

# TERI SCHOOL OF ADVANCED STUDIES

Darbari Seth Block, India Habitat Centre, New Delhi

## MINUTES OF THE SIXTH MEETING OF THE BOARD OF MANAGEMENT HELD ON 30<sup>TH</sup> MAY, 2003 AT 11:15 HRS IN THE BOARD ROOM

The Sixth meeting of the Board of Management was held on Friday, 30<sup>th</sup> May, 2003 at 11:15 hrs in the Board Room.

### PRESENT:

The following were present:

Dr. R.K. Pachauri	President	(Chairman)
Justice Girdhar Malaviya	Nominee of UGC	
Mr S N Burman (Nominee of Mr Ravi Mathur)	Nominee of the Govt. of India	
Mr C. Dasgupta		
Dr T.P. Singh	Director	
Dr Vibha Dhawan	Dean, Faculty of Applied Sciences	
Mr Rajiv Seth	Secretary	

Prof Devi Singh, Prof R C Malhotra and Dr Leena Srivastava were unable to attend the meeting.

Before taking up the Agenda, the Chairman welcomed all the members to the meeting. The Director, Dr T.P. Singh, presented his report to the Board. The text of the presentation is attached as appendix 1 to these minutes.

### **Item No. 1 To confirm the minutes of the fifth meeting of the Board of Management held on 13th August, 2002**

The minutes of the fifth meeting of the Board of Management held on 13th August, 2002 were confirmed, as circulated.

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**Item No. 2 To report the matters arising out of the previous meeting**

The matters arising out of the previous meeting that were reported were noted.

**Item No. 3 Matters for information**

The matters for information of the Board were reported and noted.

**Item No. 4 To report the decisions taken by the President on behalf of the Board of Management**

**1. Approval of panel of experts for the faculty Selection Committee**

The Board approved and ratified the decision taken by the President on behalf of the Board on the panel of experts for the faculty selection committee.

**2. Approval of the recommendations of the Selection Committee**

The Board approved and ratified the decision taken by the President on behalf of the Board, to appoint the selected candidates in the post of Assistant Professors in the pay scale of 1200-420-18300

**Item No. 5 To approve Terms and Conditions of Service for Faculty in the School**

The Board approved the terms and conditions of service for faculty in the School and resolved as under:

**Resolution No. BM/01/2003:** Resolved that the terms and conditions of service for faculty employed in TERI School of Advanced Studies be as per Annexure 5.1 to the agenda notes for the sixth meeting of the Board of Management.

**Item No. 6 To consider and approve the audited accounts for the financial year 2001-02**

The Board of Management discussed the audited accounts for the financial year 2001-02 and accorded its approval to the audited accounts, as presented

**Item No. 7 To consider and approve the annual accounts for the financial year 2002-03**

The Board of Management approved the annual Statement of Accounts for the financial year 2002-03 as presented.

**Item No. 8 To consider and approve the financial estimates for the financial year 2003-04**

The Board accorded its approval to the proposals of likely expenditure of the School for the financial year 2003-04, as presented.

**Item No. 9 Fee structure for M Sc programmes**

The Board accorded its approval to the recommendations of

the Fee Committee as per Annexure 9.1 to the agenda notes for the sixth meeting of the Board of Management.

**Item No. 10 Refund of Fees paid by candidates who do not register**

The Board of Management accorded its approval to the following procedure to be followed for refund of fees in situations where the selected candidates have paid the fees at the time of selection, but do not register for reasons of their own:

In such cases, the whole amount of fees / other charges deposited by the candidate may be refunded, after deduction of Rs 2000/- as administrative expenses. No refund of fees will be permissible to students who register for the programme but leave immediately thereafter. In such cases, caution money may be refunded at the end of the semester.

**Item No. 11 Ratification of MoUs with La Trobe University, Monash University and Danforth Science Centre, USA**

The Board of Management ratified the MoUs with La Trobe University, Monash University and Danforth Science Centre, USA

**Item No. 12 Guidelines for associating TERI staff as adjunct Faculty**

The Board of Management approved the guidelines for associating TERI staff as adjunct faculty, as recommended by the Academic Council in its sixth meeting held on 11 April 2003 and resolved as under:

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**Resolution No BM/02/2003:** Resolved that TERI staff be associated as Adjunct Faculty at the TERI School of Advanced Studies as per the guidelines given at Item No 12 of the agenda notes for the sixth meeting of the Board of Management.

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**Item No. 13 Guidelines for Conduct of Sponsored Research and Development Programmes**

The guidelines for sponsored Research and Development programmes were approved by the Academic Council. The Board of Management approved the guidelines and resolved as under:

**Resolution No. BM /03/2003:** Resolved that Sponsored Research and Development Programmes at the TERI School of Advanced Studies be conducted as per the guidelines given at Annexure 13.1 to the agenda notes for the sixth meeting of the Board of Management.

**Item No. 14 Term of Director, TERI School of Advanced Studies**

The Board of Management approved the deletion of Clause 15 (b) (iii) of the Rules and Regulations of TERI School of Advanced Studies and resolved as under:

**Resolution No. BM/04/2003:** Resolved that clause 15 (b) (iii) of the Rules and Regulations of TERI School

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of Advanced Studies be  
deleted.

**Action** The above resolution of the Board is to be sent to the  
**Registrar** Government of India for their concurrence and to the  
UGC for information.

**Item No. 15 Any other item with the permission of the Chair**

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



Rajiv Seth  
Registrar

Secretary - Board of Management

*Dr. Ramesh Chandra*  
*J. Chandra*

## **Director's Report**

### **PhD Programme**

15 students had registered for the PhD programme in the academic session 2001-2002. One of the students could not satisfy the academic requirements and was therefore requested to leave the school. Of the remaining students who completed their course work, one student has withdrawn. The remaining 13 students have completed their comprehensive examination and are now working on their approved research plans. Details of the areas of research of these students are enclosed as Annexure 1 of the report.

Efforts have been made to encourage students to publish in international journals as well as to develop linkages with International Institutes and Universities of repute.

15 students were admitted to the PhD programme in the academic session 2002-2003. One student has withdrawn. Of the 14 students, 8 are registered in the Centre of Bioresources and Biotechnology, 5 in the Centre of Regulatory and Policy Research and 1 in the Centre of Energy and Environment. These students will be completing their course work by the end of this semester.

All the Centres have been monitoring the progress of the students during the year. A regular feedback on teaching is obtained and processed by the respective Centre Research Committee for improving the course content.

All doctoral students have been provided working space in the library block. In addition dedicated computer facilities with internet access have been made available to them.

For the academic session 2003-2004, 147 applications have been received for admission to the Ph.D. programme. 73 candidates have been short listed and called for interviews, scheduled for 11 June, 2003. It is expected that around 12 students will be admitted to the PhD programme in the academic session 2003-2004.

### **Master's Programme**

As per the Development plan, two Master's programmes are being initiated from the academic session 2003-2004. These are M.Sc. (Natural Resources) and M.Sc. (Environmental Studies). It is proposed to admit 15 students in each stream. The last date for receipt of applications for these two courses is 6 June, 2003. The written examination is scheduled for 24 June, 2003 and the session would commence on 31 July, 2003.

### **Appointment of Faculty**

Six faculty positions have been approved by the Board of Management against which selection process for three positions has been completed. The three Faculty members are likely to join by the first week of June 2003.

**Land for School**

The Delhi Development Authority (DDA) has allotted two acres of land in the Institutional area of Vasant Kunj. While the amount towards the cost of the land has been deposited with the DDA in December 2002, we have still not been given the physical possession of the land. Efforts are being made to expedite acquisition of the land.

**The Committees**

The Statutory committees have been meeting regularly. Two meetings of the Academic Council, one meeting of the Finance committee, one meeting of the Planning and Monitoring Board and one meeting of the Fee committee have been held since the last meeting of the Board of Management.



**Ph.D. Dissertation/Research Plan  
(Ph.D. 2001)**

No.	Name	Topic
<b>Center for Bioresources &amp; Biotechnology</b>		
1	Deepak Prem	Induction of variable fatty acid profile in Indian mustard ( <i>Brassica juncea</i> (L. Czern)) through mutagenesis in conjugation with doubled haploid technology
2	Vanit Kathuria	Evaluation of biological activity of various plant species against <i>Helicoverpa armigera</i> (Hubner) (Lepidoptera: Noctuidae)
3	Kadambari Kathuria	Wide hybridization for generation of genetic variability in Indian mustard [ <i>Brassica juncea</i> (L.)Czern] for fungal disease resistance"
4	Pooja Joshi	Micropropagation of <i>Swertia chirata</i> and <i>Andrographis paniculata</i> and production of secondary metabolites <i>in vitro</i>
5	Vaishali Sabharwal	Studies on the genome organisation of Indian Mustard, <i>Brassica juncea</i>
6	Neeti Chauhan	Genome organisation of <i>Populus</i> species: genetic diversity of <i>P. deltoides</i> , characterization of wide hybrids and phylogenetic analysis using molecular markers
7	Srivalli Ramakrishnan	Development of transgenic papaya resistant to <i>Papaya Ringspot Virus</i> (Indian isolate)
8	Dhruva Bhattacharua	Genome analysis of hydrocarbon degrading bacteria: Assessment of genetic divergence among hydrocarbon degrading bacteria by molecular typing and evaluation of their phenotypic and functional diversity
9	S Krishnan	Studies on C-S bond targeted biodesulphurization and development of an industrial biotechnological desulphurization process for diesel through an integrated biotechnological approach
10	Shilpanjali Deshpande	Studies on an endosulfan degrading bacterium from contaminated soil and DNA fingerprinting based technique to monitor the specific population in soil microcosms
11	Prasun Ray	Selection and characterization of suitable ectomycorrhizal isolate(s) for application in heavy metal polluted sites
12	Priyangshu Manab Sharma	Assessment of phenotypic, genotypic and functional diversity of bacterial flora from sites contaminated with petroleum hydrocarbons
<b>Center for Regulatory &amp; Policy Research</b>		
13	Venkatesh Dutta	Sustainable Urban Water Supply Management: A critical synthesis of equity and efficiency criteria in the urban water supply and use decision making

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