

**NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY KARNATAKA  
SURATHKAL**



***MINUTES***

***OF***

***29<sup>th</sup> MEETING OF  
BOARD OF GOVERNORS***

**Date : 24.02.2012 (Friday)**

**Time : 4.00 P.M.**

**Venue : Board Room  
N.I.T.K.  
Surathkal.**

**NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY KARNATAKA, SURATHKAL  
MANGALORE – 575 025**

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**Proceedings of the 29<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Board of Governors (BOG) of N.I.T.K.,  
Surathkal held on 24.02.2012 at 4.00 P.M in Board Room, N.I.T.K., Surathkal.**

**Members Present:**

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| <b>Shri. Sushil Chandra Tripathi,</b><br>Former Secretary, Ministry of HRD,<br>House No: 27, Sector 15- A,<br><b><u>Noida – 201301(Uttar Pradesh)</u></b>                                      | Chairman |
| <b>Shri. Mudda Kedarnath,</b><br>Advisor – Aditya Birla Group,<br>#17, Shankar Nilaya,<br>8th Main , 18th Cross,<br>Upper Palace Orchard,<br>Sadashivnagar,<br><b><u>Bangalore-560080.</u></b> | Member   |
| <b>Dr.P.Dayanand Pai,</b><br>Managing Director,<br>Century Building Industries Private Limited,<br>Palace Road,<br><b><u>Bangalore -560 052.</u></b>   | Member   |
| <b>Padma Bhushan Prof. (Dr.) B.M.Hegde,</b><br>Former Vice- Chancellor, Manipal University,<br>Manjunath, Pais Hills,<br><b><u>Bejai- Mangalore- 575004.</u></b>                               | Member   |
| <b>Prof. Sandeep Sancheti,</b><br>Director,<br>N.I.T.K. SURATHKAL<br>MANGALORE<br><b><u>D.K – 575 025.</u></b>   | Member   |
| <b>Dr.K.N.Lokesh,</b><br>Professor,<br>Dept. of Civil Engineering,<br>NITK, SURATHKAL.<br>MANGALORE<br><b><u>D.K – 575 025.</u></b>  | Member   |

**Shri.Suresh Kumar Y.**

Associate Professor,  
Dept. of Mechanical Engineering,  
NITK, SURATHKAL.  
MANGALORE  
D.K – 575 025.

Member

**Dr. M. Govinda Raj**

Registrar  
N.I.T.K., SURATHKAL  
MANGALORE  
D.K – 575 025.

Secretary

**Members who expressed their inability to attend the meeting:**

**Sri.Ashok Thakur,**

Special Secretary (TE),  
Ministry of Human Resource Development  
Dept. of Higher Education, Technical Education Bureau  
Shastri Bhavan, New Delhi – 110 001

Member

**Sri.A.N.Jha,**

Joint Secretary and Financial Advisor,  
Ministry of Human Resource Development,  
Dept. of Higher Education, Technical Education Bureau  
Shastri Bhavan, New Delhi – 110 001

Member

**Mrs.Sudha Murty**

Chairperson, Infosys Foundation  
C/O Infosys Towers,  
No. 27, J.P. Nagar, 3rd Phase,  
Bannerghatta Main Road,  
Bangalore 560 076, Karnataka, India.

Member

The Chairman welcomed all the members of the BOG to the 29<sup>th</sup> BOG meeting. After brief discussions, with the permission of the Chair, Secretary, BOG began the deliberations on the Agenda items.

**A. Confirmation of the Minutes of 28<sup>th</sup> Meeting of Board of Governors held on 05.11.2011.**

The Minutes of the 28<sup>th</sup> meeting of the BOG were circulated to all the members. No comments were received from members on the minutes. Hence, the Minutes were confirmed.

**B. Review of the action taken on the Resolutions passed at the 28<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Board of Governors held on 05.11.2011.**

The action taken on the resolutions of the 28<sup>th</sup> BOG meeting were noted by the Board.

In respect of the 28<sup>th</sup> BOG item no. 4 regarding the unauthorized absence of Dr.Guruprasad, the BOG noted the legal opinion obtained.

Accordingly, the BOG was informed that Dr.Guruprasad, shall be placed under suspension as and when he reports for duty. After deliberations, the BOG resolved, that an eminent judge / Advocate shall be appointed as the Enquiry Officer to conduct a regular departmental enquiry. The Chairman, BOG has been authorized to approve the appointment of Enquiry Officer, in this respect.

**C. Items placed before the 29<sup>th</sup> Meeting of Board of Governors (BOG) held on 24.02.2012 at 4.00 P.M in Board Room N.I.T.K. Surathkal.**

**Discussion and Decision Items:**

29<sup>th</sup> BOG Item No.1 :                      **Approval of eligible candidates for the award of B.Tech / M.Tech./ M.Tech ( Research ) / M.C.A / M.B.A / M.Sc / Ph.D Degree during the 9<sup>th</sup> Convocation.**

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The BOG approved the grant of B.Tech / M.Tech./ M.Tech ( Research ) / M.C.A / M.B.A / M.Sc/ Ph.D Degrees to all the 1132 candidates who are eligible to receive the degrees during the 9<sup>th</sup> Convocation Ceremony on 25<sup>th</sup> February 2012.

29<sup>th</sup> BOG Item No.2:                      **Merit and Merit-cum-Means Scholarship Enhancement in the Value - reg**

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Members were informed about the proposal to the increase merit and merit-cum means scholarship to Rs. 1000/- per month and Rs. 5000/- per year respectively, subject to income limit prescribed and obtaining the required minimum CGPA. After deliberations, the BOG resolved to approve the proposal and seek additional funding for the same from MHRD.

**29<sup>th</sup> BOG Item No.3: Centres of Excellence in N.I.T.K. – remaining centres Presentation.**

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The Coordinators of the centre for Wireless Sensor Networks (WSN) and Centre for Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) made a brief presentation. BOG resolved that these centres shall propose a Plan of Action giving details of budget, equipment to be procured etc for consideration of the BOG.

**29<sup>th</sup> BOG Item No.4: Medical Benefit Scheme for the Institute Retired Employees.**

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Members were briefed about the prevailing scheme of medical benefits for retired employees at Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore, IIT Chennai and the scheme of CGHS for retired employees. After deliberations, the BOG resolved that the model prevailing at IIT Chennai shall be adopted in principle for the retired employees of NITK. The details of the proposal shall be submitted to the next FC /BOG for further consideration.

**29<sup>th</sup> BOG Item No.5: Inclusion of “ Srinivas Institute of Medical Sciences and Research Centre, Srinivasnagar, Mukka, Surathkal ” in the list of Recognised Hospitals for Medical Attendance.**

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The medical facilities available at Srinivas Institute of Medical Sciences and Research Centre, (SIMRC) Mukka, Surathkal were informed to the members. In view of the proximity of the medical institute to our campus, the BOG resolved to include SIMRC as a recognized hospital for medical attendance of the employees and their eligible dependents.

**29<sup>th</sup> BOG Item No.6: Excess of Medical Reimbursement claim by Smt. Shamila Nandini, SDA, Academic Section.**

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The request of Smt. Shamila Nandini, SDA, Academic Section was considered by the BOG. The exemptions given for dialysis treatment in respect of Prof.H.S.Y.Shastry (Retd.) Professor of Electrical Engineering Department and to the wife of Dr..P.L.N.Reddy, Department of Metallurgy were brought to the notice of the BOG.

After discussing the medical facilities available to the employees, the BOG resolved that the additional expenditure for Dialysis of Sri.Rama Karkera, husband of Smt.Shamila Nandini, SDA, Academic Section shall be permitted to the extent of the specified rate for such treatment in accordance with the prevailing CGHS rate, over and above the overall ceiling of Rs. 1.00 lakh per annum.

**29<sup>th</sup> BOG Item No.7: Faculty Selections – Status.**

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The BOG in its 28<sup>th</sup> meeting held on 5<sup>th</sup> November 2011 approved the issue of fresh advertisement for faculty selections. The current shortage of faculty at various levels was discussed. The minutes of the NIT Council meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> November 2011 and the draft recommendations of the Sarangi committee for faculty selections were briefed to the members.

In view of the lack of clarity regarding the qualification and experience requirement for the position of Professor and Associate Professor, the BOG resolved to approve issue of advertisement for entry-level positions. i.e. Assistant Professor only. Further, the BOG also resolved to go ahead with recruitment process for the position of Professor and Associate Professor immediately on receipt of necessary clarification from MHRD.

**29<sup>th</sup> BOG Item No.8: Sanction of Faculty upgradation of PB/AGP and re-designation as Associate Professor – List of eligible Faculty members.**

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The list of Faculty members eligible for upgradation of their Pay Band / AGP and redesignation as Associate Professor as per the provisions of 6<sup>th</sup> CPC was placed before the BOG for consideration.

After brief discussions on the evaluation methodology adopted, the BOG resolved to approve the redesignation of the following faculty members as Associate professor from the date of their eligibility.

Name	Date of appointment	Date of eligibility
1. Dr.Laxminidhi T., Asst. Professor, E&C Engg.	29.12.2008	29.12.2011
2. Dr. Vidya Shetty, Asst. Professor, Chemical Engg.	29.12.2008	29.12.2011
3. Dr. Raj Mohan B., Asst. Professor, Chemical Engg.	29.12.2008	29.12.2011
4. Dr. Shashikantha K., Asst. Professor, Humanities, SS&M	29.12.2008	29.12.2011
5. Dr. P.C. Deka Applied Mechanics	21.1.2009	21.1.2012
6. Dr. Ashvini Chaturvedi E&E Engg.	27.1.2009	27.1.2012
7. Dr. Prakash S.R., I.T.	2.2.2009	02.2.2012
8. Dr. M.Aruna Mining Engg. (CAS promotion – Asst. Professor)	11.11.2008	11.11.2011
9. Sri K. Manjunatha Sharma E&E Engg. (CAS promotion – Selection Grade Lecturer)	14.12.2008	14.12.2011
10. Sri Annappa Computer Engg. (CAS promotion - Selection Grade Lecturer)	21.12.2008	21.12.2011

29<sup>th</sup> BOG Item No.9:

20<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Building and Works Committee (BWC) held on 25<sup>th</sup> January 2012. (Minutes of BWC placed before BOG)

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The BOG was briefed about the major projects like the Western Teaching block (WTB), Integrated Sports Complex (ISC) etc approved by the Building & Works committee in the meeting held on 25<sup>th</sup> January 2012.

The BOG after reviewing the status of various construction activities in the Institute resolved to note the minutes of BWC.

29<sup>th</sup> BOG Item No 10:

**Recommendation of the Screening Committee of the Non-Teaching Staff. (The meeting was held on 29.12.2011 at 02.00 p.m.)**

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The BOG resolved to approve the enhancement of retirement age from 58 to 60 years in respect of the following eight employees as recommended by the Screening committee. However, in the case of Smt.Saraswathi, Stenographer in the Administrative office, in view of the health condition her case shall be reviewed 3 months before her attaining the age of 58 years.

SL.No	Name	Date of Birth	Date of Completion of 58 Years
1	Giriyappa Devadiga Helper Met & Mat Engg Dept	07-3-1954	31-3-2012
2	U.Parshwanath Foreman Mechanical Engg Dept	18-4-1954	30-4-2012
3	Smt.Mohini Peon Dept of Physics.	30-4-1954	30-4-2012
4	Sri.Vasanth Kumar Sr.Draftsman Met & Mat Engg	01-6-1954	31-5-2012
5	Sri.Krishna Poojary Sr.Peon Hostel office	06-8-1954	31-8-2012
6	Sri.Mohandas.U S.D.A Works Estt Section.	25-09-1954	30-09-2012
7	Smt.Annakutty P.S Lab.Technician NITK Health Care Centre	20-10-1954	31-10-2012
8	Sri Sheik Mohammed Clerk Cum Typist E&C Engg. Dept	21-10-1954	31-10-2012



**Ratification Items:**

**29<sup>th</sup> BOG Item No.11: Implementation of CAS / up-gradation for promotion of faculty – orders issued.**

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The BOG was briefed about the conducting of interviews for the position of Professor and Assistant Professor for eligible faculty under CAS (5th CPC) and upgradation (6th CPC) schemes. The recommendations of the Screening and Evaluation Committee for enhancement of grade pay from Rs.6000 to Rs.7000 and from Rs.7000 to Rs. 8000 for eligible faculty was placed before the members.

The BOG resolved to ratify the orders issued in respect of redesignation / change in Pay Band / AGP for all eligible faculty to the position of Professor / Assistant Professor as per the recommendations of the Selection Committee / Screening and Evaluation committee.

**29<sup>th</sup> BOG Item No.12: Attending International Conferences by Faculty Members – Permission sought.**

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BOG noted the details of faculty members who attended / participated in the International Conferences Abroad as per the details given in the Agenda.

**Information Items :**

**29<sup>th</sup> BOG Item No.13: Approval of course structure and curriculum for a new Post graduate programme in Design & Precision Engineering.– Department of Mechanical Engineering.**

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The BOG in its 28<sup>th</sup> meeting vide Item No: 1, approved the starting of the new post graduate programme in Design & Precision Engineering by the department of Mechanical Engineering. As per the direction of the BOG, the Senate considered and recommended the approval of the course structure, curriculum and eligibility criteria for the M.Tech program.

The BOG noted the details of the course structure and curriculum.

**29<sup>th</sup> BOG Item No.14: Master Plan**

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The BOG resolved to defer the item.

**Additional Agenda Items of 29<sup>th</sup> BOG meeting held on 24.02.2012**

**Discussion and Decision Item:**

**29<sup>th</sup> BOG Item No.15: Additional list of eligible candidates for the award of B.Tech / M.Tech and Ph.D Degree during the 9th Convocation.**

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Resolution as per Item No: 29<sup>th</sup> BOG Item No. 1 of these minutes.

**29<sup>th</sup> BOG Item No. 16: Proposal of NITK Alumni Association for starting a Centre / a organisation / a corporate entity to promote technology related projects for commercialisation.**

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NITK Alumni Association made a brief presentation to the BOG on starting of a Centre for encouraging potential entrepreneurs by funding/ sponsoring Industrial projects for potential commercialization. In this context, members opined that the NITK STEP (Science & Technology Entrepreneurs Park) and Centre for Innovation at NITK, shall be an integral part of the proposed organization.

After discussing the features of similar organizations / Programmes existing in IITs, the BOG suggested the Alumni Association to recast the proposal and bring it to the next BOG for consideration.

**29<sup>th</sup> BOG Item No. 17: Instituting a Gold Medal for the Best M.Tech. student in the Division of Mechanical & Chemical Systems.**

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The BOG approved the proposal of the department of Metallurgical and Materials Engineering to institute a Gold medal for the best outgoing M.Tech student from the division of Mechanical and Chemical systems.

**29<sup>th</sup> BOG Item No. 18: Prof.T.Ramchandran Lecture Series – Transfer of Lecture Fund to the Institute.**

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The BOG resolved to transfer the Corpus fund of Rs. 10 lakh to the Institute account from the existing account of Metallurgical Engineering Association (MEA) to organize the Prof.T.Ramachandran Lecture series each year.

**29<sup>th</sup> BOG Item No. 19: Confidential Matters pertaining to**  
**1) DASA scheme**  
**2) Prof.Y.V.Rao.**

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**1) DASA Scheme:**

The Chairman BOG briefed the members about the DASA Admission process undertaken by NITK on behalf of MHRD from the Academic year 2010-11 for a period of three years. A few students from Nepal have taken Admission to some Institutions using wrong / fake Citizenship documents. The matter was investigated by CBI and in the report submitted by them, a few officials of NITK and NIT Trichy were found wanting in respect of discharging the duties entrusted to them.

The MHRD had requested NITK to place the matter before the Competent Authority i.e. BOG and take suitable action in this regard. However, the institute had also received a direct communication from CBI prior to MHRD communication, on the basis of which a one man committee was constituted. After going through the report submitted by the committee, it was observed that the CBI had not taken cognizance of the different qualifying benchmarks of various countries and not clearly understood the instructions given by NITK to the participating institutions, while preparing its report.

After deliberations, the BOG resolved to recommend to MHRD that NITK officials named therein have verified the documents as per procedure/available records and the recommendations of the CBI are a case of misinterpretation only.

**2) Prof.Y.V.Rao:**

The Chairman, BOG briefed the members regarding the letter received from MHRD, along with a copy of the CBI report in respect of grant / extension of approval to the Pachiamal Education Trust, Kancheepuram, (T.N.). The CBI in its letter dated 19<sup>th</sup> January 2011 had recommended initiation of Regular Departmental Action ( RDA) against Prof. Y.V. Rao, a member of the Hearing Committee of AICTE who figures as one of the accused persons.

The BOG after considering the matter as per MHRD direction, resolved to initiate follow up action on the recommendation of CBI, after seeking first stage advice of Central Vigilance Commission (CVC).

Further, the BOG resolved that the above two items (under 29<sup>th</sup> BOG Item No. 19) shall be treated as confidential items.

**Any Other Item:**

**29<sup>th</sup> BOG Item No. 20 : Travel Abroad – Prof. R.J. D'Souza**

The BOG was informed of the travel of Prof. R.J. D'Souza to USA, during September / October 2010 without obtaining the approval of the Competent Authority.

As per the NIT Act and Statutes, all foreign travel requests of faculty are required to be recommended by the Director and approved by the Chairman BOG.

The legal advice obtained in this respect was placed before the members. After discussing the matter, the BOG resolved to initiate a formal departmental enquiry by one of the Deans of NITK and place the report to the next BOG for consideration.

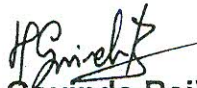
Further, the BOG resolved that the above item shall be treated as confidential.

The meeting ended with vote of thanks to the Chair.

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