water Science and Governance, Plant Biotechnology	150
(ii)	MBA: Business Sustainability and Infrastructure	32
(iii)	MA: Sustainable Development Practice	25
(iv)	M.Tech: Renewable Energy Engineering and Management, Urban Development and Management, Water Science and Governance	59
(v)	PhD:	24

The Board considered the matter and noted the increase in the admission intake.

ITEM NO. 2(e). To report on enhancement of Fee by Fee Committee. The Registrar informed that the University reviewed the detailed breakup of cost for all programmes and keeping in view the cost escalations, maintenance and operation cost of the University, deliberated and recommended up to 15% upward revision of fee and other charges for all the programmes. He informed that the revision had been duly approved by the Fee Committee and would be implemented w.e.f. AY 2017-18. The Chairperson informed that the last fee was revised in 2012 and the onetime fee had remained unchanged since 2008. She informed that there was an urgent requirement of fee revisions in view of 7th pay commission recommendations, which would be effective retrospectively w.e.f. 01 Jan 2016. To the query of Air Marshall Nowhar (retd) about the constitution of fee committee, the Chair informed that the committee was headed by Justice AK Srivastava, former Judge of Allahabad and Delhi High Court with two internal members and Prof Subhash Chander, Retd Professor IIT Delhi as the external member.

TU/BM 21.2(e) The Board considered the matter and approved the revised fees proposed to be implemented wef AY 2017-18.

ITEM NO. 2(f). To report on the progress on sub-letting of office block. The Registrar informed that consequent to the Board approval for subletting of the office block premises of the university, a NOC had been sanctioned by the Governing Council of sponsoring agency TERI, empowering TERI University to sign lease documents on behalf of TERI. He intimated that negotiations were held with two parties i.e. IIFT (Ministry of Commerce) through M/s Colliers and M/s International Tractors Limited (Sonalika Group) through M/s CBRE for taking on lease the space admeasuring super built-up area of 1921.24 Sq. Mtrs. Since the offer of M/s International Tractors Ltd. was better than the other, a LoI had been signed with the firm on 2nd Aug 2016 for progressing the lease process.

Air Marshall Nowhar (Retd.) suggested that a set of code of conduct should apply to the proposed tenant so that they do not become a source of menace to the university.

Action: Registrar

TU/BM 21.2(f) The Board approved the leasing of the Office Block premises of the University to M/s International Tractors Ltd.

ITEM NO. 2(g). To report on status of Distance Education (DE) Programmes. The Pro Vice Chancellor intimated the Board that the admission process of the APGDRE programmes for the AY 2016-17 had been completed. He informed that, since UGC/DEB approval for the AY 2016-17 could not be received, all students were informed accordingly.

The Board considered the matter and noted the status.

ITEM No. 3(a). Action taken on previous points: Presentation on enhancing NAAC Score. Dr Rajiv Seth apprised the board about the accreditation process in 2013 when a NAAC team comprising of senior academicians visited the campus and evaluated the University on various criteria/aspects level and awarded A grade (CGPA 3.26) in the 4 stage grading system (A, B, C, D) then prevalent. He added that that the NAAC had since modified the grades to a seven stage grading System (A⁺⁺, A⁺, A, B⁺, B, C & D). He informed that improvements recommended by NAAC had been addressed to a large extent. Considerable improvements had been brought about in the laboratories by adding solar lighting lab, PV lab, Systems lab, heat transfer lab, biotechnology lab etc. He informed that an active alumni association had been put in place, board of studies had been strengthened and the corpus had been enhanced as stipulated by UGC. He stated that two scholarship schemes have been provisioned to strengthen international students' base and all UGC mandated committees related to equality, anti-ragging, sexual harassment etc. have been setup. Similarly as recommended, the controller of examination post had been created and mechanism for supporting incubation and entrepreneurship had been put in place.

The Board considered the matter and noted the actions taken.

ITEM No. 3(b). Action taken on previous points: Plans for the Off-Campus sites. Dr Rajiv Seth informed the Board that subsequent to receipt of clearance from State Govt. the drawings were being submitted for approvals. To a query by Mr Sundar about the disciplines to be taught, the Chairperson informed that major focus would be on sustainable energy development, renewable energy system, green building business education, water science & governance, sustainable agriculture and environmental health. As regards to the Guwahati campus Dr Seth stated that a local architect had been identified and drawings had been created for the campus.

The Board considered the matter and noted the progress made in both the off – campus sites.

ITEM NO. 4. To report the decisions taken by the Chairperson on behalf of the Board of Management.

TU/BM 21.4. The Board resolved to confirm the following: -

- (a) Re-designation of Dr Smriti Das as Associate Professor wef 01 June 2016.
- (b) Re-designation of Dr MV Shiju as Associate Professor wef 04 August 2016.
- (c) Re-designation of Dr Rinki Deo as Assistant Professor wef 15 June 2016.
- (d) Appointment of Dr Som Mandal Assistant Professor wef 01 July 2016.
- (e) Appointment of Dr Shantanu De Roy as Assistant Professor wef 01 July 2016.
- (f) Appointment of Dr Gaurav Varshney as Assistant Professor wef 05 Aug 2016.
- (g) Appointment of Mr Amrit Nath as Lecturer wef 16 August 2016.

ITEM NO. 5. To approve creation of the post of Director (IT and Smart Initiatives) at TERI University. The Registrar informed that a post of Director (IT and Smart Initiatives) had been created. The Chairperson informed that Ms Sangeeta Gupta, who was looking after the IT division of TERI had been appointed to the position. She informed that since the university was looking to develop both Hyderabad and Guwahati campuses as smart campuses, the experience of Director (IT and Smart Initiatives) could be of great help to design the entire components as one university through seamless connectivity. She also informed that Director (IT and Smart Initiatives) would also be responsible to raise funds by approaching the IT industry.

TU/BM 21.5. The Board discussed and approved the creation of the post of Director (IT and Smart Initiatives) at TERI University and the appointment of Ms Sangeeta Gupta to the position wef 08 August, 2016.

ITEM NO. 6. To advise on raising of funds for setting up of off-campus centre of TERI University at Hyderabad. The Registrar informed that consequent to allotment of the land by the Government of AP, the University had initiated the process to raise funds for building the off-campus centre at Hyderabad. The Chair informed that the University was in a position to approach financial institutions and banks for raising funds. She intimated that the rent accrued from M/s International Tractors Ltd. would be used for payment of the loan liabilities. Mr Sundar wanted to know the financial estimates for the project. The Chairperson informed that the University had set a target of raising Rs100 crores and would like the board to seek the help of Board members in raising these resources by speaking to different industry or CSR entities. She further informed that a preliminary discussion had been held with Mr Deepak Parekh of HDFC Bank for a loan of up to Rs 25 crores, and required documents were being compiled to process the proposal. She also mentioned that discussion had been held with secretary, Ministry of corporate affairs to provide

assistance for reaching out to different organisations. She requested the Board members to advise on a way ahead and concur the proposal for raising of funds for the project.

Action : Board Members

TU/BM 21.6. The Board resolved to approve:-

- (i) Borrowing up to an extent of Rs. 100 crores from banks/financial institutions for the construction of building complex for off-campus centre at Hyderabad.
- (ii) Creation of charge on the assets of the University to bank/financial institution against sanction of loan.

ITEM No.7. To approve a list of authorised signatories for TERI University. The Chairperson informed the Board that for administrative convenience it is recommended that the following authorities be empowered to sign documents and authorise records on behalf of the TERI University.

TU/BM 21.7. The Board discussed and resolved to approve following authorities to sign documents and authorise records on behalf of the TERI University.

1. Dr.Leena Srivastava, Vice Chancellor
2. Dr.Rajiv Seth, Pro Vice Chancellor
3. Capt. Pradeep Kumar Padhy (Retd.), Registrar

ITEM NO. 8. Approval of leave of absence of the Vice Chancellor. The Board was requested to sanction all leaves of absence availed by the VC in year 2016.

TU/BM 21.8. The Board resolved to approve leaves availed by the VC.

There being no other items for discussion the meeting was adjourned.

Sd/
Capt. Pradeep Kumar Padhy (retd.)
Registrar

Distribution:-

Electronic Copy:

1. Chancellor, TERI University
2. Vice-Chancellor, TERI University
3. All members of Board of Management
4. Website

Printed Copy:

5. Registrar, TERI University