

**NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY KARNATAKA, SURATHKAL
MANGALORE- 575 025 (D.K)**

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**Proceedings of the 13th meeting of Finance Committee of N.I.T.K., Surathkal
held on 20.09.2008 at 11.00 A.M. in the Board Room of N.I.T.K Surathkal.**

Members Present

Prof. Goverdhan Mehta Chairman
CSIR Bhatnagar Fellow
Department of Organic Chemistry
Indian Institute of Science
BANGALORE – 560 012.

Sri. Sreenivasa Murthy. M.R. Member
Principal Secretary to Govt. of Karnataka,
Finance Department,
Vidhana Soudha,
BANGALORE-560 001.

Sri S. Mohan Member
Director (Finance)
Room No.223 – 'C' Wing
Department of Secondary & Higher Education
Ministry of Human Resource Development
Shastri Bhavan
NEW DELHI-110 001

Prof. P.K. Banerjee Member
Acropolis Institute of Technology & Research
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Prof. Sandeep Sancheti, Member
Director,
N.I.T.K. SURATHKAL.
D.K – 575 025.

Dr. H.S.Y Shastry Member
Professor
Dept. of E & E Engg.,
N.I.T.K., Surathkal.
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Sri N.K. Sinha

Joint Secretary (T)
Room No.529-C Wing
Department of Secondary & Higher Education
Ministry of Human Resource Development
Shastri Bhavan
NEW DELHI-110 001.

.... Spl. Invitee

Dr. S.Srinivasa Murthy

(Nominee of Director, IIT, Madras)
Professor & Head of Mechanical Engg.
I.I.T., Madras
CHENNAI-600 036.

.... Spl. Invitee

Dr.Gajanan R. Ekbote

Ekbote Hospital
Shivajinagar
PUNE-411 005.

.... Spl. Invitee

Dr. M. Govinda Raj

Registrar
N.I.T.K., Surathkal
D.K – 575 025.

.... Member-Secretary

Member who expressed his inability to attend the meeting:

Shri. Madan Mohan

Director (NITs)
Room No.528, C- Wing,
Dept. of Higher Education
Ministry of Human Resource Development
Shastri Bhavan,
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.... Member

The Chairman welcomed all the members of the Finance Committee and Board of Governors(BOG) to the Joint meeting of the FC and BOG. In order to maintain a certain degree of continuity as well as in view of the large number of items being common to both FC and BOG, the Chairman requested for the special Joint meeting. He specially welcomed Sri N.K. Sinha, Joint Secretary, MHRD and Sri M.R. Sreenivas Murthy, Principal Secretary(Finance) Govt. of Karnataka, who were attending the meeting for the first time. Chairman, requested the Director to make a brief presentation about the Institute activities, for the benefit of the new members. With the permission of the Chair Finance Committee began the deliberations on the Agenda items.

A. Confirmation of the Minutes of the 12th Finance Committee meeting held on 23.03.2008.

The Minutes of the Recommendations of the Finance Committee to the Board of Governors (BOG) were circulated to all the members. No comments were received from members on the minutes. Hence the Minutes were confirmed.

B. Items placed before the 13th Meeting of the Finance Committee held on 20.09.2008 at 11.00 A.M. in the Board Room, NITK Surathkal.

Reporting Item :

Item No. 13 FC 1: Enhancement of scholarship for M.Tech. and Ph.D Programmes

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The Finance Committee noted the details of implementation of the enhanced rate of scholarship for M.Tech and Ph.D programmes.

Discussion & Decision Items:

Item No. 13 FC 2: M.Tech admission 2008-09- M.H.R.D support for two self Financing programmes started in 2004-05.

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The Finance Committee discussed the status of various M.Tech programmes being offered in NITK and resolved that henceforth all PG programmes shall be on par with regular PG programmes of the Institute. The Senate and other academic bodies would review the relevance and sustainability of the programmes and recommend their continuity or closure accordingly. The Chairman opined that the new academic programmes proposed shall take into consideration the fine balance required between teaching and research activities in the Institute. Further, it was resolved that all the PG programmes shall be funded from the non-plan grants received by the Institute. The Budget proposals henceforth shall include the requirements of all such programmes being run in the Institute.

Item No. 13 FC 3 : Procurement of Vehicle(Car) for Institute.

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The Finance Committee resolved to recommend to the BOG to permit the Director to procure/dispose off Institute vehicles as per the needs and requirements of the Institute. Further, it directed the Institute to dispose off the Matador Van and go for a suitable replacement.

Item No. 13 FC 4: Annual Accounts of the Institute for the year 2007-08.

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The Finance Committee observed that as per the delegation of powers, to approve the Annual Accounts of the Institute, the Director or Member Secretary of the Board may obtain the prior approval of the Chairman-BOG for submission of the accounts to the Accountant General, Karnataka before 30th June every year.

The Finance Committee resolved to recommend to the BOG to approve the revised Annual Accounts for the year 2007-08.

Item No. 13 FC 5: Annual Plan proposals for the year 2008-09.

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The Annual Plan proposals for the year 2008-09 were discussed. In the light of the revised allocations suggested by Planning Commission and expansion of intake capacity necessary for implementation of CEI Act, the Finance Committee resolved to recommend to the BOG to approve the over all annual plan proposal for Rs. 63.70 crores. However, the Finance Committee suggested to modify the grants under Annual Plan and OBC scheme in the light of discussions held.

**Item No. 13 FC 6: Re-allocation of TEQIP Programme
Life Allocation and Extension of time till
March 2009.**

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The Finance Committee discussed the activities already undertaken under the TEQIP programmes. The focus of the TEQIP activities shall be on soft components comprising of networking; services to community; training of faculty and staff etc.,

In view of the extension of TEQIP programmes till March 2009, the Finance Committee resolved to recommend to the BOG to approve the revised programme re-allocation.

Item No. 13 FC 7: Disposal of unserviceable articles in the Library Section.

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The Finance Committee resolved to recommend to the BOG to approve the disposal of unserviceable articles in the Library Section whose original purchase cost is Rs. 12,27, 824.00.

Item No. 13 FC 8: Disposal of unserviceable items in the Civil Engg., department.

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The Finance Committee resolved to recommend to the BOG to approve the disposal of unserviceable articles in the Dept. of Civil Engg., whose original purchase cost is Rs. 5,70, 816.00.

Item No. 13 FC 9: Proposed Fund for Golden Jubilee Celebrations.

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The Finance Committee discussed the various activities proposed to be organized during the Golden Jubilee celebrations of the Institute in 2009-10. The representatives of M.H.R.D. have opined that creation of additional infrastructure on the occasion of Golden Jubilee Celebrations would be more appropriate and funding such special activities would be encouraged.

The Finance Committee resolved to recommend to the BOG to approve an amount of Rs. 3.00 crores, exclusively for the Golden Jubilee Celebrations in the Institute, in view of the events proposed to be organized.

Item No.13 FC 10: Report of the Committee on Re-organisation of Institute Funds.

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The Finance Committee discussed the report of the Committee on Re-organization of funds and approved the re-structuring of the existing funds into eight major groups. The sources of these funds and the expenditure heads of above funds were approved.

The Finance Committee resolved to recommend to the BOG to approve the funds re-organisation as suggested by the Committee to facilitate better internal control and ease of operation.

Item No. 13 FC 11: Programmers Scale Fixation.

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The Finance Committee discussed the status of programmers scale in various NITs and resolved to recommend to the BOG to approve the equivalent rationalized pay scale of Rs. 7450-225- Rs.11,500. The date of implementation of this revised pay scale shall be from 23.03.2008 i.e the date of its in-principle approval in the 15th BOG meeting.

Item No. 13 FC 12 : Foremen Scale fixation.

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The Finance Committee deliberated upon the pay scale of the cadre of foremen in various NITs. It was observed that for the qualifications and experience prescribed for foremen, the scale of Rs.6,500-200-Rs.10,500 is being implemented in most of the NITs.

Keeping in view the pendency of the legal matter regarding pay fixation in the High Court and detailed discussion on cadre re-structuring based on 'Sarangi Committee Report' the Finance Committee resolved to recommend to the BOG to approve the higher scale of Rs. 6,500-200-Rs.10,500 for the Foremen working in the Institute.

The Finance Committee resolved to recommend to the Board, for adoption of appropriate scale after obtaining the concurrence of the M.H.R.D. in this regard.

Item No. 13 FC 13: Professorial Chairs Model in NITK.

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The proposal to create Professorial Chairs sponsored by various industries and organizations as a pro-active measure to infuse a spirit of competition and challenging environment for teaching and research was appreciated. The various models proposed were discussed and it was opined that only 2 kinds of Professorial Chairs namely. i) Endowment Chair and ii) Top-up Chair shall be proposed and operated.

The Finance Committee suggested certain modifications with regard to the committees recommendations. FC opined that instead of the selection process being through a 'Search Committee' the candidate for appointment shall be recommended by the Director after undertaking a transparent process of search; evaluation and appropriate recommendation in this regard.

The Finance Committee further suggested certain modifications in respect of guidelines for signing of MoUs with industries/organizations.

The modifications suggested pertain to the following:

- i) The "Search Committee" is not required. The recommendations of the Director shall be placed before the BOG for consideration and approval in case of endowment chair.
- ii) The "Eligibility" details need not be spelt out, as it limits the range of search of the potential applicants.
- iii) The item "Salary and Benefits" shall read "Honorarium and benefits".

Item No. 13FC 14: Budget Estimate for the Year 2009-10 and Revised Estimate for the Year 2008-09-Non-Plan and Plan Grant of the Institute.

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The Finance Committee discussed the revised estimate for the year 2008-09 for both Plan and Non-Plan activities and recommended to BOG for approval of a total sum of Rs. 63.70 crores. As suggested by the representatives of the M.H.R.D the plan proposal shall be revised in accordance with the decision taken in this respect for Item No. 13 FC 5 of the Minutes.

The Finance Committee further resolved to recommend to the BOG for approval of the proposed budget of Rs.99.30 crores for plan schemes and 34.85 crores for non-Plan schemes for the year 2009-10.

Additional Agenda Items for 13th Finance Committee meeting held on 20.09.2008.

Discussion and Decision Items :

Item No. 13 FC 15 : Enhancement of remuneration to the Visiting consultants and Part-Time Medical Officer at NITK Health Centre.

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The Finance Committee resolved to recommend to the BOG to enhance the remuneration to visiting consultants to Rs. 750 per hour and Rs. 7,500 per month for Part-Time Medical Officer and appropriate revision in respect of the remuneration for dentists which shall be on a monthly basis.

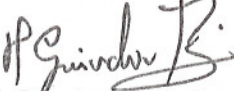
The remuneration package for the Dentist shall be fixed on monthly basis and implemented with the approval of Director.

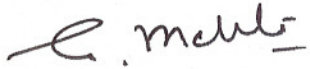
**Item No. 13 FC 16 : Tuition fee payment of DASA Scheme
Students and others.**

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The Finance Committee discussed the current fee payment of DASA students and resolved to modify the payment on a semester basis. Appropriate correspondence in this regard shall be made with Edcil, so that these fees are collected on a semester basis and not annually.

The meeting ended with vote of thanks to Chair.


(M. Govinda Raj)
Secretary, FC
N.I.T.K., Surathkal


(Goverdhan Mehta)
Chairman, FC
N.I.T.K., Surathkal