

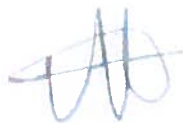
NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY

DURGAPUR-713209, WEST BENGAL, INDIA

Minutes of the 36th Meeting of the Finance Committee held on 16th November, 2015 at 10.30 A.M. at the Senate Room, Administrative Building, National Institute of Technology Durgapur, Pin – 713209.

The following members attended the Meeting:

1. Prof. A. B. Bhattacharyya, Chairperson
Chairperson, Board of Governors,
National Institute of Technology,
Durgapur
2. Prof. T. Kumar, Member
Director,
National Institute of Technology,
Durgapur
3. Shri Sanjeev Kumar Sharma, Member
Director (NITs),
Dept. of Higher Education,
MHRD, Govt. Of India
Shastri Bhavan, New Delhi
4. Shri Satpal Sharma Member
AFA, IFD,
MHRD, Govt. Of India
Shastri Bhavan, New Delhi
5. Prof. Nirmal Kumar Roy, Member
Professor,
Department of Electrical Engineering,
National Institute of Technology,
Durgapur
6. Brig. A. S. Nijjar, Member Secretary
Registrar,
National institute of Technology,
Durgapur



The Director welcomed all members of the Finance Committee on behalf of the Chairman, Board of Governors, for the 36th meeting of the Finance Committee.

Item# 36.01: To Confirm the Minutes of the 35th Finance Committee Meeting held on 22nd September, 2015.

The Minutes of the 35th meeting of the Finance Committee were approved after having incorporated the comments of the members and are modified to read as follows:

Item# 35.01: As no comments have been received, hence minutes are confirmed

Item# 35.04: It was intimated by Registrar that the increase in honorarium took place in 2010, hence there is a need for enhancement keeping in view inflation. FC recommended the proposal to BoG.

Item# 35.05: FC observed that cost of items like furniture, for preparing estimates has been on very high side. Therefore, it needs review. The same may be put up again in next FC after careful review of specifications and cost of the items.

It was pointed out by one of the members, that for proper understanding of the proceedings of the meetings, justification of the minutes should be reflected.

Item# 36.02: To note action taken on the Minutes of the 35th Finance Committee Meeting held on 22nd September, 2015.

While discussing the ATR on item 35.09, it was suggested by the members that for commencement of the e-tendering, the concerned staff will have to undergo training for which TCIL/ DGS &D may be approached. Other institutes / organisations which have already adopted e-tendering like GKCIET, Malda, may be consulted. It was recommended by one of the members that S & S Section of MHRD can also be approached. It was decided that the e-tendering procedure be implemented by January 2016, as per the laid down guidelines of the government, on the subject.

Item# 36.03: To consider allotment of fund in excess of DST approved fund for the purchase of Ion Chromatography System.

The concerned department was asked to explain the situation under which they have fallen short of the requisite fund.



The concerned faculty explained that the situation had arisen due to change in rates of USD and as such they had to submit a utilization certificate by December, 2015 due to which the additional fund was urgently required.

The committee members had a detailed discussion on the subject and felt that the purchase rules had not been followed while advertising for the procurement of the Ion Chromatography System.

In the absence of the wide publicity, the proposal was not accepted and the committee members recommended that the proposal be put up after proper advertising in the papers as per laid down rules and only then have it approved by the Chairperson, BOG. The committee decided to give the authority to the Chairperson for such approval and subsequent ratification by the committee.

It was further suggested that for all such projects, in future Dean (R&C) be given guidelines on issues like Dollar Cost, Advertising cost, upto three years maintenance cost and about 25% extra cost as cushion, to be incorporated in all future project proposals.

Item# 36.04: Providing and Fixing of Furniture and partition wall in the newly constructed Academic Block.

It was explained that the proposal had already been put up to the committee during its previous two meetings. As per the recommendations of the 35th FC, a team consisting of Director, Registrar, Dean (P&D) and SE CPWD had visited the new Academic block of IIT Delhi.

A presentation was made by Shri Rajeev Kumar, Superintending Engineer (Project), IIT Delhi, who had been especially invited for the purpose.

The presentation by SE, IIT Delhi, was followed by a presentation by Shri Ajay Kumar SE, CPWD, NIT Durgapur.

In the above presentations, various features of the New Academic Block of IIT Delhi were highlighted and subsequently a comparison was made with the Academic Block of NIT Durgapur.

It was observed that in the case of furniture a saving of approximately Rs. 80 Lakhs can be achieved compared to the earlier proposal.



The FC approved the procurement of furniture and partition wall in the newly constructed Academic Blok of NIT Durgapur.

It was further decided, that the provision for "Smart Systems" not considered in earlier proposal be also incorporated and the estimates for the same be worked out by CPWD and placed in the next FC for approval.

It was also suggested that the integrated maintenance contract also be included on the lines of IIT Delhi, and same should be brought up in the next FC meeting through B&WC.

Item# 36.05: Criteria and Evaluation of Best Performance Award.

The Chairman had prepared a detailed presentation on the subject.

The proposal was accepted in principle and approved for payment from the IRG. However, the Chairperson suggested that the proposal should be widely circulated to various departments and suggestions sought from the environment.

It was further suggested that transparency be maintained and ensured and for that purpose minimum two outside experts be incorporated for screening of the potential candidates.

The criteria for best teacher and laboratory be finalised by the Senate and for others i.e. best administrative, and support staff, committee of Deans/ HoDs may finalise the criteria.

Item# 36.06: To consider the proposal for the establishment of a state of the Art Laboratory of 'Renewable Energy' in the department of 'Electrical Engineering'.

The Chairperson briefed on the background of the proposal, followed by a presentation by Prof. S. Banerjee, HOD, EE and Dr. T.K. Saha, Project Coordinator.

It was suggested by the committee members that an M.Tech Programme in Renewable Energy be started alongwith the initiation of the said proposal. The HOD, EE however cited shortage of faculty members as a reason for not being able to start an additional M. Tech Programme.

One of the members recommended that M. Tech in Power System & M. Tech in Power Electronics and Drives, which have large common content, may be merged, to accommodate an additional M. Tech Programme in Renewable Energy.



The Chairperson said that the M. Tech programme should be an integral part of this proposal. The proposal should come up in next BOG after incorporating the suggestions of the committee members.

Item# 36.07: Any other item with the permission of the chair.

- a) **To consider the proposal for setting up of a Centre for Monitoring Human Values and Meditation, along with institution of Chair Professor (i.e Vivekananda Chair Professor of Values, Ethics and Culture) under department of Humanities & Social Studies was approved.**

The proposal was explained by Prof. P.P Sengupta, of HSS Department.

One of the members suggested, that rather than opening new centres and becoming thin on ground, we should consolidate and scale up the activities, which are being offered by the programmes and departments.

All members were of similar opinion and suggested that we should concentrate on departmental activities, rather than opening new centres. Activities such as monitoring human values and meditation can be organised by inviting visiting faculty members more frequently.

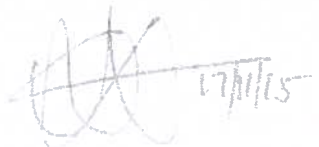
- b) **To consider the proposal for setting up a Multi Disciplinary Research Centre to carry out research of Social Issues by interlinking technology.**

The Chairman questioned the requirement of opening separate centres. He recommended that such activity although very good, should be undertaken by having additional scholars and under schemes like NSS and Unnat Bharat Abhiyan. Additional research scholars may be allotted to HSS for this purpose. Dean (R & C) may explore possibility of extra scholars for the project.

It was pointed out that too many centres can create confusion as experienced by IIT Delhi, in the past. One of the members suggested merger of various existing centres which was agreed by the committee members.

On recommendation of the committee members, it was decided that a sum of Rs. 10 Lakhs be allocated separately for the Unnat Bharat Project, for which a separate committee is already functional, and the Director will chair it to decide the expenditure of above fund.

Minute Certified
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