



**MINUTES OF THE SIXTEENTH MEETING OF THE BOARD OF MANAGEMENT
HELD ON 07 JULY 2014 AT 11:00 HRS AT THE CONFERENCE ROOM**

The sixteenth meeting of the Board of Management was held on 07 July 2014 at 11:00 hrs at the Conference Room.

PRESENT:

The following were present:

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

Mr Tulsi Tanti, Mr Prashant Bangur and Mr Viren Shetty were unable to attend the meeting.

The meeting commenced with a welcome by the Chairman to the newly appointed member Mr Venkatesh Kini, President, Coca Cola India and South West Asia (represented at this meeting by Mr Deepak Jolly), who has been co-opted as the Coca Cola representative to the Board of Management, and to the members attending the Board meeting for the first time..

Item No. 1 To confirm the minutes of the fifteenth meeting of the Board of Management held on 26 December 2013.

The minutes of the fifteenth meeting of the Board of Management held on 26 December 2013 were confirmed, as circulated.

Item No. 2 Matters for information

- (i) The Board was informed about the status of the MSc, MBA, MA (PP&SD), MA (SDP), MTech and the doctoral programmes at the TERI University.
- (ii) The Board was informed that the sixth convocation of the TERI University was held on 05 February 2014. The seventh convocation of the TERI University is planned to be held on 04 February 2015. Approval for the Honorary Doctorates to be awarded, will be taken in the next meeting of the Board, or by circulation.
- (iii) The Board was informed about the MoU signed with Bandung Institute of Technology, Indonesia.
- (iv) The Board was informed about the launch of a capacity building hub, called the “Specialized Training, Education and Experiential Resources (STEER)”, by TERI and TERI University on the sidelines of the first annual Sustainable Energy for All Forum (SE4ALL) held at the UN HQ in June 2014. Dr Leena Srivastava briefed the Board about the mandate of the hub, which would include capacity building programmes for universal applications. The Chairman suggested that the hub could also look at regulatory economics and related knowledge in the energy sector.
- (v) The Board was also informed that the TERI University has been designated as a Regional Hub of the Sustainable Development Solutions Network (SDSN). Dr Arabinda Mishra briefed the Board about the activities of this hub which was launched at an event held at the University on 06 July 2014.

Item No. 3 Action taken on previous points

The Board was informed that whilst it had approved the creation of a Coca Cola Department of Water Resources Management in the last meeting, it was subsequently considered more appropriate to name the department - the Coca Cola Department of Regional Water Studies.

The Board considered and approved the creation of the department with this name.

Item No. 4 New programme

The Board was briefed by Dr Prateek Sharma on the new multi-track programme (leading to MTech/MSc degree, PG Diploma) in Water Science and Governance. He brought out the curriculum development process and the structure of the programme which will commence in July 2014.

The Chairman suggested that this being a multi-track programme with various options available to students, mentoring of students should be done from the beginning of the programme.

Mr T N Thakur suggested that the Board be briefed on the placement status of all the programmes in the next meeting. It was also suggested that the University should institute a system of feedback from alumni and create a linkage with alumni, so that their career paths are tracked.

Mr Deepak Jolly highlighted the importance of visibility in international forums like the upcoming Asia Water Forum.

Item No. 5 Chairs/Scholarships

- (i) The Board was briefed on the academic chair setup by Deutsche Bank. This Chair would research the critical role that finance and financial instruments (including insurance) will play in the quest for alternative development paths.

Professor Shome was requested to help in identifying a distinguished academician who could be considered for the Chair position.

- (ii) The Board was briefed on the Indira Foundation support for Visiting Fellows to the TERI University. Dr Arabinda Mishra presented the utilization of this support in the last one year and the plans for the coming year. The Chairman suggested that the University reaches out to some distinguished academicians, and possibly prepare a list of potential Fellows, who could be individually approached.
- (iii) The Board was briefed on the grant given by the Hemendra Kothari Foundation for encouraging research at the master's level. Dr Prateek Sharma indicated to the Board the manner in which the funds would be used to provide support to master's students in select research projects.
- (iv) The Board was informed that the Ministry of Railways had sanctioned an academic chair at the TERI University, to be named "Indian Railways Chair for Sustainable Mobility". The Chairman suggested that this Chair looks at mobility in its entirety, with an ultimate vision of being able to create a department on Transport Studies.

Item No. 6 To report the decisions taken by the Chairman on behalf of the Board of Management.

- (i) The Board approved the appointments of the following faculty members:

Ms. Eshita Gupta – Lecturer
Dr Sudipta Chatterjee – Associate Professor
Dr Basudev Prasad – Professor
Dr Nandan Nawn – Associate Professor
Ms Ritika Mahajan – Lecturer
- (ii) The Board approved the re-designation of Dr Suresh Jain, Associate Professor - to Professor.

Item No. 7 Rules and Regulations for the TERI University.

The Board discussed and approved the Rules and Regulations for the TERI University, which have been amended based on the UGC (Institutions deemed to be university) Regulations 2010.

Item No. 8 Any other items with the permission of the Chair.

- (i) The Chairman brought out that the University has been allotted land in Hyderabad, Mysore and Guwahati, and that efforts were being made to set up campuses of the University at these locations. UGC has already been approached for approvals for setting up campuses at Hyderabad and Mysore.
- (ii) The Chairman asked for suggestions on how to increase the number of international students at the TERI University. Dr Yasmine Hilton suggested that information on the University's programmes be sent to Career Advisory Councils of various undergraduate colleges/universities across the world. It was also suggested to have road shows at various universities abroad which run relevant undergraduate courses.
- (iii) Dr Yasmine Hilton suggested that the University should run short term training programmes especially focusing on businesses. These could help in creating a strong alumni base from this sector, in revenue generation as well as in increasing the visibility of the University.
- (iv) Dr Arabinda Mishra briefed the Board on a proposal given to the Ministry of Coal in collaboration with Central Mines Planning and Design Institute (CMPDI), Ranchi, in the field of sustainable livelihood activities in reclaimed open cast coal mine areas.

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