

**NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY
DURGAPUR – 713209, WEST BENGAL, INDIA**

The minutes of the 17th Meeting of the Board of Governors of NIT, Durgapur, held on November 23, 2010 in the Conference Hall, Cryogenics Building, Variable Energy Cyclotron Centre (VECC), 1/AF, Bidhan Nagar, Kolkata – 700064.

Members Present

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| 1. | Dr. Bikash Sinha Chairman, Board of Governors NIT, Durgapur | - | Chairman |
| 2. | Dr. S. Dasgupta Director of Technical Education, Govt. of West Bengal, Bikash Bhavan, Kolkata – 700091 | - | Member |
| 3. | Shri Prabir Kumar Sen Associate Vice President, HVAC, Shapoorji Pallonji & Co. Ltd, Benfish IT Tower, Third Floor 31, G. N. Block, Sector – V Salt Lake City, Kolkata – 700 091 | - | Member |
| 4. | Shri J. C. Sahani 6, Ho Chi Minh Sarani, Kolkata – 700 071. | - | Member |
| 5. | Prof. B. Halder Professor, NIT, Durgapur | - | Member |
| 6. | Dr. S. Bhattacharyya Associate Professor, NIT, Durgapur | - | Member |
| 7. | Prof. Swapan Bhattacharya Director, NIT, Durgapur | - | Member – Secretary |

Director welcomed the Chairman and the members to the 17th meeting of Board of Governors of NIT, Durgapur. This meeting being the last under his present tenure, the Director expressed his gratitude to the Board under the leadership of the present Chairman for the transformation from the level of R.E. College to National Institute of Technology.

The Chairman also welcomed the members.

Item # 17.01 To confirm the Minutes of the 16th Meeting of Board of Governors held on June 19, 2010

The 16th Meeting of the Board of Governors of NIT, Durgapur was held on June 19, 2010 at Conference Hall, Cryogenics Building, Variable Energy Cyclotron Centre (VECC), 1/AF, Bidhan Nagar, Kolkata – 700064. The minutes of the said meeting were circulated amongst the members and no comments were received. Hence the minutes were confirmed.

Item # 17.02 To note action taken on the Minutes of 16th Meeting of Board of Governors held on June 19, 2010

The actions taken on the minutes of the 16th meeting of the Board of Governors held on June 19, 2010 have been noted.

Item # 17.03 To consider the recommendations of the Finance Committee Meeting to be held on November 23, 2010

The Minutes of the 14th Meeting of the Finance Committee, held on November 23, 2010 have been ratified.

Item # 17.04 To consider the recommendations of the 21st Senate Meetings held on September 14, 2010

The Minutes of the 21st Senate meeting held on September 14, 2010 have been ratified.

Item # 17.05 To consider Vision and Mission statements of National Institute of Technology, Durgapur

The drafts of Vision and Mission statements of National Institute of Technology, Durgapur were placed on table. However, in view of the role of National Institute of Technology, Durgapur as the mentor of two other institutes i.e. National Institute of Technology, Arunachal Pradesh and Ghani Khan Chowdhury Institute of Engineering and Technology, Malda, the Board suggested that the existing drafts for National Institute of Technology, Durgapur may be modified to come up with a comprehensive vision statement.

Item # 17.06 To consider Technical Education Quality Improvement Programme (TEQIP) vis-à-vis National Institute of Technology, Durgapur

The Board highly appreciated the performance of National Institute of Technology, Durgapur in TEQIP – I. The Board also expressed its satisfaction for the provisional selection of the Institute in TEQIP – II and expected it to excel further in this programme.

Item # 17.07 To consider Modified Assured Career Progression Scheme (MACPS) for non-faculty staff members of the Institute

Dy. Registrar (Admin) was present in the meeting as an invitee during discussion of this item.

The proposal of the Institute on Modified Assured Career Progression Scheme as applicable for its non-teaching and teaching supporting staff members was accepted in principle by the Board.

It was decided that a comprehensive list of all the non-teaching and teaching supporting staff members indicating details of financial upgradation / advancement in their service career be prepared and submitted to Dr. S. Dasgupta, Hon'ble Member, Board of Governors and Director of Technical education, Higher Education Department, Government of West Bengal for necessary verification. Such verified document be processed based on the accepted proposal and laid down conditions and provisions under the rule of Government of India (Ministry of Human Resources Development and Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions, Department of Personnel and Training).

It was further resolved that the Assured Career Progression Scheme meant for the eligible non-teaching and teaching supporting staff members of the Institute be processed following the guiding principles of the scheme and provisions therein.

Item # 17.08 To consider recognition of service association of employees by the Institute

The Board deliberated on the guidelines published by M.H.R.D., Government of India on the recognition of the Service Association of the non-teaching and teaching supporting staff of N.I.T., Durgapur.

On scrutinizing the documents submitted with the two applications, one by the 'Karmachari Samiti', erstwhile recognized Association of the R.E.College, Durgapur with majority of the members under its fold and the other one by 'National Institute of Technology Workers' Association', newly formed one, the Board observed that 'Karmachari Samiti' satisfies M.H.R.D. guidelines for recognition.

The Board after careful scrutiny resolved to approve the continuation of the recognition of 'Karmachari Samiti' only.

Item # 17.09 To consider increase in faculty strength due to increase in student intake

The Board approved the proposal regarding the total required faculty positions of the Institute and suggested for necessary follow up actions with Ministry of Human Resources Development, Government of India.

Item # 17.10 To consider confirmation of the faculty members and Officers

The services of the following faculty members and officers were confirmed with effect from the date mentioned against each after successful completion of the probation period fulfilling all necessary formalities:

| Sl.No. | Name of the faculty members | Designation | Department | Highest qualification | Date of joining | Date of confirmation |
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| 1 | Sri Tapas Sadhukhan | Assistant Professor | Electronics & Comm. Engg. | M.Tech | 13.09.2007 | 13.09.2008 |
| 2 | Dr. Mousumi Roy | Associate Professor | Management Studies | Ph.D | 01.10..2008 | 01.10.2009 |
| 3 | Sri Nanda Dulal Jana | Assistant Professor | Information Technology | M.Tech | 22.10.2008 | 22.10.2009 |
| 4 | Dr. Kazi Sufia Khannam | Assistant Professor | Biotechnology | Ph.D | 27.10.2008 | 27.10.2009 |
| 5 | Aloke Kumar Chattopadhyay | Manager (HES) | Estate | M.A. | 07.02.2008 | 07.02.2009 |
| 6 | Sri Sayon Bhattacharjee | Junior Accounts Officer | Accounts | B.Com (H) I.C.W.A. | 01.09.2008 | 01.09.2009 |

Item # 17.11 To consider the situation concerning Sri S. K. Ray, Ex-Registrar

The Board observed that the claims of Sri S. K. Ray, Ex-Registrar, regarding the age of superannuation and pay-structure were in gross violation of the guidelines of M.H.R.D., Government of India and hence could not be considered.

Further, in view of the writ petition filed by Sri S. K. Ray at Calcutta High Court, the Board suggested to seek legal advice to initiate necessary actions for recruitment to the regular post of Registrar of the Institute.

Item # 17.12 To consider the situation concerning Dr. T. R. Bandyopadhyay

The Board was apprised of the latest situation concerning Dr. T. R. Bandyopadhyay and it approved the follow up actions taken by the Institute.

Item # 17.13 Mentoring of National Institute of Technology, Arunachal Pradesh

The Board noted the report of mentoring of National Institute of Technology, Arunachal Pradesh by National Institute of Technology, Durgapur.

Item # 17.14 Mentoring of Ghani Khan Chowdhury Institute of Engineering and Technology, Malda

Prof. N.K. Roy, Co-ordinator from NIT-Durgapur for GKCIET, Malda was present in the meeting as an invitee during discussion of this item.

The Board was apprised of the mentoring of Ghani Khan Chowdhury Institute of Engineering and Technology (G.K.C.I.E.T.), Malda by National Institute of Technology, Durgapur and it approved the following:

- (a) The infrastructure of Power Grid Corporation campus be used on rental basis as the educational premises for G.K.C.I.E.T., Malda. The assessed monthly rent evaluated at the market rate for the same was found to be Rs.4,16,120.00 only. The BOG further resolves that the entire matter relating to usage of infrastructure of Power Grid Corporation campus for GKCIET be referred to MHRD for their concurrence before entering in to the final contract.
- (b) Prof. M. B. Bera, Professor, S.L.I.E.T., Longwal who joined on deputation as O.S.D., G.K.C.I.E.T., Malda on October 04, 2010 (F/N) will have the responsibility of looking after routine administration of the Institute. He is also delegated with the power to sanction expenditure upto Rs.1.00 lakh within the approved budget to run the Institute effectively.
- (c) The recruitment of faculty and staff (technical and non-technical) may be deferred. However, S.L.I.E.T., Longwal format may be followed in this regard.
- (d) Proposed appointments of Office Superintendent and Office Assistant on deputation were approved subject to the concurrence of M.H.R.D., Government of India.
- (e) Issues regarding 'Foundation Day' and 'Logo' be deferred and to be discussed in a subsequent BOG meeting involving appropriate representation of GKCIET.
- (f) In view of non-receipt of any communication from State Council of Technical Education and Training for release of fund from NIT-Durgapur and to facilitate smooth operations for conducting classes of GKCIET, BOG resolves that expenses incurred till date by Govt. Polytechnic College, Malda be reimbursed to the concerned Principal directly subject to 50% of the total amount sanctioned by the BOG for conducting the classes of this entire semester .
- (g) All classes for the 2nd semester of the ongoing Certificate Course may be continued at Govt. Polytechnic College, Malda in case of non availability of the infrastructure of Power Grid Corporation campus in time.

Item # 17.15 Administrative Structure of the Institute

The Board feels that the Professor-in-Charge of the Director's Office should satisfy the minimum requirements as specified by MHRD in its Advertisement for the recruitment of regular Director – viz. (i) minimum experience of 10 years as Professor, (ii) background of engineering & technology in academic background and (iii) preferably below 60 years of age. The guidelines of NIT Act and Statutes are also to be satisfied.

Prof. S.K. Mitra, Dean (Faculty Welfare) is the ONLY person from within the Institute who satisfies all these criteria.

Therefore, the BOG unanimously recommends Prof. S.K. Mitra as the Professor-in-Charge of the Director's office from 30th November, 2010.

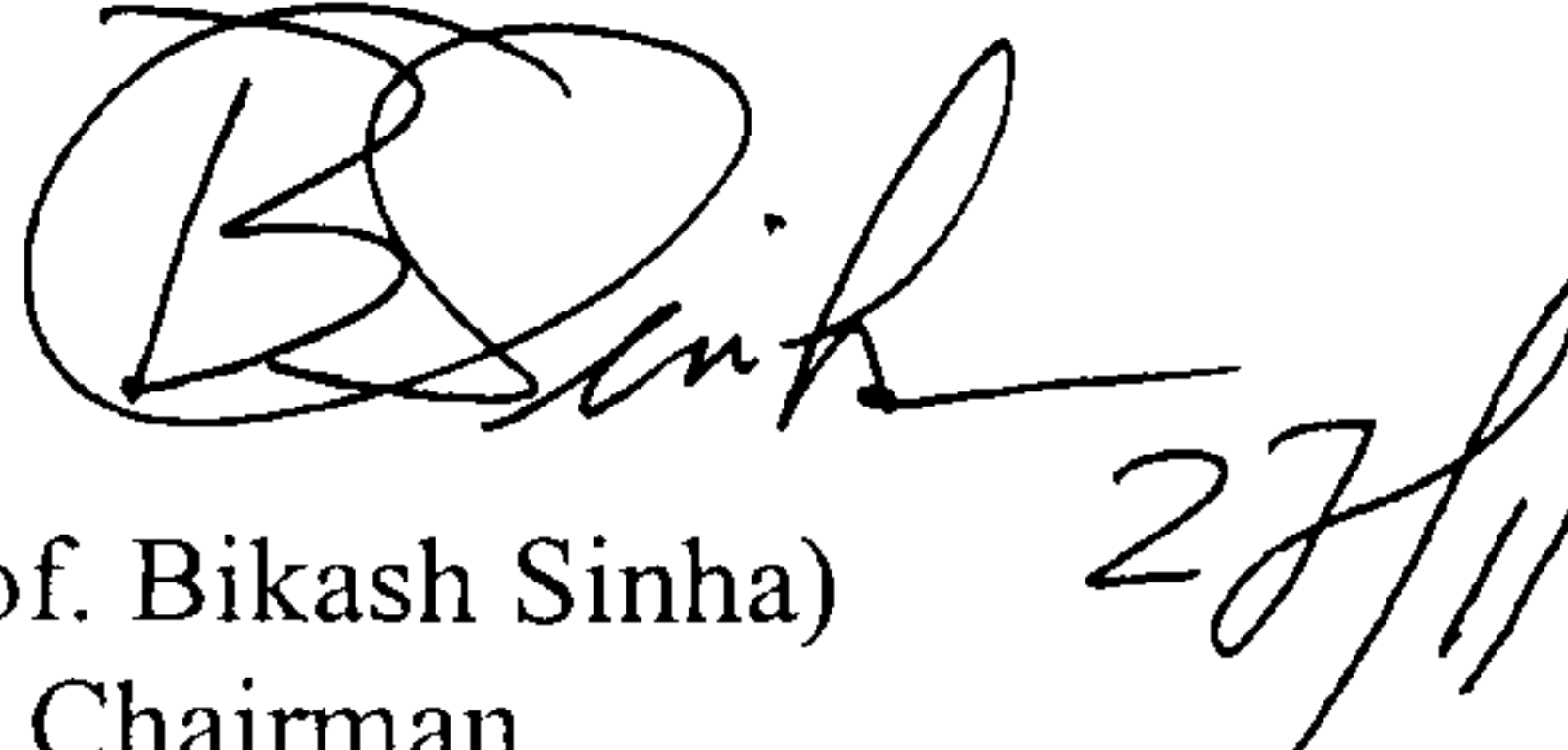
The Professor-in-Charge who will be in charge till the appointment of next regular Director, should take prior approval of the BOG to change any key position, e.g. Dean, Head of Department, Institute Advocate, Chief Vigilance Officer, Faculty representatives in the BOG, etc – and have the financial authority to sanction expenditure up to Rs.5.00 lac (within approved budget) and beyond Rs.5.00 lac only with the approval of the BOG.

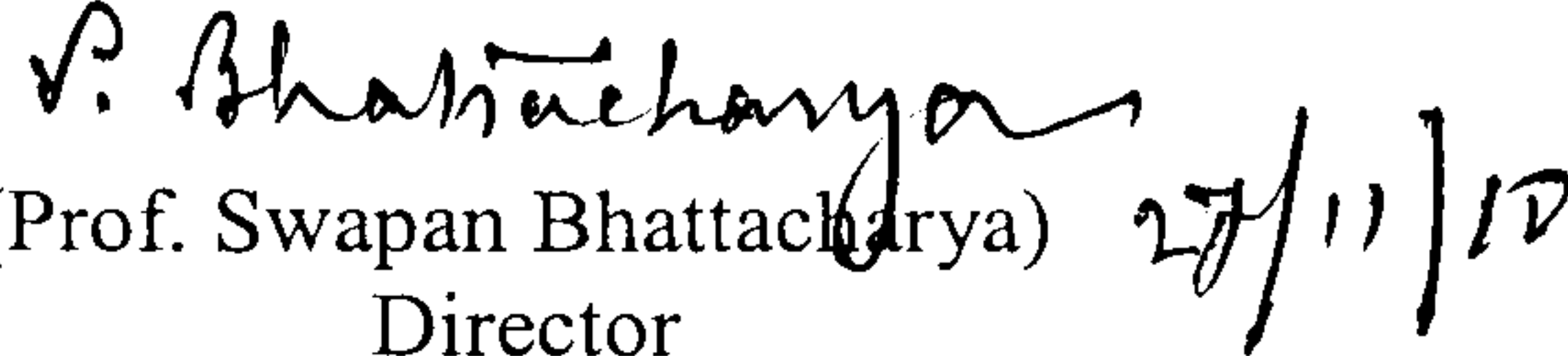
Item # 17.16 Any other matter with the permission of the Chair

The 5 year term of the existing Director, Prof Swapan Bhattacharya is ending on 29th November, 2010. First of all, the BOG puts on record BOG's unanimous and wholehearted appreciation of the tremendous efforts Prof Swapan Bhattacharya has put in consistently for the overall unprecedented progress of NIT, Durgapur. Today as per records of TEQIP, NIT-Durgapur enjoys position no 1 among all the NIT's in terms of transformation that could be achieved during the tenure of TEQIP. This remarkable achievement has been possible primarily because of untiring efforts of Prof. Swapan Bhattacharya, BOG noted.

No other issue was taken up for discussion.

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair.


(Prof. Bikash Sinha)
Chairman


(Prof. Swapan Bhattacharya)
Director