

**MINUTES OF THE 25th MEETING OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF
NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY CALICUT HELD AT 2.30PM ON
14th DECEMBER 2013 -AT CONFERENCE ROOM NIT CALICUT.**

Members Present

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| 1. Dr. C. G. Krishnadas Nair | Hon. Chairperson |
| Hon. Chairperson, BoG, NIT Calicut | |
| 2. Dr. M. N. Bandopadhyay | Member |
| Director, NIT Calicut | |
| 3. Ms. Uma Pillai | Member |
| Former Secretary to Govt. of India | |
| 4. Mr. Satpal Sharma | Member |
| Under Secretary, Integrated Finance Division, MHRD | |
| 5. Adv. P. M. Suresh Babu | Member |
| Nominee of the Govt. of Kerala | |
| 6. Dr. K. Shoukkath Ali | Member |
| Nominee of Govt. of Kerala | |
| 7. Dr. P. Vineeth Kumar | Member |
| Nominee of the Senate, NIT Calicut | |
| 8. Dr. Sameer. S. M. | Member |
| Nominee of the Senate, NIT, Calicut | |
| 9. Dr. R. Vijayakumar | Secretary |
| Registrar, NIT Calicut | |

Dr. M. Vijayan expressed his inability to attend the meeting due to prior commitments. The Board sanctioned leave for Dr. M. Vijayan

The Hon. Chairperson, Board of Governors, NIT Calicut called the meeting to order at 2.30PM and welcomed the members. The following decisions were taken at the meeting.

Subject	BG25.01 Passing the minutes of the 24th meeting of the BoG
Decision	<p>The minutes of the 24th meeting of the BoG was circulated among the members and the same was confirmed with the following corrections.</p> <p>In the item BG24.07, the part “The BoG found that the “crucial” date for the reservation (to eligible categories) and the quota to SC&ST are to be re-examined and reported to the BoG by the institute”, is</p>

	<p>replaced by “The BoG found that the “crucial” date for the reservation (to eligible categories) and the total number of positions available for SC, ST categories, number of positions already filled and number of positions lying vacant are to be re-examined and reported to the BoG by the Institute ”.</p> <p>The last line of BG24.12 is modified as “The finance committee did not recommend this proposal observing that MACP can be given only from the date of regular service. The BoG decided to accept the recommendations of the FC in this regard”.</p> <p>In the item BG24.18(iv) the Board members suggested that the minutes be revised as “Adv. P. M. Suresh Babu, Member, BoG invited the attention of BoG to the need for revising the sitting allowance paid to FC and BoG members while attending the meetings. BoG noted that the present sitting allowance was fixed long time back and decided to revise the sitting allowance to Rs.5000 for both FC and BoG meetings effective from next meeting as per the recommendations of the FC”.</p> <p>With these modifications the minutes is confirmed.</p>
Subject	BG25.02 Consideration of the approval of the list of graduands recommended by the senate for the award of the degree at the 9th convocation of the institute
Decision	The list of graduands eligible for the award of B Tech, B.Arch., M Tech, MSc. (Tech)/ MSc and Ph.D. degrees approved by the senate of the Institute was placed before the BoG for approval. The BoG, after perusing the list, approved the list presented by the senate for the award of degrees by the Institute. The Registrar reported that 738 Bachelor’s, 432 Post-graduate’s and 21 doctorate (Ph.D.) degrees are being awarded in this convocation.
Subject	BG 25.03 Ratification of the nomination of Dr S M Sameer, Associate Professor as member of Buildings and Works Committee
Decision	The term of office of Dr. Muralikrishnan as member of BoG is over. Consequent to this, it is suggested by the Registrar that the BoG nominee to the Buildings and Works Committee (BWC) be Dr. S.M Sameer in place of Dr. Muralikrishnan. The suggestion was already approved by the Hon. Chairman of the BoG subject to ratification by BoG. The BoG ratified the appointment of Dr. S.M. Sameer as the nominee of the BoG to the BWC.
Subject	BG25.04 Permission to establish a Centre for Assistive Technologies (CAT) to impart training for physically challenged people at NIT Calicut
Decision	Institute’s proposal to set up Centre for Assistive Technologies (CAT) to improve the quality of life of differently abled section of the society is considered by the BoG. It was proposed to establish the centre as a registered society under Societies Registration Act, promoted jointly by Kerala State

	<p>Council for Science Technology and Environment (KSCSTE), Govt. of Kerala and National Institute of Technology Calicut (NIT Calicut). Even though NIT Calicut is facing acute shortage of vacant land, in view of the fact that the proposed centre will fulfil the social commitment of NIT Calicut to a significant extent, the Institute will try to earmark about 2 acres of land for this centre in the NITC campus. Complete expenditure towards the setting-up of centre except the cost of land will be borne by KSCSTE. The centre will function as a component of NIT Calicut, similar to TBI.</p> <p>BoG discussed the proposal in detail. BoG also considered the view expressed by MHRD on this agenda item as per F-No. 4-1/2013-TS-III dated 13/12/13 that Centre for Assistive Technologies can be established as a centre, as per clause 8(xiii) of NIT Statutes under NITC instead of registered society under societies registration act since NITSER does not provide for the same. Hence BoG decided:</p> <p>(i) To consult the Kerala State Council for Science Technology and Environment (KSCSTE), Govt. of Kerala to explore the possibility of setting-up the proposed centre as a direct entity of the Institute. If this is agreed upon by KSCSTE the MOU can be signed forthwith.</p> <p>(ii) In case this is not agreed to by KSCSTE, and funding by KSCSTE to a registered society is insisted, the matter may be taken up with MHRD assuring that no obligation of NITC property will be made and no asset of NITC will be transferred to the society, but the land can be leased to the society</p>
Subject	BG 25.05 Any other matter with the permission of the Chair
Decision	<p>(i) Request of Sri. P. V. Manu, Asst. Professor, MED for sabbatical leave for one year from 1.1.2014.</p> <p>The registrar presented the request of Sri P.V. Manu of the department of Mechanical Engineering for availing Sabbatical leave from 1-1-2014. P.V. Manu has six years of regular service in this Institute and has not availed sabbatical leave till now. His request was recommended by the DCC and HoD of MED. P. V. Manu is an internal Ph. D scholar of the Institute and the leave is for the purpose of completing his research work leading to Ph.D. The Director recommended placing his request in the BOG for approval. The BoG permitted the sanction of Sabbatical leave of one year to P V. Manu from 1-1-2014 on execution of necessary bond agreeing to serve the Institute for a minimum period of three years on return after expiry of leave.</p> <p>(ii) Constitution of the Committee for purchasing books for the Institute Library</p> <p>BoG noted the undue delay in placing orders for books and Journals in the library and observed that the Director is empowered to take necessary action in this regard. Director's decision, to form a committee under the Chairmanship of Dean (P&D) with five HoDs (that of CED, MED, EED, ECED, and CS ED)</p>

	<p>and Chairman, Library as members to oversee purchase proceedings and take appropriate decisions permitted under purchase rules, is also noted by the BoG.</p> <p>(iii) Approval for collaborating with IEEE Kerala Section for conducting an International Conference in the Institute.</p> <p>Dr. Sameer S. M., member, BoG presented that the Kerala Section of Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE), the world's largest professional association has expressed interest to collaborate with NIT Calicut for conducting an international conference in December 2014, and requested BoG's approval for proceeding further on it. BoG approved the request and suggested that a grant can be requested from the TEQIP fund for the conference.</p> <p>(iv) Placement details of various programs of the Institute.</p> <p>BoG asked the Institute to compile the placement statistics of all programs of the Institute and the details about the prospects of all programs. This may be presented at various forums of the Institute like BoAC and Senate before presenting it to BoG. The data collection and presentation in the BoG is entrusted with Dr. P. Vineeth Kumar, member, BoG.</p> <p>(v) Implementation of HAG Scales in the Institute</p> <p>MHRD has permitted the implementation of HAG Scales in NITs as per circular F. No. 34-9/2012-TS-III dated 22nd March 2012. Detailed guidelines for the same were also issued in the same circular. But the Institute did not start the procedure for the implementation of it. BoG directed the Institute to initiate steps for the implementation of HAG scales after seeking clarification from MHRD whether it can be done as per the guidelines issued in the above quoted circular as some new guidelines are being framed by ministry for the implementation of flexible 4-tier system.</p>
Subject	BG 25.06 Special items included as per the advice by the Chairperson, BoG
Decision	<p>(i) Review of progress of TEQIP- Phase II at the Institute</p> <p>Prof. Abraham T. Mathew presented an overview on the progress of TEQIP activities after the last BoG meeting. He informed the BoG that a number of faculty development and training activities are being planned under TEQIP. Board suggested appointing committees for assessing the training needs of the Institute and for the effective utilization of the project funds. Chairperson directed that the purchase activities might be expedited to completely utilize the grant well in time.</p> <p>(ii) Review of activities of Centre for Transportation Research</p> <p>The Centre for Transportation Research (CTR) is a Centre of Excellence funded by the Ministry of Human Resources Development, under the scheme 'Establishment of 50 Centres of Excellence in frontier areas of</p>

	<p>Science and Technology, in the year 2013. Prof. M.V.L.R Anjaneyulu, the faculty in charge of the centre gave an overview about the objectives and proposed activities of the centre. He reported that a MoU signed with MHRD for the establishment of the centre and Rs.1 Crore has been received already. Another 3 crores is expected in the next 3 years. He also briefed about the proposed activities of the centre. Chairperson BoG pointed out that the centre should be developed to address national level needs and there has to be a strict action plan with specific priorities for implementation. He also mentioned that the centre should achieve self-sustainability after the MHRD funding period of 4 years. Ms. Uma Pillai, Member, BoG also gave valuable suggestions in this regard and suggested to include one expert from National Highway Authority of India (NHAI) in the advisory board of the centre.</p>
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