# NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY SILCHAR

# SIXTY FIFTH MEETING OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS

# MINUTES

The 65th meeting of the Board of Governors was held in the Conference Hall, Administrative Building, NIT Silchar on 13<sup>th</sup> December, 2018 at 1100 hours. The following members were present in the meeting:

- 1. Prof. Sivaji Bondyopadhyay, Director & Chairperson, BoG (Officiating)
- 2. Sri K. Rajan, Under Secretary, TS-III, Department of Higher Education, MHRD (Over Skype)
- 3. Prof. S. K. Kakoty, IIT Guwahati (over skype)
- Sri A. Barooah, Cryogenics, Assam (over skype) 4.
- 5. Prof. F. A. Talukdar, NIT Silchar
- 6. Dr. M. K. Bera, NIT Silchar
- Prof. A. K. Barbhuiya, Registrar & Secretary, BoG 7.

As per Statute No. 17(15) of the first Statutes of NITs, Prof. Sivaji Bondyopadhyay, Director, NIT, Silchar presided over the meeting of the Board of Governors as Chairperson in accordance with Section 16 of the NITSER Act.

At the outset, Prof. Sivaji Bondyopadhyay welcomed Sri A. Barooah, Cryogenics, Assam representative of Government of Assam and all other members who attended the meeting.

Prof. A. I. Laskar, Dean (P & D) was invited as Special Invitee for the BoG Meeting

The BoG then initiated the discussion on the Agenda Items one by one: -

## BoG-65/18/01: Confirmation of Service of Sri Pulak Nath, Assistant Registrar

Sri Pulak Nath joined the institute on 27.11.2015 to the post of Assistant Registrar. As per his offer letter he was appointed on probation for a period of two year from the date of joining the institute. His period of Probation was over on 27.11.2017.

A Departmental Promotion Committee as per Statute 23(18) of First Statue of NIT was constituted to evaluate the performance of Sri P. Nath. The report of the Committee will be placed on the table.

Board is requested to peruse the matter and advise accordingly

The Board accepted the report of the Committee and confirmed the service of Sri Pulak Nath to the post of Assistant Registrar from the date of completion of his probation period

## BoG-65/18/02: Resignation of Dr. Suborna Bhattacharjee, Medical Officer

Dr. Suborna Bhattacharjee, Medical Officer vide letter dated 20.11.2018 (Annexure - IV1) submitted resignation from the post she is holding in this institute and requested to release her from the services of this institute on 30.11.2018.

It may be noted that, Dr. S. Bhattacharjee vide letter dated 23.10.2018 (Annexure - IV2) has already submitted her resignation from the post she is holding.

However, the Director in the body of the letter requested Dr. S. Bhattacharjee to continue till 22.01.2019.

Dr. S. Bhattacharjee joined this institute to the post of Medical Officer on 22.06.2018 (F/N). As per point 4 of the offer letter No. NITS/Estt/NT/Appointment/18/8526-30 dated 31.05.2018 (Annexure –  $IV_3$ ) her appointed is on probation for a period of one year from the date of joining the institute and as per point 10 of the said letter during probation she can resign from her service by giving one month notice.

As per Section 24 (a) NIT Act, 2007 the Board is the appointing authority of academic staff in the post of Lecturer or if the appointment is made on the non-academic staff in any cadre the maximum of the pay scale for which exceed rupees ten thousand five hundred.

The Chairperson (Officiating) has accepted the resignation of Dr. S. Bhattacharjee from the post of Medical Officer w.e.f. 30.11.2018

Board may ratify the action taken by the Chairperson

#### DECISION

The Board noted that the Director accepted the resignation of Dr. S. Bhattacharjee with a request to continue till 22.01.2019 and forwarded the same to Chairperson, BoG. The Chairperson (officiating) has accepted the resignation of Dr. S. Bhattacharjee from the post of Medical Officer w.e.f. 30.11.2018

The Board ratified the action taken by the Chairperson, BoG.

### BoG-65/18/03:

Performance review of Prof. A. K. Barbhuiya, Registrar, NIT Silchar

Prof. Abdul Karim Barbhuiya, joined the institute as Registrar on 01.01.2016 initially for 1 year, extendable on year to year basis subject to performance review every year for a maximum period of 5 years or up to the age of 62 years whichever is earlier.

On the basis of the decision of the BoG in its 51<sup>st</sup> meeting held on 12.01.2017, the tenure of service of Prof. A. K. Barbhuiya was extended up to 31.12.2017 vide office order No. NITS/Estt.0427/94/Vol-I/14/11169-11173 dated 02.08.2017

Again as per the decision of BoG in its 58<sup>th</sup> meeting held on 27.11.2017 the tenure of service of Prof. A. K. Barbhuiya was further extended up to 31.12.2018.

As per Statute 21(3) of NIT Statute (Ammended), 2017 the review of performance of the Registrar upon completion of one year of service may be carried out by the committee to be constituted by the board.

Prof. A. K. Barbhuiya has completed his third tenure of one year of service as Registrar on 31.12.2018.

The Board is requested to discuss and advice accordingly.

#### DECISION

The Board reviewed the performance of Prof. A. K. Barbhuiya, Registrar, NIT Silchar during his third tenure of one year of service as Registrar ending 31.12.2018 and expressed its appreciation for the same.

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The Board further resolved and confirmed that the tenure of Prof. A. K. Barbhuiya, Registrar, NIT Silchar be extended for further one year with effect from 01.01.2019

BoG-65/18/04:

Placement of Sri R. Kahar, Assistant Registrar to higher GP of INR 6,600.00

Sri R. Kahar was appointed to the post of Assistant Registrar in GP of INR 5,400.00on 30.03.2013. His services was confirmed w.e.f. 30.03.2013 after successful completion of two years of probation. The incumbent has completed five years of service in this institute.

As per revised Recruitment Rules for non – teaching in the NITs circulated by MHRD vide letter dated 20<sup>th</sup> Dec 2017, "after five years of service as Assistant Registrar with GP of INR 5,400.00, an incumbent will be assessed by Departmental Promotion Committee (DPC) for moving to the higher GP of Rs. 6600/- with the same designation"

In this regard a committee (DPC) was constituted as per Clause 23(18) of the First Statute of NIT. The recommendation of the committee will be placed on the table.

Board is requested to accept the recommendation of the committee

#### DECISION

The Board accepted the report of the Committee and place Sri Rajib Kahar at Level 11 i.e. (PB - 3 with GP INR 6,600) from the date of completion of his tenure of five year as Assistant Professor at Level 10 (i.e. PB - 3 with GP INR 5,400.00)

### THE AGENDA ITEM IS CONFIDENTIAL

BoG-65/18/06A: Issue related to the newly constructed infrastructure of the Institute

The Secretary, Higher Education, MHRD visited the Institute on 22<sup>nd</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2018 on the occasion of 16<sup>th</sup> Convocation of the Institute. During the visit, he observed that the Institute has constructed massive infrastructure without keeping in view the requirements or the maintenance costs.

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In this regards, MHRD vide communication dated 26.06.2018 has requested Project Monitoring Unit (PMU), MHRD to visit NIT Silchar and submit a detailed report in this issue.

The PMU members Mr. S. K. Mahajan and Mr. B. Mazumdar visited NIT Silchar on 31<sup>st</sup> Aug to 1<sup>st</sup> Sept 2018 to examine the infrastructure Projects already completed, the ongoing ones as well as those under planning. The PMU members have examined the detailed background of different project works, status of the works, justification of construction and proposed utilization of the infrastructures and submitted its report to the MHRD.

The report of the PMU has been examined by the MHRD. The comments of the MHRD on the same is as follows:

"The observations of PMU may be sent to Board of Governors of the Institute which may constitute a committee of outside experts to investigate the matter and send a report to be placed before BoG within 3 months".

The Board is requested to discuss the matter and advice accordingly.

#### DECISION

The Board advised the institute to circulate the details of PMU report along with observations / views of the institute to all members of the Board for their comments / view.

Further, the Board authorised the Director to constitute a committee as per the advice of the MHRD Letter F. No. 15-8/2018-TS.III dated 28.11.2018

## BoG-65/18/06B: To approve the Annual Report for the year 2017 - 18.

The Annual Report for the year 2017 - 18 is prepared and will be submitted to the MHRD for laying before the Parliament. A copy of the Annual Report will be placed on the table for perusal and approval of the Board.

#### DECISION

The Board advised the institute to circulate final Annual Report and Annual Accounts to all members of the Board after receiving the final Audit Report for their comments & views. The same will be submitted to MHRD with the approval of the Chairperson, BoG

(Prof. A. K. Barbhuiya) Registrar & Secretary Prof. Sivaji Bandyopadhyay

Chairperson, BoG (Acting