NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY DURGAPUR-713209, WEST BENGAL, INDIA

Minutes of the 33rd Board of Governors Meeting held on June 14th, 2014 at Helium & Geothermal Exploration Station (PWD Bungalow Campus), Village & P.O. – Bakreswar, District: Birbhum, West Bengal, PIN – 731134.

The following Members attended the Meeting:

1. Prof. Bikash Sinha

Chairman

Homi Bhaba Professor, DAE Chairman, Board of Governors, NIT Durgapur and Director (Retd.) Saha Instt. Of Nuclear Physics, 1/AF, Bidhan Nagar, Kolkata-700 064.

2. Prof. T. Kumar

Member

Director, National Institute of Technology, Durgapur

3. Shri Rajesh Singh Solanki,

Member

Under Secretary- NITs, Dept. of Higher Education, MHRD, Govt. of India

4. Shri Satpal Sharma

Member

Under Secretary, Integrated Finance Division, Dept. of Higher Education, MHRD, Govt. of India

5. Prof. Abhijit Chakrabarti

Member

Professor,
Saha Institute of Nuclear Physics,
1/AF, Bidhan Nagar
Kolkata – 700 064

6. Prof. Nirmal Kumar Roy

Member

Professor Department of Electrical Engineering National Institute of Technology,

Durgapur

7. Mr. Somnath Karmakar

Member

Assistant Professor Department of Civil Engineering National Institute of Technology, Durgapur

8. Col. (Retd.) P.S. Sandhu,

Secretary

Registrar & Secretary,
Board of Governors
National Institute of Technology,
Durgapur

The Chairman, Board of Governors, welcomed all the members to the meeting. Prof. Nabanita Das, Professor, Indian Statistical Institute, Kolkata could not attend the meeting and was granted leave of absence by the Chairman, Board of Governors.

The Chairman, Board of Governors explained the historical importance of Bakreswar and how the exploration of helium originated from the place and hoped that we may get the resources tapped for the gas in addition to the other gases. The exploration activity will result in moving forward and the project may result in tapping the available resource of helium and other related gases from the area which may workout in the best interest of the country facing the acute shortage of helium.

The members of the Board of Governors, after getting the details of the laboratory setup at Bakreswar, applauded the efforts of the National Institute of Technology Durgapur in putting up project related to Helium and Thermal Energy. The idea of holding the Board of Governors meeting on-site was also appreciated.

Item # 33.01: To Confirm the Minutes of the 32nd Meeting of Board of Governors held on May 02nd, 2014.

Confirmed.

Item # 33.02: To note action taken on the Minutes of the 32nd Meeting of Board of Governors held on May 02nd, 2014.

Noted.

Item # 33.03: To consider the recommendations of the 29th Meeting of the Finance Committee held on June 14th, 2014.

Approved.

Prof. N.K. Roy made a presentation to the Board of Governors on the utilization of upgraded automated software. The Board of Governors approved the upgradation and implementation of the software at National Institute of Technology Durgapur.

Item # 33.04: To consider the proceedings of the committee on special leave to the faculty for delivering lecture.

The Board of Governors, though in agreement with the proposal in principle, ruled that the rules in other NITs and other Institutions of National Importance be also looked into a fresh proposal be made to the board. This proposal on approval from the Board of Governors be forwarded as an agenda to the next NITs council meeting to avoid deviation amongst NITs.

Item # 33.05: To consider adoption of MHRD O.M. No. F. No.33-2/2012-TS.III dated 05th, February, 2014 regarding Recruitment Rules (RRs) for Non-Teaching posts in NIT Durgapur.

Adopted.

Item # 33.06: To consider appointment of Prof. Bikash Sinha as Honorary Professor Emeritus at NIT Durgapur.

Prof. Bikash Sinha, The Chairman Board of Governors reclused himself from the board meeting for this agenda item and Prof. T. Kumar, Director NIT Durgapur chaired the meeting. The Board of Governors welcomed the request of Prof. Bikash Sinha, who offered his service for the post of Honorary Professor Emeritus at National Institute of Technology Durgapur. His expertise of research in the areas of Nuclear Physics, Energy and Environment will provide a boost to the Institute towards establishing itself as a centre of excellence.

The Board of Governors approved the appointment of Professor Bikash Sinha as Honorary Professor Emeritus at National Institute of Technology Durgapur. He will be granted all other facilities available to the professor's of the Institute.

Item # 33.07: Any other item with the permission of the chair.

(a) To consider grant of one year leave to Dr. Madam Mohan Ghosh, Assistant Professor, MME Department to visit USA under "2015-2016 Fulbright-Nehru Postdoctoral Research Fellowship".

Approved.

(b) Ratification for foreign visits of the faculty members under TEQIP-II.

Ratified.

(c) Recruitment of faculty members in NIT Durgapur.

Approved.

(d) Ratification for foreign visits of the faculty members and students.

Ratified.

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

Registrar and Secretary,
Board of Governors,
National Institute of Technology,
Durgapur
18 JUN 2014

Prof. Bikash Sinha

Chairman,

Board of Governors.

National Institute of Technology,

Durgapur