



**MINUTES OF THE FIFTEENTH MEETING OF THE BOARD OF MANAGEMENT
HELD ON 26 DECEMBER 2013 AT 11:00 HRS AT THE CONFERENCE ROOM**

The fifteenth meeting of the Board of Management was held on 26 December 2013 at 11:00 hrs at the Conference Room.

PRESENT:

The following were present:

Dr R K Pachauri	Chairman
Dr Leena Srivastava	
Dr Rajiv Seth	
Air Mshl KK Nohwar (Retd.)	
Mr T N Thakur	
Mr Shri Prakash	
Dr Arabinda Mishra	
Dr Prateek Sharma	
Mr S Sundar	
Dr Manipadma Datta	
Dr P K Joshi	

Mr Tulsi Tanti, Prof Parthasarathi Shome, Dr Yasmine Hilton, Mr Viren Shetty and Mr Prashant Bangur were unable to attend the meeting. Mr Mahesh Vipradas attended the meeting on behalf of Mr Tulsi Tanti.

The meeting commenced with a presentation on the TERI University by the Vice Chancellor.

Item No. 1 To confirm the minutes of the fourteenth meeting of the Board of Management held on 07 December 2012.

The minutes of the fourteenth meeting of the Board of Management held on 07 December 2012 were confirmed, as circulated.

Item No. 2 Matters for information and Discussions.

- (i) The Board was informed about the status of the MSc, MBA, MA, MTech and the doctoral programmes at the TERI University.
- (ii) The Board was informed that the TERI University was accredited with an 'A' grade by the National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC), in Feb 2013.
- (iii) The Board was informed about the MoUs signed with Indira Foundation, North Carolina State University, Technical University of Denmark, Reims University, Queensland University of Technology and International University of Kyrgyzstan.

The Chairman stressed on the need to increase the focus on trying to increase the number of international students at the TERI University. He mentioned that the MEA might support some fellowships, named after Nelson Mandela, for students from Africa.

It was also suggested that we take a structured feedback from graduates of the MA(PP&SD) programme, since they would be in important positions now.

The Chairman mentioned that the University will be setting up campuses at other locations, and that we could plan for specific roles for each centre with a focus on challenges of the future.

It was suggested that the University runs focussed short programmes for government officials in various Departments.

Item No. 3 Action taken on previous points.

Actions taken on points suggested by the Board in the previous meeting were discussed in keeping with Agenda notes presented at the meeting.

Item No. 4 Chairs/Scholarships

The Board was informed that an in-principle approval has been given by the Deutsche Bank, to set up an academic chair on Sustainability and Finance, at the TERI University.

The Chairman suggested that a high profile person be nominated to this Chair.

Item No. 5 To report the decisions taken by the Chancellor on behalf of the Board of Management.

- (a) The Board approved the appointment of Dr Julien Francois Gerber as an Assistant Professor at the TERI University.
- (b) The Board approved re-designations of the following faculty members:
 - Dr Arabinda Mishra – Associate Professor to Professor
 - Dr Arun Kansal – Associate Professor to Professor
 - Dr Anandita Singh – Assistant Professor to Associate Professor
- (c) The Board approved the appointment of Dr Suresh Jain (Associate Professor) as Controller of Examination at the University.
- (d) The Board approved the inclusion of Prof J K Garg, Prof Arun K Attri, Prof Uma Shankar Venkatesh, Prof Vinod Kalia, Prof Ajay Pandita, Prof Surender Kumar in the panel of outside experts for selection committees for faculty members.

Item No. 6 Convocation.

The sixth convocation of the TERI University is planned to be held on 05 February 2014. Honorary doctorates are proposed to be awarded to a few distinguished personalities.

The Board discussed and approved the awards.

It was suggested that the MEA be informed about foreign awardees.

Item No. 7 Faculty Code of Conduct.

The Board discussed and approved the 'Code of Conduct' for faculty members at the TERI University.

A few suggestions, including having the provision of a separate section on General Conduct, were given, which will be incorporated in the Code.

Item No. 8 Creation of a Department of Water Resources.

The Board discussed and approved the setting up of a Department of Water Resources Management at the TERI University, under the Faculty of Applied Sciences. The Board also approved the creation of six faculty positions in the Department.

It was brought out that the setting up of the Department is likely to be funded by Coca Cola India. The Board discussed and approved the naming of the Department as the Coca Cola Department of Water Resources Management, for the period that Coca Cola funds the Department. The Board also approved, after some discussion, the inclusion of an appropriate person from Coca Cola on the Board of Management.

Item No. 9 To approve the audited accounts of the financial year 2011-2012.

The Board discussed and approved the audited accounts of the financial year 2011-12.

Item No. 10 To approve the audited accounts of the financial year 2012-13.

The Board discussed and approved the audited accounts of the financial year 2012-13.

Item No. 11 To consider and approve the financial estimates for the financial year 2013-14.

The Board discussed and approved the financial estimates for the financial year 2013-14.

It was noted that the growth, both in income and expenditure has flattened out in the last three years. A need to sustain growth must be kept in mind, both at the existing campus, and through new campuses.

It was brought out that the fee structure of the MTech programmes be reviewed.

Also, there is a need to increase short programmes, MDPs and funded research.

Item No. 12 Any other item with the permission of the Chair.

There being no other points, the meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair.