

MINUTES OF THE 23rd FINANCE & AUDIT COMMITTEE (F&AC) MEETING HELD ON 10TH JULY, 2013 (WEDNESDAY) AT 5:00 P.M. IN THE OFFICE OF AS&FA, MINISTRY OF TEXTILES, UDYOG BHAWAN, NEW DELHI

The following were present:

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| 1. | Smt. Anita Agnihotri, AS&FA, MOT | Chairperson |
| 2. | Smt. Monika S. Garg, JS, MOT | Member |
| 3. | Shri Prem Kumar Gera, DG-NIFT | Member |
| 4. | Sh. Sunil Sethi | Member |
| 5. | Sh. Anand Kedia, Director (F&A), NIFT | Member Secretary |

Ms. Rajni Shah, Assistant Board Secretary was also present

AGENDA ITEM NO. 2301

To confirm the minutes of the 22nd meeting of Finance & Audit Committee held on 4th March, 2013 at 3:00 p.m. at the office of AS&FA, Ministry of Textiles, Udyog Bhawan, New Delhi

The minutes of the meeting had been circulated to all the members of the Committee. No changes or modifications were proposed. The minutes were therefore confirmed without any modification.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 2302

Action taken report on last minutes of the Finance & Audit Committee Meeting

The Action Taken Report on the decisions of the last meetings of the F&AC was noted.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 2303

Approval of Annual Accounts for the Financial Year 2012-13

The Final Accounts for the Financial Year 2012-13 was considered, approved and recommended by the F&AC for approval of the Board.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 2304

Delegation of Financial Powers

The F&AC was informed that the Board of Governors (BOG) in its 19th meeting held on 13th February 2013 delegated the Financial Powers to DG, Officers at HO, Campus Director & Officers at Campus for granting more autonomy to compete and complement among themselves and each of them can evolve as a centre of excellence in the field of fashion technology.

The F&AC was further informed that in the revised delegation of power, it was felt that the power of Statutory/Periodical Payments may be included at sr. no. 62 for smooth functioning of Head Office work and as these need not go to DG as it increases the volume of work with the DG.

In view of the above, the F&AC considered and approved the following Delegation of Power:

S. no.	Area of Delegation	Director General	Officers at H.Q.	Campus Directors	Officers at Campus
62	Statutory /Periodical payments like Taxes & Dues, Electricity/water Charges & Telephone charges. (Proposed New)	Full Powers	Full Powers <i>subject to budget ceiling</i> (Director-F&A)	Full Powers <i>subject to budget ceiling</i>	Nil

(All the above delegation of power is subject to approved budgetary provisions and budget availability. Prescribed procedure mentioned in F&A Manual of NIFT and General Financial Rules have to be followed.)

AGENDA ITEM NO. 2305

Reduction in fees structure for the Academic Year 2013-14

The F&AC was apprised that revision in student fee structure was approved in the 19th BOG held on 13.02.2013. Accordingly, revision in student fee structure was announced for implementing it from the Academic years 2013-14 onwards. This was applicable to all students (including old students). The fee was calculated by increasing 10% over the existing tuition fees of Rs. 50,000/-. This hike in Tuition Fees was made applicable uniformly to all students. However, this overlooked the batch of 2010-11, as they were paying Tuition fee of Rs. 40,000/- per semester while all others are paying Rs.50000/-. Thus, while increasing the fees by 10% on Rs. 50,000/-, the implication on the batch of 2010-11 was almost 37% i.e. from Rs. 40,000/- to 55,000/- rather than 10% as in every batch.

A similar position existed for NRI students of 2010-11 batch. The last hike in 2011 was not made applicable to them. Therefore the hike in the tuition fees of NRI students for Batch 2010-11 was by 26.66% i.e. from Rs.3,30,000/- to Rs.4,18,000/-.

This gave rise to agitation by the students against the fee hike to be made applicable from Academic Year 2013-14. Campus Directors of all campuses received representations from the students that the revised structure was going to cause financial stress. Particularly students admitted in the batch 2010-11 were affected as they were paying fees at rates lower than others.

The matter was discussed in the Executive Council meeting consisting of all Campus Directors, Chairpersons of Departments, Dean and Directors of HO on 23rd March 2013 wherein it was suggested that tuition fee may be increased @ 10% uniformly for all the batches.

The F&AC was also informed that the Campus Directors had announced the above decision of Executive Council Committee to the students who agreed to withdraw their protest in anticipation of the approval of NIFT BOG. BOG had approved 10% hike per annum to cover the inflationary pressure on NIFT expenditure. This remains unchanged.

The F&AC considered, approved and recommended the revised fee structure as brought out in the agenda notes for consideration of the Board.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 2306

Any other item with the permission of chair

TABLED AGENDA ITEM NO. 2306 (I)

Reimbursement of OPD expenses above OPD ceiling in respect of Sh. Raj Singh, Assistant Director (Admissions), NIFT Head Office

The F&AC considered and approved the proposal for reimbursement of Rs.37,327/- on actual basis on account of OPD treatment of cancer related investigation / medicines/ consultation in respect of Sh. Raj Singh, Assistant Director & recommended the same for consideration of the Board.

Keeping in view the huge amount of expenses involved in treatment of life threatening diseases which cannot be fully met from the prescribed entitled ceiling, the F&AC considered, approved and recommended for consideration of the Board, the delegation of power to DG-NIFT for reimbursement of OPD expenses upto Rs.2 Lakhs for diagnostic test / treatment for CGHS approved suspected / diagnosed life threatening diseases, and upto Rs.5 Lakhs for IPD treatment for CGHS approved life threatening diseases, on actual basis to mitigate immediate hardship to the employees.

The Committee further observed that expenditure beyond these limits, if any, shall be placed before the F&AC for consideration.

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