

MINUTES OF THE 33rd MEETING OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY CALICUT HELD AT DIRECTOR'S OFFICE MINI CONFERENCE ROOM, NIT CALICUT ON MONDAY, THE 21ST NOVEMBER 2016, AT 1600 HRS.

Members Present

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| 1. Ms. Aruna Jayanthi | Hon. Chairperson |
| Hon. Chairperson, BoG, NIT Calicut | |
| 2. Dr Sivaji Chakravorti | Member |
| Director, NIT Calicut | |
| 3. Dr P.K. Rajendrakumar | Member |
| Nominee of the Senate, NIT Calicut | |
| 4. Mrs Lyla B Das | Member |
| Nominee of the Senate, NIT Calicut | |
| 5. Dr P M Abdul Majeed | Member |
| Nominee of Government of Kerala | |
| 6. Adv P M Suresh Babu | Member |
| Nominee of Government of Kerala | |
| 7. Lt Col Pankajakshan K (Retd) | Secretary |
| Registrar, NIT Calicut | |

The following members expressed their inability to attend the meeting:

1. *Prof Manju Bansal (Nominee of NIT Council)*
2. *Prof Mythily Ramasamy (Nominee of NIT Council)*

The Hon Chairperson, Board of Governors, NIT Calicut, called the meeting to order at 1600hrs. The Director welcomed the members. The written comments given by Prof Manju Bansal, Dr P M Abdul Majeed, Dr P K Rajendrakumar and Prof Mythily Ramasamy were duly considered in the meeting. The Agenda points and the decisions taken are enumerated below:

Subject BG 33.01	Confirmation of minutes of the 32nd BoG meeting
Decision	The BoG confirmed the minutes of the 32 nd BoG meeting held on 09/08/2016 at Mumbai by incorporating modifications based on the written comments received.
Subject BG 33.02	Report of action taken and action pending on the decisions taken in the 32nd meeting of the BoG.
Decision	The BoG noted the report of the action taken/pending on the decisions taken at

	its 32 nd meeting after detailed discussions on each.
Subject BG 33.03 (FC35.03)	Approval of the Annual Report for the year 2015-2016.
Decision	The BoG noted the recommendations of the FC and approved the Annual Report for the year 2015-16 . The SAR is to be attached as and when received from CAG.
Subject BG 33.04 (FC35.04)	Consideration of the Revised Budget Estimate for the year 2016-17 and Budget Estimate 2017-18.
Decision	The BoG noted the recommendations of the FC and approved the Revised Estimate for the year 2016-17 & the Budget Estimate 2017-18 with the suggested corrections in the Revised Budget Estimate.
Subject BG 33.05	Consideration of the establishment of the Dean, Alumni Affairs and International Relations.
Decision	<p>It was apprised that the NIT Statues 19 (1) states that the Institute shall establish not more than six Deanship. Presently the Institute is having only five Deans as given below:-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (1) Dean (Academic) (2) Dean (Planning & Development) (3) Dean (Research & Consultancy) (4) Dean (Faculty Welfare) (5) Dean (Student Welfare) <p>Keeping in view of the constant interaction of the alumni and the importance of international linkage towards the growth and prosperity of the Institute, the BoG approved the proposal of the establishment of Dean (Alumni Affairs and International Relations) with the duties and responsibilities as detailed in the agenda notes.</p>
Subject BG 33.06	Consideration of the report of the committee formed as per the BoG Resolution No. BG32.04.
	<p>In regards to the BoG Resolution No. BG 32.04, the Director placed the report of the two-member Committee, the meeting of which was held on 01-10-2016, along with the legal opinion obtained from the Institute Counsel for the consideration of the BoG.</p> <p>The BoG accepted the committee report wherein it was stated that there was an anomaly in the pay fixation in the selections made in the year 2010 at least in the case of Dr. Malladi V Pavan Kumar and the selection committees for some</p>

	<p>departments had not followed the norms given by the MHRD for fixation of basic pay and AGP. The committee also stated that Dr. Malladi V Pavan Kumar should have been fixed with AGP Rs. 6000/- and a lower pay in the pay band at the discretion of the Selection Committee instead of Rs 8000/- and Rs. 30000/-, respectively. The BoG also noted the legal opinion in which it was recommended to re-fix the pay of Dr. Malladi V Pavan Kumar and thus avoid creating further financial liability for the institution relating to the other incumbents, who are claiming benefit on the basis of the anomaly committed. The BoG decided to re-fix the pay of Dr. Malladi V Pavan Kumar and authorized the Director to file additional affidavit in the Writ Petition No. W P(C) 4079/2015 filed against the Institute in the Hon'ble High Court of Kerala to set the things right in order to take care of the financial and academic interests of the Institute.</p>
Subject BG 33.07	Consideration of the proposal for the appointment of Arbitrator in connection with the construction of Buildings for Mega Hostel-I at NITC.
Decision	<p>The BoG deliberated over the proposal of appointing Arbitrator and noted that the Mega Hostel-1 Project was envisaged to provide facilities of 1000 dwelling rooms to students including all necessary amenities with a total built-up area of around 44750 square meter. The work was awarded to M/s. Era Infra Engineering, New Delhi for a contract amount of Rs.88.78 crores. As per the contract the date of completion of the project was 14th August 2011. As on 14th August 2011 the contractor could complete only 19% of the overall project. Thereafter, extension of completion time was granted by various BWC/FC/BOG in many instances as per their requests and the latest date for completion was already over on 31st October 2016. As of now 93% of the overall work has been completed by the contractor.</p> <p>It was apprised that now the contractor and the consultant have requested for appointment of an Arbitrator vide their letters dated on 13.09.2016 and 27.09.2016, respectively, for resolution of the disputes as provided in the Tender document forming part of the Agreement dated 30.01.2009.</p> <p>The BoG noted that under the circumstances as per agreement condition 71.4.1 the demand for arbitration by the contractor shall be referred to arbitration and as per clause 71.4.2 the sole arbitration the arbitrator is to be the Director (NITs).</p> <p>The BoG decided that the Director (NITs) will act as the Arbitrator as per clause 71.4.2 of the contract agreement condition of the work, the construction of Buildings for Mega Hostel-I at NITC. The BoG also decided that the arbitration fees will be paid in accordance with the Arbitration and Conciliation (Amendment) Act, 2015.</p>
Subject BG 33.08	BG 33.08 Consideration of the request from Dr. Lillykutty Jacob, Professor, ECED for relaxation to travel by Airlines other than Air India

(FC35.05)	
Decision	The file containing the matter was placed before the BoG along with the recommendations of FC. After detailed discussions, the BoG declined the request for granting relaxation to travel by Airlines other than Air India. However, it is decided that, she is eligible for reimbursement of Registration Fees, Travelling Allowance & Daily Allowance incurred for this purpose as per the rules in force.
Subject BG 33.09 (FC35.06)	Consideration of the request from Dr. Celine.A.A for enhancement of age of superannuation in line with General Duty Medical Officer of CHS.
Decision	The BoG approved the recommendation of FC to forward the matter to Ministry of Finance for approval as the increase in age of superannuation of RMO of autonomous organizations at par with RMO of CHS can be adopted only with the approval from Ministry of Finance.
Subject BG 33.10 (FC35.07)	Consideration of the request for Dr. P.P.Anil Kumar, Associate Professor, Architecture, for granting sabbatical leave for one year.
Decision	The BoG approved the Sabbatical Leave request of Dr. P.P.Anil Kumar, Associate Professor, Architecture, for a period of one year from July 2017 (from the ending date of 2016-17 vacation for faculty) for writing a book entitled <i>"Planning Smart Cities: Challenges and opportunities in the Indian Context"</i> with the provision that all conditions as laid down in the leave rules and the rules as in force for sabbatical leave are to be followed.
Subject BG 33.11 (FC35.08)	Consideration of the enhancement of consolidated monthly payment of Adhoc Technical Staff (ITI holders)
Decision	The BoG approved the recommendation of FC for enhancing the remuneration of Adhoc Technical Staff (ITI holders) by adding 25 % with their existing remuneration of Rs.8000/- from the next recruitment onwards.
Subject BG 33.12	Consideration of the submission from HoD, CSED for writing off the 12 numbers of missing UPS batteries.
Decision	The BoG approved writing off 12 numbers of missing batteries. The BoG stressed upon taking utmost care in keeping the institute assets. However the Chairperson reiterated the importance of security in the campus and requested the Registrar to prepare a detailed plan to improve the security system of the Institute by next BoG meeting.
Subject BG 33.13 (FC35.09)	Consideration of the request from Dr. Jayaraj.P.B, Asst.Professor (on contract),CSED, for regularizing the services on acquiring Ph.D.
Decision	BoG approved the recommendation of the FC for regularization of the services of Dr.Jayaraj.P.B, Asst.Professor, CSED, on contract in the same Pay Band and

	<p>Grade Pay on acquiring his Ph.D. degree.</p> <p>It was apprised to the BoG that there is a need to extend the time to one more year for completing the Ph.D degree by some Assistant Professors who were appointed on contract basis during the year 2010. The BoG noted that while appointing them the competent authority has mentioned in their appointment order that the engagement will be purely on contract basis and contractual engagement can be terminated by the authority if they do not acquire Ph.D degree within the stipulated time.</p> <p>After detailed discussions on the procedure which is followed by the institute so far in regularizing the services on acquirement of Ph.D, the BoG agreed to the recommendation of the FC to extend the time by one more year for completing the Ph.D degree by the affected faculties.</p> <p>The BoG approved the recommendation of the FC for granting one more year from the date of 33rd BoG meeting for submission of Ph.D thesis to all faculty members, who were appointed on contract basis during the year 2010 and who were not having PhD at that time. It is also decided to terminate such faculty members on contract basis, who will not be complying with this decision after one year from 21/11/2016.</p>
Subject BG 33.14	Consideration of the minutes of the 35th meeting of the Finance Committee.
Decision	The BoG resolved to approve all the recommendations of the 35 th meeting of the Finance Committee, as enumerated in the items of this BoG minutes.
Subject BG 33.15	Ratification of the action taken by the Hon'ble Chairperson in approving the list of Graduands for 12th Convocation conducted on 15th October 2016.
Decision	The Board ratified the action taken by the Hon'ble Chairperson in approving the list of Graduands for 12 th Convocation conducted on 15 th October 2016.
Subject BG33.16	Ratification of the action of the Chairperson in approving the panel of candidates for appointment as the Registrar of NIT Calicut as decided unanimously by the selection committee.
Decision	<p>It was apprised to the BoG that the BoG vide resolution No.31.14 has decided that fresh advertisement be made as early as possible for recruitment of Registrar of NIT Calicut by following NIT Act and Statutes.</p> <p>Based on this decision an advertisement was given vide Advertisement No.P1/23331/RNTS/469/2016 in all leading news papers and NITC website. A screening committee constituted for the same vide Note No.DO/REG/2016/378 dated 15th June 2016 had approved a list of 30 candidates who were called for interview on Saturday, 27th August 2016, at Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Madras.</p> <p>The BoG vide Resolution No.32.14 has decided to authorize the Chairperson to approve the panel of selected candidates to be ratified in the next BoG meeting if the decision of the selection committee is unanimous. Accordingly the Hon'ble Chairperson approved the panel of candidates with Lt Col Pankajakshan K as Rank No.1 (one) as decided unanimously by the selection committee.</p>

	<p>The BoG ratified the action taken by the Hon'ble Chairperson in approving the panel of candidates with Lt Col Pankajakshan K as Rank No.1 towards the appointment of the Registrar of NIT Calicut as decided unanimously by the selection committee.</p> <p>The documents related to the selection process were placed on the table for ratification by the BoG.</p> <p>It is also apprised to the BoG that based on the approval from the competent authority and as per the appointment order thereby, Lt Col Pankajakshan K has assumed charge as Registrar of the Institute on the FN of 17th October 2016.</p> <p>The Board also discussed the pay fixation of the new Registrar, Lt Col Pnakajakshan K, who has taken VRS from his re-employment in Indian Army on 15 Oct 2016 and joined the Institute on 17 Oct 2016. The BoG approved consideration of the protection of last pay drawn by him while fixing his pay.</p>
Subject BG33.17	Ratification of the action taken by the Hon'ble Chairperson in relieving Dr. R.Aswathi Nair, Assistant Professor, School of Biotechnology, for taking up employment in Central University of Kerala by retaining lien at NITC for two years.
Decision	The BoG ratified the action taken by the Hon'ble Chairperson in relieving Dr. R.Aswathi Nair, Assistant Professor, School of Biotechnology, for taking up employment in Central University of Kerala by retaining lien at NITC for two years.
Subject BG 33.18 (FC35.10)	<p>Any other item permitted by the Chair</p> <p>(1) Dr. P.K. Rajendrakumar has given the additional agenda point for including academic matters in the BoG discussions.</p> <p>(2) Report of the approval by circulation of the Minutes of single agenda of Building Works Committee (BWC) of NIT Calicut held on 26/09/2016.</p>
Decision	<p>(1) With the permission of the Chair, Dr. P.K. Rajendrakumar has tabled an additional agenda point pertaining to inclusion of academic matters in the BoG for discussion. The BoG agreed to incorporate the academic matters in the BoG discussions with due importance.</p> <p>(2) It is reported to the BoG that the minutes of the BWC held on 26/08/2016 were circulated among the members through email for the approval of FC and BOG and the same has got approved.</p>

The meeting concluded at 1800 hrs with vote of thanks to the Chair.