

**NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY
TIRUCHIRAPPALLI**



**MINUTES OF THE 26th MEETING OF
BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF NITT**

HELD ON 20th APRIL 2011

AT 2.30 p.m.

IN OOM ROOM, NIT TIRUCHIRAPPALLI

NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY, TIRUCHIRAPPALLI (NITT)

Minutes of the 26th Meeting of the Board of Governors of NIT, Tiruchirappalli held on 20th April 2011 at 2.30 p.m. in the OOM Room, NIT, Tiruchirappalli.

Members Present:

Dr. Rajaram Nityananda Chairman, BOG, NITT Senior Professor National Centre for Radio Astrophysics, Tata Institute of Fundamental Research, Pune 411 007	Chairman
Dr. Sandeep Sancheti Director (i/c) National Institute of Technology Tiruchirappalli 620 015	Member
Shri Raja Sankaran Managing Director Infologix Software Solutions Pvt. Ltd. Old No. 5 / New No. 11, 12 th Cross Street, Sastry Nagar, Adayar, Chennai 600 020	Member
Shri S. Ramanathan Chairman & Managing Director Cethar Foodoil Ltd. "Juman Centre", Promenade Road, Cantonment, Tiruchirappalli 620 001	Member
Ms. Nandini Rengaswamy Chairperson, Confederation of Indian Industry, TN Circle, CEO, Chandra Textiles & Founder Trustee, GRG Trust, Peelamedu Coimbatore 641 004	Member
Dr. P. Asokan Professor & Head, Department of Production Engineering National Institute of Technology Tiruchirappalli 620 015	Member



Dr. S. Nickolas
Associate Professor, Department of Computer Applications
National Institute of Technology
Tiruchirappalli 620 015 **Member**

Dr. A. K. Banerjee
Registrar (i/c)
National Institute of Technology
Tiruchirappalli 620 015 **Secretary**

Prof. V. Ramprasad
Professor, Department of Architecture,
National Institute of Technology
Tiruchirappalli 620 015 **Special
Invitee**

Members who expressed their inability to attend the Meeting:

Shri Ashok Thakur
Special Secretary (Technical Education)
Department of Higher Education, Ministry of Human Resource
Development, Shastri Bhavan,
New Delhi 110 001 **Member**

Shri Navin Soi
Director, Integrated Finance Division (IFD)
Ministry of Human Resource Development, Shastri Bhavan,
New Delhi 110 001 **Member**

Prof. Ashok Jhunjunwala, Padma Shri
Professor, Department of Electrical Engineering,
Indian Institute of Technology,
Chennai **Member**

Preamble:

The Chairman welcomed all the members of the new Board of Governors (BOG) of NIT, Tiruchirappalli (NITT). Chairman expressed his thanks to the past Chairman and all the past Members of the Board of Governors of NITT. The new members expressed their intent and commitment to work under the leadership of esteemed Chairman for betterment and growth of NIT Tiruchirappalli.

With the permission of the Chair, Secretary, BOG began deliberations on the Agenda items.



26th BOG ITEM NO. A1	REPORTING OF THE CONSTITUTION OF NEW BOARD OF GOVERNORS (BOG)
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The Board noted the constitution of new Board of Governors (BOG) of the National Institute of Technology, Tiruchirappalli (NITT) and the corrigendum on the Registrar being the Secretary.

26th BOG ITEM NO. A2	CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE 25th MEETING OF THE BOG HELD ON 2nd December 2010
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The Board resolved to confirm the minutes of 25th meeting of the Board of Governors.

26th BOG ITEM NO. B3	ACTION TAKEN REPORT (ATR) ON THE MINUTES OF THE (PREVIOUS) 25th MEETING OF THE BOG HELD ON 2nd December 2010
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Item No. 3.1: To consider and approve extension of services of Dr. V. Sivan and Dr. K. Palanichamy (Item Nos. 3.2 and 5 of the Minutes of the 25th BOG)

The Board approved and ratified the action taken by the then Director (i/c) in appointing Dr. V. Sivan and Dr. K. Palanichamy on Contract basis (on consolidated pay), for three years. Board noted that the terminology "extension of services" is not appropriate in this context.

Item No. 3.2: Consideration of grant of approval for CPF to GPF for twelve faculty. (Item No. 3.3 of the Minutes of the 25th BOG)

Board took cognizance of the fact that the decision has been implemented partially and that this matter is subjudice.

Item No. 3.3: Implementation of HRFC recommendations. (Item No. 3.4 of the Minutes of the 25th BOG)

- (I) Board noted that the advancement of date of promotion was implemented for six professors after approval of the then BOG.
- (II) For three other faculty members, Human Resource Facilitation Committee's (HRFC) recommendations were accepted and accordingly no benefits were extended.
- (III) For all the remaining faculty members who were left out of HRFC recommendations, the then BOG decided that their cases would be considered by a committee, to be constituted by the Director, and benefits to be extended subject to fulfillment of eligibility conditions and the guidelines of HRFC.

BOG noted the recent court cases pertaining to clauses (I) and (III) above.

Item No. 3.4: To consider and approve report on NMRs absorption. (Item No. 6 of the Minutes of the 25th BOG)

The issue of NMR absorption is being taken up with the Ministry of Human Resource Development (MHRD). Guidance / framework in terms of pay band & structure, cadre title,



necessary qualifications, etc. are awaited from MHRD. Board recommended that such NMR absorption be dealt with when the regular Director is in place.

Board further resolved that the Director in consultation with Chairman approve the appointment of a retired Judge from High Court to represent NITT in the Tribunal of arbitration for NMR related issue.

Item No. 3.5: Appointment of Head of the Departments. *(Item No.11.1 of the Minutes of the 25th BOG)*

Board noted the action taken by Director (i/c) in changing the Heads of three Departments viz. Electronics and Communication Engineering (ECE), Department of Management Studies (DoMS) and Mechanical Engineering.

Item No. 3.6: Accelerated Promotion Benefit Scheme (APBS)/ CAS 2009 *(Item No.11.2 and 11.3 of the Minutes of the 25th BOG)*

Board recommended that APBS / CAS are to taken up when the regular Director is in position.

Item No. 3.7: Non-Ph.D. CAS *(Item No.11.4 of the Minutes of the 25th BOG)*

Communicated to MHRD for clarification. Necessary directives from MHRD are awaited.

Item No. 3.8: To Consider and Approval of Annual Accounts 2009 – 2010 *(Item No.4 of the Minutes of the 25th BOG)*

Board noted that the Certification Audit of Annual Accounts of the Institute for the year 2009 -2010 was conducted by the Audit Party from the Office of the Principal Accountant General (Civil Audit), Chennai from 31st January to 11th February 2011. Audit Certificate is awaited.

Item No. 3.9: Noting of Resignation *(Item No.7 of the Minutes of the 25th BOG)*

Board noted the acceptance of resignation of the then Registrar.

Item No. 3.10: Report on Previous BOGs Finance Committee Direction of Financial Management *(Item No.8 of the Minutes of the 25th BOG)*

Board noted the decisions taken.

Item No. 3.11: Ratification of Professional Development Allowance Scheme *(Item No.9 of the Minutes of the 25th BOG)*

Ratified and implemented.



Item No. 3.12: Grievance Representations by Faculty (Item No.10 of the Minutes of the 25th BOG)

The Board noted that the Grievance representation by Faculty had been deferred.

C. ITEMS PLACED IN THE 26th MEETING OF BOARD OF GOVERNORS HELD ON 20th APRIL 2011

INFORMATION / RATIFICATION ITEMS:

26th BOG ITEM NO. C4	REPORTING ON STATUS OF LEGAL CASES
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Board noted the status of legal cases including the recent ones.

26th BOG ITEM NO. C5	MoU WITH MHRD FOR TEQIP - II
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The Board noted the MoU signed by NITT with Ministry of Human Resource Development (MHRD) for implementation of Technical Education Quality Improvement Programme Phase II (TEQIP – II).

26th BOG ITEM NO. C6	RATIFICATION OF APPROVAL OF RESIGNATION
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The Board ratified the Chairman's approval of resignation and action taken by the Director (i/c) in relieving Dr. G. Chandhini, Assistant Professor, Department of Mathematics, (on her resignation to the post) with effect from the afternoon of 28-01-2011.

DISCUSSION AND DECISION ITEMS:

26th BOG ITEM NO. D7	TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE ENHANCEMENT OF FIXED MEDICAL ALLOWANCE (FMA) FOR PENSIONERS.
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The Board approved the payment of enhanced Fixed Medical Allowance of Rs.300/- (Rupees Three Hundred only) per month, to Institute Pensioners / Family Pensioners from January 2011. The Board further resolved to approve the payment of arrears for the period from September 2008 to December 2010.



26th BOG ITEM NO. D8	TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE PROPOSAL FOR DELEGATION OF POWERS TO DEANS/REGISTRAR/HODs
15 th FC ITEM UNDER ANY OTHER ITEM NO. I	

Recommendation of the Finance Committee (FC):

Finance Committee resolved to place this matter in the Meeting of the BOG.

Resolution of the Board:

The BOG resolved to approve the Proposal for Delegation of Powers to the Deans, Registrar and Heads of the Departments. However, it was further clarified that all the Financial Powers shall be subject to the linked Budgetary provision.

26th BOG ITEM NO. D9	TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE TEMPORARY ALLOCATION OF BUILT SPACE FOR IIM, TRICHY
15 th FC ITEM UNDER ANY OTHER ITEM NO. II	

Recommendation of the Finance Committee (FC):

Finance Committee resolved to place this matter in the Meeting of the BOG.

Resolution of the Board:

The Board ratified the approval granted by the Chairman to transfer the infrastructural facilities at NITT (specified in the Annexure – IX of the Agenda & Notes for the 26th Meeting of the BOG), for use by the Indian Institute of Management (IIM), Tiruchirappalli, for a period of one year from June 2011.

It was further resolved by the Board of Governors to accord permission to IIM, Tiruchirappalli, to use the said infrastructural facilities at NITT, for a period of two years from June 2011.

26th BOG ITEM NO. D10	TO CONSIDER AND ACCORD IN PRINCIPLE APPROVAL FOR APPOINTMENT OF PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS
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After a brief discussion, the Proposal for appointment of Professional Counselors was approved.



26 th BOG ITEM NO. D11	TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE PROPOSAL FOR RECRUITMENT / APPOINTMENT OF STEEL CHAIR PROFESSOR
15 th FC ITEM NO. C4	

Recommendation of the Finance Committee (FC):

Finance Committee resolved to place this matter in the Meeting of the BOG.

Resolution of the Board:

Board discussed in detail and accorded in principle approval. It was resolved to adopt the following terms and conditions for the appointment of Ministry of Steel Chair Professor in the Metallurgical and Materials Engineering Department:

1. An Expert Committee constituted by the Director and duly approved by the Chairman will select the candidate.

2. Eligibility:

A working or retired Professor (within the age limit of 70) / Associate Professor (who fulfils the eligibility criteria prescribed for the post of Professor with Ph.D.) and adequate publications/Patents or an eminent person from the industry with equivalent experience and Ph.D. or equivalent published research works.

3. Honorarium and other Benefits:

- (i) Honorarium of Rs.85000/- p.m. along with a rent free unfurnished accommodation
- (ii) Contingency Allowance of Rs.1.0 lakh per year
- (iii) Domestic Travel cost is limited to Rs.0.5 lakh per annum
- (iv) No expenses for international travel would be provided from Steel Development Fund (SDF). If international travel is necessary, expenses may be borne from other operating schemes available within the Institute or outside.
- (v) The programme (Chair Professor) will be for a maximum of five years with the financial support from SDF.

26 th BOG ITEM NO. D12	TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE RELEASE OF PAYMENT TO TIMES OF INDIA (TOI) TOWARDS ADVERTISEMENT RELEASED IN AUGUST 2010.
15 th FC ITEM NO. C3	

Recommendation of the Finance Committee (FC):

The FC approved the proposal for payment of bill for Rs.11,55,200/- (Rupees Eleven Lakhs Fifty Five Thousand Two Hundred only) towards advertisement in colour in 13 editions of Times of India (TOI) indicating the locations of NITs (existing and new). The advertisement appeared in Times of India on 29th August 2010.



Resolution of the Board:

The Board discussed in detail and decided to honour the commitment. As a special case, BOG resolved to approve release of payment of Rs.11,55,200/- (Rupees Eleven Lakhs Fifty Five Thousand Two Hundred only) to the Times of India (TOI) towards publication of advertisement released in August 2010.

It was further resolved that in future, prior permission or approval is to be obtained and the rules to be followed before releasing such advertisements.

26 th BOG ITEM NO. D13	TO CONSIDER MONITORING OF SARVA SHIKSHA ABHIYAN SCHEME
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After deliberations, Board resolved to decline the offer of MHRD to NITT to be the Monitoring Institute for Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) and Mid-Day Meal (MDM) Scheme implementation in Tamilnadu.

26 th BOG ITEM NO. D14	TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE ANNUAL ACCOUNTS 2009 - 2010
15 th FC ITEM NO. C1	

Recommendation of the Finance Committee (FC):

Finance Committee (FC) noted that Certification Audit of Annual Accounts of the Institute for the year 2009 - 2010 was completed in February 2011 and the Audit Certificate is awaited. In view of the fact that there had been a delay in auditing of accounts and the audited accounts and report are to be placed in the Parliament, FC resolved to approve the Revised Annual Accounts for the year 2009 - 2010 and directed the Deputy Registrar (Accounts) to ensure that the Audit Certificate is received from the Office of the Principal Accountant General (Civil Audit), Chennai expeditiously. FC also authorized the Chairman to approve the Audit Report so as to submit it to the concerned authorities for further consideration.

Resolution of the Board:

The BOG resolved to approve the recommendations of the Finance Committee.

26 th BOG ITEM NO. D15	TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE ANNUAL REPORT 2009 - 2010
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The Board noted that the Annual Report 2009 - 2010 is incomplete without the Audit Certificate of the Annual accounts. Board approved the Annual Report 2009-2010 subject to the condition that the Audit Certificate is obtained from the Office of the Principal Accountant General (Civil Audit) expeditiously and included as part of the Annual Report.



26th BOG ITEM NO. D16	TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE PROPOSAL FOR PROCUREMENT OF FURNITURE AND UTENSILS FOR THE NEW HOSTELS AND MESSES
15 th FC ITEM NO. C5	

Recommendation of the Finance Committee (FC):

The Finance Committee discussed and resolved to recommend to BOG to approve the proposal for procurement of furniture and utensils for the new Hostels and Messes at an estimated cost of Rs.69.00 Lakhs out of Plan (OBC) or Plan (Regular) Fund of the Institute.

Resolution of the Board:

The BOG resolved to approve the recommendations of the Finance Committee.

26th BOG ITEM NO. D17	TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE PROPOSAL FOR REVISION OF HOSTEL FEES
15 th FC ITEM NO. C6	

Recommendation of the Finance Committee (FC):

After careful consideration the Finance Committee resolved to recommend to BOG the proposal to increase the Mess Advance by Rs.4000/- per semester, with effect from July 2011 onwards (2011-2012).

Resolution of the Board:

The BOG resolved to approve the recommendations of the Finance Committee.

26th BOG ITEM NO. D18	NOMINATION OF BOG MEMBERS FOR FINANCE COMMITTEE (FC)
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The Board ratified the action of the Chairman in nominating the following two Members of BOG to the Finance Committee (FC) of NITT. The 15th Meeting of FC was held on 20th April 2011 at 11.00 a.m.:

- (a) Shri S. Ramanathan
Chairman & Managing Director, Cethar Foodoil Ltd.
"Juman Centre", Promenade Road, Cantonment.
Tiruchirappalli 620 001

- (b) Dr. Asokan
Professor & Head, Department of Production Engineering
National Institute of Technology
Tiruchirappalli 620 015



BOG – ANY OTHER ITEM(S) WITH THE PERMISSION OF CHAIR

E1. TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE REALLOCATION OF PORTFOLIO OF A DEAN HOLDING TWO PORTFOLIOS

Board recommended that the Director (i/c) in consultation with the Chairman may reallocate the portfolio of a Dean holding two portfolios, leaving the post of Dean (Institute Development) vacant for a temporary period. Any duties or roles currently assigned to Dean (ID) should be shifted to Dean (P&D).

E2. TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE RELEASING OF ADVERTISEMENT FOR THE POST OF FULL TIME REGISTRAR

Board decided that the action for releasing the said advertisement needs to be expedited.

E3. TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE STARTING OF THE NEW POST-GRADUATE PROGRAMME (M.Tech.) IN INDUSTRIAL METALLURGY

Board approved the proposal of starting the new M.Tech. Programme in Industrial Metallurgy with an initial intake of 20 students.

E4. TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE PROPOSAL TO CONSTITUTE COMMITTEE FOR WAGE REVISION OF NMRs

Board approved the proposal to constitute a Committee to study and submit a comprehensive proposal for implementation of wage revision for NMRs. The comprehensive proposal is to be placed in the FC and the BOG.

E5. TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE PROPOSAL FOR CONSTITUTION OF VARIOUS CELLS / COMMITTEES

Board approved the proposal to constitute the following Cells / Committees:

- (a) SC / ST Cell
- (b) Grievance Cell (common for Teaching & Non-Teaching staff)
- (c) Women's Cell
- (d) Foreign Students Cell
- (e) Internal Audit Cell

Board recommended that the constitution of the above Cells be done after the regular Director joins.

E6. TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE PROPOSAL TO APPOINT AN INTERNAL AUDITOR

Board approved the proposal to appoint an Internal Auditor preferably on contractual basis.



E7. ACTION TO BE INITIATED TO STUDY AND SUBMIT PROPOSAL FOR PROVIDING GENERATOR SUPPLY / UNINTERRUPTED POWER SUPPLY TO ALL THE DEPARTMENTS & OTHER ACADEMIC BUILDINGS

Board recommended that appropriate actions should be initiated to study the overall power requirement of the Institute by appointing a competent consultant to submit a detailed proposal for providing generator supply / uninterrupted power supply to the Departments & other academic buildings. It was decided that the proposal should also cover aspects such as obtaining licenses for storage of fuel in the campus, facilities to be created for fuel storage, infrastructure needed to house the generators, etc.

E8. NOIMNATION OF THE BOG MEMBER IN THE BUILDINGS AND WORKS COMMITTEE

Board nominated Shri Raja Sankaran, Member, BOG and Managing Director, Infologix Software Solutions Pvt. Ltd., Chennai as its nominee in the Buildings and Works Committee.

Recommendations of the 15th Finance Committee (FC) Meeting held on 20th April 2011 at 11.00 a.m. at OOM Room, NITT:

FC ITEM NO. C1 / 26 TH BOG ITEM NO. D14	To consider and approve the Revised Annual Accounts
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Recommendations of the Finance Committee and the Resolution of the Board pertaining to this matter are stated under 26th BOG ITEM NO. D14.

FC ITEM NO. C2	To consider and approve Proposal for opening Separate Bank Account for Fees Collection
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Recommendation of the Finance Committee (FC):

The Finance Committee discussed the matter and resolved not to approve the item. FC resolved to constitute a Sub-Committee to study and submit a proposal for Rationalization of all Account Heads. Sub-Committee will consist of Registrar and both the Deputy Registrars. The Sub-Committee is to submit the report in the next meeting of the FC for further consideration.

Resolution of the Board:

The BOG resolved to approve the recommendation of the Finance Committee



FC ITEM NO. C3 / 26 TH BOG ITEM NO. D12	To consider and approve proposal for Payment of Bill for Advertisement in Times of India (TOI)
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Recommendations of the Finance Committee and the Resolution of the Board pertaining to this matter are stated under 26th BOG ITEM NO. D12.

FC ITEM NO. C4 / 26 TH BOG ITEM NO. D11	To consider and approve proposal for Recruitment / Appointment of Steel Chair Professor
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Recommendations of the Finance Committee and the Resolution of the Board pertaining to this matter are stated under 26th BOG ITEM NO. D11.

FC ITEM NO. C5 / 26 TH BOG ITEM NO. D16	To consider and approve proposal for Procurement of Furniture and Utensils for the New Hostels and Messes
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Recommendations of the Finance Committee and the Resolution of the Board pertaining to this matter are stated under 26th BOG ITEM NO. D16.

FC ITEM NO. C6 / 26 TH BOG ITEM NO. D17	To consider and approve proposal for Revision of Hostel Fees.
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Recommendations of the Finance Committee and the Resolution of the Board pertaining to this matter are stated under 26th BOG ITEM NO. D17.

FC - ANY OTHER ITEM(S) WITH THE PERMISSION OF CHAIR

I. TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE PROPOSAL FOR DELEGATION OF POWERS TO DEANS/REGISTRAR/HODs

Recommendations of the Finance Committee and the Resolution of the Board pertaining to this matter are stated under 26th BOG ITEM NO. D8.

II. TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE TEMPORARY ALLOCATION OF BUILT SPACE FOR IIM, TRICHY

Recommendations of the Finance Committee and the Resolution of the Board pertaining to this matter are stated under 26th BOG ITEM NO. D9.



**III. TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE PROPOSAL FOR PROCUREMENT OF 350
kVA GENERATOR FOR CSG ANNEX BUILDING**


Recommendation of the Finance Committee (FC):

The Finance Committee deliberated and resolved to recommend to BOG to approve the proposal for procurement of 350 kVA Generator for CSG Annex Building at an estimated cost of Rs.25.00 Lakhs out Plan Fund of the Institute.

Resolution of the Board:

The BOG resolved to approve the recommendations of the Finance Committee.

The Meeting of the Board of Governors ended with vote of thanks to the Chair.



Dr. A. K. Banerjee
Registrar (i/c) &
Secretary, BOG



Dr. Rajaram Nityananda
Chairman, BOG

