

National Institute of Technology Sikkim

Minutes of 6th meeting of the Board of Governors, held on 27th November 2015 in the Board Room, IIT KGP Extension Centre, Salt Lake, Kolkata

The following members of the BOG were present:

- 1) Dr. R. K. Sinha : Chairman
Secretary (Retired), Dept. of Atomic Energy
Govt. of India, New Delhi
- 2) Dr. A. B. Samaddar : Member
Director, NIT Sikkim,
Ravangla, South Sikkim
- 3) Mr. G.P. Upadhyay : Member
Principal Secretary, HRDD
Government of Sikkim
- 4) Ms. Swarupa Rani : Member
Bangalore
- 5) Mr. Ramesh Sharma (over phone) : Member
- 6) Dr. Anupam Saikia : Member
Representative of Director, IITG

First, the Chairman welcomed the members of the Board of Governors. Leave of absence was granted to the representative of MHRD, who could not attend due to urgent business coming up at the last moment. Further, the following officials were requested to be present in the meeting:

1. Dr. N. Ramamoorthy, Sr. Technical Advisor, DAE, Govt. of India
2. Mr. S. Alam Ansari, Faculty – CSE, NIT Sikkim

The BOG placed on record its appreciation for the Director and his staff, both faculty and administrative, for their fine efforts towards not only the development of the Institute but also for the placement of the students in current year in spite of its remote temporary location and the problems associated with temporary campus and small number of students.

06.01 To confirm the minutes of the 5th meeting of the BOG held on 14th April 2015 in NIT Sikkim.

The BOG confirmed the minutes of the 5th meeting of the Board of Governors held on 14th April 2015 in NIT Sikkim. (Minutes enclosed as **Annexure I**).

06.02: To report the Action taken on decisions taken in the 5th meeting of the Board of Governors held on 14th April 2015 and other reports from the Director

06.02.01: Action Taken Report (ATR) on the items/decisions taken in the 4th meeting of the BOG:

Agenda item	Decision	Action
05.01	Confirmation of Minutes of the 4 th Meeting of the BOG held on 11.06.2015 in Delhi at the Room no. 146, Department of Atomic Energy, South Block, New Delhi 110001	Confirmed.
05.02	To report action taken on decisions taken in the meeting of the Board of Governors held on 11.06.2015, and other reports from the Director	No action required
05.03	Non-availability of land for permanent campus for a long time and associated problems- BOG to consider further action	A site selection committee constituted by the MHRD, visited the site on 29 th October 2015. A draft report has been prepared and MHRD is working on it while waiting for some definitive information regarding the accessibility, seismic level, forest, contour electricity, Internet, etc. from various agencies requested for.
05.04	To consider the honorarium for adjunct Faculty positions	Consolidated salary has been fixed for Adjunct Assistant Professor, Adjunct Associate Professor and Adjunct Assistant Professor depending on experience and credentials. Accordingly we started the process of hiring. An Adjunct faculty has been identified from IIT
05.05	To consider the minutes of Building & Works Committee (BWC), Finance Committee (FC) and Senate Meeting [⊗]	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Few works were completed and remain in under progress as per approval of the Building & Works Committee (BWC) (held on 13th April 2015 at NIT Sikkim). Details were discussed in the BWC meeting held on 25th Nov. 2015 at the Office of Supdt. Engg., CPWD(Civil), NirmanBhaban, Siliguri. - ATR has been furnished in FC minutes - Implementation has been started as noted in the Senate meeting held on 29th Dec. 2014. B.Tech course for Bio Technology and M.Tech for Computer Sc. & Engg started from the academic session 2015-16.
05.06	To consider amendments of First Statutes of NITs for appointment of Dy. Director	Was recorded.
05.07	To report the approval of the chairman, BOG of Annual Report 2011-12 & 2012-13	Report has been sent to the MHRD.
05.08	To consider procurement of a Scorpio/ Innova in place of a Bolero/Sumo for the provision of Multipurpose use	As approved, an Innova has been procured and put in extensive use.
05.09	To consider establishing Training & Placement Facilities at Siliguri.	Provisions were explored for all the three nearest cities (Siliguri, Kolkata & Guwahati). Siliguri was not found to be effective yet. Guwahati and Kolkata is being taken up with other N-E NITs. Campus and pool campus has been arranged in the Ravangla Campus.
05.10	AoB with the permission of the chair	

[⊗]On item 05.05, the BOG reiterated as desired in the previous meeting, the urgency for construction of prefab structure be taken up on the adjacent land provided by the Govt. of Sikkim so that the Institute's academic and associated activities does not suffer, especially referring to the students' discontent shown in Feb 2015, as it would take several years to establish permanent campus even if the land is allotted and handed over within a couple of months.

06.02.02 Director's Report:

Academic Programme: The Director apprised the BoG that the semesters had been running and examinations were held according to two schedules till the last semester ending in December 2014. No new B.Tech Programme has started. M.Tech in Electronics & Communication Engineering with the strength of 15 intake is scheduled to start from the next session.

Research & Development: Awarded four number of Vishwesarya projects in the area of Electronics and Computing

Training & Placement: More than 60% has been placed already and expecting more than 90%. NIT Sikkim has arranged campus placement by few companies and also pool camping by two companies in the institute campus.

Infrastructure & Equipment:

Students were shifted in newly constructed prefab hostel of 120 capacity and construction of another prefab hostel and separate Kitchen Dining Hall is in progress. Other prefab construction has been planned on the newly allotted temporary land adjacent to existing temporary present campus. The details are enclosed as the minutes of the last BWC meeting. Most of the laboratory items required for the ECE, EEE, CSE Department has been procured. The procurement of laboratory items for Mechanical and Civil is also in progress.

Land Issue: As discussed in item 05.03. Recently the site selection committee constituted by the MHRD, visited the site on 29th October 2015. A draft report has been prepared and MHRD is working on it

Action taken in line with the suggestion given in the MHRD report regarding student's boycott of classes and approaching to MHRD during Feb'15:

The BOG appreciated the Director and the faculty members especially for their timely actions and the counselling of the students for resolving the issue. The report submitted by the Director as ATR is enclosed as **Annexure 2** in line with suggestion made by the MHRD officials.

Recruitment: The Director informed that the selection process for regular faculty in 4- Tier flexible structure is over and the recommendations are placed under item 06.06 for approval of BOG. It was also repeated that the advertisement for non-faculty recruitment is also in the process of publishing.

06.03:

i. To consider Compliance of provisions of the NITSER Act. 2007 and First statutes of NITs:

The BOG has adopted the communication received from the MHRD vide Letter No. F. No. 41-6/2015 –TS. III dated the 25th June, 2015 regarding the explicit provisions / functions of the Directors and Registrars of the NITs in accordance with various Sections of the Act and Statutes. NIT Sikkim will adopt the directions as stated in the said letter enclosed as **Annexure 3**.

ii. To consider the Recommendations of the oversight committee Rule for Faculty recruitment:

The BOG approved the inclusion of the clarification as per the communication received from the MHRD Letter No. F. No. 33 – 3 /2014 – TS. III dated 17th June 2015 (**Annexure 4**) the clarification/ recommendations of the Oversight Committee with respect to Four – Tier Flexible Cadre Structure. It is recommended to adopt the Statutes as stated in the said letter enclosed as **Annexure 5**.

06.04: To consider the recommendation of the Building & Works Committee (BWC) and Finance Committee (FC) and the annual report 2014-14.

- i. Recommendation of the Building & Works Committee (BWC) minutes – **Annexure 6** held on 25th November 2015) at Office of Superintendent Engineer, CPWD (Civil), Nirman Bhavan, Siliguri. The recommendations of the BWC were approved. The BOG strongly desired that the construction of the prefab structure should be taken up with highest priority both on the present land and on the land provided by the Sikkim Govt. for temporary construction.
- ii. Decision of the Finance Committee (FC) minutes – **Annexure 7**, held on 27th November 2015 at IIT KGP Extension Centre, Kolkata. The recommendations of the FC were approved.
- iii. The BOG ratified the Approval of the Chairman for the Annual Report 2013-14 – **Annexure 8**

06.05: To consider Budget for 2016-2017:

The BOG approved the Annual Budget of Rs 46.4174 crores as put up as **Annexure 9**. The estimates of Rs. 10.0 crores will only be required when the permanent land is made available. The members discussed the reasons for non-utilisation of the proposed last budget. It was further recommended to look into the proposals carefully so that this time budget will be utilized fully. The apprehensions cited by the members about the unavailability of land which caused the budget variation.

06.06: Report the Chairman's approval of Recommendations for Regular Faculty recruitment for ratification.

The BOG ratified the approval of the Selection Committees for engineering disciplines as approved by the Chairman, BoG. The BoG also approved the recommendation of the Selection Committee for Science & HSS. The recommendations as approved are enclosed together as **Annexure 10**. The BOG further decided that the panel may be valid for one year.

The BoG also enquired about the Selection of Non-Faculty posts. It was informed that the advertisement was in the process of publishing. In this connection, it was informed that some staff are working in the Institute for long time. The BoG, decided that the age criteria may be relaxed for those candidates already working in the Institute.

06.07: To consider procurement of a small vehicle (such as Maruti Van/EECO) for frequent short visits.

The members agreed with the genuine need and strongly recommended the procurement. However, as per the communication received from the MHRD, it was decided that the Institute will send a letter to the MHRD mentioning about the strong recommendation of BoG.

06.08: AoB with permission from the Chair


(A B Samaddar)
Director

Approved


(R. K. Sinde)

Chairman, BOS NIT Sikkim.
Chairman,
Board of Governors
NIT Sikkim