



NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY AGARTALA

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*Minutes of the seventeenth Meeting of the
Board of Governors*

held on 13th February 2011

At Conference Room of NIT Transit House, Agartala

The seventeenth meeting of the Board of Governors of the Institute was held on 13th February 2011 at 11:00 am in the Conference Room of NIT Transit House, Kunjaban, Agartala, Tripura.

The following members were present in the meeting.

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| (1) | Prof. P. N. Singh | : | Chairman, BOG of NIT Agartala. |
| (2) | Prof. (Dr.) P. K. Bose | : | Member, Director of NIT, Agartala and Director (I/C) of NIT Silchar. |
| (3) | Prof. Alok K. Gupta | : | Member, Representing large, medium and small scale industries, Professor, Allahabad University. |
| (4) | Shri K. Ambuly | : | Representative of the Principal Secretary, Department of Higher Education, Govt. of Tripura. |
| (5) | Mr. R. K. Bandhyopadhaya | : | Representative of the Joint Secretary, Ministry of HRD, Govt. of India. |
| (6) | Mr. Tapash Roy | : | Member, Representing Alumni. |
| (7) | Dr. Prasun Chakraborti | : | Member, Representing Faculty, NIT, Agartala. |
| (8) | Dr. Swapan Bhaumik | : | Member, Representing Faculty, NIT, Agartala. |
| (9) | Dr. D. Bhattacharya | : | Secretary, Registrar, NIT, Agartala |

Shri S. K. Ray, Prof. G. Barua, and representatives from the AICTE, UGC could not attend the meeting due to their prior engagements and were granted leave of absence.

Prof. P. N. Singh, Chairman, BOG of NIT Agartala presided over the meeting.

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Dr. D. Bhattacharya

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At the outset the Director, Prof. P. K. Bose welcomed all the members. He specially thanked Mr. R. K. Bandhyopadhaya, Dy. Secretary of MHRD, Prof. Alok K. Gupta from Allahabad University, Mr. Tapas Roy, DGM of CSE, Kolkata and Mr. K. Ambuly, Special Secretary of Department of Higher Education, Govt. of Tripura for attending the meeting despite of their busy schedule.

The Chairman specially thanked Prof. Alok K. Gupta, Shri K. Ambuly and Mr. R. K. Bandhyopadhaya to have made it possible to attend the meeting.

The Chairman again welcomed all the members present in the meeting and invited the Director and the Registrar to initiate discussion on agenda points.

PART - A

Item No. 1: *Confirmation of the Minutes of Sixteenth Board of Governors meeting.*

The Minutes of the Sixteenth meeting of the Board of Governors held on 26th September 2010 confirmed with the following observations:

- (i) Regarding Addl. Item No. 4 of the 16th BOG meeting the Sarangi Committee Report as accepted by the Ministry of HRD on recruitment rules of Non-Teaching staff is to be followed.
- (ii) Regarding Addl. Item No. 5 of the 16th BOG meeting in place of the word 'Non-Gate students', 'Non-GATE student' may be read.

However in respect of the remarks submitted by Dr. S. Bhaumik, Member of the Institute, the Board advised the Director that a reply on points raised by Dr. Bhaumik may be given within a short period.

Mr. K. Ambuly, Deputy Secretary, Department of Higher Education, Govt. of Tripura raised the point that as per the NIT Act 2007, two representatives shall be nominated by the Govt. of Tripura in the BOG for a duration of three years, but inspite of a lapse of almost four years, this has not been done. Then the Chairman in consultation with the representative of Ministry of HRD, present in the meeting requested the Institute to write a letter addressed to the Joint Secretary, Ministry of HRD for immediate formation of a new Board, as the present Care Taker Board is going to complete its full term of five years within next six-months. After getting green signal from the Ministry of HRD, State Govt. may be requested to nominate its two representatives for the new Board of Governors of NIT Agarala.

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Item No. 2: *Action taken on the decision of the Sixteenth meeting of the Board of Governors held on 26th September 2010.*

The Board noted the action taken report with the following observations.

Regarding Agenda Item No. 4/ 16th BOG Meeting/ 2010 on the norms for the Cumulative Professional Development Allowance for Teaching Staff of NIT Agartala, the Board approved the same for implementation in the Institute. However, on specific bonafide issues concerning the faculty members, the norms may be modified from time to time with the administrative approval of the Director and necessary notification.

PART - B

Item No. 3: *To consider the recommendations of 14th Finance Committee meeting held on 12th February 2011 at 11 am in NIT Transit House, Kunjaban, Agartala.*

The Board discussed on the minutes of the 14th Finance Committee meeting of NIT Agartala held on 12th February 2011, which was placed on the table. The Board approved the recommendations of the Finance Committee meeting.

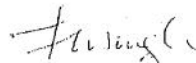
Item No. 4: *To consider the minutes of the Nineteenth Building & Works Committee meeting of NIT Agartala.*

The Registrar read out the minutes of the 19th Building & Works Committee meeting held on 12th February 2011 on various items one by one. The Board noted the recommendations of the 19th Building & Works Committee meeting of NIT Agartala.

Item No. 5: *To consider the recommendations of 7th Senate meeting held on 11th February 2011 at 12 noon in Conference Room of the Institute.*

The minutes of the 7th Senate meeting held on 11th February 2011 was placed on the table. The Board approved the recommendations of the 7th Senate Committee meeting with the following observations.

- (i) The proposal for inducting two Assistant Professors and two Associated Professors strictly on seniority basis by rotation to the Senate may be



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forwarded to the Ministry of HRD for necessary approval of the Visitor/ amendment of the Statues of NIT Act 2007 regarding formation of Senate.

- (ii) The Board approved the nomination Prof. A. K. Sarkar and Mr. P. N. Das, Associate Professor as proposed by the Senate of the Institute. Further the selection of faculty representatives to the Board by the Senate one from Professor and one from Associate/ Assistant Professor in future, details guidelines for essential Credentials of the faculties for consideration of being recommended to the Board may be prepared and placed in Board for its approval.

PART - C

Item No. 6: *To consider the selection of representative (s) of the Board in Finance Committee and Building & Works Committee.*

The Board selected Prof. A. K. Sarkar, Professor of Civil Engineering as its representative in the Building & Works Committee and Mr. P. N. Das, Associate Professor in the Finance Committee.

Item No. 7: *To consider continuance of drawl of SDA allowed in North-East during pursuance of M. Tech, Ph. D under QIP study of faculty members of NIT Agartala outside North-Eastern region.*

The Board approved the recommendation of the Finance Committee in this regard against Item No. 10/ 14th of the Finance Committee Meeting/ 2011, held on 12th February 2011.

Item No. 8: *Incentives for Higher qualification (PhD degree) of all categories of Teachers while in service.*

The Board after discussion at length approved the decision of the 14th Finance Committee meeting held on 12th February 2011 in this regard against Item No. 11 of the 14th Finance Committee Meeting held on February 12, 2011.

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Item No. 9: *To consider the UGC regulations of leave rules for permanent teachers of NIT Agartala.*

The Board considered the matter. It opined that the matter should be thoroughly discussed among faculties and through consensus, the matter may be placed before the next Board meeting for its consideration.

Item No. 10: *To consider subsidized 1 GbpsNKN connectivity in the Institute.*

The Board approved the recommendation of the 14th Finance Committee meeting in this regard against Item No. 12 of 14th Finance Committee meeting held on 12th February 2011.

Item No. 11: *To consider allowing of higher Academic Grade Pay (AGP) in favour of Dr. Tarun Kumar Naiya who has been offered a post of Asstt. Prof. in Chemical Engineering Dept. of NIT Agartala.*

The Board approved the recommendation of the 14th Finance Committee meeting in this regard against Item No. 13 of 14th Finance Committee meeting.

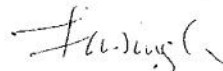
Item No. 12: *To consider the Pay protection in respect of Dr. Ashoke Kr. Sarkar, who has been recently appointed in the post of Professor, Civil Engineering.*

The Board approved the recommendation of the 14th Finance Committee meeting in this regard against Item No. 14 of 14th Finance Committee meeting held on 12th February 2011.

Item No. 13: *To consider Carrier Advancement Scheme (CAS) for the faculty members who have been working in the same post for the last 3/4 years with requisite qualifications.*

The Board discussed the issue thoroughly and opined that clarifications and guidelines in this connection be obtained from the Ministry of HRD to maintain uniformity of rules pertaining to career advancement and service matters in all NITs.

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Item No. 14: *To consider the general guidelines for the use of yearly contingency grants for Ph. D and Post-Doctoral fellows at NIT Agartala.*

The proposal was withdrawn and will be placed after detailing the norms/ guidelines for contingency grant for scholars.

PART – D

Item No. 15: *Items approved by the Director or Chairman submitted for noting of the Board.*

The Board noted and approved the action taken by the Director/ Chairman with the following observation:

Decision regarding selection of faculty representatives in the Board by the Senate and induction of two Associate Professors and two Assistant Professors is same as listed in Item No. 5 of this meeting.

ADDITIONAL AGENDA
(On Table Discussion)

Addi. Item No. 1:
Annual Report of the National Institute of Technology Agartala for the session 2009-2010.

The Annual Report 2009-2010, prepared by the Institute and placed on the table was approved for onward submission to Ministry of HRD for further necessary action.

However the Board remarked that the Annual Report as a whole needs further improvement.

It was suggested that excellence/ honour received by the Institute in various field during the period may be highlighted in a separate page at beginning of the Report. In this way some other innovative ideas may be incorporated.

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Addl. Item No. 2:

To note the actions of the Director for allowing Sitting Allowance to all the designated member of Senate, Building & Works Committee, Finance Committee and Board of Governors.

The committee approved the sanction of sitting allowance to Institute staff members attending different Committee meetings under the Board such as Building & Works Committee, Finance Committee, Senate etc as per Institute rate and change from time to time under the provision Article 15 of the Statutes of NIT Act.

Addl. Item No. 3:

To consider the proposal for providing Redundant Internet Connectivity.

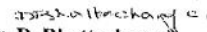
The Item was deferred. After preparation of details requirement, specification, etc. the Institute may go for re-advertisement for selection of the firm.

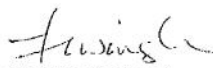
Addl. Item No. 4:

To consider Medical Reimbursement Draft Rules for NIT Agartala.

The Committee opined that such proposal must be placed with sufficient justification and comparison of such schemes of the Institutes where it have been introduced.

The meeting ended with the vote of thanks to the Chairs.


(Dr. D. Bhattacharya)
Secretary
Board of Governors
& Registrar
NIT Agartala


(Prof. P. N. Singh)
Chairman
Board of Governors
NIT Agartala