

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

Minutes of the 44th Board of Governors Meeting held on 19th January, 2017 in the Regent Hall, Mezzanine Floor, Hotel the Royal Plaza, 19 Ashoka Road, New Delhi – 110001.

The following members attended the Meeting:

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| 1. Prof. A. B. Bhattacharyya,
Chairperson, Board of Governors,
National Institute of Technology,
Durgapur | Chairperson |
| 2. Prof. Asok De,
Director, (Additional Charge),
National Institute of Technology,
Durgapur | Member |
| 3. Shri Sanjeev Kumar Sharma,
Director (NITs), (Representing JS(NITs) MHRD)
Dept. of Higher Education,
MHRD, Govt. Of India
Shastri Bhavan, New Delhi | Member |
| 4. Shri A. Maheshwary
Director, Finance, (Representing JS & FA, MHRD)
MHRD, Shastri Bhawan,
New Delhi – 110 015 | Member |
| 5. Dr. Mitali Mukerji
CSIR-Institute of Genomics & Integrative Biology
Sukhdev Vihar, New Delhi | Member |
| 6. Dr. D.K. Majumdar
Former Professor (Pharmaceutics)
(DIPSAR) University of Delhi,
C-8, IDPL Apartments
Plot No -GH 10
Sector 10A
Gurgaon- 122001 | Member |
| 7. Prof. S.P. Ghoshal
Professor,
Department of Electrical Engineering,
National Institute of Technology,
Durgapur. | Member |
| 8. Dr. Arup Kumar Biswas
Associate Professor
Department of Mechanical Engg.
NIT Durgapur | Member |

9. Brig. (Retd.) A. S. Nijjar,
Registrar,
National Institute of Technology,
Durgapur

Secretary

The Chairperson, Board of Governors welcomed all members of the Board to the 44th meeting.

Prof. Partha Pratim Chakrabarti, Director, Indian Institute of Technology, Kharagpur, Shri Sanjay Jhunjhunwala, CEO, Mani Group, Kolkata West Bengal, and Dr. Jyotsna Dhawan, CSIR Hyderabad could not attend the meeting and were granted leave of absence by the Chairperson, Board of Governors.

Item#44.01: To confirm the Minutes of the 43rd Meeting of Board of Governors held on 28th September, 2016.

Minutes of 43rd meeting of Board of Governors were circulated. No comments have been received. In view of this, the minutes of 43rd meeting of Board of Governors are confirmed.

Item#44.02: To note action taken on the Minutes of the 43rd Meeting of Board of Governors held on 28th September, 2016.

The following points were discussed by the Board in the action taken report of the previous meeting.

43.02: Regarding installation of 1.0 MWp Grid Connected Solar Rooftop Panels, BoG asked that the terms of the MoU, signed with the concerned company which is implementing the project should be studied and it be ensured, that the rates of electricity, are not more than the electricity being taken from commercial /conventional sources.

43.03: Regarding the issue of GKCIET, Director informed the Board, that he had already approached the MHRD to relieve him of his responsibilities as a Mentor Director GKCIET. He also appealed to the Board to consider his request favorably and recommend the same to MHRD.

43.08: As per Statute,s the Chairman BoG, has been vested with powers to sanction foreign visit by faculty members and these cases need not be brought to the BoG for approval or ratification.

43.12: The Board was informed, that the inquiry has been still pending, as suitable external members for inquiry committee could not be found. The Board suggested, that instead of the committee the task of inquiry may be handed over to any senior retired officer of Government, who is conversant with the Government of India rules and regulations.

43.16: The Board was informed, that the process of the faculty selection which was carried out in August 2016 stands annulled due to technical reasons.

Item#44.03: To consider the Minutes of the 38th Finance Committee meeting held on 25th May 2016 and 39th Finance Committee meeting held on 28th September, 2016.

The Board perused the minutes of the 38th & 39th Finance Committee meetings threadbare. Following issues were discussed:-

Item # 38.03: While discussing item # 29.05 of the 29th B&WC regarding procurement of furniture for the International Hostel, the Board observed that the procurement of furniture for the international Hostel was not approved by the BoG earlier and the furniture had been procured on the basis of FC recommendation alone. Therefore, it is ex-post-facto approval, The Board directed that complete details of the case should be put up justifying and explaining the procurement process.

38.04: Regarding the procurement of bench top FT NMR 90MHz the Board was informed that item has still not been procured and would be procured when funds are available for same. The BoG asked NIT to bring it to the notice before procurement.

38.05: Regarding guidelines on expenditure out of CPDA, the Board was informed, that a committee had been formed by the standing committee of Council of NITSER to look into the matter and guidelines will be issued in due course, after these are approved by the competent authority. In the meanwhile however, audit objections should be taken into account, while utilising the CPDA.

38.06: The Board directed that the Institute should recoup the loan taken from the IRG as soon as capital grants are received from MHRD.

38.07: The Board informed that MHRD guide lines should be scrupulously followed in appropriation of the TEQIP funds.

38.08: It was reiterated, that MHRD guidelines should be followed while making expenditure out of TEQIP for enhancement of R&D and Industrial consultancy activities for interaction with industries and for faculty and staff development activities.

38.09: Regarding submission of Annual Accounts and Annual Report for Financial year 2014-15, the Board directed, that compliance report for the Financial Year 2014-15 & 2015 -16 should be placed for the perusal of the Board in the next BOG meeting.

38.10: B:- The Board suggested that the policy guidelines for Institutes funding of a specialised teaching cum research laboratories should be prepared and placed in the next BOG meeting.

38.10: C:- Regarding problems faced by the Institute with the NBCC, about delays in completion of various projects and lack of response by their officials, the Board informed that the CGM New Delhi be approached and if required, a meeting with him be arranged in MHRD, to resolve the outstanding issues.

The following issues were discussed while considering the minutes of the 39th FC meeting:

39.02: Regarding the issue of the contract for Scavenging and Cleaning discussed in Item 38.10 of 38th FC meeting, the Board suggested, that the Institute should award contract to more than one contractors to create redundancy. The provisions of GFR and CVC guidelines should be followed.

39.05: Regarding presentation of Dean (P&D) the Board recommended that detailed Agenda of the approved points should be placed to the BOG.

39.07: A:- The Board suggested, that NIT assets, which were deployed elsewhere for the Geothermal Project should be retrieved, without waiting for directions/ reply from the MHRD on the report submitted to them on earlier. Action taken in this regard be reported to the BOG in its next meeting.

Item#44.04: To peruse the Minutes of 43rd Senate Meeting held on 25th September, 2016.

As per Statutory provisions, minutes of Senate meeting are not to be placed in the BOG. Only items which have been mentioned in Statues and also involving financial implication may be placed to the BoG.

Item#44.05: To peruse the Minutes of the 44th Senate Meeting held on 09th January, 2016.

As per Statutory provisions, minutes of Senate meeting are not to be placed in the BOG. Only items which have been mentioned in Statues and involving financial implications may be placed to the BoG.

Item#44.06: Chairman's proposal for 2017:

The Chairman raised the issue of pending actions on various points, some of which had been resolved in the previous meeting and have been pending or incomplete action. He informed that he had handed over the list of some 30 odd points to the Registrar during his previous visit to NITD. He stated, that either the action should be completed or if due to any reason, action was not possible same should be apprised to the Board.

He further raised the issue of patents and IPR. He felt that the point was very important for NBA Accreditation however adequate attention was not being paid to it and same needs to be addressed on priority.

The Chairman was informed that some of his proposals had already been addressed and taken up in the 44th Senate meeting on 09th January, 2017.

Chairman's proposal regarding having an Open House, invited comments from members. The Board felt that Open House could be in the form of presentations being made by Research Scholars, to be attended by UG & PG students for better learning and interaction. While it was Ok to have interaction with Industry and other Educational Institute Students, opening it to common public was not recommended.

Item#44.07: Director's report on the initiatives undertaken since the last Board of Governors Meeting.

Director informed the Board about various achievements during the intervening period from the previous BOG meeting. He brought out the following:-

- a) NBA accreditation of eight programmes.
- b) Six more programmes lined up for accreditation from February 10 to 12.
- c) Regarding recruitment to non faculty posts he stated that the advertisement had been issued and large number of applications had been received. The scrutiny of the same is in progress and interviews would be carried out shortly.

In view of Chairman's stand on the subject of powers of non full time Director, the board decided that in the absence of permanent director the advertisement for recruitment to permanent faculty and non faculty positions should be cancelled. However, it was felt by the Board that wherever, the Board is competent authority for appointments and decision making, such restrictions on decision making due to non permanent Director should not be there. However, Board may take up with MHRD for any special approval if necessary.

Item#44.08: To consider the concerns of existing Associate Professors of AGP 9000/- at NIT Durgapur.

Regarding the concerns of the Associate Professors with AGP Rs. 9000/- it was resolved that the details of the case be forwarded to MHRD for resolution.

Item#44.09: Proposal for treating Hostel/Mess Employees as permanent employees of NIT Durgapur.

Desired documents and information were not available to facilitate discussion and hence the BoG directed NIT to bring all relevant information in the next meeting.

Item#44.10: Revision of pension of pre-2006 pensioners (staff & faculty) in NIT Durgapur (Centrally Funded Technical Institution) in compliance of the judicial pronouncements of Hon'ble Supreme court of India.

Board resolved that matter may be referred to MHRD for guidance.

Item#44.11: Hiring of Staff for the Centre of Excellence.

The Board was intimated that equipment purchased will be unutilized if there is no one to operate. Therefore, existing staff that is operating these equipments should be hired, however, the TEQIP funding is no longer available for hiring. The Board recommended that as per standard practice, after the termination of the project the user departments be responsible for maintenance and management of facilities. The technical man power required for maintenance should be available from the allocation of regular staff to respective departments. The Board approves appointment of temporary staff from the revenue generated from services provided by the facilities. A long term plan should be worked out for maintenance of specialized facilities of the departments.

Item#44.12: Audit Observations regarding Selection and Service conditions of Brig A. S. Nijjar, Registrar NIT Durgapur.

AS Nijjar, Registrar, recused himself from the meeting.

The matter was discussed in details, however, there were requirement of additional documents and information to arrive at the decision. It was resolved that matter may be referred to Ministry of HRD for their guidance.

Item#44.13: Information to the Board.

Noted.

Item#44.14: Presentation by Dean R&C on management of Project Cell.

Presentation of Dean R&C was cancelled.

Item 44.15: Mentoring of GKCIET, Malda.

Referring to some communication addressed to Chairman BoG, NIT Durgapur, received from MHRD, regarding administrative matters related to GKCIET Malda, the Chairman expressed his views that in the presence of separate Board of GKCIET Malda, BoG NIT Durgapur should not be involved in administrative matter of that Institute.

Item#44.16: Appeal of Shri Jiban Krishna Ray, Sr. Assistant, Personnel Section for re-consideration seniority.

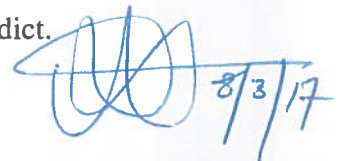
Regarding appeal of Shri Jiban Krishna Ray, Sr. Assistant Personnel Section for reconsideration of his seniority, the Board resolved that complete details be brought up in the next BoG meeting.

Item#44.17: Any other item with the permission of the chair.

A) Absorption of the erstwhile employees of NTMIS.

Regarding absorption of the erstwhile employee of NTMIS, the Board was informed about the decision based on various resolutions and court orders.

The Board recommended that Institute should appeal against the Court verdict.



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