

**NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY KARNATAKA  
SURATHKAL**



**MINUTES  
OF  
45<sup>th</sup> MEETING OF  
BOARD OF GOVERNORS**

**Date : 06.08.2016 (Saturday)**  
**Time : 11.30 A.M**  
**Venue : Board Room  
N.I.T.K. Surathkal**

Minutes of proceedings of 45<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Board of Governors (BOG) of National Institute of Technology Karnataka, Surathkal held on 06.08.2016 (Saturday) at 11:30AM in the Board Room, NITK, Surathkal.

Members Present:

1. **Ms. Vanitha Narayanan,** ..... Chairperson  
Managing Director,  
IBM India Private Limited,  
Embassy Golf Links Business Park, Block - A, Off: Indiranagar,  
Koramangala Intermediate Ring Road,  
Bengaluru – 560 071.
2. **Shri Satpal Sharma,** ..... Member  
Under Secretary (IFD), MHRD, New Delhi.  
**Representative of Ms. Darshana M Dabral,**  
Joint Secretary and Financial Advisor,  
Dept. of Higher Education, Technical Education Bureau  
Ministry of Human Resource Development, Govt. of India,  
Shasti Bhavan, New Delhi – 110 001.
3. **Shri Mudda Kedarnath,** ..... Member  
Advisor – Aditya Birla Group,  
No. 17, Shankar Nilaya, 8th Main,  
18<sup>th</sup> Cross, Upper Palace Orchard,  
Sadashivnagar, Bengaluru - 560080.
4. **Dr. Shanth Averahally Thimmaiah,** ..... Member  
Managing Director,  
M/s. METAMORPHOSIS Project Consultants Pvt. Ltd.,  
“PRAKRUTI BHAVAN” #200, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, 1<sup>st</sup> Cross,  
40<sup>th</sup> Main, Behind Central Silk Board,  
BTM Layout 2<sup>nd</sup> stage, Bengaluru – 560068.
5. **Dr. Lalitha R Gowda** ..... Member  
Former Chief Scientist,  
CSIR-Central Food Technological Research Institute  
Baylor, 1235 Gange Road, 3rd Cross  
Kuvempunagar, Mysuru - 570023
6. **Dr. Anju Chadha,** ..... Member  
Professor,  
Laboratory of Bioorganic Chemistry  
Department of Biotechnology & NCCR  
IIT - Madras, CHENNAI 600 036
7. **Dr. Badekai Ramachandra Bhat,** ..... Member  
Professor, Department of Chemistry,  
NITK, Surathkal.



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| 8.  | Dr. Kumar G N<br>Assistant Professor, Department of Mechanical Engineering,<br>NITK, Surathkal. | ..... | Member    |
| 9.  | Dr. K.N.Lokesh<br>Director (in charge),<br>NITK, Surathkal                                      | ..... | Member    |
| 10. | Shri K. Ravindranath<br>Registrar,<br>NITK, Surathkal.  | ....  | Secretary |

Chairperson welcomed all the members to the 45<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Board of Governors. The Chairperson extended a warm welcome to the new BOG members (nominee of MHRD) Dr. Lalitha R Gowda and Dr. Anju Chadha. After a brief discussion, with the permission of the Chair, the Secretary, began deliberations on Agenda items.

The written comments of the MHRD (*sent vide Ref. No. 18-2/2016 TS-III dated 05-08-2016 of the Under Secretary to the Govt. of India, Department of Higher Education, MHRD*) on Agenda Notes of the BOG were brought to the notice of the Hon'ble members and the contents were considered while passing the resolutions.

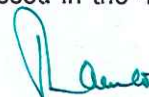
**Item No. 45.1: Confirmation of the Minutes of the 44<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Board of Governors held on March 23, 2016.**

The minutes of the 44<sup>th</sup> meeting of the BOG held on March 23, 2016 were read-out and since no comments were received, the minutes were confirmed.

**Item No. 45.2: To consider report on actions taken on the resolutions of 44<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Board of Governors held on March 23, 2016.**

The written comment dated 05-08-2016 of the MHRD was noted. As per the Statutory provisions conveyed under MHRD, the minutes of the BOG along with any amendments suggested shall be placed before the BOG in its next meeting for confirmation. The members have expressed their concern on this aspect as it causes delay to the implementation of the minutes till next BOG meeting. After discussion, it was opined to refer this technical problem to the MHRD for suitable guidelines.

However, the report on action taken on various resolutions passed in the 44<sup>th</sup> meeting of the BOG held on March 23, 2016 was noted and approved.



As regards to **Item No. 43.4.3** (proposal for appointment of Deputy Director), the BOG noted the comments of the MHRD and resolved to defer the proposal.

As regards to **Item No. 44.4.23** (Review of NITK Hostel Trust) CVO gave his views on hostel affairs and sought one month time to give the report. BOG asked CVO to submit the report to the fact finding committee within one month.

*[Action owner: Director, CVO and Registrar*

*Time schedule: one month after the confirmation of minutes]*

**Item No. 45.3: To consider the recommendations of 35<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Finance Committee held on August 06, 2016 (Present meeting).**

**FC Item No. 35.3.1: To consider the draft Annual Accounts and Annual Report for the year 2015-16.**

*Resolutions of the Finance Committee:*

The FC noted and recommended to BOG for approval of the draft Annual Accounts of the Institute for the year 2015-16. It further resolved to authorize the Director to submit the Annual Accounts or Revised Annual Accounts of the Institute to C & AG Bangalore within the stipulated time.

FC also resolved to recommend to approve the Annual Report for the year 2015-16 to be submitted to MHRD for placing before the Parliament.

*Resolutions of the Board of Governors:*

BOG resolved to approve the recommendations of the Finance Committee.

*[Action owner: Deputy Registrar (Accounts) / (Assistant Registrar Academic- II);*

*Time schedule: Immediately after approval of the BoG considering the emergency]*





**FC Item No. 35.3.2:** To consider the transfer of Surplus I.R.G. to Corpus Fund.

**Resolutions of the Finance Committee:**

- (i) The Finance Committee noted the unspent balance of ₹13, 53, 72,128 (subject to CAG final auditing) under the IRG 2015-16 of the Institute and resolved to recommend to the BOG for transferring it to the Institute Corpus Fund as per the directives of the MHRD.
- (ii) The Finance Committee discussed about the partial utilization of unspent balances of IRG for the very essential requirements such as replacement/ procurement of class room and laboratory requirement as needed by the Students for their class/ research work; and further resolved to recommend to the BOG for approval of utilization of partial unspent IRG not exceeding 25% of the unspent balance for such use.
- (iii) Chairperson suggested that proposals should be sought from various departments for funding, which would be presented to the BOG and three proposals based on merit and achievements would be funded. BOG also felt, for good research, there is need for access to literature. To this end there was mention of getting access to 'Sci - Finder' or similar sites by some members.

**Resolutions of the Board of Governors:**

**BOG resolved to approve the recommendations of the Finance Committee.**

*[Action owner: Dean (P&D / Deputy Registrar (Accounts));*

*Time schedule: After confirmation of minutes]*

**FC Item No. 35.3.3:** To consider implementation of Schemes for Financial Assistance to SC/ST students, Project Proposals for SC/ST faculty members.

**Resolutions of the Finance Committee:**

The FC resolved to recommend to the BOG for approval of implementation of various schemes of financial assistance to SC/ST students & project proposals of SC/ ST faculty strictly following the guidelines issued by the MHRD. However, no retrospective cases be considered for financial assistance.

**Resolutions of the Board of Governors:**

**BOG resolved to approve the recommendations of the Finance Committee.**

*[Action owner: Liaison Officer, SC/ST Cell;*

*Time schedule: As per the directives of MHRD or confirmation of the minutes – as the case may be]*

**FC Item No. 35.3.4: To consider the Campus wide Wi-Fi and Network upgradation**

**Resolutions of the Finance Committee:**

The FC noted the successful completion of the project and its inauguration by the Hon'ble Chairperson.

The FC resolved to recommend to the BOG for approval of the additional expenditure of ₹ 74, 78,054.00 plus taxes to be accommodated within the allocated grants by the MHRD.

**Resolutions of the Board of Governors:**

**BOG resolved to approve the recommendations of the Finance Committee.**

*[Action owner: Chairman CCC / Deputy Registrar (Accounts)]*

**FC Item No. 35.3.5: To consider the recommendation of 40<sup>th</sup> Senate meeting Item related to Registration fee (backlog courses / Tuition fee / Stipend / Application fee.**

**Resolutions of the Finance Committee:**

The Finance Committee suggested to obtain the practice being followed in other NITs & IITs regarding the fee and implement the same.

**Resolutions of the Board of Governors:**

**BOG resolved to approve the recommendations of the Finance Committee**

*[Action owner: Dean (Academic) / Assistant Registrar Academic-I;*

*Time schedule: From next semester]*

**FC Item No. 35.3.6: Modernization of NITs – additional procurement –reg.**

**Resolutions of the Finance Committee:**

The FC noted the matter under TEQIP Phase – II and suggested that all relevant procedure stipulated under GFR, CVC guidelines and NPIU guidelines be strictly followed in procuring the goods.

**Resolutions of the Board of Governors:**

**BOG resolved to approve the recommendations of the Finance Committee.**

*[Action owner: Coordinator, TEQIP-II;*

*Time schedule: As per NPIU guidelines]*



**FC Item No. 35.3.7: Any other item with the permission of the Chair**

**Resolutions of the Finance Committee:**

During the meeting, while discussion on the Annual Accounts of the Institute, some of the Hon'ble members brought to the information of the Committee that the accounts related to some of the events such as Incident Programme etc. are not being reflected or taken into account by the Institute for which collection from the students are being made along with the fee collection, as well as through sponsorship.

After discussions, the FC resolved to recommend to the BOG that:

- (i) The Institute administration shall insist on the audited statement from Dean (SW) for the last 3 years for all the money transferred by the Institute for student events by way of fee collection and sponsorship by end of August 2016. FC also suggested to write a letter to the former Dean (SW) for submitting accounts for the year 2012-13.
- (ii) Any excess spending or readjustment with other funds should not be permitted.
- (iii) In the absence of such audited statement, no further transfer of money shall be made;
- (iv) The Student Council and the Dean (Student Welfare) be informed about this requirement well in advance;
- (v) The Director may constitute a Committee for monitoring the function and expenditures of all student activities.

**Resolutions of the Board of Governors:**

**BOG resolved to approve the recommendations of the Finance Committee.**

*[[Action owner: Dy. Registrar (Accounts) / Dean Student welfare / Registrar;*

*Time schedule: Immediately on confirmation of the minutes]*



**Item No. 45.4: To consider the items placed before the 45<sup>th</sup> meeting dated August 06, 2016 of the Board of Governors (Present meeting).**

**ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL**

**Item No. 45.4.1:** To consider the (i) Information regarding investigation by CBI, Bengaluru on alleged misuse of office in award of contract of Mega Hostel construction and closure of the case thereof; and  
(ii) Approval sought for proceeding with disciplinary action against Dr. Robert John D'Souza, Professor (now retired) of Dept. of MACS – Reg.

(i) The BOG noted the investigation by CBI on construction of Mega Hostel construction and closure of the case thereof.

(ii) The BOG resolved to approve to initiate further process of disciplinary action against Dr. Robert John D'Souza, Professor (now retired) of Dept. of MACS. The disciplinary proceedings be conducted as per Rule 9 of CCS (Pension) Rules in conformity with the First Statutes of NIT, CCS (Conduct) Rules 1964 and CCS (CCA) Rules 1965 and be completed within the stipulated timeframe.

*[Action owner: Director / Registrar / CVO*

*Time Schedule: Immediately after confirmation of the minutes]*

**Item No. 45.4.2:** To consider the grant of Sabbatical Leave to Dr. Vijaykumar Hindasageri, Assistant Professor, Dept. of Mechanical Engineering for carrying out Post-Doctoral Research at Jiangu University, China.

The BOG noted that the services of Dr. Vijaykumar Hindasageri, Assistant Professor, Dept. of Mechanical Engineering is not meeting the eligibility criteria specified for the grant of sabbatical leave, and hence resolved to reject his request.

*[Action owner: Registrar/ Dean (FW);*

*Time Schedule: Immediately as applicable]*





**Item No. 45.4.3:** To consider the deputation of Faculty Members to Asian Institute of Technology, Bangkok, Thailand as Faculty Secondment as per MHRD order.

The BOG resolved to approve the deputation of Dr. T. Laxminidhi, Associate Professor, and Department of E & C Engg. to AIT, Bangkok, Thailand as Faculty Secondment for a period of 16 weeks for the term of August 2016 semester at the School of Engg. & Technology as nominated by the MHRD, Govt. of India in their order F.No.19-1/2016 TS.VII dated 05-07-2016.

[Action owner: Registrar/Dean (FW);

Time Schedule: Immediately as applicable]

**Item No.45.4.4:** To consider new nomination of members to the Building and Works Committee under the provisions of Sub-statutes 12.1 (iii) and (vi) of First Statutes under NIT Act – Reg.

The BOG resolved to obtain the Integrity agreement from the member to be nominated to Building and Works Committee. However, this is an honorary position with no benefit.

[Action owner: Registrar

Time Schedule: After confirmation of the minutes]

**Item No. 45.4.5:** To consider the Inclusion of “Maithri Speciality Clinics” in the list of Institute of Recognized Hospitals for Medical Attendance.

It was noted that the selection of the “Maithri Specialty Clinics” was made through a selection process. However, after discussion, the BOG resolved to frame the policy guidelines before including any Hospital/ Clinic under the recognized list of hospitals for medical attendance.

[Action owner: Dean FW/ Registrar;

Time Schedule: After framing the policy guidelines]



**Item No. 45.4.6: To consider the MIS Project**

It was noted that NIC have already communicated their inability to take up the responsibility owing to the shortage of staff through e-mail to the Dean (R&C). After discussion, the BOG resolved to entrust the work to Computer Science and Engineering Department, IT department, MACS department on consultancy mode using the existing SRS.

[Action owner: Dean (R&C);

Time Schedule: After confirmation of the minutes]

**Item No. 45.4.7: To consider Re-Designation of Deputy Registrar in PB-4 Rs. 37400-67000 with GP Rs. 8700 as Joint Registrar –reg.**

The BOG resolved to reject the proposal as the instructions of UGC are not applicable to NIT's as well as there are no sanctioned post of Joint Registrar in NIT system.

[Action owner: Registrar;

Time Schedule: Not applicable]

**Item No. 45.4.8: To consider promotion to the cadre of Superintendent – case of Shri Monappa Mera – reg.**

BOG resolved that the Institute shall refer the matter to MHRD for suitable decision and guidance.

[Action owner: Registrar;

Time Schedule: After confirmation of the minutes]

**Item No. 45.4.9: To consider Institute Import Export Licence Modification /change of name –reg.**

The BOG resolved that the Institute's Import/ Export Licence shall be in the name and designation of the Director itself. The change of Licence in the name of new Director may be made when regular Director assumes his office.

[Action owner: Registrar;

Time Schedule: Immediately as applicable]





## ITEMS FOR RATIFICATION AND INFORMATION

**Item No. 45.4.10:** To ratify the appointment of various Non-Teaching staffs under a 'Special Recruitment Drive for Persons with Disability (PwD).'

The BOG noted matter and resolved to approve the action taken by the Institute.

[Action owner: Registrar;

Time Schedule: Not applicable]

**Item No. 45.4.11:** To ratify the grant of Sabbatical Leave to Dr.P.Mohanan, Professor, Dept. of Mechanical Engineering -- Reg.

The BOG noted matter and resolved to approve the action taken by the Institute.

[Action owner: Registrar;

Time Schedule: Not applicable]

**Item No. 45.4.12:** To consider the minutes of 40<sup>th</sup> Senate meeting held on July 15, 2016.

The BOG noted minutes passed in the 40<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Senate held July 15, 2016.

[Action owner: Registrar;

Time Schedule: Not applicable]

**Item No. 45.4.13:** Restructuring of the Non-teaching Staffs – rectification of the typographical error - reg

Director (i/c) is advised to verify the contents / rectifications for its correctness and that has to be ratified in the next BOG meeting.

[Action owner: Registrar;

Time Schedule: Immediately as applicable]

**Item No. 45.4.14:** Faculty abroad visit for attending International conferences/Research interactions.

The BOG noted and approved the action taken by the Institute in approving the visit of Faculty for attending international conferences abroad after getting prior approval of the Chairperson. However, BOG felt that those who avail research interaction have to make a presentation in their department / office after return. Also BOG felt there is a need to rethink on the reason for many faculty members going abroad.

[Action owner: Registrar;

Time Schedule: Not applicable]

**Item No. 45.4.15: Any other item with the permission of chair**

During the meeting, while discussion on the Action taken items, some of the Hon'ble members brought to the information of the BOG that there is an urgent need of Faculty / Staff recruitment.

BOG resolved the following

- i) Director i/c is authorized to take up faculty recruitment as per 4-tier Structure.
- ii) Director i/c is authorized to take up non-teaching staff recruitment. Eligible temporary non-teaching staff may be considered at the time of recruitment. Appointments on compassionate grounds may also be taken up immediately.
- iii) Director i/c is authorized to appoint Deans, HODs and Professor / Faculty in-charge of various sections / establishments. The tenure of HODs and Professor / Faculty – in- charge will be for a period of 2 years. However, the tenure of Deans will be as per NIT Statute.
- iv) Regarding T&C guidelines and break up of overhead charges of research projects, BOG felt that the committee constituted can look into IIT-Madras model for modifications, if any.

*[Action owner: Director / Registrar / Dean (FW)]*

*[Time Schedule: Immediately after confirmation of minutes of BOG]*

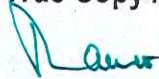
The meeting ended with Vote of thanks to the Chair.

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Secretary, BOG  
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(Vanitha Narayanan)  
Chairperson, BOG  
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