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Minutes of the Sixteenth Meeting of the Board of Governors held on 28th December 2007

Sixteenth Meeting of the Board of Governors was held on 28th December 2007 at the Conference Room of the NIT Transit House, New Delhi. Following members were present-

1. Prof. Gautam Barua, Chairman, Board of Governors

- 2. Sri Alok Kumar, IAS, Commissioner & Secretary to the Govt of Assam, Education (Higher) Dept
- 3. Sri Madan Mohan, Director (NIT), M/o HRD, New Delhi
- 4. Prof. D.N. Bhattcharjee, Prof in Civil Engg, NIT Silchar
- 5. Dr. S. Baishya, Asst Prof in ETE, NIT Silchar
- 6. Sri S.S. Dutt, Silchar
- 7. Prof. Fazal A. Talukdar, Registrar
- 8. Prof. P.K. Banik, Director & Secretary, NIT Silchar

Sri Abhijit Barooah, Managing Director, Premier Cryogenics Limited, Guwahati expressed his inability to attend the meeting due to pre-occupation. Following agenda items were taken up for consideration-

BOG-16/07/1: To confirm the minutes of the 15th Meeting of the Board

Minutes of the 15th Meeting of the Board of Governors held on 21st September 2007 at New Delhi were confirmed.

BOG-16/07/2: To receive a note on the action taken and progress made on the minutes of the last meeting of the Board

Secretary apprised the Board about the actions taken on the resolutions of its 15th Meeting held on 21st September 2007. Board took a note of the same.

BOG-16/07/3: To take a note on the National Institutes of Technology Act 2007

Board noted the National Institutes of Technology Act, 2007 (Act 29 of 2007) which came into force with effect from 15th August 2007.

BOG-16/07/4: To consider the delegation of power to various authorities for according approval for works related activities

Board examined the item as put up before it and after a threadbare discussion adopted the same except for item 1. The Board resolved to refer the delegation in respect of accord of administrative approval to the Integrated Finance Division, M/o HRD for comment and suggestion before implementation [Sl. No.-1 of the Table showing Delegation of Powers for work expenditure to the BWC and Director of the

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Institute]. The delegation of powers is given in **Appendix-A** [Pages 5-6].

BOG-16/07/5:

To consider rules for grant of Joining Time TA to faculty/staff joining the Institute from Central/State Governments/Autonomous Bodies

Board resolved to refer the matter to the Finance Committee for examination

BOG-16/07/6:

To consider and approve the recommendation of the Senate for enhancement of intake of UG programmes

Board approved the recommendation of the 19th (Emergent) Meeting of the Senate and approved the enhancement of UG intake as follows from the academic session 2008-09

Enhanced UG intake from the next academic session 2008-09 will be as follows-

UG Programme BTech in	Current AY 2007-08	Enhanced AY 2008-09
Civil Engg	60	92
Electrical Engg	60	92
Mechanical Engg	60	92
Electronics & Telecom Engg	60	92
Computer Sc & Engg	60	92

Board further resolved that UG programmes in other areas of engineering/technology (Chemical Engineering, Bio-Technology etc) should be explored by the Institute from the AY 2009-10.

Board further felt the need to bifurcate the present Electronics & Telecommunication Engineering (ETE) department into ETE and Computer Science & Engineering departments for the overall growth and development of the Computer Science & Engineering. Institute has been advised to work out the modalities for the bifurcation.

BOG-16/07/7:

To take a note of the faculty positions of the Institute

Board noted the faculty position of the Institute. Board further noted the joining of a new faculty in the Mechanical Engineering department.

BOG-16/07/8:

To explore the possibility of grant of financial assistance to research scholars in science and humanities of the Institute

Board examined the issue as put up before it and advised the Institute to approach the M/o HRD for possible financial support.

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BOG-16/07/9: To consider and approve the enrolment of the Institute as Associate Member of the Indian Roads Congress

Board approved the enrolment of the Institute as Associate Member of the Indian Road Congress (IRC).

BOG-16/07/10: Any other items with the permission of the Chair

BOG-16/07/10A: To take a note on the Audit Report on the accounts of the Institute received from Principal Accountant General (Audit), Assam for the year 2006-07

Board approved the Audit Report from the Principal AG (Audit), Assam on the accounts of the Institute for the FY 2006-07.

BOG-16/07/10B: To consider and approve the recommendation of the Senate for opening of the M.Sc. programme in Applied Chemistry

Board approved the recommendation of the Senate for introduction of M.Sc. programme in Applied Chemistry with an intake of 10 from the academic session 2008-09.

BOG-16/07/10C: To consider and approve the list of experts representing the Board on the Selection Committees for recruitment of faculty

Board approved the panel of experts representing the Board of Governors on the Selection Committees for recruitment of faculty. List of the panel of experts is enclosed in **Appendix-B** [Pages 7-8].

BOG-16/07/10D: To consider the matter of sponsoring the candidature of Dr. Sushanta Dutta, Lecturer in Mechanical Engineering in Indo-US Fellowship programme

Board did not agree with the request of Dr. Dutta for sponsoring his application for IUSSTF fellowship.

BOG-16/07/10E: To consider the waiver of notice period for faculty who left the Institute to join Government organizations/PSUs/Autonomous Bodies

Board felt that the issue should be examined first by the Finance Committee.

BOG-16/07/10F: To take a note on the status of the independent water supply scheme

Board noted the status of the Independent Water Supply scheme and resolved that the pending issues should be examined the by the Building & Works Committee (BWC) and should be disposed of accordingly.

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BOG-16/07/10G: One of the faculty representatives on the Board raised the issue of writing of ACRs in respect of faculty. Board examined the issue and advised the Institute to put up a comprehensive proposal in its next meeting.

Meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair.

Prof. Gautam Barua

Chairman, Board of Governors

Prof. P.K. Banik Director & Secretary