NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY SILCHAR

SEVENTY SECOND MEETING OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS MINUTES

The 72nd meeting of the Board of Governors was held at Sashtri Bhawan, New Delhi on 20th November, 2019 at 1130 hours. The following members were present in the meeting. The following members were present in the meeting:

- 1. Prof. Sivaji Bandyopadhyay, Director & Chairperson, BoG (Officiating)
- 2. Sri Madan Mohan, DDG, Department of Higher Education, MHRD
- 3. Smt. Darshana M Dabral, Joint Secretary (IFD), Department of Higher Education, MHRD Sri Abhijit Barooah, Managing Director, Premier Cryogenics Ltd, Assam
- 4. Prof. F. A. Talukdar, Professor, ECE Department, NIT Silchar
- 5. Dr. Manas Kumar Bera, Assistant Professor, NIT Silchar
- 6. Prof. A. K. Barbhuiya, Registrar & Secretary, BoG

As per Statute No. 17(15) of the first Statutes of NITs, Prof. Sivaji Bandyopadhyay, Director, NIT, Silchar presided over the meeting of the Board of Governors as Chairperson in accordance with Section 16 of the NITSER Act.

At the outset, Prof. Sivaji Bandyopadhyay welcomed all the members of the Board of Governors.

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

BoG-72/19/01: To confirm the minutes of the 71st Meeting of Board of Governors

Seventy first meeting of the Board of Governors was held on 1st November, 2019 at NIT Silchar. The copies of the Minutes of the 71st meeting of the Board of Governors (Annexure – I) were circulated to all the members of the Board. Comments received (if any) will be placed on the table.

The Board is request to confirm the minutes of 71st meeting of the BoG.

DECISION

The Board confirmed the minutes of 71st meeting of the Board of Governors

BoG-72/19/02:

To discuss on the Action Taken Report on decision of the 71^{st} Meeting of Board of Governors and pending Action Taken Report of 70^{th} meeting of BoG

The action taken report on the minutes of 71^{st} meeting of BOG and pending action taken report of 70^{th} meeting of BoG is placed at **Annexure – II**₁ and **II**₂. The Board is requested to take note of the same

DECISION

The Board noted the action taken on the minutes of the 71st meeting of BoG and pending Action Taken Report of 70th meeting of BoG

BoG-72/19/03:

To consider the recommendation of Selection Committee for the faculty positions advertised against advertisement No. NITS/Estt/Faculty/Advt/19 dated 21.08.2019 and No. NITS/Estt/Faculty/Advt/19 dated 28.01.2019.

The institute vide advertisement No. NITS/Estt/Faculty/Advt/19 dated 21.08. 2019 (Annexure – III₁) advertised for the following positions for various departments of this institute.

I. Assistant Professor Grade – II at Level – 11

- II. Assistant Professor Grade I at Level 12
- III. Associate Professor at Level 13A2
- IV. Professor at Level 14A

Further vide advertisement No. NITS/Estt/Faculty/Advt/19 dated 28.01.2019(Annexure – III₂) advertised for the post of Assistant Professor Grade – II at Level – 10 of Department of Management Studies.

The meeting of Selection Committee for interviewing the candidates for the aforesaid posts for the following Departments were scheduled from 11.11.2019 to 17.11.2019:

- 1. Civil Engineering
- 2. Mechanical Engineering
- 3. Electrical Engineering
- 4. Electronics & Communication Engineering
- 5. Computer Science & Engineering
- 6. Electronics & Instrumentation Engineering
- 7. Physics
- 8. Chemistry
- 9. Mathematics
- 10. Humanities & Social Sciences
- 11. Management Studies

The recommendation of the Selection Committee will be placed on the table. Board may approve the same.

DECISION

The Board is informed that all relevant instruction of Ministry of HRD were followed.

The Board approved the recommendation of Selection Committee

BoG-72/19/04:

Resignation of Dr. Gopal Rawat from the post of Assistant Professor Grade – II in the Department of Electronics & Communication Engineering.

Dr. Gopal Rawat, Assistant Professor Grade – II, Department of Electronics & Communication Engineering vide letter dated 24.09.2019 intimated that he got offer of appointment for the post of Assistant Professor Grade – II at NIT Hamirpur and requested to consider his resignation for the post he his holding in this institute w.e.f. 24.09.2019.

It may be noted that Dr. G. Rawat requested for issuance of NoC for appearing interview for faculty position at NIT Hamirpur. The Director, NIT Silchar did not accorded approval for issuance of NoC since his application for the post of Assistant Professor Grade – II at NIT Hamirpur was not forwarded by this institute.

The resignation submitted by the Gopal Rawat was also not accepted by the Director. However, he left the institute on 24.09.2019.

As per Section 24(a) of NIT Act, the Board is the appointing authority for academic staff.

The Board is requested to considered the resignation of Dr. Gopal Rawat from the post of Assistant Professor Grade – II in the Department of Electronics & Communication Engineering.

DECISION

The Board is informed that the service of Dr. Gopal Rawat to the post of Assistant Professor Grade - II was not confirmed.

The Board directed the institute to terminate Dr. Gopal Rawat from the post of Assistant Professor Grade – II and transfer his NPS to NIT Hamirpur.

BoG-72/19/05:

To discuss on the Interim order of the Gauhati High Court dated 30.10.2019 against the Case No. WP(C) 7942/2019 (Dr. Koteshwara Raju Dhenukonda Vs NIT Silchar).

As per the decision of the 70th meeting of BoG held on 30.09.2019, Dr. Koteshwara Raju Dhenukonda was intimated vide letter No. NITS/Estt/BoG/70/13939-42 dated 21.10.2019 that allegation against him was established and directed him to explain the reason why his services should not be terminated.

It may be noted that Dr. Koteshwara Raju Dhenukonda applied for the post of Assistant Professor Grade – II at Level – 11 against No. NITS/Estt/Faculty/Advt/19 dated 21.08. 2019. Since the case of Sexual Harassment against him was going on and the same is established, his candidature was not considered.

In the meantime Dr. Koteshwara Raju Dhenukonda vide letter dated 01.11.2019 (Annexure – V) submitted an Interim Order from the Gauhati High Court wherein Hon'ble Gauhati High Court directed the Institute not to take any adverse action on the basis of the enquiry being conducted against the petitioner without the leave of this court. Further, the petitioner also may be allowed to appear in the interview for the promotion to 7th AGP which is scheduled to be held on 12.11.2019.

As per the Interim order of the Hon'ble Gauhati High Court dated 30.10.2019 against the Case No. WP(C) 7942/2019 (Dr. Koteshwara Raju Dhenukonda Vs NIT Silchar), Dr. Koteshwara Raju Dhenukonda was called for the interview for the post of Assistant Professor Grade – II at Level – 11 in the Department of Electrical Engineering after due scrutiny.

The Board is requested to discuss and suggest the steps to be taken by the institute.

DECISION

BoG-72/19/06:

To approve the recommendations of the 51st FC meetings.

The recommendations of 51st meeting of Finance Committee to be held on 20.11.2019, will be placed on the table on the day of the meeting for approval.

DECISION

The Board approved the recommendations of 51st meeting of Finance Committee

BoG-72/19/07:

To note the recommendations of the 60^{th} B&WC meetings.

The recommendations of 60th meeting of Building & Works Committee held on 24.07.2019 is placed at **Annexure – VII** for noting.

DECISION

The Board noted the recommendations of the 60th B&WC meetings.

The meeting ended with vote of thanks to the Chair.

(Prof. A. K. Barbhuiya)

Registrar & Secretary

(Prof. Sivaji-Bandyopadhyay)

Chairperson, BoG (Officiating)