

**MINUTES OF 22<sup>ND</sup> MEETING OF THE SENATE OF NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF  
FASHION TECHNOLOGY HELD ON 26<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST, 2014 (TUESDAY) 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. Dr. Bhoop Singh, Scientist "G" Ministry of Science & Technology
3. Ms. Pramila Sharan, Director Admission, NIFT
4. Prof. Dr. Vandana Bhandari, Dean (A), NIFT
5. Sr. Prof. Banhi Jha, NIFT
6. Prof. Dr. Sibichan K. Mathew, Head-AA, NIFT
7. Dr. Sanjeev Kumar, Director, NRC, NIFT
8. Prof. Dr. Vandana Narang, Director, NIFT Delhi Campus
9. Mr. Arindam Das, Director, NIFT Gandhinagar Campus
10. Prof. Dr. Anitha Mabel Manohar, Director (I/C), NIFT Chennai Campus
11. Prof. V. Sivalingam, Director, NIFT Bengaluru Campus
12. Prof. Dr. A.K Khare, Director, NIFT Jodhpur Campus
13. Ms. Nilima Rani Singh, Director, NIFT Mumbai Campus
14. Dr. K.C. Samanta Ray, Director, NIFT Bhubaneswar Campus
15. Dr. Bharat Shah, Director, NIFT Rae Bareli Campus
16. Prof. Sanjay Srivastava, Director, NIFT Patna Campus
17. Mr. Udai Singh Tolia, Director, NIFT Bhopal Campus
18. Prof. B. Banerjee, Director, NIFT Kolkata/Shillong Campus
19. Mr. Rajeev Pant, Director, NIFT Kannur Campus
20. Dr. N.J Rajaram, Director, NIFT Hyderabad Campus
21. Prof. S.K Bala Siddhartha, Director, NIFT Kangra Campus
22. Prof. Dr. Noopur Anand, CP-DFT, NIFT
23. Prof. Monika Gupta, CP-FD, NIFT
24. Dr. G.H.S Prasad, CP-FMS, NIFT
25. Ms. Sushama Saitwal, CP-FC, NIFT
26. Mr. Rahul Sethi, CP-LD, NIFT
27. Mr. Chiranjeevi Reddy, CP-F&LA, NIFT
28. Prof. Dr. Sudha Dhingra, CP-TD, NIFT
29. Prof. Jomichan S.P, CP-FP, NIFT
30. Ms. Usha Narsimhan, COE-HO, NIFT

The following were also present:

- (i) Prof. M.K Gandhi, Head-IT
- (ii) Mr. Sivasakthi.E, Head-FOTD
- (iii) Ms. Neenu Teckchandani, Registrar & Board Secretary
- (iii) Ms. Rajni Shah, Asst. Bd. Secy. & Legal Officer

The following members were granted leave of absence:

1. Mr. Sunil Sethi, President, Fashion Design Council of India
2. Mr. Pradyumna Vyas, Director, National Institute of Fashion Technology Institute of Design
3. Ms. Aneeth Arora, Designer
4. Mr. V.P Singh, CP-KD, NIFT
5. Ms. Rupa Aggarwal, CP-M Des, NIFT

### **AGENDA ITEM NO. 2201**

#### **Confirmation of Minutes of 21<sup>st</sup> Meeting of the Senate held on 20<sup>th</sup> May, 2014 at 10:30 A.M. at NIFT Campus, New Delhi**

After noting that no comments or changes were proposed, Minutes of the 21<sup>st</sup> Meeting of the Senate were confirmed.

### **AGENDA ITEM NO. 2202**

#### **Action Taken Report on 21<sup>st</sup> Meeting of the Senate held on 20<sup>th</sup> May, 2014**

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

### **AGENDA ITEM NO. 2203**

#### **To Cancel Degree Certificates with respect to the students who could not clear their last semester in 2014 and an ex-post facto approval of issuing Degree Certificates to 4 students**

Head (AA) informed the Senate that Degree Certificates were prepared in advance for all the students who were pursuing their eight semester across NIFT campuses. The Degree certificates of the 14 students, who had been declared failed, were returned subsequently to Head (AA) for cancellation. He further informed that in 2014, total 1970 Degree certificates were prepared with the approval of Senate. However due to oversight at Campuses, approval of four students could not be obtained. Their Degree certificates were prepared subsequent to the approval of Senate. The Senate considered the proposal and approval given earlier for issuing Degree Certificate to 14 students was withdrawn as they had failed. The Senate also granted its ex-post facto approval for issuing Degree Certificates to 4 students.

### **AGENDA ITEM NO. 2004**

#### **Proposal for NIFT Placement Guidelines**

The Senate was informed that in the existing Academic Manual, NIFT Placement Guidelines had not been provided. Therefore a need was felt for the NIFT Placement guidelines. Accordingly, NIFT Placement Guidelines were prepared and circulated to all Campus Directors for their views and comments. The comments received from all Campus Directors had been incorporated in the guidelines.

DG enquired as to whether the provision had been made in the NIFT Placement Guidelines to involve students in the Placement Activity. It was informed by the Head AA (Former Head Industry) that same had been included in the NIFT Placement Guidelines and there were provisions to compensate, the students who would be involved in the Placement activity through the Students' Assistanceship Programme (SAP). It was also informed that there were provisions to levy a nominal fee as handling charges from the Industry for participating in the NIFT Campus Placement, if need be. In view of the foregoing, the Senate considered and approved the NIFT Placement Guidelines.

## **AGENDA ITEM NO. 2205**

### **Extension of the period of offer of Bridge Programme**

Head (FoTD) apprised the Senate that in order to give opportunity to the NIFT alumni to upgrade their diploma to degrees, Bridge Programme was introduced in the year 2009 and were offered only for a period of 5 years i.e. from 2009 to 2014. He also informed that requests were being received from alumni who were settled abroad and also who had missed out on the opportunity to convert their diplomas to degrees. It was therefore proposed to extend the period of offer of Bridge Programme to 2 (two) more years i. e, 2014 – 2016. The programme could be offered in whichever campuses, where there were 10 or more students per batch.

Dr. Bhoop Singh, Member of the Senate suggested that impact assessment study may be done in this regard either through in house faculty or an outside expert. The Senate considered and approved the extension of period of offer of Bridge Programme by 2 (two) more years i.e. 2014-16 with a direction that Bridge Programme could be given wide publicity in order to attract more alumni.

## **AGENDA ITEM NO. 2206**

### **Change of nomenclature from “UG Diploma to Diploma” and the “Eligibility Criteria”, for the Diploma Programme at NIFT**

Former Head (CE) informed the Senate that the CE Policy had been prepared in which NIFT’s Diploma programmes were classified as either UG Diploma (or) PG Diploma. She informed that none of the Universities (or) Institutions in India / Abroad offer diploma programmes as “UG Diploma” but were offered only as either “Diploma” (or) “Professional Diploma” courses when the duration of the course was one year and above.

Accordingly, it was proposed to change the nomenclature from “UG Diploma to Diploma” and to change the eligibility for Diploma programme from “10+2 with minimum of 2 years work experience” to “10+2 in any discipline”. Candidates with minimum of 2 years of work experience would be preferred” It was also proposed to remove the eligibility “10 + Diploma” for the PG Diploma course, as it could not be considered as equivalent to a degree. Eligibility for PG Diploma Programme could be considered as “Any Graduate Degree”. Candidates with minimum two years Work experience preferred.

The Senate considered the same and approved the changes as brought out in the agenda notes.

## **AGENDA ITEM NO. 2207**

### **To award PhD Degree to Prof. Vandana Narang- approved by circulation –reg.**

The Senate took note of the agenda relating to awarding PhD Degree to Prof. Vandana Narang which was approved by the Senate by circulation.

## **AGENDA ITEM NO. 2208**

### **Proposal for deputing the faculty to Foundation Programme for effective course deliverance and monitoring of first year students**

CP-FP briefed the Senate that in the Year 2003, FP was started as FP Deptt. The department was quashed but it remained a programme. Due to various reasons its administrative structure was changed. He further informed that in other departments CC and 5-6 faculty members monitor the academic and extra curricular activities of 90-100 students in a full-fledged Campus, the Foundation Programme has 200-220 students who are handled by one CC, Co- CC and Batch Incharge. This lead to a major lapse in academic mentoring and monitoring in the first year itself where the students need the maximum attention in their academic and extra curricular activities. He emphasized that at that stage, it was important that the senior experienced faculty should take the classes in the first year so that the students could get benefit of their rich experience.

Discussion took place at great length on the proposal for deputing the faculty to Foundation Programme. The Senate desired to know as to what percentage of what level of faculty was being used for FP Programme. How could more faculty be deputed in the FP? The most effective way for managing the foundation year was the focus of the discussion. It was decided that a Committee consisting of following may provide their report on the above proposal in the next meeting of the Senate:

- (i) Director Gandhinagar, Chairman of the Committee
- (ii) Director Jodhpur, Member
- (iii) Director Hyderabad, Member
- (iv) CP-FD, Member
- (v) CP- FP, Member Secretary

## **AGENDA ITEM NO. 2209**

### **Issuance of Degree Certificate to Ms. Simple Bamrah upon completion of Textile Design Programme from NIFT Bhopal**

Head (AA) apprised the Senate that Ms. Simple Bamrah was a student of Textile Design Programme, NIFT New Delhi of Batch: 2007-11. After completion of sixth semester in 2010, she did not join 7<sup>th</sup> semester of the course due to extreme extenuating circumstances. She had requested for Leave of Absence for a period of two years from July 2010 to June 2012. It was further informed that Ms. Simple Bamrah could not be awarded Degree in June 2013 as she had completed her remaining six weeks of internship after the Convocation. Due to specific circumstances of the case, Ms. Simple Bamrah completed her TD programme after the stipulated period of study at NIFT.

The Senate considered and approved the proposal of issuance of Degree to Ms. Simple Bamrah.

## **AGENDA ITEM NO. 2210**

### **Proposal for opening B.Des in Fashion Communication Programme at NIFT Rae Bareli from Academic Year 2015-16**

Keeping in view the fact that the NIFT Admission Prospectus was to be printed, the Senate considered and granted its in-principle approval to the proposal for opening

B.Des. in Fashion Communication Programme at NIFT Rae Bareli from Academic Year 2015-16.

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 2211**

**Proposal for Starting Second Batch of Courses for FD, KD, TD, FC and MFM at NIFT Mumbai**

Discussion at great length took place on the proposal for starting Second batch of courses for FD, KD, TD, FC and MFM at NIFT Mumbai. The members present were of the view that if second batch of these courses would be offered at NIFT then the survival of the newer NIFT Campuses may become difficult. It was therefore advised that instead of starting second batch of existing courses, new programme could be offered in Mumbai Campus. Senate constituted a Committee consisting of the following members to look into the matter and suggest concrete set of new programmes and an agenda in this regard may be put up before the next meeting:

- (i) Dean (A)- Chairperson
- (ii) Director Bengaluru- Member
- (iii) Director Kangra- Member
- (iv) Director Mumbai- Member
- (v) CP- M.Des
- (vi) CP- TD
- (vii) CP-FC

Joint Director Mumbai will be the Secretary of the Committee.

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 2212**

**Introduction of Flexi-credit system at NIFT**

Director Jodhpur informed the Senate that present system of Department based Credit system did not allow flexibility. He proposed that Credit System could be shifted from a department-based approach to a choice-based approach.

He further informed that “Flexi credit system” was followed by a number of Universities and Institutes abroad. This concept was also being followed in India now. This system helps a student to design his own degree, with a major and a minor, according to their personal potential and interests.

Deliberations took place on the proposal and it was decided that a Committee consisting of following members could look into the matter of introduction of Flexi credit system and present agenda in this regard in the next meeting of the Senate:

- (i) Dean (A)- Chairperson
- (ii) Director Bengaluru- Member
- (iii) Director Jodhpur- Member
- (iv) Director Mumbai- Member
- (v) CP- FMS
- (vi) CP-FD

Joint Director Jodhpur will be Secretary of the Committee.

### **AGENDA ITEM NO. 2213**

#### **Award of Degree to Mr. Mohit Vijay, student of Master of Design, Batch 2013-14**

The Senate was informed that Mr. Mohit Vijay, a Bridge Programme student, batch 2013-14, who holds a Post Graduate Diploma in Leather Apparel Design & Technology batch 1999-2001 from NIFT New Delhi Campus had successfully completed his Bridge Programme in the year 2014 and was eligible to get Master of Design Degree. The Degree could be issued on current date.

The Senate considered and approved the award of Degree to Mr. Mohit Vijay, student of Master of Design Batch 2013-14.

### **AGENDA ITEM NO. 2214**

#### **Proposal for offering B.Des., B.Ftech. and M.FM at NIFT Mohali Campus from 2015 onwards**

Dean (A) apprised the senate that process of taking over of NIIFT, Mohali with NIFT was under process. Since Prospectus of NIFT was to be printed, a proposal for offering B.Des., B.F Tech. and MFM programmes at NIFT Mohali from year 2015 and along-with the regular programmes, C.E. and Diploma/ Certificate Programmes at Ludhiana and Jalandhar campuses of NIIFT Mohali, which NIFT may takeover in the next academic session, could be considered.

The Senate considered and granted its in principle approval to the proposal for offering B.Des., B.F Tech. and MFM programmes at NIFT Mohali from year 2015 onwards as brought out in the agenda notes with an observation to explore possibility of offering Special Bridge Programmes to Diploma holders of NIIFT, Mohali Campus and also pass outs of NIFT FDIT/ FIT programme, who were Currently ineligible to get enrolled in the NIFT Bridge Programme Senate advised that the matter could be taken in next meeting. The Senate was informed that its recommendation would be placed before the Board of Governors along with the proposal for granting a final approval for taking over of NIIFT with NIFT.

### **AGENDA ITEM NO. 2215**

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

#### **(A) Framework of Course Curriculum for implementation from July 2015 for UG and PG**

Dean (A) apprised the Senate that as per NIFT Academic Manual, the procedure for restructuring/reviewing and the time frame for complete course curriculum was 4 years and for corrective action (for a particular subject) was 2 years. In case of exigency, it was requirement based. The Senate was also informed that a meeting with CPs and Senior faculty members where 2 BoG members were also present was held for reviewing the curriculum. Accordingly, framework of curriculum of UG and PG Programme had been planned and placed for approval.

Detailed discussion took place on the framework of Course Curriculum and the proposal (a), (b) and (c) as mentioned below were approved:

- (i) Reduction in direct teaching hours from 30-36 hours to 24 hours per week (core subjects 20 hours per week and electives 4 hours per week).
- (ii) Offering more subject options as electives for students from across departments as brought out in the agenda notes.
- (iii) Standardization of number of credits across all streams.

Regarding proposal (d) for studying the course options in the admission forms, a Committee consisting of following was constituted with a directions that the report in this regard may be placed before the next Senate meeting:

- (a) Dean (A)
- (b) Head (Industry)
- (c) Head (AA)

**(B) Proposal for opening Master of Fashion Management Programme at NIFT Raebareli from AY 2015-16**

Keeping in view the fact that the NIFT Admission Prospectus was to be printed, the Senate considered and granted its in-principle approval to the proposal for opening MFM Programme at NIFT Rae Bareli from Academic Year 2015-16.

- (C)** The Senate requested Dean (A) to provide a report on open book exam in co-ordination with the CPs to be placed before the next Senate.

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