

**MINUTES OF 20<sup>TH</sup> MEETING OF THE SENATE OF NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF  
FASHION TECHNOLOGY HELD ON 20<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY, 2014 AT 10:30 A.M  
AT NIFT CAMPUS, NEW DELHI**

The following were present:

1. Mr. Prem Kumar Gera, IAS, Director General and Chairperson Senate NIFT
2. Mr. Anand Kumar Kedia, Director Admission (I/C)
3. Prof. Dr. Vandana Bhandari, Dean (Academics)-NIFT
4. Prof. Suhail Anwar, Head (AA)-NIFT
5. Dr. Sanjeev Kumar, Director (NRC) – NIFT
6. Mr. Arindam Das, Director, NIFT Delhi Centre
7. Prof. Pavan Godiawala, Director (I/C), NIFT Gandhinagar Centre
8. Prof. Dr. Anitha Manohar, Director (I/C), NIFT Chennai Centre
9. Prof. V. Sivalingam, Director, NIFT Bangalore Centre
10. Mr. Dorji T. Wangdi, Director (I/C), NIFT Shillong Centre
11. Mr. Vasant Kothari, Joint Director, NIFT, Jodhpur Centre
12. Ms. Nilima Rani Singh, Director, NIFT Mumbai Centre
13. Dr. K.C. Samanta Ray, Director, NIFT Bhubaneswar Centre
14. Mr. Bharat Sah, Director, NIFT Rae Bareli Centre
15. Prof. Sanjay Srivastava, Director, NIFT Patna Centre
16. Mr. Udai Singh Tolia, Director, NIFT Bhopal Centre
17. Prof. B. Banerjee, Director, NIFT Kolkata
18. Mr. Rajeev Pant, Director, NIFT Kannur Centre
19. Dr. N.J Rajaram, Director, NIFT Hyderabad Centre
20. Prof. S.K Bala Siddhartha, Director, NIFT Kangra Centre
21. Mr. V.P.Singh, CP- KD-NIFT
22. Prof. Monika Gupta, CP-FD – NIFT
23. Ms. Varsha Gupta, CP-MDes – NIFT
24. Dr. G.H.S. Prasad, CP-FMS – NIFT
25. Ms. Sushama Saitwal, Link CP-FC – NIFT
26. Ms. Shinju Mahajan, CP-LD – NIFT
27. Ms. Preetha Hussain, CP-F&LA – NIFT
28. Ms. Savita S Rana, CP-TD – NIFT
29. Prof. Jomichan S.P, CP-FP – NIFT
30. Prof. Dr. Noopur Anand, CP-DFT – NIFT
31. Ms. Usha Narsimhan, COE-HO

The following members were granted leave of absence:

- (i) Mr. Sunil, Sethi, President, FDCI
- (ii) Mr. Pradyumna Vyas, Director, NID
- (iii) Ms. Aneeth Arora, Designer
- (iv) Sr. Prof. Banhi Jha, NIFT

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 2001**

**Confirmation of minutes of 19<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Senate held on 27<sup>th</sup> September, 2013 NIFT  
campus, New Delhi**

After noting that no comments or changes were proposed, minutes of the 19<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Senate were confirmed.

## **AGENDA ITEM NO.2002**

### **Action taken report on 19<sup>th</sup> meeting of the senate held on 27<sup>th</sup> September, 2013**

The Action Taken Report on the decisions of the previous meeting of the Senate was noted.

## **AGENDA ITEM NO.2003**

### **Combined juries for process based (PB) subjects for end-term evaluation**

After detailed discussion on the combined juries for Process Based subjects for end term evaluation Senate approved the agenda in principle. However, operational features to be worked out by concerned Chairpersons and suggestion for implementing the same should be presented in the next meeting in consultation with Dean (A) for conducting the combined juries for the subject having similar pattern with guidelines for end term evaluation.

## **AGENDA ITEM NO. 2004**

### **Conversion of mid term examination as a part of continuous evaluation in curriculum and evaluation policy of NIFT**

In view of the recommendation of EC, Senate in principle approved to convert the Mid Term Examination as a part of continuous evaluation to be implemented from next semester i.e. July, 2014. Further, the component of Mid Term examination may be divided as a part of continuous evaluation in the concerned course curriculum/evaluation matrix by Chairperson in consultation with Dean(A) with the approval of senate. However, the weightage of end term Examination should remain unchanged i.e 40 %.

The Centre Coordinator (CC) should design the proposed assignment with the approval of Chairperson of respective department against the weightage of Mid Term component in the beginning of the semester itself.

## **AGENDA ITEM NO. 2005**

### **Starting of New Degree programmes at Bhubaneswar Campus**

Director Bhubaneswar campus placed before the Senate the requirement of starting of two new under graduate programmes viz B.Des. (Fashion Communication) and BF. Tech. (Apparel production) from the forthcoming academic year 2014-15. He informed about the availability of infrastructure and other resources. Commencement of new courses will help the campus to increase the financial stability.

CP DFT had voiced concerns about opening of the new BFT program at NIFT Bhubaneswar as DFT already has 15 programs in 11 NIFT campuses which is having impact on admissions and placements. CP DFT further mentioned that if NIFT insists to start BFT program at Bhubaneswar from the coming session, in such circumstances, NIFT may reduce 2 seats from BFT programs in 11 BFT campuses and allow BFT to be launched at Bhubaneswar which would not put added pressure on DFT.

With regard to starting of FC program, CP FC had also voiced concerns about planning for FC program which didn't reflect identification of any faculty for the core FC area. Dean (A) raised concerns about short time in which the infrastructure had to be procured

for the students if the program is to be launched in 2014. She reiterated that NIFT should spend ample amount of time in planning for new programs and should make infrastructure and faculty available to students which is expected from premier Institute of international repute and hence proposed launch of program in 2015.

Registrar informed the Senate that NIFT has initiated the recruitment process to fill the vacant faculty positions and other administrative posts and efforts will be made to complete the recruitment by the end June, 2014.

Keeping in mind the above deliberations Senate approved starting of FC and BFT (22 seats (2 seats reduced from other 11 BFT programs and 6 domicile seats programs) in Bhubaneswar Campus from July, 2014 with condition to availability of the infrastructure ( machines and peripherals). The status of infrastructure will be reviewed in first week of June 2014 and in case of non availability of infrastructure and faculty the program will be launched in 2015.

#### **AGENDA ITEM NO. 2006**

##### **Cancellation of degree certificates with respect to the students who could not clear their eight semester in 2013**

Head(AA) apprised the Senate that the Degree certificates for all the students appearing in their final semester across NIFT campuses are prepared in advance by NIFT H.O. These Degree certificates are conferred at the time of Convocation to the students who have been successfully completed all the requirements for awarding the Degrees. However the students who could not clear their final semester, their Degree certificates are returned to Head(AA) for cancellation. In 2013, total 1889 Degree certificates were prepared, out of which, 17 Degree certificates are returned from NIFT campuses for cancellation. The Senate took note of the same and approved the proposal for cancellation of 17 Degree certificates as mentioned in the agenda note.

#### **AGENDA ITEM NO. 2007**

##### **Issuance of Degree Certificate to Ms. Ankita Srivastava, a student of Textile Design, Batch 2009-13**

Head(AA) briefed the Senate regarding issuance of Degree Certificate Ms. Ankita Srivastava, Textile Design, NIFT New Delhi. The Senate considered and approved the proposal for issuing Degree Certificate to Ms. Ankita Srivastava who had completed all the requirements of the Textile Design programme from NIFT New Delhi in 2013. The Degree certificate will be issued to Ms. Ankita Srivastava on current date.

#### **AGENDA ITEM NO. 2008**

##### **Penalty imposed upon students involved in cheating in examination**

Head(AA) explained the agenda item and the problems faced while awarding punishment to the students who caught cheating in examination by using unauthorized means. The Senate after due deliberation felt that there is need to study the policy documents of other universities/institutions regarding the same before arriving on any conclusion. The Senate directed to prepare comprehensive policy guidelines by covering all aspects of the matter. The revised guidelines may be placed before the next meeting of the Senate for discussion and consideration.

## **TABLED AGENDA**

### **A. Proposal for setting up named chair(s) at NIFT**

Head (I&AA) briefed the Senate that NIFT is yet to set standards with respect to its efforts in terms of research and innovation practices and entrepreneurship. While many of the educational institution of excellence have the practice setting up of Chairs, incubation centre and undertaking research projects, NIFT does not even have a policy in place in this regard.

In this context, a draft note on the policy for setting up a chair submitted to DG-NIFT and a copy of a proposal sent to Ministry of Labour and Employment for sponsorship. The DG advised all Campus Directors to use these guidelines as base and approach companies located in their region for getting sponsorships for setting up named chair(s). The efforts made by the Campus Directors in this regard to be placed before the Senate in its next meeting.

### **B. Starting of New Courses at NIFT Patna**

Director NIFT Patna shared with the Senate the need of introducing following two new courses at NIFT Patna from July, 2014

1. Accessory Design
2. Fashion Communication

The requirement of these courses is as per the DPR submitted by NIFT to The Govt. of Bihar. Director NIFT Patna also informed that the required set up for the classes for the foundation semesters of these two courses are already planned and furniture and fixtures required for these two additional programs have already been ordered.

The senate approved starting of above two courses at NIFT Patna from July 2014 with condition to availability of infrastructure and other resources for the same. The Admission Department was also instructed to include the same in the seat list for admissions 2014.

## **AGENDA ITEM NO. 2009**

### **Any other item with the permission of chair**

#### **Opening of MFT program at Jodhpur:**

The agenda was discussed in senate and CP DFT had voiced concerns about opening of the new MFT program at NIFT Jodhpur as currently the infrastructure for BFT program is still under procurement. The Senate noted the concerns of CP – MFT and opening of MFT at NIFT Jodhpur was not granted. It was approved that it will be revisited after the infrastructure is in place and condition to the ceiling of overall 100 students in MFT programs. Approval to start Fashion Design programme in 2015 was accorded by the Senate.

**Procurement of Machines for F&LA Department :**

The matter regarding procurement of the 3D prototyping machine was discussed and DG - NIFT suggested that the Campuses may explore options for hiring of the machine within one month's time before its procurement is considered from open market.

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