

MINUTES OF THE 47th MEETING OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE OF NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY CALICUT HELD AT NIT TRANSIT HOUSE, NEW DELHI ON 08/05/2019 AT 10:30AM.

Members Present

1. **Dr. Sivaji Chakravorti** Chairperson
Director, NIT Calicut and Chairperson, BoG, NIT Calicut
2. **Sri Dhananjay K Singh** Member
Deputy Secretary (Finance)
Representative of JS&FA, MHRD
3. **Sri K.Rajan** Member
Under Secretary (Representing JS (NITs), MHRD)
4. **Prof. Manju Bansal** Member
Nominee of the BoG of NIT Calicut
5. **Dr. A.V. Babu** Member
Nominee of the BoG of NIT Calicut
6. **Lt. Col. Pankajakshan K** Member Secretary
Registrar, NIT Calicut

Director, NIT Calicut and Chairperson, Finance Committee of NIT Calicut, called the meeting to order at 10.30 am and welcomed the members.

The Agenda points and the decisions taken are enumerated below:-

Subject FC.47.01	Confirmation of the minutes of the 46th meeting of the Finance Committee held on 05th February 2019 at NIT Transit House New Delhi
Decision	The minutes of the 46 th FC meeting held on 05 th February 2019 at NIT Transit House New Delhi were circulated among the members. The FC decided to confirm the minutes after appropriately incorporating the comments received and with the following change: FC 46.05 be read as “Consideration of the proposal for revision of remuneration for Student Counselors” along with the corresponding minor modifications.

Subject FC. 47.02	Report of action taken / action pending on the decisions taken in the 46th meeting of the FC
Decision	FC noted the report of the actions taken on the decisions taken at its 46 th meeting.
Subject FC.47.03	Consideration of the proposal to provide financial support to Post-Graduate (PG) Students for paper presentation in Scopus Indexed Conferences/Seminars
Decision	<p>The FC was apprised that in the recently announced NIRF 2019 ranking, NIT Calicut did well by improving its rank in Engineering to 28 in 2019 from 50 in 2018. A closer look on the scores of NITC in the five main parameters in NIRF ranking shows that among the NITs, NITC is 3rd in Teaching-Learning (score 63.47), 1st in Graduation Outcome (score 77.01) and 2nd in Outreach and Inclusivity (score 61.09). In perception, the score has improved from 26.25 in 2017, 34.67 in 2018 to 36.71 in 2019. It is expected to improve further next year due to the good ranking obtained in 2019.</p> <p>The FC noted that, there is a lot of scope for improvement in Research and Professional Practices. In research, the score in 2019 is 28.22 compared to 21.15 in 2017 and 26.58 in 2018. The trend shows that it is increasing, but at a slow rate. In this context, BoG has already taken a positive step by granting seed grant to new faculties to start research activities. The FC noted that currently almost all the research publications of NIT Calicut are contributions from Ph.D. scholars and faculty members, and the publications from PG Students are minimal.</p> <p>The FC was further apprised that presently, NIT Calicut has about 600 PG Students graduating every year from various programmes. As per the curriculum, the PG Students have to undertake a course titled ‘Major Project’ in the final year of their programme. Many of these projects are quality works such that the outcome can be a prototype of a novel product or a design, which can be made into a patent. Many of such projects could end up with a journal or conference paper (SCI/Scopus indexed).</p> <p>The FC noted that the publication base can be broadened significantly by encouraging PG students to publish papers in SCI/Scopus indexed conferences/seminars. To do so, it is needed to provide financial support to PG students for presenting papers in conferences/seminars, which are SCI/Scopus indexed.</p>

After detailed deliberations, FC decided to recommend to BoG for granting approval for the following:

- i) Maximum amount of financial support will be Rs.5,000/- per PG student during the entire period of PG studies at NIT Calicut.
- ii) This financial support will be over and above the PG Contingency grant. Existing conference support from PG Contingency will be continued as per the prevailing norms.
- iii) This financial support can be availed for more than one conference (both National and International) within the total limit of Rs 5,000/-.
- iv) The financial support will be given on reimbursement basis with prior approval.
- v) The financial support will be given for SCI/Scopus indexed conferences/seminars only and for no other conferences/seminars.
- vi) Presentation of the paper in the Conference/Seminar will be mandatory to avail this financial support.
- vii) The support will be meant for registration fees, travel and accommodation costs.
- viii) If a paper is co-authored by more than one PG Student, then support will be provided to only one student author.
- ix) Under normal circumstances, the support will be given to student author only. However, if the paper is accepted for presentation in a conference/seminar, which will be held after the external viva-voce examination of the student concerned, then the reimbursement may be given to the faculty supervisor. For one paper, reimbursement can be claimed by either the student or the supervisor, but not both.
- x) This scheme will be implemented from the batch of PG students admitted in 2018 onwards.
- xi) Annual Fund requirement : Rs. 30 Lakhs
- xii) Source of fund: Institute IRG.
- xiii) The institute will make necessary arrangements for scrutiny of applications and also make monitoring mechanisms.

The meeting concluded at 12.00 noon with vote of thanks to the Chair.