

NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY SILCHAR

Minutes of the Nineteenth Meeting of the Board of Governors held on 22nd September 2008 at Silchar

Nineteenth meeting of Board of Governors was held on 22nd September 2008 at Silchar. Following members were present-

1. Prof. Gautam Barua, Director, IIT Guwahati- Chairman of the Board
2. Sri H.M. Cairae, IAS, Principal Secretary to the Govt of Assam, Higher Education (Technical) Department, Guwahati-781006
3. Sri Abhijit Barooah, Managing Director, Premier Cryogenics Limited, Guwahati
4. Prof. D.N. Bhattacharjee, Professor of Civil Engg, NIT Silchar
5. Prof. S. Baishya, Professor of ECE, NIT Silchar
6. Sri S.S. Dutt, Silchar
7. Prof. Fazal A. Talukdar, Registrar
8. Prof. P.K. Banik, Director

Dr. (Mrs.) Ratnabali Banerjee, Joint Secretary, ERO, UGC, Kolkata expressed her inability to attend the meeting due to preoccupation. Following agenda items were take up for consideration-

BOG-19/08/1: To confirm the minutes of the 18th Meeting of the Board

Minutes of the Eighteenth Meeting of the Board of Governors were confirmed.

BOG-19/08/2: To receive a note on the action taken and progress made on the minutes of the last meeting of the Board

Board was apprised about the actions taken on the resolutions of its last meeting. Board took a note of the same. Board was further informed that Prof. P.K. Banik, Director has expressed his desire to relinquish the post of Director with effect from 31 October 2008 and the Government of India has accepted his notice of relinquishing.

BOG-19/08/3: To consider and approve the Annual Report of the Institute for the year 2007-08

Board examined the Annual Report for 2007-08 and noted that the Audit Report on the accounts of the Institute has not yet been received from the Principal AG (Audit), Assam. Board advised the Institute to approach the office of the Principal AG (Audit), Assam for early issue of the Audit Report. Board authorized the Hon'ble Chairman, Board of Governors to approve the Audit Report as and when it is received for further action by the Institute.

BOG-19/08/4: To ratify the action of the Hon'ble Chairman in approving the Recruitment Rules (RR) for the post of Registrar

Board ratified the action of the Chairman in approving the RR for the post of Registrar. Board further desired that the recruitment process should be completed by 31st October 2008. Board further observed that one expert from outside the Institute in the Selection Committee would be decided by the Director. Board further resolved that Director will propose a panel of experts to

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the Chairman for approval being the nominee(s) of the Board on the Selection Committee. Board further authorized the Chairman for approval of the recommendation of the Selection Committee for issue of appointment letter.

BOG-19/08/5: To consider and approve the revision of scholarship/fellowship/assistantship for M.Tech./Ph.D. students/scholars of the Institute

Board approved the revision of scholarship/fellowship/assistantship for M.Tech./Ph.D. students of the Institute as follows-

| | Existing | Revised |
|---|------------|--|
| M.Tech. | 5000.00 pm | 8000.00 pm |
| Ph.D. programme | | |
| Qualifying degree | Existing | Revised |
| B.E./B.Tech./MA/MSc with valid GATE Score above cut-off level/NET qualification | 6000.00 pm | 12000.00 pm for 1 st & 2 nd Year 14000.00 pm for 3 rd & 4 th Year |
| ME/M.Tech. or equivalent | 7000.00 pm | 14000.00 pm for 1 st & 2 nd Year 15000.00 pm for 3 rd & 4 th Year |

No contingency will be admissible to M.Tech. students. Contingency for research students would be decided by the Institute on case by case not exceeding the amount in the OM No. F.9-2/2007-TS.I dated 28 July 2008. The revision would be applicable with retrospective effect from 1.4.2008.

BOG-19/08/6: To consider the matter of introduction of New Pension Scheme for employees who joined prior to 1.1.2004

Board approved the introduction of New Pension Scheme (NPS) for employees who joined prior to 1.1.2004. Such employees would be required to exercise their option within six months from the date of this meeting of the Board.

BOG-19/08/7: To take note on the recommendation of the Selection Committees for recruitment of faculty held during 12-14 June 2008

(A) Direct Recruitment

Board noted the recommendations of the Selection Committee(s) and the action of the Chairman in approving the same and the offers made. Board resolved to remove the time limit for submission of the PhD degree by Sri Kamal Lochan Mahanta.

(B) Placement at Higher level under Career Advancement Scheme

Board examined the recommendations of the Selection Committee(s) in respect of the following faculty members (who

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did not have required 4/5 years of teaching experience in the Institute) for placement into Lecturer (SS) level-

- (a) Sri Santosh Kumar Gupta
- (b) Dr. Ayon Bhattacharjee
- (c) Sri Tannmoy Malakar
- (d) Sri Sujit Kumar Pattanayak

Board deferred a decision on the recommendation of the respective Selection Committee(s). Board advised the Institute to obtain the practices followed in other NITs in respect of the teaching experiences earned outside the institute for placement into higher level under career advancement scheme. Institute is further advised to obtain clarification from MHRD for treatment of past services for placement into higher level.

BOG-19/08/8: To take a note on the joining of new faculty

Board noted the joining of new faculty members. Board also took note of the joining of Sri Jishan Mehedi as lecturer in ECE on 18 September 2008.

BOG-19/08/9: To take a note on the new infrastructure works taken up

Board noted the booking of the expenditure for major infrastructure projects as follows-

Against PLAN (normal development activity)

- (i) Construction of Faculty Housing- 28 units of Type-IV(E), 20 units of Type-V(E) and 12 units of Type-VI(EL) at a cost of Rs. 1949.86 lakhs
- (ii) Construction of a Continuing Education Centre-cum-Guest House at a cost of Rs. 656.85 lakhs

Against PLAN (capacity expansion for OBC)

- (iii) Construction of new academic complex at a cost of Rs. 796.32 lakhs
- (iv) Construction of 200-bedded Girls' Hostel at a cost of Rs. 617.50 lakhs
- (v) Construction of 500-bedded new Boys' Hostel No-8 at an estimated cost of Rs. 16,88,11,807.00 (PE)
- (vi) All furniture and equipments needed for capacity expansion due to increase in intake to accommodate reservations for OBC

BOG-19/08/10: To take a note on the faculty visiting abroad under TEQIP

Board took a note on the faculty visits abroad under TEQIP.

BOG-19/08/11: To receive a note on the minutes of the 16th Meeting of the Buildings & Works Committee and recommendations thereof

Board noted the recommendations of the 16th meeting of the Building & Works Committee. However, Board did not agree with the modalities of proof checking as placed before it. Board advised the Director to find out a mechanism for carrying out proof-checking through the Estate Section.



BOG-19/08/12: Any other matter with the permission of the Chair

BOG-19/08/12A: To consider and approve the recommendation of the Senate- (a) change in nomenclature of the B.Tech. degree in Electronics & Telecommunication into B.Tech. in Electronics & Communication Engineering, (b) discontinuation of award of gold/silver medals to PG MTech students and (c) revision of honorarium for examination of M.Tech./Ph.D. theses

Board approved the recommendations of the Senate as follows-

- (i) Approved the change in nomenclature of B.Tech. degree in Electronics & Telecommunication Engineering into B.Tech. in Electronics & Communication Engineering.
- (ii) Approved the discontinuation of gold/silver medals to M.Tech. students
- (iii) Approved the following honorarium for evaluation of MTech/PhD theses-
 - a. M.Tech. thesis- Rs. 500.00 per thesis
 - b. PhD thesis Rs. 2500.00 per thesis/per examiner
 - c. Oral examination Rs. 2000.00 for PhD and Rs. 2000.00 for per session of M.Tech.

BOG-19/08/12B: To consider delegating financial powers to Principal Investigators (PIs) of the sponsored R&D projects/schemes

Board noted PIs may draw a permanent advance of Rs. 5000.00 to meet contingency and petty expenses and there is no need to delegate any power to PIs at the moment.

BOG-19/08/12C: To consider the review of the decision of the Board taken in its 12th meeting under item no. BOG-12/06/13E

Board did not agree with the proposal of the Institute to review its earlier decision and advised the Institute to dispose the matter in view of its earlier decision.

BOG-19/08/12D: To consider implementation of Clause-10C(A) of CPWD for major ongoing works

Board noted that works have already been completed where the said Clause was proposed to be applied. Board opined that BWC needs to deliberate the issue and forward its view to the Board for consideration.

BOG-19/08/12E: To consider release of gratuity contribution of faculty joining other Central Autonomous bodies

Board approved the transfer of CPF (Institute share) and other service benefits of its ex-employees to Central Government/State Government/Central Autonomous Bodies/PSUs as per extant rules of the Government of India.

BOG-19/08/12F: To consider the revision of wages for Muster roll/ Daily work-charged employees of the institute

Board approved the revision of wages of MR/daily-wage workers (as per the rate notified by Government of Assam vide circular No. ACL.43/2004/937 dated 2nd February 2008) as follows-

| | Existing | Revised |
|--------------|----------|---------|
| Skilled | 102.00 | 119.00 |
| Semi-skilled | 99.00 | 116.00 |
| Unskilled | 97.00 | 114.00 |

The rates would be applicable with retrospective effect from 2nd February 2008.

BOG-19/08/12G: To consider and approve subscription of internet connectivity from Bharti Airtel Broadband

Board appreciated the need for more than one ISP in the Institute. Board advised the Institute to exercise due diligence while selecting a new ISP keeping in mind the budgetary constraint. Institute should take efforts to augment its internet bandwidth.

Meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair.



Prof. Gautam Barua
Chairman, Board of Governors



Prof. P.K. Banik
Director & Secretary