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National Institute of Technology Sikkim

Minutes of the Meeting of the Second meeting of the (Ad Hoc) BOG held on  
14<sup>th</sup> March, 2013 at the Dhruva Guest House, DAE, Delhi

The following members/invitee were present in the meeting:

1. Dr R K Sinha Chairman  
Chairman, Atomic Energy Commission and  
Secretary, Department of Atomic Energy  
Mumbai
2. Dr. A B Samaddar Member  
Director, NIT Sikkim  
Sikkim
3. ShriNovinSoi Member (Representing), MHRD  
Director, IFD, MHRD  
Govt. of India  
ShastriBhawan, New Delhi
4. ShriRajuSrinivasan Member (Representing), MHRD  
Director (TE)  
Govt. of India  
ShastriBhawan, New Delhi
5. Dr N Ramamoorthy Special Invitee  
Sr Advisor to Director-BARC  
Mumbai

**Item No. 2.01:** To confirm the minutes of the First meeting of the Board of Governors held on 17.03.2012 held in the Office of the Director, BARC, Mumbai.

The Board of Governors confirmed the minutes of its First meeting held on 17.03.2012 in the Office of the Director, BARC, Mumbai. A copy of the confirmed minutes of the 1<sup>st</sup> meeting of the Board of Governors is enclosed as **Annexure I**.

**Item No. 2.02:** To report action taken on decisions taken in the meeting of the Board of Governors held on 17.03.2012 and other reports from the Director

Agenda item	Decision	Action
1.1.	To initiate the first meeting of the ad hoc BOG	No action required
1.2.	To consider the report of the Director, NIT Sikkim and decisions arising	Faculty selection arranged thrice on ad hoc basis, essential infrastructure is being developed. The Chairman BOG, later the Secretary of MHRD kindly wrote letters to NHPC, and accordingly some office-cum-residential accommodations have been made available by NHPC at their Balutar Colony.

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1.3.	Formation of working Finance Committee (FC)	No action required
1.4.	Formation of working Building and Works Committee (BWC)	No significant construction is in way as the land for permanent campus is not available yet. However, experts has been identified as per the norms laid in the Statues, and will be constituted as soon as required.
1.5.	Recruitment of regular faculty	Recruitment Rule, although approved by the NIT Council has not yet been formally notified by the Ministry, A separate item has been put up in this meeting for recruitment regular faculty.
1.6.	Starting of PhD programmes	The matter was taken up in the meeting with the Secretary, MHRD. It was stated that the provision is already there in the NIT Statutes. Accordingly notification was issued by MHRD. A copy of the letter received from the MHRD is enclosed as <b>Annexure II</b> . Director has corresponded with several distinguished academicians. A list will be put up to the Chairman, BOG.
1.7.	Formation of Senate	Already covered in 1.6 above.
1.8.	Tie up with some other IIT/NIT for initial development	Already collaborated with NIT Durgapur for students laboratory practices, workshop etc. Further discussions were held with directors of IITs. IIT Guwahati already agreed to offer courses for PhD students. MoU will be signed soon.
1.9.	Vehicle Procurement	No formal information has been received from MHRD yet. Hence, the vehicles are being hired.
1.10.	Medical benefits	Local CMO and NHPC have been approached and they are extending some medical assistances. Some essential medicines are being procured and kept in the stock for use as required. Tests are conducted at local, Siliguri or Gangtok hospitals/test centres as referred by the CMO or NHPC hospital.
1.11.	AOB	<p><b>Action for land acquisition:</b> Several visits have been made to the Sikkim HRDD Ministry and to the Minister himself. Several urgent letters have also been written. The matter appears be progressing, but in a painfully slow pace. The Secretary, MHRD wrote a letter to the Chief Secretary. Further the Hon'ble Minister, MHRD himself has written a letter to the CM.</p> <p><b>Recruitment of supporting/auxiliary staff:</b> There is one Officer on Special Duty and two other supporting staff in position. Security and skilled work services have been out sourced. Plumbing, cleaning etc. is being done through contract. One Account officer has joined in January 2013.</p> <p><b>Research &amp; Development and retention/attracting faculty:</b> Project formulated for in house and for outside agencies for attracting faculty. The Director helps the faculty members personally in preparing the Projects. There are 16 ad hoc faculties in position. Arrangement for PhD programme is scheduled to be started from July 2013 session. Ten Institute scholarships also will be offered to PhD scholars.</p> <p><b>Intermediate construction till the time the proposed main campus is established:</b> BSNL agent has already surveyed the proposed land site for planning Internet and LANconnection. Basic science laboratories and electronics laboratories have been established. Workshop could not be established yet. Some essential construction for some class rooms and hostels etc. is being made through CPWD.</p>

### 2.2.1. Academic programme

This year 85 students have taken admission against 90 sanctioned seats. Examinations are being conducted according to academic calendar. Workshop practices have been conducted at NIT Durgapur. Although both the Civil and Mechanical Engineering branches were to be started by 2013 according to the DPR, Mechanical branch may not be started as land is not yet available and as a result infrastructure development is getting delayed.





2.2.2. ICTstatus

BSNL representatives have visited the present campus and also the approved main campus to come up at Khamdong. Payment has been made to them for Internet Connectivity and LAN set up under the agreement of NMEICT Project of the MHRD. Internet connectivity is now available at the present campus. LAN work has not yet been started.

2.2.3. Mentorship

The batch which has been studying at the Mentor NIT Calicut, has come back and is studying at NIT Sikkim present campus in January 2013. It will be extremely difficult to accommodate the next batch to be admitted in July/August 2013, especially with the Civil engineering branch added according to the DPR.

2.2.4. Some achievements

While working hard to keep the academic going, we are also working for Research, collaboration and community development. On several Sundays and holidays the students and faculty members go to some local schools, play and arrange for the children's exposure to computer and awareness to environmental issues.

Further, it's a matter of pride that the Institute has been already awarded two projects on,

*"Implementation of the Ensemble Transform Kalman Filter based Data Assimilation system in ROMS model using ARGO data"*, DST Research project.

**Approx. ` 23.00 lakhs.**

*"Asymmetric Synthesis of Bio Active Natural Products and related Compounds Compounds using Carbohydrate as Chiral template"* - DST INSPIRE Young Scientist, `83.00 lakhs.

**Item No. 2.03: To consider recruitment of regular faculty and staff**

The BOG approved recruitment of regular faculty and staff as per norms.

**Item No. 2.04: To consider the NIT Sikkim Logo**

The BOG approved the Logo in principle, which was conceptualised by the Director in consultation with the Faculty and the students and designed by a professional artist as enclosed as **Annexure III**, along with a write up on the theme and significance of the Logo. However, the BOG felt that further opinion should be taken from some professional such as the Industrial Design Centre, IIT Mumbai. A black & white version as proposed by the Institute also should be prepared for frequent and common use.

**Item No. 2.05: To consider the salary of ad hoc faculty and staff**

Considering that these are very temporary arrangements as urgently required for smooth running of the academics activities, the BOG approved the salary



proposed in (i), (ii) and (iii). However, it was felt that it being ad hoc there is no need for visiting faculty as in (ii). Further, the Director will put up the details of criteria as advertised and the selection committee constitution to the Chairman, which will be a part of the minutes. Recruitment for regular positions is also to be initiated as early as possible.

**Item No. 2.06: To consider adopting the First Statutes of the national Institutes of Technology**

The Statutes were adopted by the BOG as per the Ministry's letter as enclosed at **Annexure IV**, F No. 33-8/2012-TS-III, dated 12<sup>th</sup> Nov. 2013.

**Item No. 2.07: To consider raising retirement age of the director of NIT Sikkim as per decision taken in the 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting of the Council of the NITs**

The BOG approved the proposal for raising the age limit of the directors of NITs to 70 years in line with that of the Directors of IITs and Vice Chancellors of Central Universities as approved by the Council as per the Ministry's letter enclosed as **Annexure V**, F No.33 – 4/2012-TS-III, dated 14<sup>th</sup> Nov. 2012.

**Item No. 2.08: To consider adopting the New Pension Scheme in response to the 'Letter of Consent' required at the MHRD**

MHRD had written to the Autonomous Bodies inviting their 'Letter of Consent' for adopting the New Pension Scheme, indicating their formal commitment towards discharging their obligations under the Scheme. MHRD's reminder letter dated November 20, 2012 is enclosed as **Annexure VI**, No. 19-15/2004-IFD, Vol-IV dated Nov. 20, 2012.


The BOG decided to adopt the said New Pension Scheme.

**Item No. 2.09: To consider hiring accommodation in Siliguri about 100km away, which is the nearest rail head, airport and the procurement centre for most equipment and other essential commodities.**

The proposal for having a transit accommodation at Siliguri was approved by the BOG as the necessity was strongly felt by the members. However, for standard rent as per rent control may be followed taking the help of CPWD etc. Lease for long time may be also explored. The arrangement details including space requirement will be put up in the Board for its information.

**Item No. 2.10: AOB with permission of the Chair**

The BOG approved the honorarium for the members for attending the BOG meetings as Rs 3000/- per sitting.

  
(Director)



  
Chairman  
Board of Governors  
NIT Sikkim