

NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY SILCHAR

EIGHTY FIFTH SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS

MINUTES

The 85th Special meeting of the Board of Governors was held on 28th October, 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 Anil Kumar, Director (Finance), MoE
4. Sri Indrajit Kuri, Under Secretary, TS – III, MoE
5. Shri Abhijit Barooah, Managing Director, Premier Cryogenics Ltd.
6. Dr. S. K. Kakoty, Professor, IIT Guwahati
7. Prof. P. S Choudhury, NIT Silchar
8. Dr. Ripon Patgiri, NIT Silchar
9. 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.

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

BoG-85/21/01: To confirm the minutes of the 84th Meeting of Board of Governors.
Eighty fourth meeting of the Board of Governors was held on 11th October, 2021 via video conferencing. The copies of the Minutes of the 84th meeting of the Board of Governors (Annexure – I) was circulated to all the members of the Board. Comments, if any received from the Honourable Members of the Board will be placed on the table.

The Board is request to confirm the minutes of 84th meeting of the BoG.

DECISION

The Board confirmed the minutes of 84th meeting of Board of Governors

BoG-85/21/02: To discuss on the Action Taken Report on decision of the 84th Meeting of Board of Governors.
The action taken report on the minutes of 84th 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 84th meeting of Board of Governors



BoG-85/21/03: To consider admitting students and scholars to the degree of B. Tech / M. Tech / M.Sc. / MBA / Ph. D of the institute on successful completion of their respective course / research and also award of medal in the 19th Convocation as per recommendation of the Senate.

As per the recommendation of the Senate scheduled to be held on 27th October, 2021, the list of the students and scholars who will be completing the requirements for award of the respective degrees of B.Tech /M.Tech /M.Sc./MBA/PhD after the last Convocation (18th in 2020) and also the list of students recommended for award of medals will be placed on the table for approval of the Board.

DECISION

The Board approved the institute to confer degree to students and scholars of B. Tech / M. Tech / M.Sc. / MBA / Ph. D of the institute on successful completion of their respective course / research and also award of medal in the 19th Convocation as per recommendation of the Senate.

BoG-85/21/04: **To discuss on the issues related to irregular appointment of Dr. P.K. De in the post of Associate Professor, Department of Mathematics.**

Recently institute received a letter from National Commission for Backward Classes wherein they called the Director of NIT Silchar to be present before the hearing on the representation of Dr. P. K. De in respect of various harassments in service. Issuance of show cause notice to Dr. P. K. De regarding his appointment to the post of Associate Professor as per the decision of the 70th meeting of BoG was referred as one of the harassments in service.

The National Commission for Backward Classes on its hearing dated 21.09.2021 verbally instructed to resolve the case related to issuance of show cause notice to Dr. P. K. De in connection with the termination from service.

The matter was placed before the BoG in its 84th meeting scheduled on 11.10.2021 and the Board decided to place the matter before the BoG along with the recommendation of the institute.

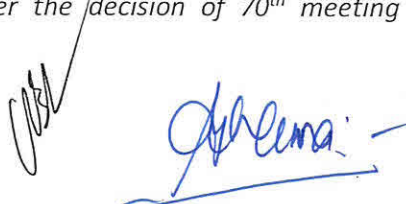
A brief note on the matter along with the recommendation of the institute is placed at **Annexure – IV**

The Board is requested to decide the step to be taken.

DECISION

The Board has gone through the note and recommendation of the Institute regarding the issue related to irregular appointment of Dr. P. K. De, Associate Professor, Department of Mathematics after threadbare discussion the Board resolved the following:

- *Since Dr. P. K. De did not furnish any false information in the application submitted by him against advertisement No. 3/09 dated 27.04.2009 and subsequent corrigendum dated 10.03.2010. The Show Cause Notice issued to him as per the decision of 70th meeting of BoG is to be withdrawn.*



- The Board noted that Dr. P. K. De does not fulfil the eligibility criteria as per the corrigendum dated 10.03.2010 of advertisement No. 3/09 dated 27.04.2009 in terms of experience. As such the Board resolved to adjust the shortfall period against his future promotion / appointment to higher level posts. Further, in the event of his forwarding of his application for job elsewhere the decision of the Board regarding adjusting the shortfall of experience is to be mentioned.
- The Board instructed the institute to initiate enquiry against the members of the Scrutiny committee who recommended Dr. P. K. De for the post of Associate Professor.

BoG-85/21/05: To report on status of filling up of backlog vacancies.

Institute vide advertisement No. NITS/Estt/Advt/Non-Teaching/21 dated 18.05.2021 advertised for various Non – Teaching Positions and vide No. NITS/Estt/Faculty/ Advt/01/2021 dated 02.07.2021 published rolling advertisement for various Faculty Positions.

The cutoff date for first phase of interview for various Faculty Position was 17.09.2021. The scrutiny of application received for various posts advertised by the institute is under process. Recruitment procedure will be conducted during the month October – December, 2021.

The detailed backlog vacancies will be placed at **Annexure - V**.

The Board is requested to note the same

DECISION

The Board noted the same.

BoG-85/21/06: Nominee of Board for the Selection Committee for recruitment of Academic staff.

Institute vide advertisement No.. NITS/Estt/Faculty/ Advt/01/2021 dated 02.07.2021 published rolling advertisement for various Faculty Positions. The cut-off date for first phase of interview for various Faculty Position was 17.09.2021. The scrutiny of application received for various posts advertised by the institute is under process. Recruitment procedure will be conducted during the month October – December, 2021.

As per Statute 23(5)(a)(3) of NIT Statute two member of Selection Committee for the recruitment of Academic staff shall be nominated by the Board one being an expert, but other than the member of the Board.

The List of Members recommended by the institute as a nominee of the Board will be placed on the table on the day of the meeting.

The Board is requested to approve the same

DECISION

The Board approved the list of Faculty Members placed on the table as Nominee of Board for the Selection Committee for recruitment of Academic staff.



Further, the Board also nominated Faculty Members from IITs / NITs / IITs / IITs / IITs / Universities who are above the NIRF rank of NIT Silchar as Member of Selection Committee for recruitment of Academic staff.

The Faculty Members who were retired from the aforesaid Institute within a period of 3 (three) years can also be Member of Selection Committee for recruitment of Academic staff

BoG-85/21/07: To consider the proposal for renewal of MoU between Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan and NIT Silchar.

The matter related to renewal of MoU between Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan and NIT Silchar with modified terms and conditions was placed before the BoG in its 84th meeting scheduled on 11.10.2021. The Board directed the institute to send the draft copy of the MoU to Ministry of Education

The institute has forwarded the draft MoU to Ministry of Education for comments with a request to furnish their comments on the same before 27.10.2021.

The recommendation of the Ministry of Education will be placed before the BoG on the day of the meeting.

The Board is requested to give decision on the same.

DECISION

The Institute furnished the document of Kendriya Vidyalaya NIT Agartala before the Board and informed that the Institute did not receive any communication from Ministry of Education regarding finalisation of MoU between NIT Silchar and KV Sangathan.

The Board resolved that the decision regarding renewal of MoU between Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan and NIT Silchar will be taken after receipt of communication from Ministry of Education

BoG-84/21/08: Supplementary Agenda, if any

BoG-85/21/08A: To consider and approve Annual Accounts of the Institute for the financial year 2020 - 21.

The Annual Accounts for the Financial Year 2020 – 21 has been prepared and will be placed before the 57th meeting of Finance Committee for their recommendation.

The Board is requested to approve the same and allow the institute to forward it to the Director General of Audit, Kolkata for their needful.

DECISION

The Board noted that the Annual Accounts for the Financial Year 2020 – 21 was recommended by the Finance Committee in its 57th meeting scheduled on 28.10.2021 and approved the institute to forward the same to the Director General of Audit, Kolkata for their needful.

BoG-85/21/08B: To consider and approve Distinguished Faculty Award.

The Board in its 71st meeting held on 01.11.2020 ratified the action taken by the Chairperson (Officiating), BoG for introduction of Distinguished Faculty Award every year during the Convocation.


The name of the Faculty Member for award of Distinguished Faculty Award 2021 during the 19th Convocation of NIT Silchar scheduled on 02.11.2021 will be placed on the table on the day of meeting.

The Board is requested to approve the selected Faculty Member for award of Distinguished Faculty Award.

DECISION

The Board noted that the Institute nominated Dr. Kaushik Guha, Assistant Professor Grade – I, Department of Electronics & Communication Engineering for award of Distinguished Faculty Award 2021 during the 19th Convocation of NIT Silchar scheduled on 02.11.2021 and approved the same.

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