



**MINUTES OF THE SEVENTEENTH MEETING OF THE BOARD OF MANAGEMENT
HELD ON 18 DECEMBER 2014 AT 11:00 HRS AT THE CONFERENCE ROOM**

The seventeenth meeting of the Board of Management was held on 18 December 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 P K Joshi	

Mr Tulsi Tanti, Mr Prashant Bangur, Mr Ashok Lavasa, Mr Viren Shetty, Mr Venkatesh Kini, Mr S Sundar, Dr Arabinda Mishra and Dr Manipadma Datta were unable to attend the meeting.

Item No. 1 To confirm the minutes of the sixteenth meeting of the Board of Management held on 07 July 2014.

The minutes of the sixteenth meeting of the Board of Management held on 07 July 2014 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 University.
- (ii) The Board was informed about the MoUs signed with Brandeis University, Utrecht University, Keio University, Institute for Global Environmental Strategies, IL & FS Academy of Applied Development and with the Indian Air Force.
- (iii) The Board was informed about the proposed Integrated Ph.D programme at the TERI University for which an ‘in principle’ approval has been taken from the Academic Council.

Item No. 3 Action taken on previous points

- a) The Board was informed about the status of placement in each programme, and that a Placement Cell has been set up for capturing data from alumni, so as to keep track of their career paths.

The Chairman expressed the need for a far more effective and aggressive strategy for projection of the University. It was also suggested that in the next two months, the University draws up a firm plan for the projection of the University and for it to have a global outreach. If required, the University could hire a professional consultant to help in this. The plan should include a strategy to reach out to student communities, both online and in prioritised geographic locations e.g. South East Asia, Latin America, etc.

It was also suggested that the University have an ongoing dialogue with ambassadors of various countries, in order to attract students from their countries to the TERI University. A special BoM meeting is to be scheduled in early March 2015 to review such a plan.

- b) The Board was informed about the delay in joining the University by Mr Neeraj Jain, Senior Advisor, ADB, Manila, as a Chair Professor for the Deutsche Bank Chair on Sustainability and Finance. Due to the fact that this Chair was approved in April 2014, there was some pressure to fill the position early. Alternate names were suggested for consideration.
- c) The Board was informed that the selection committee for Chair Professor for the Railways Chair for Sustainable Mobility will meet in early January 2015 to recommend an incumbent to the Chair.
- d) The Board was informed about short-term training programmes organised by the University. It was suggested that the University hold short programmes to help social entrepreneurs in incubation ventures. It was also suggested that the possibility of using CSR funds for incubation be explored.

Item No. 4 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:

Ms Ranjana Ray Chaudhuri – Lecturer
Dr Chaithanya Madhurantakam – Assistant Professor
Dr Vivekanand – Assistant Professor
Mr Arun Kumar Kaushik – Lecturer
Dr Seema Sangita – Assistant Professor

- (ii) The Board approved the re-designation of Dr Ritika Mahajan and Dr Eshita Gupta, from Lecturer to Assistant Professor.

- (iii) The Board approved the inclusion of Dr Nirranjan Chakraborty, Dr N Raghuram, Prof Manoj Kumar Sinha, and Dr Masood A Siddiqui in the panel of outside experts for selection committees for faculty members.

Item No. 5 Convocation.

The seventh convocation of the TERI University was held on 04 February 2015. Shri Venkaiah Naidu, Minister of Urban Development, has been invited as the Chief Guest. Honorary doctorates are awarded to:

- (i) Mr VVS Laxman, Former Cricketer
- (ii) Mr Hiroaki Nakanishi, Chairman and CEO, Hitachi
- (iii) Mr Paul Polman, CEO, Unilever
- (iv) Mr Jose Ramos Horta, Former President, East Timor

The Board discussed and approved the awards.

Item No. 6 To approve the audited accounts of the financial year 2013-14.

The Board discussed and approved the audited accounts of the financial year 2013-14.

Item No. 7 To consider and approve the financial estimates for the financial year 2014-15

The Board discussed and approved the financial estimates for the financial year 2014-15.

Item No. 8 To decide on dates for the next Board meetings.

It was proposed to schedule the 18th meeting of the Board would be held on Monday, 13 July 2015 and the 19th meeting would be held on Friday, 04 December 2015.

Item No. 9 Any other items with the permission of the Chair.

- (i) The Chairman informed the Board about progress on the new campuses of the TERI University. The Hyderabad campus would focus on sustainable energy solutions. It is proposed to tap industries in the hydrocarbon sector for support to build up this campus. The Guwahati campus has been given a support of Rs. 3 crores by the Government of Assam. More support is being sought from the Central Government as part of the “Act East” plan of the Government.

It was suggested that a thought be given to the potential catchment of students in the new campuses when the programmes are being designed.

- (ii) It was suggested that the University explore the possibility of tapping into the 2% CSR funds for funding scholarships at the University. Mr. Shri Prakash indicated that he would help in studying this possibility.

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