



MINUTES OF THE 49TH MEETING OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS HELD ON 12TH MARCH 2018 AT 11.00 A.M. IN THE OOM ROOM, NIT TIRUCHIRAPPALLI.

PRESENT:

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| 1. | Dr. (Mrs.) Mini Shaji Thomas | Director & Chairperson In-charge |
| 2. | Ms. Darshana M. Dabral | JS & FA, MHRD
Member |
| 3. | Shri. Anil Kumar Singh | MHRD Representative |
| 4. | Dr. Vinod Krishan | Member |
| 5. | Dr. Gagandeep Kang | Member (Through Skype) |
| 6. | Dr. Krishnan Balasubramanian | Member |
| 7. | Dr. P. Jayabalan | Member |
| 8. | Dr. K. Muthukkumaran* | Member |
| 9. | Dr. T.K. Radhakrishnan | Special Invitee (For Agenda Item No.4) |
| 10. | Shri. A. Palanivel | Secretary |

*Abstained from the Meeting for Agenda Item No. 4

GENERAL MATTERS

WELCOME ADDRESS BY THE CHAIRPERSON IN-CHARGE, BOARD OF GOVERNORS.

Shri. A. Palanivel, Registrar, NIT, Tiruchirappalli & Secretary, BoG welcomed the Chairperson In-charge and Members to the Meeting.

Dr. Mini Shaji Thomas, Director, NIT, Tiruchirappalli & Chairperson In-charge, Board of Governors, also joined the Registrar in welcoming the Members to the Meeting and briefed about the importance of this Board Meeting. She expressed her gratitude for the Ministry officials and other members for sparing time to attend the Meeting in person.

Thereafter, the Chairperson In-charge started the deliberations on the Agenda Items.

ITEM NO. 1 CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE 48TH MEETING OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS HELD ON 1ST DECEMBER 2017.

The Minutes of the 48th Meeting of the Board of Governors as given in Annexure I in the Agenda Item were circulated to the members and no comments were received, the Board of Governors confirmed the Minutes.

**RESOLUTION
49/BoG/2018/1**

RESOLVED THAT the Minutes of the 48th Meeting of the Board of Governors be confirmed.

ITEM NO. 2 ACTION TAKEN REPORT ON THE DECISIONS OF THE 47TH AND 48TH MEETINGS OF THE BOG.

The 'Action Taken' on the decisions of the 47th and 48th Meetings of the Board of Governors were discussed and the Board noted the Actions Taken with the following suggestions:

46/BoG/2017/2 The Director informed about the email from the Executive Director, TREC-STEP regarding the involvement of NIT Trichy with TREC-STEP. The Board decided to discuss further after getting the inputs from MHRD.
(Ref: 44/ BoG/2017/15)

**RESOLUTION
49/BoG/2018/2**

RESOLVED THAT the 'Action Taken' on the decisions of the 47th and 48th Meeting of the Board of the Governors be noted and approved with the above mentioned suggestions of the Board of Governors.

ITEM NO. 3 DIRECTOR'S REPORT ON THE MAJOR ACHIEVEMENTS / DEVELOPMENTS SINCE THE LAST MEETING OF THE BOG HELD ON 1ST DECEMBER 2017.

The Director gave a presentation regarding the major achievements and developments that took place in the Institute since the last Meeting of the Board of Governors.

- The Director expressed her gratitude to all those who were involved in the recently concluded Faculty recruitment process. The Dean (FW) and his team, the Advisory Committee on Faculty Recruitment (ACoFAR), the Scrutiny committees, the Registrar

and his team and Director's office for the wholehearted cooperation and support.

- The publications, research projects, consultancy and patents filed till date were presented. The Board suggested that there is potential to increase the number of publications, research and consultancy income. The number of patents filed, the publication and award of patents also should be increased.
- The calendar 2018 had a theme for every month and a Footer depicting the achievements of the Institute last year.
- The Institute inaugurated the Office of International Relations, which will help students for semester exchange and other programs. Signed an MOU with Wayne State University, USA.
- Pragyan 2018, the flagship Techno-Managerial event with ISO certification was held in March 2018.
- The sports contingent of the Institute won many laurels in a variety of inter –NIT sports events.

**RESOLUTION
49/BoG/2018/3**

RESOLVED THAT the Director's report on the major achievements and developments be noted with appreciation.

APPROVAL ITEMS

ITEM NO. 4 **RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE SELECTION COMMITTEES FOR FACULTY APPOINTMENT**

Dr. K. Muthukkumaran, Member, abstained from the agenda item.

The Board was informed about the advertisement details for recruiting various Faculty Positions- Assistant Professors (on contract with AGP of Rs. 6,000/- and AGP of Rs. 7,000/-), Assistant Professors with AGP of Rs. 8,000/-, Associate Professors with AGP of Rs. 9,500/- and Professors with AGP of Rs. 10,500/- in seventeen Departments of the Institute, Guidelines given in the Gazette/OM issued by MHRD and shortlisting criteria approved by BoG were followed for shortlisting the applications. The Board was also informed that the reservation policies were followed as per the Government of India norms in the selection process and the Pay fixation will be done as per the extant rules.

The Board noted that the above points were followed for the recruitment process and accepted the recommendations of the Selection Committee for appointment of 179 Faculty Members (Professors-54, Associate Professors- 58, Assistant Professors AGP 6000/7000/8000 - 67) which include 131 internal Faculty members (Professors-50, Associate Professors-56 and Assistant Professors in AGP 8000 - 25) and 6 internal Faculty members who are above 50 years under mapping from AGP of Rs 9000 to Rs 9500. The Board permitted the Institute to issue offer of appointment to the selected candidates without waiting for the confirmation of the Minutes of the 49th Meeting of the Board of Governors.

**RESOLUTION
49/BoG/2018/4**

RESOLVED THAT as per the decision of the Board, the offer of appointment of 179 posts to the selected candidates for the post of Assistant Professors, Associate Professors and Professors and mapping of 6 Associate Professors in the Institute from AGP of Rs 9000 to Rs 9500 will be issued immediately i.e. on the same day of 49th Meeting of the Board of Governors.

ITEM NO. 5 IMPLEMENTATION OF RECOMMENDATIONS OF OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE FOR REMOVAL OF ANOMALIES OF NON-TEACHING STAFF AND REVISED RECRUITMENT RULES (RRS) FOR NON-TEACHING IN THE NITS.

The Board approved the proposal for implementation of recommendation of the Oversight Committee for Non-teaching staff.

**RESOLUTION
49/BoG/2018/5**

RESOLVED THAT the proposal for implementation of recommendation of the Oversight Committee for Non-teaching staff be approved.

**RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE AND
BUILDING & WORKS COMMITTEE**

ITEM NO. 6 ANNUAL BUDGET FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 2018-19

The Annual Budget of the Institute for the Financial Year 2018-19 was discussed in the Finance Committee and FC recommended the same to the Board. It was decided to go for a loan of about Rs. 100

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Crores from HEFA in the first phase. The Board after detailed discussion approved the Annual Budget.

**RESOLUTION
49/BoG/2018/6**

RESOLVED THAT the Annual Budget of the Institute for the Financial Year 2018-19 including availing a loan of around Rs. 100 Crores from HEFA be approved.

ITEM NO. 7

PROPOSAL FOR AVAILING LOAN FROM HEFA.

As per HEFA guidelines, the HEFA loan has to be repaid from the Internal Revenue Generation (IRG). The Finance Committee while discussing the proposal felt that repayment of the HEFA loan would be possible only if the allocation from MHRD for revenue expenditure under OH-31 & OH-36 are made as per the Budget Estimates submitted by the Institute.

The Board also considered and approved the following suggestions of the Finance Committee.

- (i) The Institute may avail around 100 Crores in Phase I from HEFA.
- (ii) The Institute should increase internal revenue and reduce all possible expenses.
- (iii) The Institute should submit additional budget requirement under all heads for 2018-19 to MHRD.
- (iv) The Institute should charge the user fees in various areas including water, security, electricity, house-keeping and hostel rent, etc. where ever feasible so that the Internal Revenue may be increased.

**RESOLUTION
49/BoG/2018/7**

RESOLVED THAT availing HEFA loan of around 100 Crores in Phase I, charging user fees, submitting additional budget requirements under all heads to MHRD be approved as recommended by Finance Committee.

ITEM NO. 8 RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE 18TH BUILDING AND WORKS COMMITTEE HELD ON 24TH JANUARY 2018

The recommendations of the 18th B&WC and FC was discussed in the Board. The Board agreed the recommendations of the FC for approval of New Works mentioned as Item No's.1, 3, 7, 8 & 9 and the advice of the FC for placing Item No's. 4, 5 & 6 in the next Meeting of FC with more details. Item No. 2 is dropped as it was decided to construct low cost make shift wall. The Board also considered and approved the recommendation of the Building and Works Committee and Finance Committee regarding delegation of financial power to the Director for executing repair works of the Institute from Rs. 10 Lakhs to Rs. 30 Lakhs. The Board also approved the recommendation of the Building and Works Committee and the FC regarding the matter to be referred to MHRD, New Delhi after obtaining legal opinion on the Arbitration amount of Rs 7 Crores claimed by the CPWD.

**RESOLUTION
49/BoG/2018/8**

RESOLVED THAT

- (i) Item No's.1, 3, 7, 8 & 9 of New Works recommended by the B&WC and FC be approved.**
- (ii) Item No's. 4, 5 & 6 mentioned under New Works be placed in the**

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- next meeting of the FC with more details as advised by the FC.
- (iii) Item No. 2 be dropped as advised by the FC.
 - (iv) Delegation of financial power to the Director for executing the repair works of the Institute be increased from Rs 10 lakhs to Rs 30 lakhs as recommended by the FC.
 - (v) Matter relating to the Arbitration amount of Rs 7 Crores claimed by CPWD be referred to MHRD after obtaining legal opinion as recommended by the FC.

OTHERS

ITEM NO. 9 MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU) BETWEEN NIT TIRUCHIRAPPALLI AND MHRD

The Board discussed the draft MoU between NITT and MHRD and approved it with few suggestions.

RESOLUTION 49/BoG/2018/9 RESOLVED THAT the draft MoU between NITT and MHRD be approved with few suggestions.

ITEM NO. 10 APPOINTMENT OF REGISTRAR AS ESTATE OFFICER OF THE INSTITUTE.

The Board discussed and approved the proposal of appointing the Registrar as Estate Officer of the Institute and advised the

Institute to issue the order of appointment without confirmation of the Minutes.

**RESOLUTION
49/BoG/2018/10**

RESOLVED THAT the proposal of appointing the Registrar as Estate Officer of the Institute and issuing order of appointment without confirmation of the Minutes be approved.

ITEM NO. 11 ENHANCEMENT OF SUPERANNUATION AGE OF DOCTORS WORKING IN HIGHER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION UNDER MHRD

The MHRD in its letter F.No.4-9/2017-TS-III dated 12th February 2018 conveyed the approval of the cabinet for enhancement of superannuation age of doctors working in Higher and Technical Educational Institutions under MHRD to 65 years.

The MHRD communicated to place the approval of the cabinet before the Board of Governors for adoption and implementation in the Institute. Accordingly the same was placed before the Board and the Board approved it.

**RESOLUTION
49/BoG/2018/11**

RESOLVED THAT as per MHRD's letter F.No.4-9/2017-TS-III dated 12th February 2018 the enhancement of superannuation age of doctors to 65 years be approved and adopted in the Institute.

RATIFICATION ITEMS

ITEM NO. 12 APPROVAL OF FOREIGN VISITS OF FACULTY MEMBERS

The Board observed that the number of Faculty Members visiting foreign countries to attend International Conferences, Seminars and work-shops, etc. is less and the Board advised the Institute to take steps to encourage the Faculty Members for more academic foreign visits by using the CPDA amount. The Board ratified the approval given by the Chairperson In-charge, BoG for the foreign visits of 11 Faculty Members.

**RESOLUTION
49/BoG/2018/12**

RESOLVED THAT the approval given by the Chairperson In-charge, BoG to 11 Faculty Members to visit foreign countries be ratified.

RESOLVED FURTHER THAT the Faculty Members be encouraged to attend more International Conferences, Seminars and work-shops, etc. by using CPDA amount.

REPORTING ITEMS

ITEM NO. 13 MINUTES OF THE 34TH FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 08TH NOVEMBER 2017.

The Board discussed the Minutes and advised the Institute to take guidance of the Project Monitoring Unit (PMU) of GoI for CPWD works as per MHRD's Order F.No 24-16/2016-TS.I dated 20th November 2017.

The Board also advised to follow the Project Management Consultants (PMCs) process, if necessary, for future construction works (Civil and Electrical) of the Institute.

**RESOLUTION
49/BoG/2018/13**

RESOLVED THAT the Minutes of the 34th Meeting of Finance Committee be noted.

RESOLVED FURTHER THAT the guidance of Project Monitoring Unit (PMU) be taken for CPWD works as per MHRD's Order F.No 24-16/2016-TS.I dated 20th November 2017.

RESOLVED FURTHER THAT the Project Management Consultants (PMCs) process, if necessary, be followed in future for new construction works (Civil and Electrical) of the Institute.

ITEM NO. 14 LEGAL MATTERS SUBSEQUENT TO THE LAST BOARD MEETING

The Board noted the status of the legal cases of the Institute since the last Board Meeting.

**RESOLUTION
49/BoG/2018/14**

RESOLVED THAT the status of the legal cases of the Institute since the last Board Meeting be noted.

ANY OTHER ITEMS

ITEM NO.15 WRIT PETITION FILED BY DR.V.KANNAN

The Director presented the Writ Petition (WP No.18007 of 2016 and WMP No. 4141/2018) filed by Dr. V. Kannan against the GoI, the Director NITs MHRD, NIT Rourkela and NIT Tiruchirappalli.

The Board noted the writ petition filed by Dr. V. Kannan and direct the Institute to take appropriate action in this regard.

**RESOLUTION
49/BoG/2018/15**

RESOLVED THAT the Writ Petition (WP No.18007 of 2016 and WMP No. 4141/2018) filed by Dr. V. Kannan, the order passed by Hon'ble High Court of Judicature at Madras and the subsequent actions by the Institute be noted.

The Meeting ended with the vote of thanks to the Chairperson In-charge.


Secretary


Chairperson In-charge