

**NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY KARNATAKA, SURATHKAL
MANGALORE – 575 025**

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Proceedings of the 22nd meeting of the Board of Governors (BOG) of N.I.T.K., Surathkal held on 25.11.2009 at 11.00 a.m. at Hotel Atria, Bangalore.

Members Present:

Prof. Goverdhan Mehta
Chairman BOG, NITK
CSIR Bhatnagar Fellow,
Dept. of Organic Chemistry
Indian Institute of Science
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Chairman

Sri A.S. Srikanth
Secretary to G.O.K.
(Hr. Education),
Education Department,
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Member

Dr. S. Srinivas Murthy
Prof. of Mechanical Engg.
I.I.T., Madras,
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Member

Prof. P.K. Banerjee
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Member

Dr. Sandeep Sancheti,
Director, N.I.T.K., Surathkal,
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Member

Dr. K. Chandrashekar Shet
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Member

Sri Jora M. Gonda
Asst. Professor, Dept. of E & E Engg.,
N.I.T.K., Surathkal.
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Member

Sri Joseph Antony
Desk Officer
Representative of AS & FA
I.F.D., MHRD., New Delhi.

Nominee from MHRD

Sri. Sreenivasa Murthy. M.R.
Additional Chief Secretary
Govt. of Karnataka,
Finance Department,
Vidhana Soudha,
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Spl. Invitee

Dr. M. Govinda Raj
Registrar, NITK, Surathkal
P.O. Srinivasnagar
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Secretary

Members who expressed their inability to attend the meeting:

Sri N.K. Sinha, Member
Joint Secretary (T),
Room No.529-C Wing
Department of Secondary & Higher Education,
Ministry of Human Resource Development,
Shastri Bhavan,
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Prof. H.P. Khincha Member
Vice- Chancellor
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Dr.Gajanan R. Ekbote, Member
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Preamble :

After welcoming the members to the 22nd BOG meeting, the Chairman desired that henceforth the Discussion items of the meeting shall be presented first and subsequently the Information and Ratification Items. A brief presentation was made by the Director, regarding the recent developments in the Institute, to the members.

The Director briefed the members regarding the rare honour and recognition conferred by the Central Government on the Chairman of BOG, Prof. G. Mehta as "National Research Professor".

Items placed before the 22nd Meeting of Board of Governors (BOG) held on 25.11.2009 at 11.00 a.m. in Hotel Atria, Bangalore.

Reporting Item:

**22nd BOG Item No. 1: Implementation of Statutes –
Re-distribution of duties & responsibilities to Deans.**

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The BOG noted the implementation of statutes with respect to new designation and assigning additional duties to deanship positions. However, it was noted that Registrar shall deal with matters relating to non-teaching staff in consultation with Dean (Faculty Welfare).

22nd BOG Item No. 2: Mentoring of NIT Goa by NITK, Surathkal

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The BOG noted the allotment of proposed NIT at Goa to be mentored by NIT, Surathkal.

**22nd BOG Item No. 3: Construction of Mega Hostel Complex in NITK, Surathkal –
Progress of work as on 30.09.2009 – Reg.**

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The BOG noted the completion of Tower No.2 with all necessary approvals. The progress of Tower No.3 and 1 was reviewed and members were informed about the likelihood of handing over Tower No.3 in the first week of December. BOG resolved that attention shall be paid to functioning of the energy efficient lighting and heating; access control etc., in the building. Landscaping work should also be taken up appropriately.

22nd BOG Item No.4 : Student Representatives in the Senate Meetings.

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The BOG noted the resolution of the Senate for inviting two student representatives for participating in Senate meetings henceforth.

- 22nd BOG Item No. 5: Golden Jubilee Celebrations:**
- i) Silver Jubilee and International workshop
– Dept. of Mining Engg.,**
 - ii) KSCST – Student Projects Programme
– 32nd Series**

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The conduct of Silver Jubilee celebrations and the International Workshop in the dept. of Mining Engg., 32nd series of the KSCST Student Project Programme and NITK Open Day were noted by the BOG.

The BOG was also informed about the activities scheduled to be conducted during the remaining period of Golden Jubilee celebrations like 24th Indian Engineering Congress; 39th ISTE Annual Convention; INSPIRE- DST, Govt. of India; Student Scientists Interaction Programme (SSIP), Government of Karnataka; Global Alumni meet etc.,

- 22nd BOG Item No.6: Awards/Recognition/Projects received by NITK**
- i) CPRI, Bangalore**
 - ii) National Entrepreneurship Education awards**
 - iii) Virtual Laboratory (SOLVE) under ICT mission**
 - iv) National Programme on Micro and Smart Systems (NPMASS)**

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The BOG noted and appreciated the conferring of certain awards and recognitions; sanction of new projects by various agencies to NITK. After deliberations, BOG suggested that "Letter of Appreciation" for such achievements may be given to the concerned faculty/staff. However, it was further emphasized that a certain threshold limit shall be decided so that such appreciation letters are given for significant achievements only.

- 22nd BOG Item No. 7: Attending International Conferences –
by Faculty members.**

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BOG noted the approval granted for faculty to attend international conferences.

Discussion and Decision Items:

22nd BOG Item No.8 : **Confirmation of the minutes of the 21st BOG meeting held on 10.08.2009 and continued on 22.08.2009.**

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The 21st BOG minutes and the comments/observations received from two members were placed before the Board.

The Board discussed the comments and the wording of the minutes pertaining to certain items referred in the observations. After deliberations, the BOG confirmed draft minutes without any modifications as the spirit of the discussions and decisions taken were clearly reflected in the minutes.

22nd BOG Item No. 9: **Annual and Audit Report.**

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The salient features of the Annual Report and Audit report as well as the recommendations of the FC in this respect were presented to the members.

The BOG resolved to approve the recommendation of the Finance Committee.

22nd BOG Item No. 10: **Budget Estimate(B.E) for the year 2010-11 and Revised Estimate(R.E) for the year 2009-10 Non-Plan grant of the Institute.**

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The FC reviewed the actual expenditure incurred under plan and non-plan components for the year 2008-09.

The details of the Revised Estimate for 2009-10 under plan and non-plan components were presented to the members. After deliberations, the FC resolved to recommend to the BOG to approve the Revised Estimate for 2009-10 at Rs. 141.28 crores and Rs. 57.38 crores under plan and non-plan grants respectively.

The FC further resolved to recommend to the BOG for approval of the Budget Estimate for 2010-11 at Rs. 113.25 crores.

The BOG resolved to approve the recommendation of the Finance Committee.

**22nd BOG Item No.11: List of Students for award of Degree
– 7th Convocation.**

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The BOG approved the award of B.E/M.Tech/M.C.A/Ph.D degrees to the eligible students during the 7th Convocation.

**22nd BOG Item No. 12: Delegation of powers of Director in respect
of signing the Bonds, agreements and
MoUs' to the Registrar – Reg.**

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The BOG resolved to approve the delegation of powers of Director in respect of signing the bonds, agreements and MoUs to the Registrar.

22nd BOG Item No.13: Norms for award of Honoris Causa degree.

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The recommendation of the Senate regarding award of Honoris Causa degree was placed before the members. After deliberations it was resolved that in addition to the Senate recommending, the BOG shall also examine the potential nominations and approve nominations for award of Honoris Causa.

BOG also suggested that a portion of funds received during the Golden Jubilee year can be used for awarding faculty and staff to motivate them and recognize their significant contributions including that of the Alumni.

22nd BOG Item No. 14: Recommendations of the Finance Committee meeting held on 25.11.2009 at 10.00 a.m.

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Ratification Items:

22nd BOG Item No.14/17 FC 1: Grant of Dearness Allowance to the employees of this Institute w.e.f. 1.7.2009 as per Central Govt. orders.

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Recommendation of the Finance Committee.

The Finance Committee resolved to recommend to the BOG to ratify the action taken by the Director to implement the grant of Dearness Allowance to the employees w.e.f 1.7.2009 as per Central Govt. orders.

Recommendation of the BOG

The BOG resolved to approve the recommendation of the Finance Committee.

22nd BOG Item No. 14/17 FC 2: Grant of Non-Productivity Linked Bonus to the Central Govt. employees/NITs for the year 2008-2009.

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Recommendation of the Finance Committee.

The Finance Committee resolved to recommend to the BOG to approve the action taken by the Director in implementing the grant of Non-Productivity Linked Bonus to NITK employees for the year 2008-09.

Recommendation of the BOG

The BOG resolved to approve the recommendation of the Finance Committee.

Reporting Items:

22nd BOG Item No. 14/17 FC 3: **Minutes of the 14th & 15th meeting of Building and Works Committee held on 31.10.2009 and 14.11.2009 respectively.**

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Recommendation of the Finance Committee.

The status and progress of various constructional activities in the Institute was discussed. It was opined that a status report on infrastructure development activities in the Institute need to be sent to MHRD for obtaining the necessary financial support.

FC noted the progress of building activities in the Institute and resolved to recommend the same to BOG.

Recommendation of the BOG

The BOG resolved to approve the recommendation of the Finance Committee.

22nd BOG Item No. 14/17 FC 4: **Status of pay scales of Programmers & Foremen.**

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Recommendation of the Finance Committee.

The members were informed of the approval granted by MHRD for the revised pay scales of the Programmers and Foremen.

The FC resolved to recommend to the BOG for implementation of the scales from the date of its approval in the 16th meeting of the BOG.

In respect of the Foremen, in view a pending court case, FC resolved to recommend to the BOG that the implementation shall be done, only after the withdrawal of the case.

Recommendation of the BOG

The BOG resolved to approve the recommendation of the Finance Committee.

Discussion and Decision Items

22nd BOG Item No. 14/17 FC 5: Annual & Audit Report.

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Recommendation of the Finance Committee.

The salient features of the Annual Report and Audit report were presented to the members. After discussion, the FC resolved to recommend to the BOG to approve the Annual and Audit report 2008-09 and to submit the same to MHRD.

Recommendation of the BOG

Decision taken as per the Item No. 9 of these minutes.

22 BOG Item No. 14/17 FC 6: Budget Estimate (B.E) for the year 2010-11 and Revised Estimate (R.E) for the year 2009-10 Non-Plan grant of the Institute.

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Recommendation of the Finance Committee.

The FC reviewed the actual expenditure incurred under plan and non-plan components for the year 2008-09.

The details of the Revised Estimate for 2009-10 under plan and non-plan components were presented to the members. After deliberations, the FC resolved to recommend to the BOG to approve the Revised Estimate for 2009-10 at Rs. 141.28 crores and Rs. 57.38 crores under plan and non-plan grants respectively.

The FC further resolved to recommend to the BOG for approval of the Budget Estimate for 2010-11 at Rs. 113.25 crores.

Recommendation of the BOG

Decision taken as per the Item No. 10 of these minutes.

22nd BOG Item No. 14/17 FC 7: Delegation of some of the Powers and functions of the Building and Works Committee to the Director of the Institute – Resolutions of the 14th meeting of the B&W Committee - Reg.

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Recommendation of the Finance Committee.

The powers and functions of the Building and Works committee (BWC), as enumerated in the statutes were presented to the members. As proposed the FC resolved to recommend to the BOG to approve the enhanced powers of the Director in respect of "Sanction of estimates" and "Acceptance of tenders".

Recommendation of the BOG

Decision taken as per the Item No. 12 of these minutes.

22nd BOG Item No. 14/17 FC 8: Increase in number of Ph.D Fellowships to be offered.

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Recommendation of the Finance Committee.

The FC, after deliberations, resolved to recommend to the BOG to increase the member of full time scholarships being offered for the Ph.D programme from the current 30 to 50 from the academic year 2010-11 onwards.

Recommendation of the BOG

The BOG resolved to approve the recommendation of the Finance Committee.

22nd BOG Item No. 14/17 FC 9: Construction of twin-box vehicular underpass across the National Highway – 17 at KM Chainage 357.957 to connect eastern and western parts of the campus – Execution of underpass work [estimate Rs.462.40 lakh] through the NH wing of State PWD on deposit work basis – Reg.

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Recommendation of the Finance Committee.

The developments in respect of construction of underpass since its in-principle approval by the BOG in its 11th meeting were presented to the members.

After deliberations, the FC resolved to recommend to the BOG to approve the construction of the underpass (Rs. 462.40 lakhs) and the approach roads (Rs. 180.00 lakhs) at a total estimated cost of Rs. 642.40 lakhs. The underpass would be taken up on "Deposit work" basis by the N.H wing of the state PWD.

The FC further advised to enter into a MoU with PWD, immediately, along with necessary penalty clauses with the actual contractor and conditions for timely completion of the project.

Recommendation of the BOG

The BOG resolved to approve the recommendation of the Finance Committee.

Table Agenda item for the 17th Meeting of the Finance Committee.

22nd BOG Item No. 14/17 FC 10: Implementation of 6th Pay Revision of Pay scales to Teaching Staff –fixation of pay for

- i) Directly recruited Assistant Professors
- ii) CAS promoted Professors
- iii) Sanction of PhD advance increments

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Recommendation of the Finance Committee.

The implementation of the 6th pay recommendations to the teaching staff of the Institute and the difficulties faced in interpretation with respect to above categories were briefed to the members.

After deliberations, the FC resolved that appropriate clarifications may be sought from MHRD. FC further resolved that the nomenclature for faculty positions in the Institute shall be revised at the three levels as Assistant Professor, Associate Professor and Professor instead of the Lecturer, Assistant Professor and Professor respectively. It was resolved to recommend the same to BOG.

Recommendation of the BOG

The BOG resolved to approve the recommendation of the Finance Committee.

22nd BOG Item No. 15: Two nominees of the Board of Governors for Recruitment of Academic Staff.

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The BOG resolved to follow the earlier procedure of Chairman approving the names of two experts from the panel submitted by the Director.

22nd BOG Item No. 16: Confidential Item – to be tabled by Chairman.

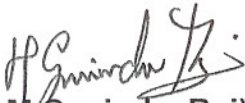
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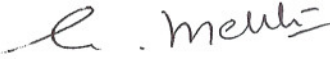
Ahead of the discussion on the confidential item, the Director requested to be excused from the meeting as it pertained to him.

The Chairman briefed the board members regarding media reports, and the communication received from MHRD with respect to the confidential item.

The Board discussed the issue at length and members gave their suggestions in the matter. The chairman will act appropriately.

The meeting ended with vote of thanks to the Chair.


(Dr. M. Govinda Raj)
Secretary, BOG
N.I.T.K., Surathkal


(Prof. Goverdhan Mehta)
Chairman, BOG
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