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**MINUTES OF THE NINTH MEETING OF THE BOARD OF MANAGEMENT
HELD ON 10 JANUARY 2007 AT 10:30 HRS AT THE CONFERENCE ROOM**

The ninth meeting of the Board of Management was held on 10 January 2007 at 10:30 hrs at the Conference Room.

PRESENT:

The following were present:

- Dr R K Pachauri Chairman
- Dr Vibha Dhawan
- Dr Leena Srivastava
- Prof V K Bhalla
- Mr P K Agarwal
- Mr Rajiv Seth

Dr P P Bhojvaid, Mr Sunil Kumar and Ambassador C Dasgupta were unable to attend the meeting.

Before taking up the agenda, the Chairman welcomed Prof V K Bhalla, nominee of the Chairperson UGC, as a member of the Board.

Item No. 1 To confirm the minutes of the eighth meeting of the Board of Management held on 02 September 2005

The minutes of the eighth meeting of the Board of Management held on 02 September 2005 were confirmed, as circulated.

Item No. 2 To report matters arising from the minutes of the eighth meeting of the Board of Management

a) Appointment to post of Lecturer

The Board was informed that two faculty members were appointed to the post of lecturer after getting approval for the creation of the post of Lecturer from the Board of Management.

The Board suggested that a clarification be sought from the UGC as to whether the requirement of M.Phil or NET clearance for the post of lecturers was applicable in the case of the TERI University.

Item No. 3 To record the decisions taken by the Board by circulation

(i) The change of name of the TERI School of Advanced Studies to TERI University through Resolution No. BM/01/2006 was recorded.

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

(a) To recommend names of outside experts to be included in the panel of experts to sit on the Selection Committee for faculty interviews.

The Board approved and ratified the decisions taken by the Chancellor on behalf of the Board of Management on names of outside experts in the panel of experts to sit on the Selection Committee for faculty interviews.

The Board also suggested that the name of Prof Moolchand Sharma, Vice Chairman, UGC, be added to the panel as an expert in Law.

(b) Appointment of faculty members

The Board approved and ratified the decisions taken by the Chancellor on behalf of the Board of Management for appointment of faculty members.

(c) Policy for redesignation /promotion of faculty members within TERI University

The Board of Management accorded its approval to the policy for redesignation /promotion of faculty members within TERI University.

(d) Award of doctoral degree, *Honoris Causa*

The Board accorded its approval to the award of doctoral degree, *honoris causa*, which was conferred on Mr Nandan M Nilekani, CEO and MD, Infosys Technologies Ltd., in recognition of his achievements and contributions to society, at the first convocation of the TERI University on 16 October 2006.

Item No. 5 Matters for information

- (i) The Board was informed that the name of the “TERI School of Advanced Studies” was formally changed to “TERI University” with effect from 05 October 2006 after approvals from the UGC and the Ministry of Human Resource Development.
- (ii) The Board of Management was informed that the first convocation of the TERI University was held on 16th October 2006. Eight students received their doctoral degrees and 36 received master’s degrees. Mr Nandan M Nilekani, CEO and MD, Infosys Technologies who was the Chief Guest, was awarded a honorary doctoral degree.
- (iii) The Board of Management was informed that the MBA (Infrastructure) programme commenced on 17th July 2006 with an intake of 14 students – 5 in Stream I and 9 in Stream II. All 14 students have successfully completed Semester I of the programme.
The Board suggested that the possibility of using some executives of the NTPC/NHPC as visiting faculty, could be explored.
- (iv) The Board of Management was informed that 17 students of the MA (Public Policy and Sustainable Development) programme have successfully completed their II Semester. They have all now returned to their parent units, where they would continue doing their major projects during III and IV Semesters of the programme.
- (v) The Board of Management was informed that 31 students of the M.Sc (Environmental Studies) and M.Sc (Natural Resources Management) have successfully completed Semester I of the programme.
- (vi) The Board of Management was informed that the Placement Cell of the University is active in helping students with placements for their major projects (Jan-May 2007) and for their final placements and has been successful in placing almost all the students in various organisations for their major projects and final placements.
- (vii) The Board of Management was informed that the construction work for the University campus at Vasant Kunj is in progress and by end Mar 2007 the building will be handed over for working on the interiors.
- (viii) The Board of Management was informed that NHPC has approved a Chair in the Department of Policy Studies for the MBA (Infrastructure) programme. This is linked to their sending one student for the programme for each of the batches for the next five years.

Item No. 6 Change of name of degree

The Board was informed that based on the experience and feedback received from the last two batches of the M.A (Regulatory Studies) programme, a restructuring of the

programme was carried out and subsequent to the recommendation of the Academic Council, the name of the degree was change to MBA (Infrastructure).

The Board suggested that instead of MBA (Infrastructure), the degree should be named MBA, with specialization in Infrastructure.

Item No. 7 To approve the audited accounts of the financial year 2005-06

The Board of Management discussed the audited accounts for the financial year 2005-2006 and accorded its approval to the audited accounts, as presented.

RESOLUTION No.: BM/01/2007

RESOLVED that audited accounts for the financial year 2005/06, as recommended by the Finance Committee in its meeting held on 27 September 2006, are hereby approved.

Item No. 8 To consider and approve the financial estimates for the financial year 2006-2007

The income estimates (recurring and non-recurring estimates) for the period 1 April 2006 – 31 March 2007 were considered and approved by the Board.

The Board suggested that estimates for the financial year 2007-2008 be put up to the board in March 2007.

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

- (i) The Board suggested that stress be laid on making the University a financially viable proposition as early as possible. For this, a Business plan could be put up to the Board in its next meeting. It was also suggested that the target intake, especially for the MBA programme, should be around 60 students. Simultaneously, the fee structure of the MBA programme should be aligned with that of other institutions (eg. the International Business programme at IIFT).
- (ii) A wider publicity should be given to the programmes, especially at national level, so that more students can be attracted.
- (iii) The Board suggested an emphasis on starting MDPs, which could be a means of revenue generation for the University.
- (iv) The Board suggested that after moving to the new campus, a notional rent should be paid by the TERI University to TERI so that accounting procedures are kept above board. An MoU could be drawn up for this purpose.

The Chancellor thanked the members of the Board for their valuable guidance and direction.

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair