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**Minutes of the 38<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Board of Governors of NIT, Tiruchirappalli held on 9<sup>th</sup> May 2015 at 11.00 AM in Oom Room of NIT Tiruchirappalli**

**Members Present:**

**Ms. Kumud M. Srinivasan**  
**President-Intel India**  
**Chairperson, Board of Governors**  
**NIT Tiruchirappalli.** **Chairperson**

**Prof. S. Sundarrajan**  
**Director**  
**National Institute of Technology**  
**Tiruchirappalli 620 015.** **Member**

**Prof. K. Sankaranarayanan**  
**Professor, Department of Mechanical Engineering**  
**National Institute of Technology**  
**Tiruchirappalli 620 015.** **Member**

**Prof. K. Thirumaran**  
**Associate Professor**  
**Department of Architecture**  
**National Institute of Technology**  
**Tiruchirappalli 620 015.** **Member**

**Shri Sanjeev Kumar Sharma**  
**Director(NITs)**  
**Technical Education,**  
**Department of Higher Education, MHRD**  
**Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi 110001.** **Member**  
**(Through Video Conference mode)**

**Shri Satpal sharma**  
**Under Secretary**  
**Integrated Finance Division**  
**Department of Higher Education, MHRD**  
**Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi 110001.** **Member**

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**Prof. (Ms.) Vasudha Kamath**  
Vice Chancellor SNDT Women's University  
Mumbai.

**Member**  
(Through Video Conference mode)

**Prof.R.Sethuraman**  
Vice Chancellor SASTRA University  
Thanjavur

**Member**

**Prof.Krishnan Balasubramanian**  
Dean (IC&SR)  
IIT Madras Chennai

**Member**

**Sri Ravi Viswanathan**  
President Global Business  
TCS Chennai

**Member**

**Prof.G.Swaminathan**  
Officiating Registrar  
NIT Tiruchirappalli

**Secretary**

The following member expresses inability to attend the meeting

**Sri Karumuttu T Kannan**

Chairperson Thiagarajar Mills

**Member**

**A1. WELCOME ADDRESS**

<b>38<sup>th</sup> BoG ITEM NO. A1</b>	<b>WELCOME ADDRESS BY THE CHAIRPERSON BOARD OF GOVERNORS</b>
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Ms. Kumud M. Srinivasan Chairperson, Board of Governors, welcomed all the members of the BoG of National Institute of Technology, Tiruchirappalli (NITT).

The following new members were introduced by the Chairperson to the BoG.

1. **Prof. (Ms.) Vasudha Kamath**
2. **Prof.R.Sethuraman**
3. **Prof.Krishnan Balasubramanian**
4. **Sri Ravi Viswanathan**

With the permission of the Chair, Secretary, BoG, began deliberations on the Agenda items. The agenda items were discussed.

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A2. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

ITEM NO. A2	CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE 37 <sup>th</sup> MEETING OF THE BOG HELD ON 19 <sup>th</sup> January 2015
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The minutes of the meeting was circulated to the members and comments were sought.

Prof.K.Sankaranarayananasamy, BoG member representing Senate NIT Tiruchirappalli has sent a note of dissent, which reads as follows:

Respected Chairperson and other members of BoG of NIT Trichy,

I like to bring the following points to the consideration of the members of BoG while registering my dissent to the minutes of 37<sup>th</sup> BoG meeting held on 19-01-2015 circulated to the members on 29-4-2015 through e-mail.

Item No. F20: matter relating to Discipline, RTI and Vigilance page 9&10. RTI filed by Honorable member against selection of a Professor to HAG Scale of pay (CAS 2012):

1. It was Prof. Nithyanada, the then Chairman, BoG, who opined that since the RTI was filed by me, it was better that myself not be present when that item was deliberated.
2. Neither the report of the Committee constituted by the Director for this issue nor the response given by the management Professor as per the direction of the then Chairman were placed before all the members of the BoG. Both the Senate nominees in the Board are not aware of the contents of these reports.
3. Selection of a Professor to HAG Scale of Pay has to be done as per the norms given by MHRD. The very first norm as per the MHRD Guidelines clearly states that **FOUR Publications in SCI Journals** should be required for considering the application for HAG.
4. The Management Professor had **claimed in his application FOUR Publications in SCI Journals. How can he go back on his vouched statement in his application later?**
5. After getting the details through RTI, on verification, it was found out that The Management Professor had made wrong claim, ie, he had given false information/data in his application, in March 2014 itself.
6. This discrepancy should have been noticed by the administration while scrutinizing the applications itself and preparing the data sheets to be presented to the selection committee.
7. While the NITT Administration which scrutinized the applications and the candidate in question who gave false information in his application are at fault, how the board may take the stand that **Selection committee's decision is final while the data based on which the selection committee decided itself is wrong!**

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8. Instead of taking punitive action on the Management Professor, letting him to enjoy the wrongful acquisition of HAG is travesty of justice and it is unfortunate that a person with such criminal attitude is functioning as **One of the Directors of CEDI, an Institute funded Section 24 Company.**

I earnestly request the BoG to have a relook into this issue and do justice to many of the Professors senior to him in the Institute but did not get the HAG Scale of Pay just because they reported true data in their applications.

K. SANKARANARAYANASAMY

Professor Mechanical Engineering

N I T Tiruchirappalli.

Similarly Prof. K.Thirumaran also BoG member representing Senate NIT Tiruchirappalli has sent a note of dissent, which reads as follows:

Attention: Board members:

Sub: Note of dissent on item no: F 20 of 37<sup>th</sup> BOG – reg.

I hereby register my strong dissent on the following points/item no: F20 of 37<sup>th</sup> BOG meeting RTI filed against selection of Professor to HAG Scale of pay (CAS- 2012).

- The selection of professor to HAG scale by CAS – 2012 was brought in the 37<sup>th</sup> BOG meeting. In this regard, the report of the committee constituted by the director to look into the issue and the explanation provided by the HAG professor as per the instruction of the then chairman BOG has not been circulated to the Board members.
- I have expressed my view during the meeting of BOG about the above mentioned issue that the publication in SCI journal in Architecture discipline is very difficult and I did not make any comment on Management studies.
- I insist to verify CAS 2012 selection norms issued by MHRD in order to comply with the promotion of HAG professor.
- I strongly feel that this issue has to be discussed in the forthcoming BOG meeting.

Regards,

Dr.K.Thirumaran, Member- BOG.

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The copies of the note(s) of dissent were given to the members.

The member BoG (NIT Council Nominee) elucidated the fact that it has been mentioned in the Minutes of the Thirty Seventh Meeting as ,: BoG has resolved the matter as closed".He further emphasized that it was wrong on the part for the current BoG , which has new members and none of the new members were not party to the decision taken in the earlier BoG.

The Member representing MHRD opined that , since the minutes of the thirty seventh meeting of BoG has come up for confirmation, the matter could be discussed.

There were discussion on the matter and finally resolved to refer the matter to the four member Standing Committee on Code of Conduct ,Ethics and Enforcement constituted for the purpose .(Item no. E14 referred under )

The Member representing MHRD offered the following comments on the Minutes of the Thirty Seventh meeting of BoG..

**Item No.C7-Revision of wages for NMRs' in various Departments**

The member representing MHRD requested for Justification substantiating the increase in wages to NMRs'.

The member representing IFD-MHRD opined that a decision has been taken already and with the justification from NIT Tiruchirappalli, the resolution of the thirty seventh meeting of BoG holds good.

**ItemNo.C8- Office Memorandum received from GoI No 7(1)/E.Coord/2014,MoF, DoE Dt.29.10.2014 and clarification dated 10.11.2014**

The member representing MHRD said that the OM referred in the itemC8 states that it is applicable to Autommous Bodies also.

It was resolved that NIT Tiruchirappalli would write letter to Ministry seeking clarification in this regard. The Director NIT Tiruchirappalli is empowered to take a decision on case to case basis till the time the matter is resolved by the Ministry.

**Barring the aforesaid items , the Minutes of the thirty seventh meeting of BoG was confirmed**

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**B3. ACTION TAKEN REPORT (ATR) ON PREVIOUS MINUTE**

**Item 3.1 ANNUAL ACCOUNTS OF THE INSTITUTE FOR THE YEAR 2013-14-CERTIFICATION AUDIT BY STATUTORY AUDITOR**

(Item No. D10 of the Minutes of the 24<sup>th</sup>FC and E16 of 37<sup>th</sup>BOG)

Noted.

**Item NO 3.2 : UPWARD REVISION OF ROOM RENT FOR THE HOSTEL**

(Item No. 2 of D10 of the Minutes of the 23<sup>rd</sup>FC and 2 of D10 of 36<sup>th</sup>BOG)

Noted.

**Item NO.3 : UPWARD REVISION OF LICENSE FEE/RENT FOR QUARTERS FOR THE PERSONNEL WORKING IN NIT TIRUCHIRAPPALLI AND OTHERS**

(Item No. D10 of the Minutes of the 24<sup>th</sup>FC and E16 of 37<sup>th</sup>BOG)

Noted

The Member representing MHRD opined that the agenda and notes should reflect the existing status and revised status of the items in a tabular form, to facilitate better understanding of the Finance & BoG Members. Noted for future guidance.

**C. INFORMATION / RATIFICATION ITEMS:**

38 <sup>th</sup> BOG ITEM NO. C4	REPORTING OF DETAILS OF GRANTS RECEIVED FROM MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (MHRD) UNDER PLAN AND NON-PLAN FUNDS
25 <sup>th</sup> FC ITEM NO.C4	

The BoG reviewed the status of the funds received from MHRD under Plan and Non Plan Heads.

The member representing MHRD opined that the NITs should have professional approach in preparation of reports submitted to MHRD seeking funds under Plan and Non Plan Expenditure Heads. He also emphasized that whenever proposals for seeking funds are submitted, more comprehensive details need to be



submitted, the status of the Buildings project, their priority, the status of completion, expenditure incurred up to the current stage, future funds requirement and the probable date of completion of the project. In the same manner details need to be presented for equipment/instruments/tools and plants. Similar approach also need to be followed for Non Plan fund requisition also. He also opined that NIT Tiruchirappalli can take a lead role in formulating the Plan Fund and Non Plan Fund –Fund Requisition Form.

<b>38<sup>th</sup>BOG</b> <b>ITEM NO. C5</b>	<b>REPORTING OF DETAILS OF FUND RECEIVED UNDER TEQIP II-STATUS REPORT OF EXPENDITURE</b>
<b>25<sup>th</sup> FC</b> <b>ITEM NO.C5</b>	

The BoG reviewed the expenditure of TEQIP II of NIT Tiruchirappalli

**D. IMPORTANT COMMUNICATION FROM GOVERNMENT OF INDIA**

<b>38<sup>th</sup>BOG</b> <b>ITEM NO. D6</b>	<b>PROPOSALS FOR APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY DIRECTOR IN NITs</b>
<b>25<sup>th</sup>FC</b> <b>ITEM NO.D6</b>	

It was resolved that the BoG would carry out the amendments in Statutes No.18(1) in conjunction with the amendments in section 17(5) and Section 24 of the NITSER act 2007:

- (1) The appointment of the Deputy Director shall be made by the Board on recommendations of the Selection Committee Constituted in terms of provisions under Statutes 23(5) of the First Statutes of NITs



**E. DECISION AND DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

**Items E7 to E12 are brought forward from FC**

<b>38<sup>th</sup>BOG</b>	<b>COMPASSIONATE APPOINTMENT OF WARDS OF DECEASED EMPLOYEES OF THE INSTITUTE</b>
<b>ITEM NO. E7</b>	
<b>25<sup>th</sup> FC</b>	
<b>ITEM NO.E7</b>	

The BoG suggested that the norms laid down by Department of Personnel & Training need to be followed.

The Finance committee recommends that the proposal need to be scrutinized by the internal committee constituted by the Director and after review by the committee, need to be brought in the subsequent Finance Committee meeting.

The Director is empowered to constitute the internal Committee for reviewing the proposals put forth by the office of the Registrar.

The recommendations of the FC was accepted.

<b>38<sup>th</sup>BOG</b>	<b>RAISING THE FINANCIAL LIMITS OF BANK INSTRUMENT- SIGNING POWERS OF INSTITUTE AUTHORITIES</b>
<b>ITEM NO. E8</b>	
<b>25<sup>th</sup> FC</b>	
<b>ITEM NO.E8</b>	

The Finance Committee felt that more statistical data is required to substantiate the raise contemplated.

This will be taken up in the next Finance Committee and BoG meeting(s).

The recommendations of the FC was accepted.





38 <sup>th</sup> BOG	<b>ORIENTATION PROGRAM FOR FIRST YEAR STUDENTS-BUDGET_APPROVAL</b>
ITEM NO. E9	
25 <sup>th</sup> FC	
ITEM NO.E9	

The Director appraised the salient activities undertaken in orientation Program and its usefulness in training of young minds.

The Secretary submitted that the current year budget is prepared with an increase of 10% over the previous year budget .  
The first year students are expected to join the institute by the first week of July 2015.

The Finance Committee approved the Budget in principle.

The recommendations of the FC was accepted.

38 <sup>th</sup> BOG	<b>DELIBERATIONS OF THE FOURTEENTH MEETING OF BUILDINGS AND WORKS COMMITTEE HELD ON 10.04.2015</b>
ITEM NO. E10	
25 <sup>th</sup> FC	
ITEM NO.E10	

The member representing the MHRD opined that the Minutes of the BWC need not be presented in the FC and BoG and the financial requirements of the deliberations of the BWC need to be presented in FC and BoG

Reasons for holding the BWC meeting after a delay of one year and nine months was explained to the members of the BoG  
The BoG condoned the delay.

One member of BoG (NIT Council Nominee) offered the following comments:

**Item No II Part I of Minutes of BWC meeting held on 10.04.2015**  
Resolved to have a relook into the matter considering other options available



The member of BoG(NIT Council Nominee) also suggested to remove the word ,'Sympathy", from last paragraph pertaining to item No.VI of BWC meeting held on 10.04.2015.

<b>38<sup>th</sup>BOG</b> <b>ITEM NO. E11</b>	<b>REQUEST FROM RECAL PRESIDENT FOR INCREASE IN ALUMNI MEMBERSHIP FEE AND ISSUES RELATED TO CONFERING RIGHTS TO RECAL TO PRINT INCREDIBLE NIT TRICHY-RELATED ISSUES.</b>
<b>25<sup>th</sup> FC</b> <b>ITEM NO.E11</b>	

The FC felt that RECAL need to substantiate the rise in subscription from Rs 500 to Rs 1000/-

As done earlier NIT Tiruchirappalli will arrange to collect Rs 500/- from every student joining the Institute during the admission Process.

The individual student at the verge of leaving the Institute, if, opts not to be a member of RECAL, the alumni association RECAL should honour it by refunding the subscription.

The RECAL is given the task of printing the Book Incredible NIT Trichy .

RECAL is not authorized to sell the book.

However RECAL can give a copy of the Book as a memento to any donor whose contribution exceeds Rs 1000/-(Rupees one thousand only).

The recommendations of the FC was accepted.

<b>38<sup>th</sup>BOG</b> <b>ITEM NO. E12</b>	<b>CREATION OF CENTRALIZED STORES FOR PROCUREMENT OF EQUIPMENTS/INSTRUMENTS/ MACHINERIES UNDER PLAN FUND</b>
<b>25<sup>th</sup> FC</b> <b>ITEM NO.E12</b>	

The FC accepted in principle the creation of centralized stores for procurement of equipment/instruments/machineries under plan fund.

The modalities of formation of centralized stores need to be studied in detail with inputs from institutes like IITs and IISc and a comprehensive plan need to be submitted in the next FC meeting.

The recommendations of the FC was accepted.



**38<sup>th</sup>BOG  
ITEM NO. E13  
(Item No. C11 of  
the 37<sup>th</sup> BoG)**

**LEGAL OPINION OBTAINED IN JUDGEMENT DELIVERED IN  
WP NO.21620 OF 2014, IN THE WRIT PETITION FILED BY  
SRI P GURUVENDRAN**

The copy of legal opinion offered by Sri K.Manoharan Sub Judge (Retd.) Tiruchirappalli was given to the members. The BoG has accepted the recommendations and instructed to comply with the same.

The Sub Judge(Retd.) also has pointed out lapses on the part of the officials of the Institute and suggested action to take steps in expunging certain remarks made by the Hon'ble High Court of Madras.

It was resolved that action need to be initiated as indicated in the legal opinion to represent the Hon'ble High Court of Madras in expunging certain remarks made by the Hon'ble Court.

It was also resolved to refer the matter to the Standing Committee on Code of Conduct ,Ethics and Enforcement.(described under item No. E14)

**38<sup>th</sup>BOG  
ITEM NO. E14  
(Item No. F20 of  
the 37<sup>th</sup> BoG)**

**MATTERS RELATING TO DISCIPLINE RTI AND VIGILANCE**

The BoG members expressed serious concern over the issue and resolved to form a Standing Committee on Code of Conduct, Ethics and Enforcement.

The composition of the committee is as follows:

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| 1. Prof.S.R.Gandhi     | Visitor's Nominee                         | Chairperson |
| 2. Sri D Ramabathiran  | Former Principal District Judge Cuddalore | Member      |
| 3. Ms. V G Bhooma      | Registrar IIT Madras                      | Member      |
| 4. The President RECAL | (Ex-Officio)                              | Member      |

All the cases relating to enforcement of code of conduct, ethics will be referred to the standing Committee. The committee will recommend the course of action to be initiated against the erring officials.



The Director is empowered to implement the recommendations of the Committee.

Necessary secretarial assistance will be provided to the committee meeting.

NIT Tiruchirappalli will take care of the logistics, accommodation and other requirements like boarding etc.

The members of the Committee are entitled for honorarium equivalent to sitting fee paid to the members of BoG.

<b>38<sup>th</sup> BOG ITEM NO.E15 (Item No. F22 of the 37<sup>th</sup> BoG</b>	<b>MATTERS RELATING TO A THREE MEMBER COMMITTEE CONSTITUTED TO LOOK INTO THE SUICIDE ATTEMPT BY STUDENT.</b>
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The copy of the report of the three member committee was given to the members of BoG.

The BoG resolved to implement the recommendations of the three member committee.

<b>38<sup>th</sup> BOG ITEM NO.E16.</b>	<b>MATTERS RELATING TO STUDENTS RESIDING IN OPAL HOSTELS</b>
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There were no discussion held on this issue.

<b>38<sup>th</sup> BOG ITEM NO.E17</b>	<b>REQUEST GIVEN BY PROFESSOR G KANNIBARAN TO BE ON DUTY AT EDINBURGH NAPIER UNIVERSITY UK UNDER COMMONWEALTH PROFESSIONAL FELLOWSHIP</b>
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Ratified.

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**38<sup>th</sup> BOG**  
**ITEM NO.E18**  
(Item No. F21 of  
the 37<sup>th</sup> BoG

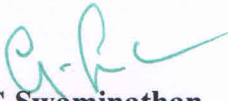
**MATTERS RELATING TO TREC STEP**


The BoG discussed the matters relating to TREC STEP in detail.  
The Member representing MHRD opined that, since the matter is a  
complicated one, legal opinion may sought.  
Resolved to seek legal opinion

**F. ANY OTHER ITEM(S) WITH THE PERMISSION OF CHAIRPERSON**

No discussions were made.

The meeting ended with thanks to the Chair.

  
**Prof.G.Swaminathan**  
**Registrar(Officiating) &**  
**Secretary ,BoG**

  
**Ms.Kumud M.Srinivasan**  
**Chairperson FC & BoG**