

NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY SIKKIM
(An Institute of National Importance, Ministry of Education, Govt. of India)

Minutes of the 20th Meeting of the Board of Governors

The 20th Meeting of the Board of Governors of the Institute was held on 9th October 2020 at 3:30 PM under the Chairmanship of Prof. Mahesh Chandra Govil, Director & Chairman (I/C) through VC. The following members were present in the meeting:

Prof. Mahesh Chandra Govil Director & Chairman (I/c), NIT Sikkim	Chairperson
Shri Madan Mohan Additional Director General (HE), MHRD, GOI	Member
Shri D. K. Singh Deputy Secretary (IFD), MHRD, GOI	Member
Shri G. P. Upadhyaya Additional Chief Secretary, Govt. of Sikkim	Member
Prof. Chandan Mahanta Professor & Dean Students Affairs, IIT Guwahati (Representative of Director, IIT Guwahati)	Member
Dr. Ranjan Basak Assistant Professor, NIT Sikkim	Member
Dr. Achintesh N. Biswas Registrar (I/c), NIT Sikkim	Secretary

The following member was granted leave of absence:

1. Shri Ugyen Chopel, State Nominee, Sikkim

At the outset, the Chairperson extended heartiest welcome to the members present in the 20th Meeting of the Board of Governors for sparing their valuable time and contributions made towards the development of NIT Sikkim. The Director also apprised the Board of Governors of the progress and issues of the Institute. The members appreciated the sincere efforts made by the Director towards the progress of the Institute. Thereafter, with the permission of the Chairperson, the Agenda items were presented and the following decisions were taken after due deliberations:

Item No. 20.01: To confirm the minutes of the 19th Meeting of Board of Governors held on 24th June 2020.

The minutes were confirmed.



Item No.20.02: To report the action taken on agenda/decisions taken in the 19th Meeting of the Board of Governors.

The Action Taken on the decisions taken in the meeting is as follows:

Agenda Item	Subject	Action
19.03	To consider and approve the EWS reservation in admission in UG & PG programs.	Implemented as per the directions of the BoG. Noted
19.04	To consider and approve the recruitment of Assistant Professors against the Associate Professor and Professor positions earmarked.	Noted
19.06	To consider and approve the Audited Annual Accounts for the Financial Year 2018-19 and SAR of 2018-19.	Approved and published in Annual Report. Noted
19.07	To consider the payment of double HRA and Gratuity to Prof. A. B. Samaddar, Former Director, NIT Sikkim	Implemented. Noted
19.08	To consider and approve the remuneration to the experts for examination related works for recruitment of faculty/non-faculty in the Institute.	Implemented. Noted
19.09	To consider and adopt the order (File No. 1/36(1)/2019-LS-II to File No. 1/36(7)/2019-LS-II) issued by the Ministry of Labour & Employment, Govt. of India related to the payment of revised/higher wages to manpower hired through Manpower Agencies	Implemented. Noted
19.10	To discuss and decide the methodology to start the next semester and the procedures to be adopted for students' entry to the Institute during this Corona Pandemic	Implemented as per the directions and Senate decisions. Noted
19.11	To deliberate on the preparation of DPR for the establishment of the permanent campus of NIT Sikkim.	In progress. Noted

Item No.20.03: To consider and approve the recommendation of the Senate regarding admission of PWD candidates.

The members were apprised of the Senate recommendation regarding the restrictions of admission to Orthopedically Divyang with difficulty in walking, using wheelchair and Visually Divyang with permanent blindness of both sights. Similar practices followed in other IITs/NITs (downloaded from the website of Central Seat Allocation Board) were also presented before the BoG. The BoG, after due deliberation, decided to adhere to the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (RPWD) Act 2016 in this regard.



Item No.20.04: To consider adopt the Ministry's guidelines vide Letter No. F.No.35-5/2020-TS.III, Date: 28th July 2020 related to the amendment in guidelines for utilization of Cumulative Professional Development Allowance (CPDA).

The BoG approved to adopt the CPDA guidelines vide Letter No.: F.No.35-5/2020-TS.III, Date: 28th July 2020. Moreover, the following amendments approved by the Council of NITSER during its 11th Meeting were also adopted:

- (i) The visit outside the Institute should not only be restricted to vacation period only.
- (ii) Extend the CPDA grant to the faculty appointed in regular scale on probation/contract basis in NITs and IEST.

The expenditure to be incurred in this regard shall be met from the IRG (Internal Revenue Generation) of the Institute as far as possible.

Item No.20.05: To consider and approve the recruitment of Executive Engineer on deputation in the light of possible allocation of land for the permanent campus.

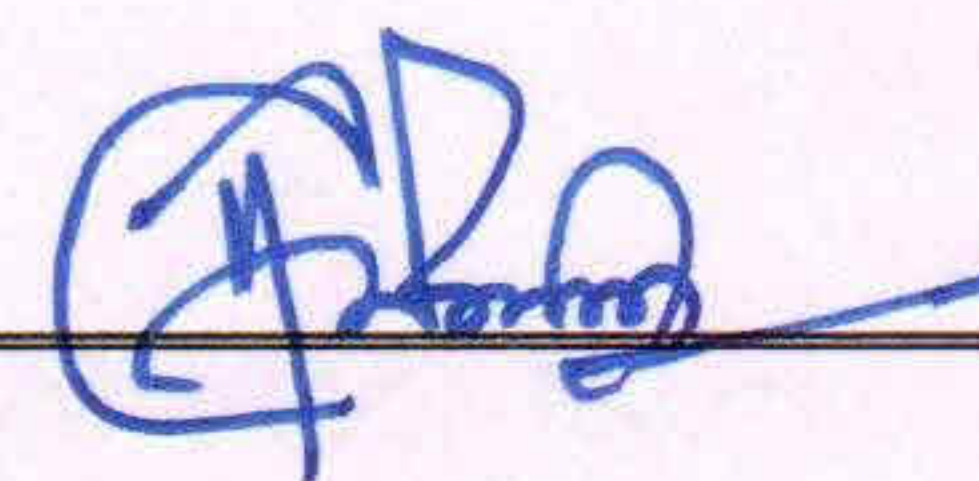
The agenda was discussed in length and the BoG approved the recruitment of Executive Engineer on deputation. However, considering the present temporary campus and lack of facilities at Ravangla, the BoG felt that attracting suitable candidate for the post may not be easy. Therefore, the BoG advised to hire a consultant if suitable candidate for the post of Executive Engineer on deputation is not found.

Item No.20.06: To consider and review the Performance Evaluation Report of the Institute for the Academic year 2019-20.

The Performance Evaluation Report of the Institute for the academic year 2019-20, prepared as per the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between the Institute and Ministry of Education, was placed before the BoG for deliberation. The BoG appreciated the efforts made by the Institute to achieve the targets set. However, the BoG expressed concern over the fact that faculty-student ratio at the Institute (1:38) is way above the ministry prescribed ratio (1:12) and requested the members representing Ministry of Education to expedite the matter of sanctioning adequate faculty members at the Institute as it is impacting research, NBA accreditation, NIRF Ranking, etc.

Item No.20.07: To consider and approve the procurement plan for equipment for various laboratories under TEQIP-III.

On the recommendations of the FC, the agenda was approved as proposed.



- Item No.20.08:** To consider and approve the proposal to increase of the existing 512 Mbps Internet Connection of Power Grid Corporation of India Ltd. to 1 Gbps.

On the recommendations of the FC, the agenda was approved as proposed.

- Item No.20.09:** To deliberate and decide on the requests made by the students to relax certain component(s) from the total semester fee of the Institute for the current odd semester (July-Dec 2020) due to COVID-19 Pandemic.

The agenda was discussed at length and as hostel charges are already relaxed for this semester, the BoG is of the opinion that no further relaxations are to be given in Institute fee. The FC also recommended the same.

- Item No.20.10:** To report the present status of the allocation of land for the permanent campus.

Shri G. P. Upadhyaya, Additional Chief Secretary, Govt. of Sikkim informed the BoG that the process of handing over of 105 acres of land to NIT Sikkim at Upper Khamdong is in process and the progress is slow due to the nationwide pandemic situation. He further assured the BoG that all possible measures are being taken by the State Govt. of Sikkim to officially handover the proposed land at the earliest.

- Item No.20.11:** To report the Minutes of the 12th Meeting of the Senate.

Noted.

- Item No.20.12:** To report the nomination of the external members on the Senate of the Institute.

Noted and recommendations of Senate for external invited members in view of non-availability of Professor and Associate Professor was also agreed.

- Item No.20.13:** To report the Minutes of the 14th Meeting of the Finance Committee.

Noted.

- Item No.20.14** To report the Minutes of the 12th Meeting of the BWC.

Noted.

Supplementary Agenda

- Item No.20.15** To consider and approve the proposal to fill the vacant reserved category seats in M.Tech. and M.Sc. Programs.

The BoG deliberated on the proposal presented by the Institute and advised to follow the de-reservation rules prescribed by CCMT and CCMN in this regard, respectively.



Item No.20.16 To consider and approve the admission of the Service Officers (Army, Navy and Air Force) to the M.Tech. programs offered by the Institute from Academic Session 2021-22 onwards.

The agenda was approved as proposed after due deliberation. The four (04) supernumerary seats in each M.Tech. program offered by the Institute shall be created for the Service Officers (Army, Navy and Air Force). The above provision shall be implemented from the Academic Session 2021-22 and applicable to all the M.Tech. programs offered by the Institute from time to time.


14.07.2020
Registrar (I/c)

Director & Chairperson (I/c)