

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

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Proceedings of the 20th meeting of the Board of Governors (BOG) of N.I.T.K., Surathkal held on 5.07.2009 at 12.30 p.m. in Board Room, NITK, Surathkal.

Members Present:

Prof. Goverdhan Mehta
Chairman BOG, NITK
CSIR Bhatnagar Fellow,
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Chairman

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Member

Dr. K. Chandrashekar Shet
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Member

Sri Jora M. Gonda
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N.I.T.K., Surathkal.
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Member

Sri T.V.A. Ram
Asst. Financial Advisor
Dept. of Secondary & Higher Education
Ministry of Human Resource Development
Shastri Bhavan,
NEW DELHI.

Spl. Invitee

Dr. M. Govinda Raj
Registrar, NITK, Surathkal
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Secretary

Members who expressed their inability to attend the meeting:

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Member

The Chairman welcomed all the members of the Board of Governors. With the permission of the Chair, Secretary, BOG began the deliberations on the Agenda items.

A. Confirmation of the Minutes of 19th Meeting of Board of Governors held on 29.03.2009.

The Minutes of the 19th meeting of the BOG were circulated to all the members and no comments were received. Hence the Minutes are confirmed.

B. Review of the action taken on the Resolutions passed at the 19th Meeting of the Board of Governors held on 29.03.2009.

The action taken on the resolutions of the 19th BOG meeting were noted by the Board.

C. Recommendations of Finance Committee Meeting held on 5.07.2009 at 11.00 A.M. in Board Room, NITK, Surathkal.

Ratification Item:

20th BOG/16th FC Item No. 1:

Grant of Dearness Allowance to the employees/pensioners/Family Pensioners of this Institute w.e.f 1.7.2008 and 1.1.2009 as per Central Govt. orders.

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Recommendation of the Finance Committee

The FC resolved to recommend to the Board to ratify the action taken by the Director in granting of Dearness Allowance to the employees/pensioners/Family Pensioners with effect from 1.7.2008 and 1.1.2009 as per the Central Government orders.

Resolution of the BOG

The BOG resolved to approve the recommendation of the Finance Committee.

Discussion & Decision Items:

20th BOG/16th FC Item No. 2:

Annual Accounts 2008-09.

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Recommendation of the Finance Committee

The salient features of the statement of Annual Accounts 2008-09 were reviewed by the members. After deliberations, the FC resolved to recommend to the BOG to approve the Annual Accounts for the year 2008-09.

Resolution of the BOG

The BOG resolved to approve the recommendation of the Finance Committee.

20th BOG/16th FC Item No.3:

Inspection Report of Accountant
General(A.G.) Office.

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Recommendation of the Finance Committee

The FC noted the observations of the Accountant General on the accounts for the year 2007-08. The FC opined that, efforts must be made with A.G's office to get the old paras deleted by giving the required clarifications to the paragraphs in the inspection report.

After deliberations, the FC noted the contents and recommended to the BOG for its approval.

Resolution of the BOG

The BOG resolved to approve the recommendation of the Finance Committee.

20th BOG/16th FC Item No.4:

Fixing maximum limit for direct
entrustment of annual maintenance
works – Reg.

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Recommendation of the Finance Committee

The entrustment limit of direct awarding of maintenance works to contractors was discussed vis-à-vis the CPWD norms. The resolution of the Building and Works Committee (BWC) meeting held on 2.05.2009 (item No. 6) in this regard was approved.

The FC resolved to recommend to the BOG to approve the direct entrustment of all maintenance works costing upto a limit of Rs. 5 lakhs by the Director.

Resolution of the BOG

The BOG resolved to approve the recommendation of the Finance Committee.

20th BOG/16th FC Item No. 5: GATE Scholarship for new M.Tech courses.

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Recommendation of the Finance Committee

The sanction of GATE scholarship for new M.Tech courses started in 2007 & 2008 has not been granted by AICTE. In the 16th BOG meeting it was resolved to convert all M.Tech programmes which were under the self financing scheme as regular M.Tech courses. Approval for such courses from AICTE was not obtained after NIT Act 2007 came into force empowering our Institutes to start new courses in inter-disciplinary and emerging areas.

After deliberations, the FC resolved to recommend to the BOG as follows:

Pursue with MHRD to release the amount of scholarship dues from the non-plan grant over and above the normal non-plan grant for the current year 2009-10.

Resolution of the BOG

The BOG resolved to approve the recommendation of the Finance Committee.

20th BOG/16th FC Item No. 6: Construction of vehicular underpass across National Highway – 17 at Chainage KM – 357.957 to connect eastern and western parts of NITK Campus [exclusively for the use of NITK] – Execution of work through NH wing of State PWD on “Deposit work” basis– Reg.

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Recommendation of the Finance Committee

The FC noted the new developments with regard to construction of vehicular underpass across National Highway – 17 at Chainage KN- 357.957. The project shall now be executed on “Deposit Work” basis by NH wing of State PWD.

A fresh estimate shall be prepared based on minor design modifications suggested by the NH wing of state PWD. The FC and BOG have in their 16th meeting held on 20.09.2008 accorded financial approval for the project.

Resolution of the BOG

The BOG noted the new developments in this regard.

Additional Agenda of 16th Finance Committee meeting held on 5.07.2009.

Discussion and Decision Items:

20th BOG/16th FC Item No. 7: Common tuition fees to be charged by each NIT-Regarding.

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Recommendation of the Finance Committee

MHRD suggested a uniform tuition fee structure for all B.Tech & M.Tech courses in all NITs. Accordingly, it is proposed to charge a tuition fee of Rs. 35,000/- per annum from the academic year 2009-10.

The FC resolved to recommend to the BOG to approve the common tuition fee structure for NITs. The detailed fee structure for all programmes at NITK from the year 2009-10 is given in Annexure – I.

Resolution of the BOG

The BOG resolved to approve the recommendation of the Finance Committee.

20th BOG/16th FC Item No.8: Special Budget Allocation for Golden Jubilee Celebration.

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Recommendation of the Finance Committee

The FC noted the various events to be conducted by the Institute during the Golden Jubilee year 2009-10.

The FC resolved to recommend to the BOG to grant a Special Budget Allocation of Rs. 50 lakhs for Golden Jubilee celebrations under recurring grant of the Institute for the year 2009-10.

Resolution of the BOG

The BOG resolved to approve the recommendation of the Finance Committee.

D. Items placed before the 20th Meeting of Board of Governors (BOG) held on 5.07.2009 at 12.30 p.m. in Board Room, NITK, Surathkal.

Ratification Items:

20th BOG Item No. 1: **Grant of Dearness Allowance to the employees/pensioners/Family Pensioners of this Institute w.e.f 1.7.2008 and 1.1.2009 as per Central Govt. orders.**

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The BOG resolved to ratify the action taken by the Director in implementing the enhanced Dearness Allowance orders to the employees/pensioners /Family pensioners of the Institute w.e.f. 01.07.2008 and 01.01.2009.

20th BOG Item No.2: **Relieving of Faculty Members on voluntary retirement/resignation from the post held by them.**

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Chairman BOG approved the resignation of the newly joined faculty member Ms. R. Manjula (Relieved on 27.01.2009) and the Voluntary retirement of Dr.(Mrs) T.K. Lakshmy w.e.f. 20.07.2009.

BOG resolved to ratify the action taken by the Director in this respect.

Information Items/Reporting Items:

20th BOG Item No. 3: **Minutes of Board sub-Committee on pay anomalies.**

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After deliberations on the report of the Board sub-Committee, the BOG resolved to approve the report / recommendations of the Sub-Committee.

20th BOG Item No. 4: **Notification of NIT statutes –**

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BOG noted the publication/notification of the NIT statutes as required under sub-section (i) of section 26 of the National Institutes of Technology Act 2007.

20th BOG Item No. 5 : Construction of Mega Hostel Complex in NITK, Surathkal – Progress of work as of 3rd week of June, 2009 – Reg.

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The progress of the Mega Hostel in respect of completion of Tower – II for occupation in July 2009 was discussed.

Some of the members visited the site to inspect the progress of works. As per the directions of the BOG, Tower –II of the hostel shall be made available to provide accommodation for students joining in July 2009.

The BOG resolved that efforts must be made to ensure that the entire hostel, along with all the green features should be completed by the stipulated time.

20th BOG Item No. 6: MoUs signed.

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BOG noted the MOUs signed by NITK with Deakin University, Australia and National Instruments, Bangalore.

20th BOG Item No. 7: Golden Jubilee Celebrations- Inaugural Function & Calendar of activities.

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BOG discussed and noted the various activities proposed to be conducted by NITK during the Golden Jubilee year 2009-10.

After deliberations, BOG resolved to organize the 50th Institute Foundation Day on 6th August 2009 in a befitting manner and formally launch the Golden Jubilee Celebration, preferably in the 2nd/3rd week of August 2009 by inviting eminent persons/dignitaries/experts on the occasion.

Discussion and Decision Items:

20th BOG Item No. 8: Issues arising out implementation of NIT statutes
(i) Term of Office of Deans/Head of departments
(ii) Restructuring of the positions of Deans
(iii) Positions of Divisional Chairpersons

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In accordance with the NIT Act, the NIT statutes were notified on 23rd April, 2009.

The provisions of the statutes need to be implemented in NITK. The BOG, after discussing the salient provisions, resolved to direct the Administration to make all necessary Administrative/Academic/other changes as per the provisions by 15th August 2009.

It further resolved to retain the structure of Divisions and Divisional chairpersons for smooth inter-departmental collaboration and coordination.

20th BOG Item No. 9: Strategic Plan for NITK.

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A presentation on the details of the 'Strategic Plan' was made to the members. BOG appreciated the efforts made in this regard and suggested a few modifications to be incorporated.

It opined that the Strategic plan needs to focus on a 5-10 years time frame and the "implementation matrix" with definite time limits need to be specified.

It was suggested to have a proper progress monitoring mechanism to ensure effective monitoring of the implementation process. BOG resolved to examine the revised strategic plan document after its due consideration by Senate and bring it in the next meeting for its approval.

20th BOG Item No.10: Creation of a position of SE/EE for Resident Engineers Office.

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The status of various projects under implementation in the Institute was briefed to the members.

After deliberations, BOG considered and approved the requirement of additional, engineering personnel in the Resident Engineers establishment.

Considering the overall position the BOG approved the proposal to upgrade the RE post to Superintending Engineer (SE) level. In order to smoothly execute the projects, it further approved the appointment of one A.E (Civil) and two AEE (Civil and Electrical) on contractual terms for a duration of three years. Further, the contract be renewed on yearly basis depending on the necessity of the Institute.

20th BOG Item No. 11: Faculty positions – Proposed Faculty distribution of various departments.

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The BOG resolved to consider the matter, in the next meeting.

20th BOG Item No. 12: Non-teaching staff positions.

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The BOG resolved to consider the matter, in the next meeting.

20th BOG Item No.13: Construction of vehicular underpass across National Highway – 17 at Chainage KM – 357.957 to connect eastern and western parts of NITK Campus [exclusively for the use of NITK] – Execution of work through NH wing of State PWD on “Deposit work” basis– Reg.

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The BOG resolved to approve the recommendations of the FC.

Additional Agenda of 20th BOG meeting held on 5.07.2009.

Discussion and Decision Items:

20th BOG Item No. 14: PG Diploma on “Testing and Maintenance of Electrical Equipment” –CPRI.

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The Senate has accorded in-principle approval to the proposal in its 20th Meeting held on 26.03.2009.

The BOG resolved to consider the matter, in the next meeting.

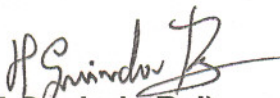
20th BOG Item No. 15: Voluntary retirement of Dr. S. Sridhar, Asst. Professor, Dept. of Mining Engg.-Relieving from the post held by him.

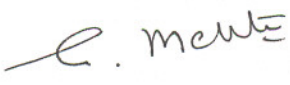
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Chairman, BOG approved the Voluntary retirement proposal of Dr. S. Sridhar, Asst. Professor, Dept. of Mining Engineering.

BOG resolved to approve the proposal and relieve him from the services of the Institute w.e.f. 2.9.2009.

The meeting ended with vote of thanks to the Chair.


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


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