

NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY SIKKIM

Minutes of the meeting of the 3<sup>rd</sup> BOG meeting held in the Room no. 146, Department of Atomic Energy, South Block, New Delhi 110001 on 19<sup>th</sup> December, 2013.

The following members of the BOG were present:

- 1) Dr. R. K. Sinha : Chairman  
Secretary, Dept of Atomic Energy  
Govt. of India, New Delhi
- 2) Dr. A. B. Samaddar : Member  
Director, NIT Sikkim,  
Ravangla, South Sikkim
- 3) Shri Yogendra Tripathi : Member  
Financial Advisor, IFD  
MHRD, Govt. of India  
New Delhi
- 4) Shri. Raju Srinivasan : Representative of the Additional Secretary  
Director, MHRD, Govt of India (Member) MHRD, Govt. of India, New Delhi  
New Delhi
- 5) Shri Ramesh Sharma : Member  
New Delhi
- 6) Smt. Swarupa Rani : Member  
Bengaluru

The Chairman welcomed the members of the Board of Governors. Leave of absence was granted to the Principal Secretary, HRD Dept., Govt. of Sikkim; Prof S. K. Bose, Dean, IIT Guwahati and the Director, Technical Education, Government of Sikkim. Further, the following officials were requested to be present in the meeting:

1. Dr. N. Ramamoorthy, Sr. Technical Advisor, DAE, Govt. of India
2. Sri Kali Das Tiwary, OSD, NIT Sikkim

**3.01 To confirm the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Governors held on 14.3.2013 in Delhi at the Dhruva Guest House of DAE, New Delhi.**

The Board of Governors confirmed the Minutes of the 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting held on 14.3.2013 in Delhi at the Dhruva Guest House of DAE, New Delhi.



**3.02 To report on action taken on decisions taken in the 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting of the Board of Governors held on 14.3.2013 and other reports from the Director.**

**3.02.1 Action Taken Report (ATR)**

Agenda Items	Decisions	Action
2.1	To confirm the minutes of the 2 <sup>nd</sup> meeting held on 14.3.2013 in Delhi	Confirmed
2.2	To report action taken on decisions taken in the meeting of the Board of Governors held on 14.3.2013	No Action required
2.3	To consider recruitment of regular faculty and staff	The process of recruitment has been initiated and the formation of related Senate is an agenda item (3.04 in 3 <sup>rd</sup> BOG)
2.4	To consider the NIT Sikkim Logo	The IDC IIT Mumbai was contacted. The discussion is on for making the logo simpler.
2.5	To consider the salary of ad hoc faculty and staff	Implemented on approval of the Chairman, BOG
2.6	To consider adopting the first statutes of the National Institutes of Technology	The statutes as adopted by the BOG have been kept in record for future guidelines.
2.7	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 NITs	The retirement age of Director from 65 to 70 years as adopted is kept in record for future reference and action as required.
2.8	To consider adopting the New Pension Scheme in response to the letter of consent required by the MHRD	The New Pension Scheme was adopted by the BOG, and is kept in record. Action will be taken when the permanent recruitment is completed.
2.9	To consider hiring accommodation in Siliguri about 100 km away, which is the nearest rail head, airport and the procurement centre for most equipment and other essential commodities.	Search is on as per CPWD norms. Matter will be reported as and when a suitable accommodation is fixed. In the meantime, ad hoc arrangement with some hotels has been made.
2.10		Action taken on decision on payment of sitting fees for BOG etc. as Rs. 3000 per sitting is implemented

**On 2.4 above:** The Director was requested to involve the faculty, staff and students again to make it simpler. The Logo may continue till then.

**On 2.7 above:** Accordingly suitable amendment may be incorporated in the statutes.

**3.02.2 Academic programme:**

The Institute is offering four B.Tech. programmes in Engineering viz. Civil Engineering, Computer Science & Engineering, Electrical and Electronics Engineering, Electronics and Communication Engineering.



### 3.02.3 ICT Status

The Internet has been almost non-existent. Only recently some low speed connectivity has been made available by BSNL using microwave in place of 1 Gbps fibre line, under MEICT scheme, for which payment had been made to BSNL long back. Because of the non-availability of land for campus at Khamdong, things are getting worse as Internet connection and LAN have already been planned there.

### 3.02.4 Land Status

It is very unfortunate that NIT Sikkim remains the only NIT in N-E, that has not been handed over the land by the State Government in spite of its regular follow up, whereas other states in N-E have handed over land one to NITs two years ago, and in some states, the construction has started, and shifting to new campus will also start shortly.

This has been creating great difficulties in the development of the Institute; the situation is precarious. Not to speak of starting new programmes, it is difficult to increase intakes in UG programmes, although most other N-E NITs have started. The situation is hurting NIT Sikkim in its maintaining the momentum as started by very good faculty by bringing projects and the Super Computer. It is also hurting placement badly. The land has not been handed over even partially. The Director, NIT Sikkim has written several letters requesting for handing over land. In fact, the MHRD Secretary, and even the Hon'ble HRM himself, have written two letters. But there is no response received at the Institute, which is in dark now in this regard. Students have once gone out for a peaceful procession to express their concern. The Director, NIT Sikkim had been writing to HRDD Sikkim and Secretary, MHRD, Govt. of India expressing his concern about such possibility. It is great effort by the faculty members and the administration to keep the Institute going smoothly and peacefully yet. But it is getting difficult.

### 3.02.5 Training & Placement

Students have been attending training at various industries, IITs, IISc, and foreign Institute. Placement activities have started in the 7<sup>th</sup> Semester. The companies are holding interviews at centrally in pool, especially at the old NITs, and students are travelling to attend it, for which the Institute has paid for their travelling and accommodation. Some companies have been asking for reimbursement of travelling expenses for holding interview for the new NITs. Eight students have been placed so far.

### 3.02.6 Research & Development

Two research projects sponsored by DST are running. Some JRFs are working in the projects. Another project has been sanctioned for establishing a Super Computer (High Performance Computer) by C-DAC at a cost of Rs. 2.5 crores approximately. Two more research projects are in pipeline, and PhD scholars will be recruited soon.



**3.03 To consider adopting 4-Tier Flexible structure for faculty and recruitment**

**(i) To consider adopting the 4-tier flexible faculty structure for faculty and rules**

The BOG discussed the matter of adopting the 4-tier flexible faculty structure and associated norms, rules and procedures as per the MHRD letter No. F.No.33-9/2011-TS.III dated 23<sup>rd</sup> August 2013, and it were adopted.

**(ii) To consider recruitment of regular faculty in line with the 4-tier flexible faculty structure and the qualification and experience therein.**

The BOG approved the recruitment of regular faculty in the 4-tier flexible faculty Structure as adopted at 3.03(i) above. In light of a further notification to be issued by the MHRD as informed by the MHRD nominee, the recruitment may be made taking into consideration the said notification to be issued by MHRD. However, the process for recruitment must go ahead considering the urgent requirement. Procedure to be followed be got approved by the Chairman, BOG.

**3.04 To consider formation of the Senate of NIT Sikkim.**

It was resolved that the Senate be formed on the basis of the provisions of the NIT Act as given below the list of members be approved by the Chairman, BOG :

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| (a) the Director, ex officio   | - Chairman          |
| (b) the Deputy Director  | - Ex-officio Member |
| (c) the Professors appointed or recognized for imparting instructions in the Institute   | - member            |
| (d) Educationists one women and two persons from the field of Science, engineering and humanities nominated by the Chairperson in consultation with the Director | - 3 Members         |
| (e) Other members laid down in the statutes  | - Member            |

**3.05 To consider formation of the Finance Committee (FC) of NIT Sikkim**

The Agenda item was discussed, and it was resolved that according to the First Statutes of NITs, Finance Committee be formed as under:

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| a) The Chairperson, Board of Governors             | - Ex-officio Chairman |
| b) The Director                                    | - Ex-officio member   |
| c) Joint Secretary (NITs) or his nominee           | - Member              |
| d) Financial Advisor (MHRD) or his nominee         | - Member              |
| e) Two persons nominated by the board from members | - Members             |
| f) The Registrar                                   | - Member Secretary    |

The list of names of 2 persons from BOG members and co-opted faculty member will (as in 'e' above) be put up to the Chairman, BOG by the Director, for his approval.



**3.06 To consider starting B.Tech Mechanical Engineering Programme**

The Agenda item was deliberated upon, and the Board approved starting of B. Tech Mechanical Engineering programme from 2014-15 Session. However, the Institute must tie up with IIT Guwahati and other institutions to establish logistics for fully functional laboratory. The accommodation for the students may be hired on rental basis in the town, if necessary.

**3.07 To consider the Annual Report of the Institute including accounts for 2011-12, 2012-13**

The BOG discussed and approved the Annual account and reports and decided that it be audited by the AG, get approved by the Chairman, BOG Sikkim, and then send it to the Ministry of HRD, Govt. of India, Delhi.

**3.08 To consider establishing a convention centre in Kolkata jointly with other NITs in N-E Cluster and some Eastern NITs.**

It was resolved that the proposed Convention Centre for Eastern & N-E NITs should be established for further growth of education and technological development of N-E NITs. The proposal was approved in principle. However, detail costs and logistics worked out with other interested NITs may be placed to the BOG. In the meantime, action may be initiated to establish a transit house in Kolkata to start with.

**3.09 AOB with the permission of the Chair**

The Board decided to establish a suitable Committee / Women Cell to meet the statutory requirement to address matters and concerns, if any, of women employees and students, although there has been no incidence / case reported until now.

The meeting ended with vote of thanks to the Chair.

Director

Chairman, BOG

*These minutes are confirmed*  
*K. B. Singh*

Chairman  
Board of Governors  
NIT Sikkim