# NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY SILCHAR

## <u>Minutes of the Forty Third Meeting of the Board of Governors held on 24.07.2014</u> <u>at NIT Transit House, A-1/267, Safdarjung Enclave, New Delhi -110029</u>

The Board of Governors Meeting was held at NIT Transit House, A-1/267, Safdarjung Enclave, New Delhi -110029 on 24.07.2014 at 1100 hours. The following members were present in the meeting.

- Prof. Asis Datta, Chairman, BOG, NIT Silchar & Prof of Eminence, National Institute of Plant Genome Research, Aruna Asaf Ali Marg, JNU Campus (adjacent to ICGEB), New Delhi-110067.
- 2. Mr. Y. Tripathi, Financial Adviser, MHRD, GOI, Shastri Bhawaan, New Delhi-110001.
- 3. Mr. H. K. Sharma, Commissioner & Secy. Govt. of Assam, Higher Education (Tech) Department, Guwahati 781006.
- 4. Prof. N. V. Deshpande, Director, NIT, Silchar.
- 5. Prof. Sunanda Dhar, Professor in Electronics Sciences, University of Calcutta, 92 A.P.C Road, Kolkata 700009.
- 6. Prof. Samarendra Dandapat, Department of Electronics & Electrical Engineering IIT, Guwahati.
- BOG-43/14/01: Confirmation of the minutes of the 42<sup>nd</sup> Meeting of the Board.

Since no comment / suggestion for amendment of the recorded minutes circulated on 26.06.2014 was received, the BoG confirmed the minutes of  $42^{nd}$  meeting of the Board.

BOG-43/14/02: To take note of the action taken report on minutes of 41st BOG.

The BoG perused the action taken report.

BOG-43/14/03: Ratification of the decision of the Chairman to release the retirement benefits of all those who were involve in GR case No.2838/2001.

20 Employees of the Institute involved in GR Case No.2838/2001 for manhandling the then Principal, Col. Virk were acquitted of the charges by the Additional Chief Judicial Magistrate, Silchar. The office of the Additional Deputy Commissioner, Silchar has confirmed that since there is no merit in the case, the Government is not filing appeal against the judgement of the Additional Chief Judicial Magistrate. MHRD have also confirmed that since they are all acquitted of the charges by the Additional Chief Judicial Magistrate, their pension cannot be withheld. Accordingly, Chairman's approval was taken on email and the pension is being released.

The Board ratified the above decision of the Chairman.

#### BOG-43/14/04: Wage revision of MR/ Casual Workers.

The Board agreed with the suggestion for bringing all the MR / Casual workers under a uniform wage structure instead of variable wages based on qualification and length of service. However, in view of CLCs order dated 04.03.2014 prescribing the minimum wage for unskilled workers as Rs. 220/- for 26 days, the Board agreed to allow all the workers the wage of Rs. 265/- per day which is the highest wage being given to some of the MR / Casual workers based on the present variable wage structure.

#### BOG-43/14/05:

Brief on implementation of the judgement of Hon'ble High Court of Guwahati WP(C) No 2475/2010.

The Board including the Commissioner & Secretary, Government of Assam, Higher Education (Tech) Department approved the action. However, it was suggested that in the reasoned order the decision of the Apex Court in Uma Devi vs State of Karnataka may be mentioned.

#### BOG-43/14/06:

Brief on pending Court Cases.

The Board took note of the briefings on the court cases pending before Guwahati High Court.

#### BOG-43/14/07:

Creation of fund for Intellectual Property Right (IPR).

The Board accepted the proposal in principle. However, it was suggested that a committee may be constituted for laying down guidelines for release of funds to get an IPR registered.

#### BOG-43/14/08:

Additional Agenda if any.

#### BOG-43/14/08A:

Appointment of Technical Assistant against unfilled faculty positions.

The Board suggested that instead of giving ad-hoc / contractual appointment which has the potentiality of creating future complications as in the case of MR / Casual workers, the Technical Assistants may be appointed on part time basis with fees / honorarium per theory / workshop period, subject to the maximum fees / honorarium of Rs. 20,000/- per month.

### BOG-43/14/08B:

The BoG may kindly take note of the resolution of 38th Senate meeting consequent to the decision of the 41st BoG declaring the election of Senate nominee to BOG void and subsequent developments.

The Board took note of the developments.

BOG-43/14/08C:

To consider Establishment of Centre for Interdisciplinary Research (CIR).

The Board approved the proposal in principle and suggested to work out the modalities of implementation and financial implication.

BOG-43/14/08D:

Tuition Fee Concession to SC/ST/OBC Students.

The Joint Secretary cum Financial Advisor, MHRD suggested that the list of SC / ST candidates admitted in the Institute may be forwarded to Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment for re-imbursement of their tuition fees through **Top Class Scholarships** granted by the said Ministry to SC / ST students admitted to Technical Institutes of National Importance. The proposal was accepted by the Board.

BOG-43/14/08E:

Empanelling of Agents for Purchase of Air Tickets.

In view of the compelling situations, the Board approved the proposal for getting the IATA registered agents after following the procedure laid down in GFR.

BOG-43/14/08F:

Empanelling of Experts to be nominated by BoG to the Selection Committee for selection of Professors / Associate Professors / Assistant Professors.

The Board perused and approved the list and also authorised the Chairman to add any expert to the list if such exigency arises.

BOG-43/14/08G:

Approval of the medical guidelines.

The Board felt that some more time is needed for scrutinising the medical guidelines. In view of above, the medical guidelines will be placed before next Board for approval.

BOG-43/14/08H:

Ratification of the decision of the Chairman to grant extension to the Registrar till he attains the age of 62.

At the end of the meeting, the Director, NIT Silchar informed the Board that the Chairman has kindly approved the extension of service of the Registrar till he completes the age of 62. He requested the members to ratify the above decision of the Chairman.

The Board unanimously ratified the decision of the Chairman.

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Registrar & Secretary

(Prof. Asis Datta)

Chairman