



MINUTES OF THE 42ND MEETING OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY TIRUCHIRAPPALLI HELD ON 30TH JULY 2016 AT 11.30 A.M. IN THE OOM ROOM, NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY TIRUCHIRAPPALLI.

PRESENT:

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| 1. | Dr. G. Kannabiran | Director i/c and
Chairperson i/c |
| 2. | Shri Ravi Viswanathan | Member |
| 3. | Prof. Krishnan Balasubramanian | Member (Through VC) |
| 4. | Dr. (Mrs.) Vinod Krishan | Member |
| 5. | Dr. T.K. Radhakrishnan | Member |
| 6. | Dr. K. N. Sheeba | Member |
| 7. | Shri A. Palanivel | Secretary |

Ministry of HRD offered their comments through email dated 29th July 2016.

The following members expressed their inability to attend the meeting: -

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| 1. | Ms. Darshana M. Dabral | Member |
| 2. | Shri Karumuttu T. Kannan | Member |
| 3. | Dr. Gagandeep Kang | Member |

ITEM NO.1

WELCOME ADDRESS BY THE CHAIRPERSON, BOARD OF GOVERNORS

Dr. G. Kannabiran Director In-Charge and Chairperson In-Charge, Board of Governors welcomed the members.

The Chairperson informed that Hon'ble Minister of Human Resource Development, in her capacity as the Chairperson of the Council of NITSER, had nominated the following two persons as the Members on the Board of Governors of National Institute of Technology Tiruchirappalli as per the MHRD's Order No. F.23-13/2007-TS.III (Pt.1) dated 14th July 2016, in exercise of the provisions under Section 11(e) of the NITSER Act 2007:

1. Ms. Vinod Krishan, Senior Professor & Dean of Science, Indian Institute of Astrophysics, Bangalore
2. Dr. Gagandeep Kang, Professor, Christian Medical College, Vellore.

The Chairperson introduced the new member Dr. (Mrs.) Vinod Krishan, who attended the Meeting.

With the permission of the Chairperson In-Charge, Secretary, Board of Governors began deliberations on the Agenda Items.

RECOGNITION OF SERVICES RENDERED BY CHAIRPERSON, DIRECTOR AND MEMBERS OF BoG

As per MHRD's letter F. No 22-13/2007-TSIII dated 13th May 2016, the resignation of Ms. Kumud M Srinivasan as Chairperson, Board of Governors as on 19th March 2016 was accepted. The Board acknowledged and thanked Ms. Kumud M Srinivasan for her contributions to this institute through positive leadership and support to key initiatives.

Dr. Srinivasan Sundarrajan successfully completed his term as Director on 24th June 2016. The Board placed on record the most

valuable contributions including academic transformation, alumni connect, industry-institute interaction, promoting innovation and entrepreneurship and student engagement. The Board wished him all the very best for his chosen endeavours.

The Board thankfully acknowledge the valuable services of Prof. R. Sethuraman Vice-Chancellor of Sastra University, Tanjore and Prof (Ms.) Vasudha Kamat, Vice-Chancellor, SNTD Women's University Mumbai as members of the BoG.

ITEM NO.2

CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE 41ST MEETING OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS HELD ON 23RD MARCH, 2016.

The Secretary, Board of Governors read out the Minutes of the 41st Meeting of the Board of Governors and the Board suggested to incorporate the action taken on the 40th BoG in the 42nd meeting of the Board.

Dr. T. K Radhakrishnan's comments on CPDA and Mr. Ravi Viswanathan's comments on introduction of B. Tech. in Bio-Technology were noted.

The Minutes 41st BoG meeting was shared with the members and resolved to confirm the minutes to confirm the minutes in the next FC.

**RESOLUTION
42/BoG/2016/1**

RESOLVED THAT the Minutes of the 41st Meeting of the Board of Governors held on 23rd March, 2015 be confirmed in the next BoG with the following observations:

1. CPDA to faculty members is to be as per MHRD guidelines.

2. Introduction of B. Tech. in Bio-Technology be discussed in the next meeting of BoG.

ITEM NO. 3 DIRECTOR'S REPORT ON THE MAJOR ACHIEVEMENTS/ DEVELOPMENTS SINCE THE LAST MEETING OF THE BOG HELD ON 23 MARCH 2016

The National Institutional Ranking Framework (NIRF) was approved by the MHRD and launched by Honourable Minister of Human Resource Development released its first ranking in April 2016. NITT has been ranked as one of the top 12 technology institutions in India. NITT also ranked top among the 30 NITs.

RESOLUTION 42/BoG/2016/2 RESOLVED THAT the Director's Report on the major Achievements/ Developments be noted with appreciation.

ITEM NO. 4 APPROVAL FOR AWARD OF DEGREES AND MEDALS TO BE CONFERRED AT THE 12TH CONVOCATION

A Total of 1648 Degrees including 54 Ph.D., 28 MS, 450 M.Tech., 86 MCA, 57 MBA, 72 M.Sc., 850 B.Tech., and 51 B.Arch, and 38 Medals to be conferred in the 12th Convocation.

RESOLUTION 42/BoG/2016/3 RESOLVED THAT the award of 1648 Degrees and 38 Medals to be conferred at the 12th Convocation be approved.

ITEM NO. 5 APPROVAL FOR PURCHASE OF ITEMS UNDER CPDA CONTINGENT HEAD.

The Standing Committee of NIT Council is expected to deliberate the issue of CPDA including the expenditure on contingent items. However, there have been repeated requests from faculty members for issue of guidelines for CPDA. It has been noted that the other NITs (Warangal and Calicut) have adopted interim guidelines for expenses under CPDA. The proposal of issuing interim guidelines with the approval MHRD was discussed.

RESOLUTION 42/BoG/2016/4 RESOLVED THAT an interim guidelines on permissible expenses under CPDA, with the approval of MHRD be issued. RESOLVED FURTHER THAT MHRD be requested to convene the meeting of the Standing Committee for early release of guidelines.

ITEM NO. 6 REVISED PROCUREMENT PLAN FOR ADDITIONAL FUNDS UNDER TEQIP-II FOR MODERNISING NIT SMART CLASS ROOMS

NITT received a grant of Rs. 15.00 Crores from TEQIP-II towards setting up Smart Class rooms. An internal technical committee was formed to shortlist items for the proposed Smart Class rooms. The list was subsequently approved by the National Project Implementation Unit of TEQIP-II. Procurement plan is brought to the BoG for ratification. Instructions of GoI and CVC, along with World Bank procedures will be followed.

**RESOLUTION
42/BoG/2016/5**

RESOLVED THAT the Procurement plan for Smart Classrooms be ratified. RESOLVED FURTHER THAT Instructions of GoI and CVC, along with World Bank procedures be followed.

ITEM NO. 7 DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI AWARD/ YOUNG ALUMNI ACHIEVER AWARD

S. No.	Category	Distinguished Alumni Award	Young Alumni Achiever Award
1.	Excellence in Academic Research	1. Dr. M. Packirisamy 2. Dr. V. Senthil Kumar 3. Dr. P. C. Narayanan	1. Dr. T. J. Ramnath Babu 2. Dr. J. Ramkumar
2.	Excellence in Corporate/ Industry	4. Raja Renganathan 5. M.R. Dev Prasad 6. Anurag Behar	3. Dr. Sapna Gupta 4. S. Shankari
3.	Excellence in Public Administration	Nil	5. C. Shika
4.	Excellence in Entrepreneurial Venture	7. Ashok Gupta	Nil
5.	Excellence in Service to the society at Large	8. Naresh Bala 9. Kannan Srinivasan	Nil

**RESOLUTION
42/BoG/2016/6**

RESOLVED THAT Distinguished Alumni Awards/ Young Alumni Achiever Awards be Noted.

REPORTING ITEMS

ITEM NO. 8 SUBMISSION AND WITHDRAWAL OF VOLUNTARY RETIREMENT NOTICE BY PROF. V. RAMPRASAD, DEPARTMENT OF ARCHITETURE, NIT TIRUCHIRAPPALLI

In his letter dated 25th April 2016 Prof. V. Ramprasad, Department of Architecture intimated his intension to go on voluntary retirement from 31st July 2016 for personal reasons. He was informed in Institute's letter dated 20th June 2016 that his notice has been taken note of as per CCS (Pension) Rules. However, the faculty member withdrew his notice of Voluntary Retirement by his letter dated 1st July 2016. As per Rule 48 A (4) of CCS (Pension) Rules, 1972 the notice of Voluntary Retirement can be withdrawn by an employee with the permission of the Appointing Authority before the intended date of retirement. The Board noted the item.

RESOLUTION **RESOLVED THAT the reporting item be**
42/BoG/2016/7 **Noted.**

ANY OTHER ITEMS

ITEM NO.9 MATTERS PERTAINING TO ADMINISTRATION OF TREC- STEP:

National Institute of Technology, Tiruchirappalli (Erstwhile REC, Trichy) promoted TREC-STEP (Trichy Regional Engineering College- Science and Technology Park) in 1986 by providing about 50.2 Acres of its primary land. NIT Trichy also holds the full responsibility of the general superintendence of and management of the TREC-STEP. Accordingly, Chairman of NIT Trichy and Director of NIT Trichy are to serve as the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of TREC-STEP respectively. The performance of TREC-STEP was excellent during the first decade of its existence when number of REC students utilized the facility.

During the past 10 years, there was no effective interaction between TREC-STEP & NITT. This was primarily due to absence of administrative participation of NITT in TREC-SREP. These developments in TREC –STEP in the recent years have led to the resignation of the then Chairperson, Ms. Kumud M Srinivasan and Vice-Chairman, Dr. S. Sundarrajan in their individual capacities.

NITT was informed of the changes in TREC-STEP Board, particularly in respect of Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson through letter Dt. 4th July 2016. TREC-STEP is an integral part of NIT Trichy. Any change in the administrative structure, particularly with respect to the Board of Governors of TREC-STEP is contrary to the legal position in which TREC-STEP is established as well as the MoU between NIT Trichy and TREC-STEP.

The changes have been made in the structure of the Board of Governors of TREC-STEP contrary to the provisions as well as without information to important stakeholders- NIT Trichy and MHRD. These alleged changes in the constitution of the Board and subsequent decisions if any consequent to such alleged change(s) would be void and therefore have no legal binding.

It may be noted that the MHRD (Letter F. No. 5-1/2016-TS.VII Dt. 10th June 2016) has indicted that the proposals to set up Research Park or Technology Business Incubator will not be sanctioned as the institute has TREC-STEP supported by NSTEDB.

A letter was sent to Executive Director of TREC-STEP indicating the changes in TREC-STEP Board, particularly in respect of Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson is not in order. A letter Dt. 16th July from Executive Director of TREC-STEP indicated that the TREC-STEP Board is keen to have the Board positions of Chairperson and Director of NITT restored.

Apart from restoring the Board structure of TREC-STEP, the proposal to restore the administrative control of TREC-STEP was discussed.

RESOLUTION 42/BoG/2016/8 RESOLVED THAT a detailed report be sent to MHRD explaining the requirement that administration of TREC-STEP be brought under NIT Trichy as per the original structure.

RESOLVED FURTHER THAT the Department of Science and Technology

(DST) be informed requirements of administration of TREC-STEP.

ITEM No. 10 REIMBURSEMENT OF TELEPHONE CHARGES:

FC considered the proposal to reimburse telephone and internet charges for faculty and recommended to BoG that the telephone charges may be reimburses as per GoI norms.

RESOLUTION 42/BoG/2016/9 RESOLVED THAT the faculty members be reimbursed the telephone and Internet Charges as per Government of India norms.

ITEM No. 11 PAYMENT OF HONORARIUM TO FACULTY FOR CARRYING OUT FORMATIVE ASSESSMENT.

It has been observed that a small percentage of slow learners are not able to pass the subjects despite repeated attempts in supplementary examinations. Such students have to be helped to clear the subjects by making them put in minimum required efforts.

In order to help the slow learners, a new assessment approach, called Formative Assessment (FA) was introduced from 2015-16 academic year. Under this, a student who is not able to pass the subjects, will spend prescribed number of hours (15-20 Hrs.) with the faculty member and complete the assessment components, as specified by the faculty.

The faculty members who are helping the students with additional teaching /assessments are required to put in additional efforts and time. Therefore, it was proposed to pay an honorarium to the faculty at the rate of Rs. 6000/- per student for a given subject. This was recommended by 29th FC and the same was approved by the BoG.

RESOLUTION 42/BoG/2016/10 RESOLVED THAT the faculty members who support the slow learners through Formative Assessment be paid an

honorarium of Rs. 6000/- per student from 2015-16 academic year.

RESOLVED FURTHER THAT this policy be reviewed after one year.

ITEM No. 12 PROCUREMENT OF A FESEM

It is proposed to procure a new FESEM (Field Emission Scanning Electron Microscopy) as an Institute level facility with an estimated cost of 3.5 Crore. The Expert Committee consisting of Two from IIT Madras and One from PSG College of Technology, Coimbatore assessed the proposal for the purchase of the new FESEM. As per the recommendations of the committee, in order for the Departments to meet the current international publication standards, as well carry out comprehensive materials characterization, a high resolution Scanning Electron Microscope with attachments such as EDS, WDS and EBSD are considered absolutely essential. The FESEM with field emission gun can facilitate obtaining ultra-high magnification and high resolution images suitable for publications. Therefore, it is proposed to procure FESEM at an estimated cost of Rs. 3.5 Crores. This was recommended by 29th FC and the same was approved by the BoG.

RESOLUTION RESOLVED THAT the proposal to procure 42/BoG/2016/11 FESEM at an estimated cost of Rs. 3.5 Crores as an institute facility be approved.

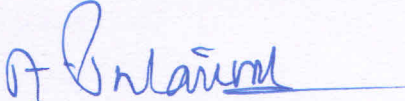
ITEM No. 13. INCREASE IN NUMBER OF PHD FELLOWSHIPS

An increase in in-take of PhD students is considered. There has been an increase in the number of applications for PhD programmes in all departments. Increasing the number of fellowships would help more students to take up PhD programmes and thereby institutions would help more qualified teachers. Further, availability of PhD students also helps the institute for lectures and tutorials. Therefore, as recommended in the 35th meeting of the Senate, it is proposed to submit a proposal to MHRD for increase in number of PhD fellowships to 135 from the current level of 90 per

year. This was recommended by 29th FC and the same was approved by the BoG.

RESOLUTION 42/BoG/2016/12 RESOLVED THAT the proposal to increase the number of PhD Fellowships from 90 to 135 from the next academic year be recommended to MHRD for approval.

The meeting ended with a Vote of Thanks.


Secretary


Chairperson i/c