

**MINUTES OF 19TH MEETING OF THE SENATE OF NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF
FASHION TECHNOLOGY HELD ON 27TH SEPTEMBER, 2013 AT 11:00 A.M
AT NIFT CAMPUS, NEW DELHI**

The following were present:

1. Mr. Arnidam Das, Director Delhi Centre for Mr. Prem Kumar Gera, IAS, Director General and Chairperson Senate NIFT
2. Ms. Pramila Sharan, Director (Admn.)/ Admissions (On CCL)
3. Prof. Dr. Vandana Bhandari, Dean (Academics)
4. Sr. Prof. Banhi Jha, NIFT
5. Prof. Suhail Anwar, Head (AA)-NIFT
6. Dr. Sanjeev Kumar, Director (NRC)
7. Mr. Arindam Das, Director, NIFT Delhi Centre
8. Mr. N. B. Vaishnav, Joint Director, NIFT Gandhinagar for Prof. Pavan Godiawala, Director, NIFT Gandhinagar Centre
9. Prof. Dr. Anitha Manohar, Director (Incharge), NIFT Chennai Centre
10. Prof. V. Sivalingam, Director, NIFT Bangalore Centre
11. Dr. A.K. Khare, 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. Ashish Debnath, Director (Incharge), NIFT Rae Bareli Centre
15. Prof. Sanjay Srivastava, Director, NIFT Patna Centre
16. Mr. Udai Singh Tolia, Director, NIFT Bhopal Centre
17. Prof. Bibekananda Banerjee, Director, NIFT Kolkata Centre
18. Mr. Rajeev Pant, Director, NIFT Kannur Centre
19. Prof. S.K Bala Siddhartha, Director, NIFT Kangra Centre
20. Ms. Aneeth Arora, Designer
21. Mr. V.P. Singh, CP-KD-NIFT
22. Prof. Monika Gupta, CP-FD-NIFT
23. Ms. Varsha Gupta, CP-PGDS - NIFT
24. Ms. Bharti Moitra, CP-FMS - NIFT
25. Ms. Vibhavari Kumar, CP-FC - NIFT
26. Ms. Shinju Mahajan, CP-LD - NIFT
27. Ms. Preetha Hussain, CP-F&LA - NIFT
28. Ms. Shubhangi B. Yadav, Link CP-TD for Ms. Savita S Rana, CP-TD – NIFT
29. Ms. Usha Narsimhan, COE-HO-NIFT

The following members were granted leave of absence:

1. Mr. Pradyumna Vyas, Director, National Institute of Design
2. Mr. Sunil Sethi, President, Fashion Design Council of India
3. Ms. W.A.M. Booth, Director Shillong Centre
4. Dr. N.J Rajaram, Director, NIFT Hyderabad Centre
5. Prof. Jomichan S.P, CP-FP – NIFT
6. Prof. Dr. Noopur Anand, CP-DFT – NIFT

AGENDA ITEM NO. 1901

Confirmation of minutes of 18th meeting of the Senate held on 2nd August, 2013 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.1902

Action taken report on 18th meeting of the Senate held on 2nd August, 2013

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

AGENDA ITEM NO.1903

Admission Process

Director (Admission) who was on CCL, briefed the Committee about the Admission Process, 2014, Admission Guidelines 2014 and changes carried out in Admission 2013. The Senate took note of the minutes of SIAC for Admission held on 13.09.2013. The Senate was informed that the Admission Process 2014 for the UG & PG Programme would begin from October, 2013 instead of November, 2013. The process of PBT and CBT was discussed alongwith the expenses incurred last year. Considering the overall facts, it was agreed that this year PBT and CBT will be conducted by M/s. AIMA and the applicants will have multiple option for taking the admission test. It was also informed that upper age limit for the candidates of Schedule Cast & Schedule Tribes categories has been relaxed by a period of 5 (five) years and a system to judge the suitability of "Differently Abled Candidates" (PHP) for the various courses offered by NIFT has also been introduced.

Admission Guidelines 2014 as brought out in the agenda notes were approved by the Senate with the following observations:

- (i) Para 5 under the heading Differently Abled Candidates (PHP) may be modified as follows: "NIFT may consider application from PHP students for providing external assistance during assessments & subsequently during the duration of course with the condition that the expenses for the same will be borne fully by the student/applicant. It is however recommended that the student/applicant arrange his/her own external assistant for this purpose as this will ensure a better fit for individual needs."
- (ii) The Situation Test of NIFT has become predictable. A Panel may be created for finalizing the questions of Situation Test. All Centre Directors were requested to send their suggestion on Situation Test in consultation with the CCs to enhance the utility of the test and bring objectivity in assessment of the creative ability of the candidate.

- (iii) It was discussed that to facilitate the aspiring candidates about the Programmes of NIFT, a voice recording system to impart detailed information to applicants may be introduced.
- (iv) The Senate noted that there are some Supreme Court Guidelines regarding refund of fee on pro- rata basis. It was suggested that NIFT Legal Counsel may be requested to provide the same to review the fee refund policy of NIFT.
- (v) Campus Directors deliberated that the NRI Seats of one Campus may not be shifted to another Campus. The Directors of New Campus deliberated that the New Campuses may also be offered NRI Seats and the 20% domiciles seats may be included in the class size of 30. Campus Director, Jodhpur stated that he will provide the new breakup of 30 seats with 20% domicile. They were explained that it would not be in the interest of New Campuses but they insisted on the issue with the objective to increase revenue of New Campuses on account of NRI fee.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 1904

Revision in Course Curriculum

Dean (A) apprised the Committee that in the last Senate meeting some changes were proposed in the UG & PG Programme. A Committee was constituted for analysing the revision of the proposed curriculum. The Committee constituted deliberated upon the issues and made recommendations as brought out in the agenda notes. Senate was also informed that NIFT Chapter 3 Clause 3.7 of NIFT Academic Manual states that the frequency of 'Complete Curriculum Review' shall be 4 years. The frequency of 'curriculum review for Corrective Action for Particular Subject' shall be every 2 years. In case of exigency, the frequency shall be requirement based.

Deliberation on the matter took place and the Senate approved the changes in the PG Programmes as brought out in the agenda notes and also approved the minor changes made in the UG programmes. The major changes in UG Programme would be made for curriculum in 2015. The foundation programme courses were tabled with changes.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 1905

Issuance of Diploma Certificate to Mr. Prabhat Kumar, a student of Accessory Design, Batch 2006.

Head (AA) apprised the Senate about the matter of issuance of Diploma Certificate to Mr. Prabhat Kumar, a student of Accessory Design, Batch 2006. The Senate considered and granted its ex-post facto approval for issuing Diploma Certificate to Mr. Prabhat Kumar who had successfully completed the Accessory Design course in 2006 from NIFT Gandhinagar.

ITEM NO. 1906

New Degree Programme at NIFT Centers w.e.f. 2014

Deliberations on the proposal to start new Degree programmes at NIFT Mumbai and Bhubaneswar Centre w.e.f. 2014 took place. The Senate was apprised that in its 16th meeting held on 13.02.2012, it was decided that in order to make the Centres financially

viable and for optimum utilization of infrastructure and other resources, instead of increasing the number of regular degree programmes, NIFT should initiate new diploma programmes which would cater to local demand and requirement of Centres and same was approved by the Board in its 16th meeting held on 24.02.2012.

In view of the above, the Senate decided that instead of starting new Degree programmes, Diploma Programmes may be started at all NIFT Centres as these have already been approved by the Board. In addition Directors may propose additional Diplomas programmes keeping in view the local demand.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 1907

Proposal for revision in Faculty Competency Descriptions in relevant areas of educational qualifications in the Recruitment Rules.

Discussion at length took place on the proposal of amendment in Faculty Competency Description in relevant areas of Education Qualification in the Recruitment Rules of Professor, Associate Professor and Assistant Professor as prescribed in the Establishment Manual. It was felt mapping need more deliberations at the CP level. It was therefore directed that CPs may be asked to reconfirm the requirement of the department in consultation with the Centre Director and send it to the Head Office for placing the same before the Standing Committee of the Board on Establishment matters.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 1908

Any other item with the permission of chair

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