

NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY SILCHAR

SIXTY SECOND MEETING OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

MINUTES

The 62nd meeting of the Finance Committee was held on 11th August, 2022 at 1630 hours via video conferencing. The following members were present in the meeting:

1. Sri Gautam N Mehra, Chairman & Managing Director, Savita Oil Technologies Limited, Ex – Officio Chairman, Finance Committee
2. Prof. Sivaji Bandyopadhyay, Director & Ex - Officio, FC
3. Mr. Indrajit Kuri, Under Secretary, TS – III, Ministry of Education
4. Dr. S. K. Kakoty, Professor, IIT Guwahati
5. Prof. Pramod Kumar Patowari, Professor, NIT Silchar
6. Dr. Krishna Lal Baishnab, Registrar (i/c) & Secretary, FC

Sri Gautam N Mehra presided the meeting of the Finance Committee as Ex – Officio Chairman, Finance Committee in accordance with Statute 10 of First Statute of NITs.

At the outset, Dr. K. L. Baishnab welcomed the Ex – Officio Chairman, Finance Committee and other members who attended the meeting.

The FC then initiated the discussion on the Agenda Items one by one: -

FC-62/22/01: To confirm the minutes of the 60th Meeting of Finance Committee.
Sixtieth meeting of the Finance Committee was held on 26th May, 2022 via video conferencing.

The copies of the Minutes of the 60th meeting of the Finance Committee (Annexure – I) was circulated to all the members of the Committee. Comments received, if any will be placed on the table on the day of the meeting.

The Board is request to once again confirm the minutes of 60th meeting of the Finance Committee

DECISION

The Members of the Committee suggested to revise the decision of the agenda item No. FC – 60/22/04 as follows:

Release of payment to the firm for procurement of 182 Laptops”, the members of the Finance Committee decided that the institute should frame a Committee of Senior Professors who will investigate the matter and submit their report on the same. Decision will be taken based on the report of the Committee. The Director is authorised to frame the Committee

The Committee confirms the minutes of the 60th meeting of Finance Committee with above changes.

FC-62/22/02: To confirm the minutes of the 61st Special Meeting of Finance Committee.
Sixty first special meeting of the Finance Committee was held on 13th June, 2022 via video conferencing. The Minutes of the meeting was confirmed on the table.



The copies of the Minutes of the 61st meeting of the Finance Committee (Annexure – II) was circulated to all the members of the Committee. Comments received, if any will be placed on the table on the day of the meeting.

The Board is request to once again confirm the minutes of 61st meeting of the Finance Committee.

DECISION

Regarding agenda item No. FC-61/22/01 the Committee resolved that the Muster Roll workers will be paid for the number of days they will work in a month subject to maximum of 26 days per month as per Minimum Wages (Central) Rules 1950 and to protect their present monthly wages, they will be given 15.4% hike over and above the minimum wages declared by the Central Labour Commissioner as a one-time measure. The effect on their pay on implementing the same is depicted below:

S. No	Category	Minimum Wages as per CLC rate	Hiked Wages
1	Highly Skilled	₹ 734.00	₹ 847.00
2	Skilled	₹ 625.00	₹ 722.00

There will be no hike in the wages of Muster Roll Workers till the minimum wages declared by the Central Labour Commissioner exceeds the hiked wages of the above table.

The Committee also resolved that the objection raised by the CAG regarding excess payment of wages to the Muster Roll Workers could not be recovered from them as they belong poor society. Further, the Supreme Court of India in CIVIL APPELLATE JURISDICTION CIVIL APPEAL NO. 7115 OF 2010, Thomas Daniel Vs State of Kerala mentioned that recovery from the employees belonging to Class III and Class IV service (or Group C and Group D service) would be impermissible in law

FC-62/22/03: To discuss on the Action Taken Report on decision of the 60th Meeting of Finance Committee.

The action taken report on the minutes of 60th meeting of FC is placed at Annexure – III. The Committee is requested to take note of the same.

DECISION

The Finance Committee noted the Action Taken Report of 60th meeting of Finance Committee.

FC-62/22/04: To discuss on the Action Taken Report on decision of the 61st Special Meeting of Finance Committee.

The action taken report on the minutes of 61st special meeting of FC is placed at Annexure – IV. The Committee is requested to take note of the same.

DECISION

The Finance Committee noted the Action Taken Report of 61st Special meeting of Finance Committee.

FC-62/22/05: To consider and approve Annual Accounts of the Institute for the financial year 2021 - 22.

The Annual Accounts for the Financial Year 2021 – 22 has been prepared and will be placed on the table on the day of the meeting for its consideration and necessary recommendation to the Board for approval. After approval of the Board, the same will be forwarded to the Director General of Audit, Kolkata for their needful.

DECISION

The Committee approve Annual Accounts of the Institute for the financial year 2021 – 22 and recommended the same to the Board of Governors for approval.

FC-62/22/06: To consider the proposal of AMC of Network Switches, Wi-Fi Access Points and Wi-Fi Controller.

A major revamping of the Institute network (LAN) including procurement of active components, such as 12/24/48 port switches, Wi-Fi access points and Wi-Fi controller were undertaken in 2019. The equipments were brought with 3 years of warranty from installation. Accordingly, the supplier maintained the equipment till July 2022 as per terms & conditions of the supply order. The total cost of these equipments was approx. Rs. 1.86 crores. These equipments, since the expiry of warranty, are being operated without any support.

The network equipments are in working condition but since it is no more in warranty in case of any fault, it will be difficult to maintain the institute network and provide smooth internet connectivity in the campus. In this regard, tendering of AMC of 12/24/48 port network switches, Wi-Fi access points and Wi-Fi controller is necessary.

The total financial involvement is estimated to be around ₹ 82.00 lakhs approx. for 3 years AMC of Network switches, Wi-Fi Access Points and Wi-Fi controller.

The supporting documents are placed at **Annexure – VI**.

The committee is requested to consider the same and forward it to the Board for approval.

DECISION

The Committee resolved to float tender in GeM portal for AMC of Network Switches, Wi-Fi Access Points and Wi-Fi Controller.

FC-62/22/07: To consider and approve the procurement of renewal of campus license of Ansys Academic Products.

Ansys campus license of perpetual type was procured in September 2021. The validity of the current ANSYS license will expire on 8 Sep 2022. After the said period, ANSYS will stop customer support and software updates.

Though the existing campus license is perpetual, it will not be able to fulfil the purpose of the research scholars and students once the software updates are

stopped. It may be noted that the software is widely used by the UG, PG & PhD students of CE, ME, ECE & EE departments at UG/PG/Doctoral levels.

We received two price options as mentioned below for renewal from the supplier:

Option-1: Rs. 18,40,619 /- (for 1 year renewal)

Option-2: Rs. 45,40,815/- (for 3 years renewal)

The concerned DPC opined for the Option-2 as it is cheaper than Option-1.

The Committee is requested to consider the proposal and recommend the same to BoG for approval.

DECISION

The Committee resolved to renew the License of Ansys for three years after negotiating the price from the supplier following the Government of India norms.

FC-62/22/08: To consider award of work to M/S WAPCOS Ltd for the construction of Girls Hostel No. 4A at NIT Silchar'.

The Construction of Girls Hostel No. 4A was recommended by the 63rd Emergent meeting dt. 21.12.2021, 58th FC dt. 21.12.2021 & approved by 87 BOG 28.03.2022 for DPAR value of Rs. 25,96,49,211/- under EWS scheme (as allocated by the then MHRD vide letter no. F.No.35-4/2019-TS.III dated 19.06.2019).

The Institute invited Expression of Interest (EOI) for the above work from CPSU & CGO vide E-tender No. NIT-E/Estate/2022-23/01 dt. 07.04.2022. In response to this only one agency viz. M/s NPCC had participated. Thereafter, the EOI was re-tendered vide NIT-E/Estate/2022-23/04 dt. 13.05.2022. In response to re-tender only M/s WAPCOS participated. However, NPCC vide letter no. NEZ/GHY/NIT/SILCH/373 dated 27.05.2022 requested for consideration of earlier submitted cost of tender and EMD and hardcopies of the tender. The competent authority had approved both the tenders for evaluation.

Technical bids were opened on 13.06.2022 and both the agencies i.e. M/s NPCC and M/s WAPCOS was found technically qualified.

The price bids were opened on 05.07.2022 and M/s WAPCOS was found L1 with quoted rate of 3.71% as consultancy charge. The quoted rate of M/s NPCC was 3.86%.

The comparative statement and other details are placed under **Appendix – VIII**.

The matter is placed before the 63rd meeting BWC scheduled on 11.08.2022. The recommendation of the committees will be placed before the Committee on the day of the meeting.

The Board is requested to approved the recommendation of BWC and forward the same to the Board for approval.

DECISION

The Committee approved the recommendation of the 63rd meeting of the BWC on the said agenda item and recommend the same to BoG for approval.

FC-62/22/09: Supplementary Agenda, if any.

The meeting ended with vote of thanks to the Chair.



(Dr. K. L. Barshnab)
Registrar (i/c) & Secretary



(Sri Gautam N Mehra)
Ex – Officio Chairman, FC