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(DEEMED UNIVERSITY)
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MINUTES OF THE THIRD GOVERNING COUNCIL MEETING
OF DEFENCE INSTITUTE OF ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY
(DEEMED UNIVERSITY)
HELD AT DIAT DU ON 01 APRIL 2006

1. The Third Governing Council Meeting of DIAT (Formerly IAT) Deemed University was held at DIAT, Pune on 01 Apr 06 at 1130 hrs. The following Members were present :-

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| (a) | Shri M Natarajan SA to RM | - | Chairman |
| (b) | Lt Gen RN Kapur, PVSM, AVSM and BAR - DCIDS (DOT), HQ IDS | - | Member |
| (c) | Dr W Selvamurthy CCR&D (HR & LS), DRDO HQ | - | Member |
| (d) | Vice Admiral Nirmal Verma, AVSM COP, Naval HQ | - | Member |
| (e) | Air Marshal YR Rane, AVSM, VM AOP, Air HQ | - | Member |
| (f) | Shri PK Jena Addl FA(S) & JS, DRDO HQ | - | Member |
| (g) | Maj Gen JS Ghuman ADG AE, Col Cmdt AEC, Army HQ Rep COAS, Army HQ | - | Member |
| (h) | Lt Gen (Dr) VJ Sundaram, AVSM, VSM (Retd) - Advisor (Micro & Nanosystems) | - | Member |
| (j) | Dr Haridwar Singh Emeritus Scientist | - | Member |
| (k) | Prof K Gunasekaran Jt Secy UGC Rep UGC | - | Member |
| (l) | Prof P Ramachandra Rao Vice Chancellor, DIAT | - | Member Secretary |

2. Regret letter/message was received from Prof Damodar Acharya, Chairman, AICTE.

The following attended the meeting as Invitees :-

- (a) Maj Gen VK Passi, VSM
Pro Vice Chancellor & Dean (MT), DIAT
- (b) Prof (Dr) MS Loknath, Sc-G
Dean (Academics), DIAT
- (c) Prof MD Kulkarni, Sc-G
Registrar, DIAT
- (d) Dr SM Veerabhadrappe
Director HRD, DRDO HQ
- (e) Shri YN Thakare
FO, DIAT
- (f) Prof SB Phadke, Sc-F
DIAT
- (g) Col Abhi Chatterjee
Chief of Adm, DIAT
- (h) Brig YN Sharma
DACIDS, HQ IDS
- (j) Capt KE Mathew, IN
DNT, Naval HQ
- (k) Shri SN Singh
Addl Dir (Pers)
- (l) Ms Anita Sehgal
Addl Dir HRD, DRDO HQ
- (m) Ms T Chandrabhanu
Addl Dir DHRD, DRDO HQ

The Vice Chancellor welcomed all the members and requested Shri M tarajan, SA to RM to chair the meeting. The Chairman welcomed all the mbers to the Third Governing Council Meeting of the DIAT and initiated the ceedings.

enda Point 1 : Confirmation of Minutes of Special Governing Council Meeting
l Second Governing Council Meeting held on 03 Sep 05

The Vice Chancellor gave the presentation on action taken points during meeting. The same is placed as Appendix 'A' to these Minutes.

6. Resolution. After discussion, it was resolved that Minutes of the Special Governing Council & Second Governing Council Meeting held on 03 Sep 05 may be considered as passed.

Agenda Point 2 : Approval of Statutes, Rules and Regulations of DIAT DU

4. The Vice Chancellor informed the Council that the draft copies of statutes, rules and regulations were tabled on 03 Sep 05. The Financial regulations, budget proposal, accounting and audit rules, etc. were circulated later towards the end of February. The Council Members had then intimated that some time would be required to peruse the same and offer their comments. Another set of revised rules and regulations, statutes, financial regulations, budget proposal, accounting and audit rules, etc. were once again sent to all the members vide DIAT DU letter No.009/Dir/GCM dated 22 Feb 06. Several responses were received. With permission from the Chair, the Vice Chancellor requested Prof SB Phadke, Sc-F to present to the Council a summary of the responses along with remarks. There was a considerable discussion on the following aspects after which decisions were reached as recorded below :-

(a) Pay Scales for the Professors

It was resolved that as suggested in the Rules and Regulations, the Pay Scale of Rs. 16,400-450-20900-500-22400 for the Professors, be adopted.

(b) QR for Asst. Professors

It was resolved that three years be prescribed as experience for the Assistant Professor's position.

(c) Additional Allowances for Residential Telephones

Resolved that the Telephone Allowances for the residential telephones be as per the Govt of India rules.

(d) Recruitment of Teaching Faculty to DIAT, DU

Resolved that the Recruitment Assessment Centre (RAC), New Delhi be requested to undertake the responsibilities of recruiting faculty for DIAT. DIAT is advised to interact with Chairman, RAC on this issue and finalize the procedure.

(e) Quorum for the Governing Council Meeting

Quorum for the meeting will be 50%.

(f) Increase in Representatives for the Service Officers in the Faculty

Lt Gen RN Kapur stated that the 25% of the 120 Faculty positions (60 Core + 30 on Deputation + 30 Service Officers) are reserved for Service Officers and desired that this compliment be increased. CCR&D (HR & LS) in response stated that both the vacant positions in the core faculty and the deputation category are also open for Service Officers to apply/considered for.

Resolved that the QRs for both the Core Faculty and on Deputation Category be sent to all the Service HQs & HQ IDS well in time.

(g) Disciplinary Action in case of Service Officers

As regards disciplinary aspects concerning the Service personnel at DIAT, the concerned Service HQ shall be informed about such cases after due inquiry.

(h) Chairmanship for the Governing Council Meeting in the absence of SA to RM

It was resolved that SA to RM will nominate the Chairman for the Governing Council Meeting in case he is not able to attend due to any last minute unforeseen circumstances.

(i) Fixation of Pay of New Incumbent.

There was elaborate discussion on the number of increments that can be granted by the Vice Chancellor to a new incumbent on the recommendations of Selection Committee. Dr K Gunasekaran, Jt Secy., UGC pointed out that in the present university system the Vice Chancellor can grant upto 05 increments on the recommendations of the Selection Committee.

Resolved that the suggestion of the Rep of UGC be adopted and incorporated in the rules.

(j) Delegation of Powers to Vice Chancellor, DIAT

It was realized that at present the Vice Chancellor, DIAT is vested with powers delegated to him as Director IAT by SA to RM.

Resolved that a fresh proposal for vesting all the necessary powers as Vice Chancellor itself be forwarded to DRDO HQ for approval.

Finally, it was resolved that the rules and regulations, statutes, financial regulations, budget proposal, accounting and audit rules, etc are recommended to be sent to DRDO HQ by 30 Apr 06 for obtaining Govt approval.

Agenda Point 3 : Approval of Financial Regulations

5. Respected Members of Governing Council appreciated the work done in preparation of Financial Regulations of DIAT. They further opined that the issue relating to financial powers of the Vice Chancellor and their delegation needed to be decided carefully. Mr PK Jena, Additional Financial Adviser pointed out that in the new DU set-up the powers of the VC would have to be approved by the Government. Respected Members passed the following resolution.

Resolved that the Financial Regulations of DIAT are hereby approved subject to their approval by the Government. Further resolved that the Financial Powers to be granted by the Government shall form the schedule of Financial Powers (Annexure 2) of the Financial Regulations of DIAT.

Agenda Point 4 : Approval of Accounting Structure and Audit Arrangements for DIAT DU.

6. Respected Members of Governing Council, after being apprised by the Vice Chancellor that the Accounting structure for a DU set-up has been prepared to conform to the format of accounts prescribed by the Ministry of Finance for Central Autonomous Bodies and adopted the Format by passing the following resolution.

Resolved that the accounting structure for DIAT be and is hereby adopted.

7. Vice Chancellor further drew attention of the Members to the requirement of getting DIAT accounts audited by an external auditor. He then requested the Members to consider appointment of IPAI under the patronage of CAG for a period of three years. IPAI has been conducting assignments for Government departments and bodies such as Ministry of HRD, Delhi Development Authority, Indira Gandhi National Open University, School of Open Learning (Delhi University), Unicef, World Bank etc. After deliberation, members passed the following resolution:-

Resolved that the willingness to undertake external audit of DIAT for a period of 3 years be ascertained from the Institute of Public Auditors of India.

Agenda Point 5 : Approval of Budget for Financial Year 2006-07

8. The first budget of DIAT for FY 2006-07 was presented in the meeting. The budget estimated expenditure of Rs. 29.72 crore for FY 2006-07 as against Rs. 16.30 crore for FY 2005-06. Though this increase is to the tune of 82% over the previous year, it was brought to the notice of respected members that on a comparable basis, the increase works out to 39% after excluding estimated expenditure on leave salary and pension contribution, FOL and Networking project.

9. The Vice Chancellor apprised the respected members of the need to augment and modernize the infrastructure of DIAT. The Chairman assured complete financial support from DRDO. After deliberations, the members passed the following resolution:-

Resolved that the budget of DIAT for FY 2006-07 amounting to Rs. 29.72 crore be and is hereby passed. Further resolved that the said estimated expenditure be financed out of DIAT's income and grants-in-aid from DRDO and other sources.

Agenda Point 6 : Minutes of Academic Council Meeting held on 26 Dec 05.

10. The minutes were circulated to the members well in advance. The following aspects were pointed out by Dr K Gunasekaran, Jt Secy, UGC :-

- (a) Duration of Technical Staff Officers Course (TSOC) and its eligibility for MSc Degree :- The Vice Chancellor, DIAT pointed out that Madras University has already been permitted to award MSc Degree to a similar course at DSSC Wellington (Tamil Nadu). A similar pattern will be followed by DIAT. However, he also informed the Council that all the officers coming to TSOC Course at DIAT already hold a Post Graduate Degree/eqvt qualification.
- (b) Examination System :- Dr K Gunasekaran, Jt Secy., UGC, stated that the 100% internal evaluation is not desirable. The Vice Chancellor responded that a provision has already been made to appoint External Examiners at random for certain fraction of papers. It was suggested that a fair number of such external examiners be appointed.
- (c) Ph.D Ordinances :- A two level monitoring of the research by a registered candidate be followed instead of the suggested three level monitoring. The suggestion was accepted.
- (d) Examiners from Foreign Country: - It was opined that the appointment of an examiner from a foreign country should not be made mandatory. The Vice Chancellor informed that DIAT is offering the possibility of submission of sensitive information also, as a part of the PhD thesis. In all such cases the examiners from within the DRDO system will be appointed after taking due care of the sensitivity of the material in the thesis.
- (e) Affiliation of other Institutions to DIAT :- Dr K Gunasekaran, Jt Secy UGC clarified that Deemed University can have affiliated institutions. He suggested that a note be sent to MHRD from MOD seeking such facilitations.

Resolved that action be taken as recommended.

Agenda Point 7 : Approval of Scheme of 'Visiting Professors'

11. The Vice Chancellor stressed the importance of having sufficient number of visiting professors in order to attract eminent professors to DIAT with a view to improve its visibility and expanding of the research activities. He also stressed the need to provide sufficiently attractive remunerations for such visiting professors.

Resolved that post of 10 (ten) visiting professorship be created with an honorarium of Rs. 20,000/- per month as recently approved by MOD for DRDO Emeritus Scientists' positions.

✓ Agenda Point 8 : Approval of payment of Scholarships to the non-sponsored students of PG courses at DIAT

12. The Vice Chancellor, DIAT stated that for the three courses i.e. Lasers & Electro-Optics, Modelling & Simulation and Gas Turbine Technology Course, which are open to the general public, there is a need to institute scholarships for GATE qualified students on the line similar to AICTE.

13. It was resolved that five scholarship for each of these courses be started and the expenditure be made from the normal budget of DIAT. It was also resolved that provision may be extended to the existing GATE qualified students undergoing all these courses.

Agenda Point 9 : Declaring DIAT as 'Vacational Institute'

14. The Vice Chancellor, DIAT stated that the educational institutes are generally vocational institutes. Lt. Gen Kapur supported the point saying that such provision is required for administrative reasons as well.

Resolved that DIAT may incorporate the provisions to convert itself into a vocational institute. However, since it is a new Deemed University, at least for the next 05 years the conversion into Vocational Institute may be deferred as opined by Jt Secy (UGC).

Agenda Point 10 : Any other points with permission of Chairman

15. At this point, Chairman asked the members to raise any other points that needed discussions :-

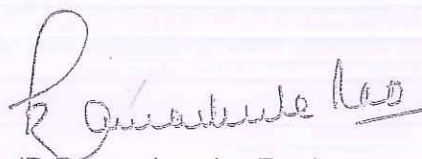
- (a) Sports Activity at DIAT :- Lt Gen Kapur emphasized the need to enhance sports facilities and activities at DIAT DU. The point was appreciated by all.
- (b) Visit to similar Institutes abroad :- Addl. FA expressed that the faculty of DIAT should plan visits to similar institutes abroad and study their functioning for overall betterment of the Institute.
- (c) Preparation of Road Map :- The Jt. Secy UGC stated that the DIAT should prepare a road map for the next five years and identify the thrust areas.
- (d) Modelling of Sensors & Bio-mimetics :- Lt. Gen Sundaram stated that Modelling of Sensors and Bio-mimetics are some of the areas where DIAT can take up activities.

- (e) Presentation to Chiefs of Staff :- Lt. Gen Kapur suggested that SA to RM and Vice Chancellor, DIAT should give a presentation about the DIAT activities to Chiefs of Staff Committee and other senior Service Officers with a view to increase the visibility of DIAT.
- (f) SA to RM emphasized the need of networking with other institutes and for taking up of research in the areas as specified by Lt. Gen Sundaram. He also stressed on the need for objective assessment of the requirements of Armed forces, modeling of warfare, more innovative exam systems, and emphasis on problem solving techniques.
- (g) Use of CARS for DIAT. SA to RM stated that since DIAT has now become a Deemed University on par with any other University/IITs, DIAT can undertake the projects from other DRDO Labs under the CARS scheme.
- (h) The Chairman informed the members that the Lt Gen Kapur will be superannuating on 31 Jul 06 and this, may, perhaps be the last GC meeting he will be attending as a member. He placed on record his appreciation for the significant contribution made by Lt Gen Kapur as a Member of the Governing Council of DIAT. Lt Gen Kapur in turn thanked all the members of the Governing Council of DIAT.

16. Pro-Vice Chancellor, Maj Gen Passi, VSM, presented the proposed internal structure of the DIAT.

17. There being no other points, the Chairman once again thanked all the members and declared the Meeting closed at 1500 hrs on 01 Apr 06.

18. The minutes are issued with the approval of the Chairman.



(P Ramachandra Rao)
Vice Chancellor &
Member Secretary,
Governing Council, DIAT