

MALVIYA NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY, JAIPUR
(Deemed University)

Minutes of the first meeting of the Board of Governors
of
Malaviya National Institute of Technology, Jaipur.

The first meeting of Board of Governors of MNIT, Jaipur was held on Thursday the 21st November, 2002 at 11.00 a.m. in the Design Centre. The following were present.

1.	Dr. H.C. Pande Vice Chancellor Emeritus Birla Institute of Technology, Ranchi	Chairman
2.	Shri Ravi Mathur Secretary Technical Education Department Government of Rajasthan Jaipur	Member (Nominee of the State Government)
3.	Dr. D.K. Sharma, Additional Apprenticeship Adviser (T), Ministry of Human Resource Development, New Delhi.	Member (Nominee of the MHRD)
4.	Dr. R.S. Sirohi, Director, IIT, New Delhi.	Member (Nominee of the IIT)
5.	Dr. R.S. Nirjar Member Secretary AICTE New Delhi	Member (Nominee of AICTE)
6.	Dr. C.P. Srivastava Secretary UGC New Delhi	Member (Nominee of the UGC)
7.	Dr. S.K. Jain Reader in Metallurgical Engineering MNIT, Jaipur	Member (Representative from the Faculty of the Institute)
8.	Dr. P.K. Saxena Director, MNIT	Member Secretary & Member from faculty

Chairman, Dr. H.C. Pande welcomed all the members to the first meeting of the Board of Governors of MNIT Jaipur, the former MREC functioning as a deemed university. He sought the indulgence of the Board to make a few introductory remarks before taking up the regular agenda.

Dr. D.K. Sharma, Additional Apprenticeship Adviser (T) New Delhi then expressed, on behalf of the Central Government, thanks to the previous Chairman as well as the former Board of Governors of MREC for the sincere services rendered to the Institute and the responsibility so well shouldered by them. The Board fully agreed with the views of Dr. Sharma. The Board desired that the appreciation may be recorded. Further Dr. Sharma thanked all the members of the current Board for assuming the responsibility of guiding the growth and development of the new deemed university.

In the introductory remarks the Chairman stated that with MNIT as a university, the responsibility of the Board had increased several fold. He pointed out that with the autonomy and freedom the Board has to ensure that the Institute now develops at a rapid pace and attains a place in the first rank institutions of the country. However, with this freedom the Board also had a clear accountability in all matters and this responsibility was indeed very heavy. The Chairman further added that as a National Institute of Technology it is essential that, apart from turning out first rate technical manpower, research projects concerned with the development programmes of the country would have to be given first priority. The problems of the region, in particular, would have to be taken up with a definite time frame. For Rajasthan he mentioned recycling of waste water, regeneration of waste land particularly in the Indira Gandhi Canal Area, and Solar Energy as possible focussed programmes.

The Chairman emphasized that the existing facilities particularly laboratories, equipment, class rooms etc should be fully utilized and utilization figure of 80% should be aimed at. He strongly felt that the lack of resources was not the problem the real crux lay in optimal and meaningful utilization of resources both men and material.

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For effective & optimal R&D programmes the Chairman expressed the need for close networking with research laboratories and technical institutes within the region. The Chairman also desired that the student body past and present be involved in the programmes of the Institute

Finally the Chairman remarked that quality of teaching, quality of training and quality of research work has to come up to the International standards if the new shape of institute is to be really worthwhile. He was sure that with the support of the members of the Board and the faculty and the staff, the institute would certainly justify its new & enhanced status.

The Board broadly agreed with the views expressed by the Chairman.

Dr. R.S. Nirjar Secretary AICTE expressed appreciation of the sincere services rendered, by Dr. S.C. Agrawal the Former Director and member of MREC, to the Institute. The Board was unanimous in supporting Dr. Nirjar and desired that the appreciation be recorded. Dr. Nirjar also expressed the view that team work and involvement of the faculty and staff in the development programmes of the Institute should be the new work culture.

Dr. R.S. Sirohi expressed the view that participative administration should be encouraged and academic freedom should be unrestricted. He felt that systems should be put in place so that group decisions are possible.

Dr. C.P. Srivastava, Secretary UGC emphasized that involvement of faculty & staff is important in all activities and particularly pointed out the need for total quality concept. He desired that a group be constituted to work out the necessary directions in the matter.

Shri R. Mathur, Secretary Technical Education desired that the basic problems of Rajasthan should be kept in view and programmes of research as well as training should also focus on effective technology to meet these problems. He assured every support by the State Government and expressed the hope that with the enhanced status of a deemed university ~~quality programmes~~ of Technical Education and Research would come up in a large measure.

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Dr. P.K. Saxena and Dr. S.K. Jain assured the Board full support of the faculty and the staff of the Institute in meeting the new responsibility.

The Board was given a brief video presentation on the high lights of the Institute after which the regular agenda was taken up.

1.1 TO FORM THE FOLLOWING BODIES OF THE INSTITUTE

- (I) Senate
- (II) Finance Committee
- (III) Building & Works Committee
- (IV) Any other Committee

The Board approved the above Committees with the proviso of a Purchase sub-committee under the Finance Committee.

Under (IV) a Planning & Development Committee was also approved and the Chairman was authorized to constitute it.

Buildings & Works Committee :

The Board proposed that (i) Professor of Civil Engineering Department and (ii) Head of Arch. Department may be co-opted as members to serve on the Building & Works Committee and that the nominee of the CPWD (Civil Wing) and CPWD (Electrical Wing) be taken on the Committee.

1.2 TO CONSIDER NOMINATION ON THE BOARD AND OTHER COMMITTEES.

- I. AN ALUMNUS OF THE INSTITUTE FROM AMONGST THE ALUMNI IN EDUCATION/INDUSTRY TO BE NOMINATED BY THE BOARD AS A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS.

The Board nominated Shri Anandram K. Chhatwani, the 1st batch (1968) topper and currently Executive Vice President, M/s. Larsen & Toubro Ltd., Saki Vihar Road, Powai, Mumbai-400072 to serve on the Board.

