

## **Minutes of the Eighth Meeting of the Board of Management held on 28.03.2012**

Members present:

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| Prof.Dr.S.Sivasubramanian   | Chairman  |
| Dr.N.Chandrashekhar         | Member    |
| Dr.R.Balu                   | Member    |
| Dr.M.Sankaranarayana Pillai | Member    |
| Dr.M.K.Ramachandran Nair    | Member    |
| Dr.V.Umayorubhagan          | Member    |
| Dr.B.Krishnan               | Member    |
| Mr.C.King Selvan            | Member    |
| Dr.K.A.Salim                | Member    |
| Dr.S.Manickam               | Secretary |

The Vice-Chancellor and Chairman of the Board of Management welcomed all the Members and briefed them about the important developments that had taken place since the last Meeting. Then the Meeting proceeded with the Agenda items.

### **Item No.8.1**

#### **Considered confirmation of the Minutes of Seventh Meeting of the Board of Management held on 22-10-2011**

**Resolved** that the Minutes of the Seventh Meeting of the Board of Management held on 22-10-2011, be confirmed.

**Item No.8.2**

**Considered the action taken on the Minutes of the Seventh Meeting of the  
Board of Management held on 22-10-2011**

**Resolved** that the action taken report on the Minutes of the Seventh Meeting of the Board of Management held on 22-10-2011, be recorded.

**Resolved** that the Organizing Secretary, Dr.K.A.Janardhanan, Director, HRM and all the other faculty members involved in organizing the International Conference on Comprehensive Disaster Management –Strategic Management Solutions for Strengthening Resilience (ICCDM-2012) on 27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> January 2012 in an exemplary manner, be complimented for their remarkable efforts. In terms of the number of countries represented, the number of participating delegates and the wide publicity it cornered, the Conference will remain an important mile stone in the annals of the history of the University.

**Further resolved** that the appreciation of the Board of Management to Dr.L.Padmasuresh and his colleagues of the Department of Electrical & Electronics Engineering, be placed on record, for the successful conduct of the International Conference on Computing, Electronics & Electrical Technologies (ICCEET-2012) on 21<sup>st</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2012. This Conference has made a significant contribution in terms of increase in the number of NIU publications listed in the SCOPUS data base, as around 23 papers presented in the Conference by Noorul Islam faculty will be published in the IEEE Journal and indexed by SCOPUS.

Considering the need to encourage members of the faculty to present research papers in National and International Conferences, it was further resolved that steps be taken to motivate them to present more number of papers in Conferences organized by Universities/Institutions of repute and extend financial support for attending such Conferences.

**Item No.8.3**

**Considered the Minutes of the Fourth Meeting of  
the Finance Committee held on 26.03.2012**

**Resolved** that the Minutes of the Fourth Meeting of the Finance Committee held on 26.03.2012 be approved and the Registrar, the Finance Officer and the Accounts Officer of the University be complimented for their strenuous efforts in preparing the Budget Estimates for the Year 2012-13 on time.

While appreciating the thrust given for R&D in the Budget Estimates for to the year 2012-13, it was resolved that the possibilities for establishing a University Science Instrumentation Centre to centralize all equipments/ instruments and make them readily available to the faculty members and students of all the Departments, be explored. Post Doctoral & Ph.D Scholars, faculty and students doing projects of NIU and sister Institutions, be permitted to make use of all the equipments and facilities available in the University free of cost or at nominal charges wherever consumables are required/operating costs are to be incurred. Side by side, progress of the research work/project work be reviewed once in every three months.

**Item No.8.4**

**Considered the proposal for setting up of 7 Research & Development (R&D) Centres**

Resolved that the proposal for setting up the following 7 R&D Centres, to provide a fillip to inter-disciplinary research, with the Director/Coordinator noted against each be approved:

1. Centre for Advanced Material Science & Technology - Dr.M.Sivapragash (Director)
2. Centre for Networking - Dr.A.Shajin Nargunam (Director)
3. Centre for Disaster Management - Dr.K.A.Janardhanan (Director)
4. Centre for Power & Energy - Dr.J.Jacob Raglend (Coordinator)
5. Centre for Communication Systems - Dr.J.Jeyakumari (Coordinator)
6. Centre for Advanced Computing - Thiru.J.Rajeesh (Coordinator)
7. Centre for Biological Sciences - Dr.M.Murugan (Coordinator)

**Further resolved –**

- i) to congratulate Dr.M.Muthukumar, Department of Mathematics for having obtained his Ph.D Degree and wish him many more laurels in his academic endeavours
- ii) to compliment the following faculty members who have been sanctioned project funds recently.

| Sl.No. | Name of the faculty & Dept. | Name of the funding agency | Amount (Rs. in lakhs) |
|--------|-----------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1      | Dr.K.M.Ponvel, Chemistry    | DST                        | 21.60                 |
| 2      | Dr.M.Murugan, Bio-Medical   | DBT                        | 19.32                 |

- iii) to place on record the appreciation of the Board of Management to –

- a) Dr.M.Dev Anand, Professor of Mechanical Engineering who has participated and won ***First Position in the Poster Presentation competition*** held as a part of the International Seminar on Talent Crisis in Global oil and Gas Industry, at IIT Madras on 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> March 2012 on the topic “*Development of Finite Element Based Wind and Seismic Design Procedure for Vertical Tall Process Column*”.
- b) Dr.M.Murugan, Assistant Professor of Bio-Medical Engineering and his students Preenu P.Sen, S4 BME & Visakh.A, S6 BME, who have participated in the three day 18<sup>th</sup> *International Medical Fair* from 2<sup>nd</sup> - 4<sup>th</sup> March 2012 organized by the National Bio-Medical Society and the Department of Science & Technology (DST), Government of India under NSTEDB and won ***SUSHRUTA Innovation Award 2011-2012 Second Prize (All India Category)*** (viz. Sahajanand Laster Technology Shushruta Innovation Award 2011-2012) for their innovation on “*Nitric Oxide Therapy for Local Inhibition of Platelets*” and received ***CITATION, CERTIFICATE and Reward of Rs.60,000/-***

**Item No.8.5**

**Considered the proposal to conduct an International Conference on Modelling, Optimization and Computing (ICMOC-2012) on 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> April 2012**

**Resolved** that the proposal of the Department of Mechanical Engineering to conduct an International Conference on Modelling, Optimization and Computing (ICMOC-2012) in collaboration with the University of Sheffield, UK & Elsevier Publication (Science Direct) on 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> April 2012, be approved

**Item No.8.6**

**Considered the proposal of the Department of Physics to organize a National Conference on Physics of New Materials on 20<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup> April 2012**

**Resolved** that the proposal of the Department of Physics to organize a National Conference on Physics of New Materials on 20<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup> April 2012 be approved.

**Item No.8.7**

**Considered the proposal of the Department of Physics to introduce M.Phil Programme in Physics**

**Resolved** that the proposal of the Department of Physics to introduce M.Phil. Programme in Physics from the academic year 2012-13 be approved.

**Item No.8.8**

**Considered ratification of the action taken to sign MOUs with three foreign Universities/Institutions**

**Resolved** that the action taken to sign MOUs with (i) Universiti of Teknologi Mara, Sarawak, Malaysia, (ii) Indo-European Centre of Vistula University, Warsaw, Poland and (iii) the Doctors Academy, Cardiff, United Kingdom, be ratified.

**Further resolved** that necessary steps be taken to give effect to the MOUs signed with foreign Universities/Institutions.

**Item No.8.9**

**Considered ratification of the action taken to conduct INSPIRE INTERNSHIP Programme sponsored by the Department of Science & Technology for +2 level students of Science.**

**Resolved** that the action taken to conduct the DST sponsored 5 day Inspire Internship Programme for 150 students of Tirunelveli and Kanyakumari Districts, be ratified.

**Resolved further** that the Programme Coordinator and Dean of the School of Humanities and Science, Dr.M.Sankaranarayana Pillai, the Organizing Secretary, Dr.J.Joseph and his colleagues in the Department of Chemistry, be complimented for the successful conduct of the Programme.

**Item No.8.10**

**Considered ratification of the action taken to conduct an awareness programme, 'Gateway to Professional Education' on 7<sup>th</sup> Jan. 2012**

**Resolved** that the action taken to organize the awareness programme, *Gateway to Professional Education*, for the benefit of the +2 students of Tuticorin, Tirunelveli and Kanyakumari Districts numbering more than 4000, at a cost of Rs.4,28,022/- be ratified.

**Item No.8.11**

**Considered ratification of the action taken to publish the results of the University Examinations held in Dec. 2011/Jan.2012**

**Resolved** that the action taken to publish the results of Dec. 2011/Jan.2012 University Examinations on the following dates be ratified:

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|---------------|---|------------|
| ❖ U.G results | : | 24.02.2012 |
| ❖ P.G results | : | 05.03.2012 |

**Item No.8.12**

**Considered the Campus Placement record for the year 2011-12**

**Resolved** that the following information regarding Campus Placement be recorded:

| Sl. No. | Organization    | Dates of Selection                     | No. of students placed |
|---------|-----------------|--|------------------------|
| 1       | TCS             | 20-09-2011<br>21-09-2011<br>22-09-2011 | 63                     |
| 2       | Wipro Infotech  | 11-10-2011<br>12-10-2011               | 20                     |
| 3       | Powerica        | 16-10-2011                             | 12                     |
| 4       | Athena          | 21-10-2011                             | -                      |
| 5       | YBG-Kubota      | 10-11-2011<br>11-11-2011               | 6                      |
| 6       | Blueshift       | 08-12-2011                             | 10                     |
| 7       | Aiser World     | 05-01-2012                             | 7                      |
| 8       | Vacs Infotech   | 06-01-2012                             | 9                      |
| 9       | Phoenix         | 10-01-2012                             | 31                     |
| 10      | Clientele       | 20-01-2012                             | 10                     |
| 11      | Mind & Tech     | 07-02-2012                             | 15                     |
| 12      | Samcys Techno   | 21-02-2012                             | 20                     |
| 13      | IGenieses       | 02-03-2012                             | 35                     |
| 14      | KMA Power India | 03-03-2012                             | 17                     |
| 15      | Cross Fields    | 12-03-2012                             | 25                     |
| 16      | NGS System      | 14-03-2012                             | 20                     |
|         |                 | <b>Total</b>                           | <b>300</b>             |

**Further resolved** that the appreciation of the Board of Management to the Placement and Training Cell for the above remarkable achievement, be placed on record.

**Item No.8.13**

**Considered the proposal to launch a separate NIU Satellite**

**Resolved** that the proposal to launch the *NIUSAT* at the estimated cost of rupees one crore with the help and guidance of ISRO in order to provide invaluable hands on experience to the students and the faculty of the University and to be of benefit to the Agriculturists and the fisher folk of Kanyakumari District, be approved.

**Item No.8.14**

**Considered ratification of the action taken to conduct an Entrepreneurship Development Programme sponsored by the Government of Tamilnadu for the benefit of SC youth of Kanyakumari District.**

**Resolved** that the action taken to conduct the intensive (30 day/240 hour) Entrepreneurship Development Programme sponsored by the Entrepreneurship Development Institute (EDI) of Government of Tamilnadu for the benefit of 50 SC youth of Kanyakumari District at the University Campus between 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2012 and 30<sup>th</sup> March 2012, be ratified.

**Resolved** further to compliment the Nodal Officer of the programme, Thiru.X.Felix Joseph, Associate Professor of the Department of Electrical & Electronics Engineering and his team for their efforts to ensure the successful conduct of the aforesaid programme.

**Item No.8.15**

**Considered the proposal for the construction of an International Hostel**

**Resolved** that the proposal for the construction of an International Students Hostel measuring 8000 sq.ft . at an estimated cost of Rs.1.5 crores, in order to facilitate exchange of faculty and students with foreign Universities/Institutions, be approved.

**REGISTRAR**

**VICE-CHANCELLOR**