

NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY SILCHAR

Minutes of the Fifteenth Meeting of the Board of Governors held on 21st September 2007 at New Delhi

Fifteenth Meeting of the Board of Governors was held on 21st September 2007 at the Conference Room of the NIT Transit House, New Delhi. Following members were present-

1. Prof. Gautam Barua, Chairman, Board of Governors
2. Sri Alok Kumar, IAS, Commissioner & Secretary to the Govt of Assam, Education (Higher) Dept
3. Prof. D.N. Bhattcharjee, Prof in Civil Engg, NIT Silchar
4. Sri S. Baishya, Asst Prof in ETE, NIT Silchar
5. Sri R.C. Ghildiyal, Section Officer, TS-III, M/o HRD, New Delhi
6. Prof. Fazal A. Talukdar, Registrar & Secretary
7. Prof. P.K. Banik, Director & Secretary, NIT Silchar

Following members expressed their inability to attend the meeting due to pre-occupation-

1. Sri Abhijeet Barooah, Managing Director, Premier Cryogenics Limited, Guwahati
2. Sri Saumitra Sankar Dutt, Silchar
3. Prof. Swadesh K. Gupta, Advisor, AICTE, New Delhi

Following agenda items were taken up for consideration-

BOG-15/07/1: To confirm the minutes of the 14th Meeting of the Board

Minutes of the 14th Meeting of the Board held on 2nd June 2007 were confirmed.

BOG-15/07/2: To receive a note on the action taken and progress made on the minutes of the last meeting of the Board

Secretary apprised the Board about the actions taken on the resolutions of its 14th Meeting held on 2nd June 2007. Board took a note of the same.

BOG-15/07/3: To consider and approve the Annual Report of the Institute for the year 2006-07

Board examined the Annual Report for 2006-07 and noted that the Audit Report on the accounts of the Institute has not yet been received from the Principal AG (Audit), Assam. Board accepted and approved the Annual Report alongwith the recommendations of the Finance Committee. Board authorized the Hon'ble Chairman, Board of Governors to approve the Audit Report as and when it is received for further action by the Institute.

BOG-15/07/4: To take a note on the resolutions of the Fourteenth meeting of the Building and Works Committee

Board noted the recommendation of the Fourteenth meeting of the Building and Works Committee (BWC) held on 16th June 2007. While perusing the recommendations, Board resolved that a comprehensive document should be prepared by the Institute in regards to the delegation of power for all works related activities (including accordance of administrative approval for works) in the Institute. Such a document should be placed before the Board for its approval in its next meeting.

BOG-15/07/5: To ratify the action of the Hon'ble Chairman in extending the term of engagement of Sri R.P. Kakoti, Advocate as Institute Retainer in the Hon'ble Gauhati High Court

Board ratified the action of the Chairman in extending the tenure of engagement of Sri R.P. Kakoti as Standing Counsel of the Institute in the Hon'ble High Court at Guwahati.

BOG-15/07/6: To consider recommendations of the Tenth Meeting of the Finance Committee to be held on 21st September 2007

Board approved the minutes of the 10th Meeting of the Finance Committee held on 21st September 2007 at New Delhi (Annexure-I). Board accepted the recommendations and granted approval to the following-

- (a) FC-10/07/3: approved the Annual Report 2006-07.
- (b) FC-10/07/4: approved tuition fee waiver for faculty registering in the PhD programme of the Institute.
- (c) FC-10/07/6A: approved the enhancement of Warden Allowance from Rs. 300.00 to Rs. 500.00 with effect from that date of meeting of the Board.
- (d) FC-10/07/6B: approved the advise to the Institute to put up a set of rules governing joining time TA to persons joining the Institute.
- (e) FC-10/07/6C: approved the release of 6% Dearness Allowance to the employees of the Institute with effect from 1st July 2007.
- (f) FC-10/07/6D: approved the enhancement of Sitting fee/honorarium from Rs. 500.00 to Rs. 1500.00 to the existing members of the Board/Senate/FC/BWC and other Committees of the Institute with from the date of the meeting of the Finance Committee.

BOG-15/07/7: To take a note on the faculty visiting abroad under TEQIP



Board noted the faculty participation in conferences/ seminars/ research works abroad under TEQIP.

BOG-15/07/8: To take a note on the recommendation of the Selection Committees for recruitment of faculty and offer of appointments and joining thereof

(A) Board ratified the action of the Chairman in approving the panel of candidates for appointment against vacant posts. The panel will remain valid till 28th June 2008. Board further noted the joining of seven new faculty in the Institute.

(B) Board examined the proposal as put up before it and accepted the same. Offer of appointment against reserved vacancies may be made where such waitlisted candidates are available from other Departments. Board further approved the pooling of reserved posts at lecturer level across the Institute instead of Departmental level. However, total number of lecturer level posts in a Department will remain same.

(C) Board accepted the proposal as put up before it and resolved to authorize the Director to do the internal adjustment in the Civil Engineering Department (including offer of appointment to an internal waitlisted candidate to the post of Assistant Professor). Board further desired that a tabular list should be placed before it showing such adjustments in its next meeting.

BOG-15/07/9: To consider and approve additional expenditure for preparation of the Master Plan by the Architecture and Regional Planning Department of IIT Kharagpur

Board approved the additional expenditure (on actual basis) of Rs. 1.00 lakhs for preparation of the Master Plan. Additional expenditure is to be booked in the Plan Head.

BOG-15/07/10: Any other items with the permission of the Chair
BOG-15/07/10A To ratify the action of the Chairman in permitting some employees to continue in service beyond 58 years

Board ratified the action of the Chairman in permitting two non-teaching Group-C and D employees to continue beyond 58 years and till they attain the age of superannuation.

BOG-15/07/10B To consider the prayer of Sri Dipak Roy, PA to Director for upgradation of the post of PA to Director to Private Secretary to the Director

Board examined the prayer of Sri Dipak Roy, PA to Director. Board noted that till the full restructuring/ rationalization of



non-teaching employees is over as per the NIT Act and Statutes, it would not be possible to act on his prayer.

BOG-15/07/10C To consider the case of anomaly in the pay-fixation of certain Workshop Staff

Board noted that the issue is quite old and involving administrative actions. After a threadbare discussion, Board resolved to form a Committee to examine the issue. Committee may be constituted with one representative each from the MHRD, Government of Assam and the Institute. Board requested Commissioner and Secretary, Education (Higher) Dept, Assam to nominate a member from the Govt of Assam. Recommendation of the Committee may be placed before the Board for further action.

BOG-15/07/10D Commissioner and Secretary, Education (Higher) Dept, Assam placed a proposal before the Board for raising the UG intake of the Institute from the present 300 to 500 from the academic session 2008-09. He also placed before the Board the correspondences the Chief Secretary of Assam had with the Secretary, Higher Education, Government of Assam on the issue. Board appreciated the concern of the Government of Assam. Board was apprised about the status of the ongoing developmental works in the Institute especially the availability of adequate hostel seats at the time of next admission with an enhanced intake. After a threadbare discussion, Board resolved to enhance the UG intake from 300 to 460 from the next academic session. Institute is advised to put up detailed proposal for additional 160 seats from next year either by increasing the intake of existing programmes or by opening new UG programmes or a combination of both. The Board advised that the Senate of the Institute may first discuss the issue and make recommendations.

Additional fund requirement for such increase in intake will have to be worked out in terms of buildings, hostels, faculty and supporting staff and should be submitted to the MHRD for approval and release of additional fund.

Meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair.

Prof. Gautam Barua
Chairman, Board of Governors

Prof. P.K. Banik
Director & Secretary