

NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY SILCHAR

EIGHTY SECOND MEETING OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS

MINUTES

The 82nd meeting of the Board of Governors was held on 22nd June, 2021 at 1630 hours via video conferencing. The following members were present in the meeting:

1. Sri Gautam N Mehra, Chairman & Managing Director, Savita Oil Technologies Limited, Chairperson, BoG
2. Prof. Sivaji Bandyopadhyay, Director & Ex - Officio, BoG
3. Sri Mrutyunjay Behera, Economic Adviser (HE), MoE
4. Ms. Darshana M Dabral, JS & FA, Integrated Finance Division, MoE
5. Dr. S. K. Kakoty, Professor, IIT Guwahati
6. Prof. P. S Choudhury, NIT Silchar
7. Dr. Ripon Patgiri, NIT Silchar
8. Prof. Nalin Behari Dev Choudhury, Registrar (i/c) & Secretary, BoG

Sri Gautam N Mehra presided the meeting of the Board of Governors as Chairperson in accordance with Section 16 of the NITSER Act.

At the outset, Prof. N. B. Dev Choudhury welcomed the Chairperson and other members who attended the meeting.

Before starting the meeting the committee observed one minute of silence and give condolence to the departed soul of one of the esteemed Member of Board of Governors of NIT Silchar, Late Madan Mohan, ADG, Department of Higher Education, Ministry of Education.

The BoG then initiated the discussion on the Agenda Items one by one: -

BoG-82/21/01: To confirm the minutes of the 81st Meeting of Board of Governors.

Eightieth meeting of the Board of Governors was held on 21st April, 2021 via video conferencing. The copies of the Minutes of the 81st meeting of the Board of Governors (**Annexure – I**) was circulated to all the members of the Board. No comments has been received from any members.

The Board is request to confirm the minutes of 81st meeting of the BoG.

DECISION

During the confirmation of Minutes of 81st meeting of BoG the Director intimated the Board Members that the Senate in its 69th meeting scheduled on 23.03.2021 approve the proposal for introduction of new M. Tech course in Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning in the Department of Computer Science & Engineerin and the Board in its 81st meeting under item No. BoG – 81/21/04 approved the same. However, the Senate in its 70th meeting scheduled on 16.06.2021 change the nomenclature of the aforesaid course to M. Tech in Artificial Intelligence.

The Board approved the changes nomenclature of from M. Tech in Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning to M. Tech in Artificial Intelligence and confirmed the minutes of 81st meeting of Board of Governors



BoG-82/21/02: To discuss on the Action Taken Report on decision of the 81st Meeting of Board of Governors.

The action taken report on the minutes of 81st meeting of BOG is placed at Annexure – II. The Board is requested to take note of the same

DECISION

The Board noted the Action Taken Report of 81st meeting of BoG.

BoG-82/21/03: To extend the tenure of Prof. Nalin Behari Dev Choudhury as Registrar, In - Charge.

On completion of tenure of Prof. Asim Roy, Professor, Department of Physics as Registrar, In - Charge, the Director, NIT Silchar on the basis of power vested to him vide Statute 17 (11) of First Statute of NITs assign the responsibility of Registrar, NIT Silchar to Prof. Nalin Behari Dev Choudhury, Professor, Department of Electrical Engineering for a period of 1 (one) year w.e.f. 01.01.2021.

The Chairperson, BoG has also accorded approval on the same. The matter was placed before the BoG in its 80th meeting scheduled on 15.02.2021 and the board resolved the following:

The Board ratified the action taken by the Chairperson BoG and opined to assign Prof. Nalin Behari Dev Choudhury the responsibility of Registrar NIT Silchar for a period of 6 (six) months from 01.01.2021

The Board also decided that the Institute should strive to complete the recruitment process for selection of Registrar within a period of six months

The institute could not initiate the recruitment process immediately as code of conduct was declared by the Government of Assam due to Assembly Election in Assam followed by second outbreak of COVID.

However, institute vide notification No. NITS/Estt/Advt/Non-Teaching/21 dated 18.05.2021 advertised the post of Registrar along with other Non – Teaching posts. The last date of submission of application form is 02.07.2021 as the latest date by which the advertisement can be published in the Employment Newspaper (as on 18.05.2021) was 12.06.2021 and the institute fixed the last date of submission after 21 (twenty one) days of publication in the Employment Newspaper.

In view of above for smooth functioning of the Institute Prof. Nalin Behari Dev Choudhury, Professor, Department of Electrical Engineering may be given an extension as Registrar of this institute for a period up to 31.12.2021 or till the appointment of new Registrar whichever is earlier.

The Board is requested to approve the same.

DECISION

The Board approved to extend the tenure of Prof. Nalin Behari Dev Choudhury, Professor, Department of Electrical Engineering as Registrar for further period up to 31.12.2021 or till appointment of new Registrar whichever is earlier.



THE AGENDA ITEM IS CONFIDENTIAL

BoG-82/21/05: To consider resignation Dr. Nirmala Soren, Assistant Professor Grade – I, Department of Electrical Engineering as technical resignation.

Dr. Nirmala Soren, Assistant Professor Grade – I, Department of Electrical Engineering vide letter dated 01.03.2021 (**Annexure - VII**) requested to release her on lien for taking up new assignment of Associate Professor at Birsa Institute of Technology Sindri, Jharkhand.

It may be noted that vide No. Estt.0593/14/20812 dated 28.12.2017 Dr. N. Soren was granted NoC for appearing document verification for the post of Associate Professor at Birsa Institute of Technology Sindri, Jharkhand.

The application of Dr. N. Soren for the said post was not forwarded by the institute.

Dr. N. Soren joined the institute on 31.10.2014 and vide Office Order No. NITS/Estt/BoG-76/20/11676-11900 dated 15.02.2021 her service was confirmed



As per Statute 30 (i) of first statute of NIT, a permanent employee before releasing the institute should give three months' notice in writing to his appointing authority or by pay three months salary in lieu thereof. Dr. N. Soren vide letter dated 01.03.2021 requested to release her on lien w.e.f. 01.06.2021 (A/N)

The matter was placed before the BoG in its 81st meeting scheduled on 21.04.2021 and the Board resolved the following:

The Board did not grant Dr. Nirmala Soren Assistant Professor Grade – I, Department Electrical Engineering Lien for taking up new assignment of Associate Professor at Birsa Institute of Technology Sindri, Jharkhand as the application of Dr. N. Soren for the said post was not forwarded by the institute.

The Board further, decided to review whether any Faculty Members with NoC was granted Lien and also decided to refer the matter to Ministry of Education if required.

The institute vide email dated 27.05.2021 intimated the decision of the BoG to Dr. N. Soren.

Dr. N. Soren vide email dated 28.05.2021 requested to grant her Technical Resignation from the post she is holding.

As per Ministry of Finance OM No. 3379-E.III (B)/65 dated the 17th June, 1965 resignation will be treated as Technical Resignation if the incumbent has applied for the post through proper channel. In the instant case the application of Dr. N. Soren for the post at Birsa Institute of Technology Sindri, Jharkhand was not forwarded by the institute.

However in the earlier instance is there where one of the Faculty Member of the institute was granted Lien followed by Technical Resignation even though his application was not forwarded by the institute.

The Chairperson, BoG has accepted the resignation of Dr. N. Soren and instructed to place the matter before the BoG for decision regarding considering her resignation as Technical resignation.

The Board is requested to peruse the matter and decide whether the resignation of Dr. N. Soren be treated as Technical Resignation.

DECISION

The Board has gone through the case of Dr. Nirmala Soren, Assistant Professor Grade – I, Department of Electrical Engineering in details and opined that since Dr. N. Soren was given NoC for appearing for the interview process for the post of Associate Professor at Birsa Institute of Technology Sindri, Jharkhand, her resignation may be considered as Technical Resignation.

The above resolution was confirmed in the meeting.



BoG-82/21/06 To upgrade the pay level of Sri Kumar Mithilesh from Level – 11 to Level – 12.

Sri Kumar Mithilesh joined institute in the post of Senior Technical Officer on 31.01.2013. At the time of joining incumbent was placed in the pay scale of PB – III with Grade Pay of ₹ 6,600.00 i.e. Pay Level – 11.

As per MoE (erstwhile MHRD) Letter F. No. 33-2/2013-TS.III dated 05.02.2014, after five years of service as Senior Technical Officer with Grade pay of ₹ will be automatically moved to ₹ 7,600.00 with same designation.

MoE (erstwhile MHRD) vide Letter F. No. 33-2/2012-TS.III dated 20.12.2017 revised the pay scale of Senior Technical Officer from PB – III with Grade Pay of ₹ 6,600.00 to PB – III with Grade Pay of ₹ 7,600.00. The Board in its 59th meeting scheduled on 05.01.2018 adopted the revised RR for Non-Teaching circulated vide letter dated 20.12.2017

Sri K. Mithilesh completed his five years of service as Senior Technical Officer in the pay scale of PB – III with Grade Pay of ₹ 6,600.00 i.e. Pay Level – 11 on 31.01.2018. The Committee constituted as statute 23 (18) of First Statute of NIT also recommended to grant him upgradation to Level – 12 on 31.01.2018. The recommendation of the Committee will be placed on the table.

The Board is requested to upgrade the pay level of Sri Kumar Mithilesh from Level – 11 to Level – 12 w.e.f 31.01.2018.

DECISION

The Board approved to upgrade Sri Kumar Mithilesh, Senior Technical Officer to Level – 12 w.e.f. 31.01.2018.

BoG-82/21/07 To confirm the service of Officers of the institute

The following officers of the institute has completed their period of probation on the date mentioned against their names.

S. No.	Name	Designation	Doj	Date of clearance of probation
I.	Sri Subhradeep Dhar	Assistant Registrar	02.12.2019	02.12.2020
II.	Sri Roopjyoti Deb	Assistant Registrar	06.12.2019	06.12.2020
III.	Sri Manash Protim Mahanta	Technical Officer	27.02.2020	27.02.2021

The Committee constituted as statute 23 (18) of First Statute of NIT also recommended to grant him upgradation to Level – 12 on 31.01.2018. The recommendation of the Committee will be placed on the table

The Board is requested to confirm the service of above Officers from the date of joining the institute.

DECISION

The Board confirmed the services of following officers to the post they her holding from the dates mentioned against their names.



- I Sri Subhradeep Dhar, Assistant Registrar confirmed w.e.f. 02.12.2019
II Sri Roopjyoti Deb, Assistant Registrar confirmed w.e.f. 06.12.2019
III Sri Manash Protim Mahanta, Technical Officer confirmed w.e.f. 27.02.2020

BoG-82/21/08: To allow the institute to make appointment on compassionate ground.
Institute has received applications from the dependents of deceased staff of the institute wherein they requested for appointment in the institute under compensatory ground.

It may be noted that after conversion to NIT Silchar from REC Silchar no appointment on compensatory ground has been made.

The DoPT vide OM No. 14014/02/2012--Estt. (D) dated 16.01.2013 issued consolidated instruction on compassionate appointment (Annexure – VIII₁).

National Institute of Technology Surathkal in its 47th meeting of BoG meeting scheduled on 08.05.2017 under agenda item No. 47.4.17(vii) resolved to take up appointment on compassionate grounds as per DoPT rules (Annexure – VIII₂) against Non - Faculty posts.

The Ministry of Education vide communication F. No. 18-7/2017-TS.III dated 07.07.2017 (Annexure – VIII₃) allowed the institute to appoint under compassionate ground as per the guidelines laid in DoPT vide OM No. 14014/02/2012--Estt. (D) dated 16.01.2013. However the matter is to be placed in the BoG meeting

In view of above it is put up for kind decision regarding allowing the institute to appointment on compassionate ground as per the DoPT guidelines.

DECISION

The Board instructed the institute to place before the Board name and number of posts earmarked for appointment in compassionate ground along with the name(s) of candidate(s) proposed to be appointed by following the DoPT guidelines for the appointment on compassionate ground.

BoG-82/21/09: To approve the recommendations of the 55th FC meetings.

The recommendations of 55th meeting of Finance Committee scheduled on 22.06.2021 will be placed on the table on the day of meeting for approval.

DECISION

The Board approved the recommendation of 55th meeting of Finance Committee scheduled on 22.06.2021

The meeting ended with vote of thanks to the Chair.


(Prof. N. B. Dev Choudhury)
Registrar (i/c) & Secretary


(Sri Gautam N Mehra)
Chairperson, BoG