

**MINUTES OF 17TH MEETING OF THE SENATE OF NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF
FASHION TECHNOLOGY HELD ON 14TH DECEMBER, 2012 AT 9:30 A.M
AT NIFT CAMPUS, NEW DELHI**

The following were present:

1. Mr. Prem Kumar Gera, IAS, Director General – NIFT and Chairperson of Senate of NIFT
2. Mr. Vimal Kumar Varun, Scientist 'F', Ministry of Science & Technology Bhawan
3. Sr. Prof. Banhi Jha, Dean (Academic), NIFT
4. Ms. Sameeta Rajora, Director, NIFT, Gandhinagar Centre
5. Mr. Jabber Singh, Director, NIFT, Jodhpur Centre
6. Ms. Nilima Rani Singh, Director, NIFT, Mumbai Centre
7. Dr. Kahnu Charan Samanta Ray, Director, NIFT, Bhubaneswar Centre
8. Mr. Rajeev Pant, Director, NIFT, Kannur Centre
9. Dr. S. Devadoss, Director, NIFT, Chennai Centre
10. Prof. Monika Gupta, Director, NIFT, Delhi Centre
11. Dr. A.K Khare, Director, NIFT, Rae Bareli Centre
12. Prof. Sanjay Srivastava, Director, NIFT, Patna Centre
13. Prof. Bibekananda Banerjee, Director, NIFT, Kolkata Centre
14. Prof. S.K Bala Siddhartha, Director, NIFT, Kangra Centre
15. Prof. Malini Divakala, Director, NIFT Hyderabad
16. Ms. A.S. Awasthi, Director (HO), NIFT(Special Invitee),
17. Prof. Suhail Anwar, Head (AA), NIFT (Special Invitee)
18. Ms. Bhavna K Verma, Registrar & Board Secretary, NIFT
19. Ms. Rajni Shah, Asst. Bd. Secy., NIFT

The following members were granted leave of absence:

1. Prof. Sudhir K. Jain, Professor & Head Department of Management Studies, Indian Institute of Technology, Delhi
2. Mr. Sunil Sethi, President, Fashion Design Council of India
3. Mr. Rajesh Pratap Singh, Designer
4. Ms. Kakarla Usha, Director, NIFT, Bangalore Centre
5. Ms. W.A.M Booth, Director, NIFT, Shillong Centre
6. Mr. M.P Nigam, Director, NIFT, Bhopal Centre

AGENDA ITEM NO. 1701

**Confirmation of minutes of 16th meeting of the Senate held on 13th February, 2012
at 3:00 p.m. at NIFT campus, New Delhi**

After noting that no comments or changes were proposed, Minutes of the 16th Meeting of the Senate were confirmed.

AGENDA ITEM NO.1702

Action taken report on 16th meeting of the senate held on 13th February, 2012

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

AGENDA ITEM NO.1703

Curriculum Strengthening- an update

Dean apprised the Senate that the 16th Senate meeting held on 13th February 2012, the Senate has directed that the measures taken to upgrade the curricula may be placed in each Senate meeting. Accordingly, a consolidated update on the same was placed before the Senate and a presentation on the same was made by Dean and CPs citing reasons for proposed changes in the curricula.

The Senate considered and approved the proposed changes in the curricula of all departments with the following observations:

- (i) All benchmark assignments shall be announced for all subjects of all departments at the beginning of the semester. This would enable the students to plan their time allocation accordingly.
- (ii) Nomenclature of the subject *Research Methods/ Research Methodology* would be standardized to 'Design Research' for all UG Design departments. This would be a non-CEB i.e. PB subject. The curriculum would also be common and will be formulated by a Core design faculty group.
- (iii) All Graduation Projects, whether industry- sponsored or self- sponsored will have the same components and evaluation weightage as per approved O.M.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 1704

New Degree Programme at NIFT Centers w.e.f. 2013

The Senate considered and approved the following new Degree programmes at NIFT centers w.e.f 2013:

i.	Patna Centre	:	B.F.Tech and TD
ii.	Mumbai	:	AD
iii.	Chennai	:	M. F.Tech. and FC
iv.	Shillong	:	MFM
v.	Kolkata	:	AD and FC
vi.	Gandhinagar	:	FC
vii.	Kannur	:	FD and FC
viii.	Jodhpur	:	AD and TD

It was also decided that M.F. Tech may have 25 seats in 3 existing courses in Delhi, Bengaluru and Gandhinagar and new course in Chennai thus making it a total of 100 seats, up from current 93 seats.

A concern was raised that with the opening of so many new courses, seats may remain vacant in few courses. However, it was felt that since it is a start of a new course the same is acceptable.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 1705

Taking note of the agenda relating to degrees and award conferred to the Graduating Students during the 18th Convocation approved by circulation

The Senate was informed that the Degrees were awarded to the Graduating batch of class 2012 during the 18th Convocation. Total of 1719 students were graduated from 14

NIFT Centres. The Senate took note of the agenda relating to degrees and award conferred to the graduating students during the 18th Convocation that Senate had approved by circulation.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 1706

Changes/modifications in the process of admission 2013

The agenda regarding changes/modification in the process of admission 2013, the Prospectus 2013, continuation of AIMA as the admission agency was considered and approved by the Senate as brought out in the agenda notes.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 1707

Standardization of credits for all UG & PG Programmes

Dean apprised the Senate that the curriculum of departments indicates variance in the total number of credits among UG programmes & among PG programmes respectively. As with international programmes, the credits of all UG programmes (Design) should be identical since they culminate in award of B. Des degrees. Similarly all PG programmes should also be standardized with equal credits for award of Master degrees. The equivalence of credits as brought out in the agenda note was approved by the Senate.

The Senate constituted a Committee under the Chairpersonship of Dean (A) and CPs as members for reviewing the curriculum in terms of credits and teaching hours. It was further decided that the Terms of Reference for review of department specialization in terms of Major and Minor/Other subjects will be formulated by a core faculty group under the chairpersonship of the C.V.O. Core subjects may be made compulsory for students of concerned departments and non-core subjects may be offered to students of other departments so that they may get an opportunity for interdisciplinary learning.

Since DG-NIFT has received representations from many students that at the admission stage they did not appreciate intricate differences among various specialization viz. FD, AD, TD, FC and LD etc., they could be given a choice to select specialization after one year **or** given a choice of selecting subjects from a list of courses. Members of Senate agreed that most of students after graduation work in areas which may not be related to specialization courses at NIFT. Therefore, DG suggested that an option of a Bachelor of Design programme (in addition to existing UG programmes with specializations) with large number of non-core subjects could be explored. However the issue would be deliberated again in the next Senate.

The Senate was also informed that as per existing policy, the review of curriculum would be undertaken after every 2 years i.e. July 2013.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 1708

Any other item with the permission of chair

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