

**NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY KARNATAKA, SURATHKAL
MANGALORE – 575 025**

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Proceedings of the 23rd meeting of the Board of Governors (BOG) of N.I.T.K., Surathkal held on 15.03.2010 at 11.00 a.m. in the Board Room, NITK, Surathkal.

Members Present:

Prof. Goverdhan Mehta Chairman
Chairman BOG, NITK
CSIR Bhatnagar Fellow,
Dept. of Organic Chemistry
Indian Institute of Science
BANGALORE – 560 012.

Dr. S. Srinivas Murthy Member
Prof. of Mechanical Engg.
I.I.T., Madras,
CHENNAI – 600 036.

Prof. H.P. Khincha Member
Vice-Chancellor
VTU, BELGAUM.

Prof. P.K. Banerjee Member
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Dr. Sandeep Sancheti,
Director, N.I.T.K., Surathkal,
P.O. Srinivasnagar
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Member

Sri Jora M. Gonda
Asst. Professor, Dept. of E & E Engg.,
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Member

Dr. M. Govinda Raj
Registrar, NITK, Surathkal
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Secretary

Members who expressed their inability to attend the meeting:

Sri N.K. Sinha,
Joint Secretary (T),
Room No.529-C Wing
Department of Secondary & Higher Education,
Ministry of Human Resource Development,
Shastri Bhavan,
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Member

Sri A.S. Srikanth
Secretary to G.O.K.
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Member

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Member

Dr. R.K. Chauhan
Former Secretary, UGC
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Member

Dr. K. Chandrashekar Shet
Professor
Dept. of Computer Engg.,
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MANGALORE – 575 025.

Member

The Chairman welcomed all the members of the Board of Governors. With the permission of the Chair, Secretary, BOG began the deliberations on the Agenda items.

A. Confirmation of the Minutes of 22nd Meeting of Board of Governors held on 25.11.2009.

The Minutes of the 22nd meeting of the BOG were circulated to all the members. While confirming the minutes of 22nd BOG meeting regarding item No. 22nd BOG Item No.16 the resolution shall be modified as below:

Resolution of the Board	Action taken
Ahead of the discussion on the confidential item, the Director requested to be excused from the meeting as it pertained to him. The Chairman briefed the board members regarding media reports, and the communication received from MHRD with respect to the confidential item. The Board discussed the issue at length and members gave their suggestions in the matter. The Chairman indicated that he will get the matter examined by some leading experts in the field and forward it to the ministry as indicated in the MHRD communication.	It was informed that Chairman has identified two leading experts and sought their opinion. The report from the experts has been duly received and forwarded to MHRD.

B. Review of the action taken on the Resolutions passed at the Meeting of the Board of Governors held on 25.11.2009.

The action taken on the resolutions of the 22nd BOG meeting were noted by the Board.

C. Recommendations of Finance Committee Meeting held on 15.03.2010 at 10.30 a.m. in the Board Room, NITK, Surathkal.

Recommendation of the Finance Committee

23rd BOG/18th FC Item No.1: Merit & Merit-cum – Means scholarship – enhancement in the Value-Reg.

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Recommendation of the Finance Committee

The Finance Committee discussed the matter and opined that the scholarship amount is very low, keeping in view the current cost of living. FC resolved to recommend to the BOG to enhance the Merit scholarship to Rs. 500/- per year and Merit-cum-Means scholarship to Rs. 1000/- per month with an income limit of Rs. 1.00 lakh per annum. The revised scholarship levels shall be applicable from the academic year 2010-11 and appropriate budgetary allocations be made while requesting for grants from MHRD.

Resolution of the Board

The BOG resolved to approve the recommendation of the Finance Committee.

23rd BOG/18th FC Item No. 2: Disposal of unserviceable items in the Computer Engg., Dept.

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Recommendation of the Finance Committee

Members after looking at the list of items for disposal, observed that the original purchase cost looks very high, due to clubbing of many individual items of low cost. Henceforth, only items whose individual purchase value, is higher

than the disposable limit assigned to the Director, (Rs. 20.00 lakhs currently) shall be brought to FC & BOG. FC resolved to recommend the same to BOG.

Resolution of the Board

The Board resolved to approve the recommendation of Finance Committee.

23rd BOG/18th FC Item No.3: DASA Admission.

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Recommendation of the Finance Committee

Members were informed about the entrustment of DASA admission process by MHRD to NITK for a period of 3 years from 2010-11 onwards. FC, after deliberations, observed that it is a recognition of the potential capabilities of the Institute. As such, NITK shall undertake the responsibility and organize the activities of the Admission process in a professional way and make the process more competitive, transparent and time bound.

FC noted the details of the task entrusted to NITK and advised to operate DASA income/expenditure under a separate account. Matter to be reported to the BOG.

Resolution of the Board

The BOG resolved to approve the recommendation of Finance Committee.

23rd BOG/18th FC Item No. 4: Professorial Chairs.

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Recommendation of the Finance Committee

Members were briefed about the details of Professorial Chairs that are likely to be operationalized for a term of 3 months each in respect of KIOCL, Robert Bosch (RBEI) and DCU Chairs (firm proposal from DCU yet to be received).

After deliberations, the FC approved the proposal to start the search of eminent faculty to fill the Professorial Chair positions of KIOCL, RBEI and DCU Chair for a likely duration of 3 months. In respect of Ministry of Steel Chair, as the funding is for 5 years, it shall be offered as a tenure position of 3-5 years and based on Ministry of Steel (MOS) terms of offer and the Institutes requirements.

The developments in this respect shall be brought before the BOG from time to time. The recommendations in respect of appointments for visiting chair shall be brought/reported to BOG.

Resolution of the Board

The BOG resolved to approve the recommendation of Finance Committee.

23rd BOG/18th FC Item No.5: Construction of Mega Hostel Complex in NITK, Surathkal – Approval of anticipated project cost as Rs.100.82 crore – Reg.

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Recommendation of the Finance Committee

Members were informed about the original estimate of the project, the increase in the student rooms to 1512 as per the directions of BOG and the current status of the project in terms of the anticipated project cost of Rs. 100.82 crores as against the initial approval of Rs. 81.25 crores.

Members were also informed regarding the detailed breakup of estimated and anticipated cost regarding various items. It was clearly indicated that the major price escalation is on account of road works, fire protection works, additional rooms, Access control system and incorporating additional green features like Sewage Treatment Plant (STP), Solar heating and lighting etc.,

After examining the variation in different components of the project cost FC resolved to recommend the revised project cost for approval of BOG.

Resolution of the Board

The BOG resolved to approve the recommendation of Finance Committee.

23rd BOG/18th FC Item No. 6: Refund of Fees-
(i) Request from Mr. Raghavendra S. Sapaliga.
(ii) Request from Mr. Vinayaka Kumar R.V.

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Recommendation of the Finance Committee

The BOG after looking at the details of the request for refund of fee in respect of Mr. Raghavendra S. Sapaliga resolved that a fine of Rs. 10,000 shall be levied and balance shall be refunded as a special case.

However, in respect of Mr. Vinayaka Kumar R.V. FC resolved not to recommend his case for fee refund.

Resolution of the Board

The Board resolved to approve the recommendation of Finance Committee.

23rd BOG/18th FC Item No.7: Restructuring of Hostel Rent.

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Recommendation of the Finance Committee

Members were informed of the necessity for enhancing hostel rent in view of the increasing maintaince charges. FC after deliberations resolved to increase the hostel rent in two phases. In the first phase, the charges for shared accommodation and single room accommodation shall be Rs. 3,000 and Rs. 4,000 respectively per semester from the Academic year 2010-11. In the second phase they shall be increased to Rs. 4,000 and Rs. 5,000 respectively from the year 2011-12.

Resolution of the Board

The Board resolved to approve the recommendation of Finance Committee.

D. Items placed before the 23rd Meeting of Board of Governors (BOG) held on 15.03.2010 at 11.00 a.m. in Board Room, NITK, Surathkal.

Discussion and Decision Items

23rd BOG Item No.1: Strategic Plan.

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The BOG appreciated the efforts made in bringing out the Strategic Plan after the required modifications. After deliberations, BOG approved the Strategic Plan subject to some minor modifications regarding graphics and corrections/ presentation of some information.

23rd BOG Item No.2

**Recommendations of the Committee
constituted for formulating
guidelines/recruitment rules for staff
selection.**

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Members discussed the recommendations of the Committee in the context of the framework and provisions of NIT Act and statutes with respect to faculty recruitment. It was opined that, departmental committee as per NIT Act/Statutes, shall only give inputs to the staff selection committee.

After deliberations, the BOG resolved as follows:

1. The recommendation of Senate to provide for 50% marks to departmental committee was not accepted.
2. To proceed with the advertisement for faculty recruitment with AICTE prescribed minimum qualification i.e M.Tech and Ph.D being only the desirable qualifications.
3. In respect of candidates having inter-disciplinary qualifications, the Institute level committee shall do the screening process and determine the suitability of the candidates with respect to various departments.
4. The Senate shall reconsider the above matters in the light of BOG observations/recommendations.

23rd BOG Item No.3:

Pay scales of Foremen – Implementation.

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The request of the Foremen to consider implementation of the approved pay scales w.e.f 1-4-2004, as a pre-condition to withdraw the court case against the Institute was discussed. While discussing the matter members expressed their concern regarding the pre-conditions being set for acceptance of the revised pay scales.

After deliberations, BOG resolved that implementation can only be prospective i.e from the date of its approval in the 16th BOG meeting dated 20th September, 2008. However, it was decided that the matter can once again be referred to MHRD for appropriate directions.

23rd BOG Item No.4: Faculty Representatives on the Board of Governors (BOG) of the Institute.

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In accordance with the Senate recommendations, BOG noted the process of nomination of one Senior most Professor and Associate/Assistant Professor to be a member on the Board of Governors of the Institute as per the provisions of NIT Act. The term of the members for a period of two years starting from January 1st of a given calendar year and would finish on December 31st of next calendar year was also noted.

23rd BOG Item No.5: Reconstitution of Senate.

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BOG resolved to re-constitute the Senate in accordance with the provisions of the NIT Act and statutes. The Chairman, BOG shall nominate the three persons, one each from the field of Science, Engineering and Humanities one of whom shall be a woman.

23rd BOG Item No. 6: Request of Dr. Katta Venkataramana, Professor, Dept. of Civil Engg. for grant of sabbatical leave to take up Visiting Professor's position at the Centre for Globalization, Kumamoto University Japan.

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Members were informed about the prevailing norms for availing sabbatical leave by faculty. BOG resolved to approve the request of Prof. Katta Venkataramana for grant of sabbatical leave from 1-4-2010 to 31-3-2011. BOG members further suggested that under present day conditions a few changes in terms of tenure and timing of such leave should be incorporated and that a set of comprehensive "sabbatical leave rules of NITK" shall be framed and brought to BOG for approval.

23rd BOG Item No. 7: Second list of Students for award of Degree – 7th Convocation.

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BOG resolved to approve the Second list of 17 students for award of B.Tech/M.Tech/M.Sc(Chemistry)/Ph.D degree during the 7th Convocation.

23rd BOG Item No. 8: Recommendation of the Screening Committee of the Non-Teaching Staff.

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The recommendation of the Screening Committee meeting held on 14-3-2010 were placed before the BOG. BOG resolved to approve the recommendation for continuation of the services of the following employees beyond the age 58 upto 60 years.

Sl. No.	Name, Designation, Department	Date of birth	Date of Retirement at 58 years
1.	Sri O. Keshava Shettigara, Helper, Chemical Engg.	17-1-1952	31-1-2010
2.	Sri G. Chandrayya Achar, Skilled Mechanic, Mechanical Engg.	1-5-1952	30-4-2010
3.	Sri Shankara Shetty, Helper, Dept. of Civil Engg.	6-5-1952	31-5-2010
4.	Sri S. Keshava Shettigara, Asst. Mechanic, Civil Engg.	23-6-1952	30-6-2010
5.	Sri Jayarama Shetty, Male Servant, Watch & Ward Section	2-6-1952	30-6-2010
6.	Sri Srinivasa Shettigara Sr. Peon, E&E Engg.	8-6-1952	30-6-2010
7.	Smt. Aleyamma Michael, Attender, NITK Health Care Centre	20-8-1952	31-8-2010
8.	Sri Harishchandra, Sr. Foreman, Mech. Engg.	18-12-1952	31-12-2010

BOG, after observing the case of Mr. Keshava shettigar (Sl.No. 1 in list) directed that henceforth the list of employees retiring in the next one year should be evaluated well in advance and avoid such lapses. Accordingly, the cases of

employees attaining the age of 58 in 2011, shall be placed before the BOG during the 3rd quarter of 2010.

Ratification Items

23rd BOG Item No. 9: Request of Dr. K.Chandra Sekaran, Professor, Dept. of Computer Engg., for grant of sabbatical leave to take up the research assignment at IIT, Madras for a period of one year from 15.1.2010.

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BOG resolved to ratify the action taken by Director, is permitting sabbatical leave to Dr. K. Chadrasekran, with the prior approval of Chairman, BOG.

23rd BOG Item No. 10: Prof. Y.V. Rao, Director, NIT Warangal Extension of term for completion of 5 years tenure.

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BOG resolved to ratify the grant of extension to Prof. Y.V. Rao, for continuation as Director, NIT, Warangal in accordance with MHRD order No. F.No.20-15/2009-TS.III dated 10.12.2009 till 19-10-2010.

Reporting Item/Information Items:

23rd BOG Item No. 11: Attending International Conferences abroad –Permission sought by Faculty Members.

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BOG ratified the grant of permission to attend International conferences for following faculty members of the Institute:

1. Sri Ramesh Kini : Fourth IEEE International Conference 2010
Associate Professor at Srilanka during 28th to 31st December 2009
Dept. of E&C Engg.
2. Dr. Udaykumar Yaragatti : Fourth IEEE International Conference 2010
Professor at Srilanka during 28th to 31st December 2009
Dept. of E&E Engg.

3. Dr. K.Chandra Sekaran : IEEE International Conference at Dubai
Professor during 15th to 18th December 2009
Dept. of Computer Engg.
4. Dr. Harsha Vardhan : To visit Mining & Petroleum Engineering
Asst. Professor Chulalongkom University, Bangkok during
Dept. of Mining Engg. 7th to 25th December 2009
5. Prof. V.R. Sastry : To visit Sultanate of Oman, Muscat -
Professor Consultancy Project of AFCONS during
Dept. of Mining Engg. 2nd to 5th March 2010 instead of 20-24th
February 2010.
6. Dr. T.G. Basavaraju : To attend 2nd International Conference
Asst. Professor (ICCAE 2010) at Singapore during
Dept. of Computer Engg. 26th to 28th February 2010.
7. Dr. M. Aruna : To visit Mining & Petroleum Engineering
Senior Lecturer Chulalongkom University, Bangkok during
Dept. of Mining Engg. 20th to 28th February 2010.
8. Dr. Panduranga Vittal K : To attend IEEE International Conference
Professor ICCNT 2010 at Bangkok during 23rd to
Dept. of E&E Engg. 25th April 2010.
9. Dr. K.R. Guruprasad : To attend International Conference
Asst. Professor ICRA 2010 at Anchorage, Alaska, USA
Dept. of Mechanical Engg. during 3rd to 8th May 2010.
10. Dr. K.Narayan Prabhu : To attend 4th International Conference on
Professor Thermal Process Modelling and Computer
Dept. of Met. & Mat.Engg. Simulation at Shanghai, Chennai during
31st May to 2nd June 2010.
11. Dr. Indrani Gogoi : To attend 14th European Conference on
Associate Professor Earthquake Engineering at Ohrid, Republic
Dept. of Civil Engg. of Mecedonia during 30th August to 3rd
September 2010.

23rd BOG Item No. 12: Minutes of the Building and Works Committee Meeting to be held on 14.03.2010 in the Board Room, NITK, Surathkal.

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Members were briefed about the items discussed in the BWC meeting held on 14-3-2010.

The BOG noted the minutes of the BWC meeting.

23rd BOG Item No. 13: MoUs signed.

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The BOG noted the MoUs signed between NITK and the following organizations:

- a. Kumamoto University, Japan
- b. ALSTOM Projects India Ltd., New Delhi
- c. Robert Bosch Engineering and Business Solutions Ltd. (RBEI), Bangalore.
- d. Kagoshima University (Renewal), Japan
(for another 5 year term)

23rd BOG Item No. 14: Construction of Mega Hostel Complex in NITK, Surathkal – Progress of work as on 28.02.2010 – Reg.

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Members were informed about the completion of the project except for minor works like road network; Sewage Treatment Plan (STP); Solar Heating etc., BOG noted the progress of work and suggested that Mega Hostel shall be made as a "Model Hostel" with all green features and proper landscaping to integrate it with the neighbouring hostels.

In view of the significant green features being incorporated, BOG further suggested to explore and attempt getting the building/complex certified as a "Green Structure."

**23rd BOG Item No. 15: Mentoring of NIT Goa –
Requirements of First year curriculum,
course structure.**

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BOG noted the efforts and plans made in respect of mentoring of NIT, Goa with regard to starting of the classes from the academic year 2010-11.

**23rd BOG Item No. 16: Extension of Deanship tenure till the period
of 3 years.**

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BOG noted the extension of tenure of Deanship to Dean (Planning and Development); Dean (Academic) and Dean (Students Welfare).

Additional Agenda Items

Discussion Items:

**23rd BOG Item No. 17: Renaming of Computer Engineering
Department.**

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In accordance with the recommendation of the Senate, BOG resolved to approve the change of present name of "Computer Engineering Department" to "Department of Computer Science and Engineering" from the next academic year i.e 2010-11.

**23rd BOG Item No. 18: Starting of new PG Programme by the
Department of Information Technology.**

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After deliberations on the P.G programmes offered in the Institute, BOG resolved to approve the starting of a new P.G programme in IT department as per the recommendations of the Senate.

The approved programme shall be under the nomenclature of M.Tech in Information Technology and M.Tech(Research) to be commenced from the academic year 2010-11 onwards.

23rd BOG Item No. 19: Flexible Cadre Structure

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Members were briefed about the current faculty structure in NITK. After deliberations BOG resolved to approve the proposal of NITK for migration to a four-tier pay structure similar to the one currently prevailing in IITs as per the provisions of MHRD letter no. F.No. 23-1/2008-TS.III dt. 18-8-2009.

The Institute shall approach MHRD with all relevant documents and justification for adoption of the four-tier structure.

**23rd BOG Item No.20: 6th Pay Commission recommendation-
Additional Increments.**

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The MHRD order No. F.23-2/2009-TS.II dt. 9th March 2010, regarding not to grant additional increments awarded by staff selection committees for faculty joining after 1-1-2006 was discussed.

After deliberations, BOG resolved to approach MHRD for clarification in this respect, as a number of faculty selected in the years 2007 & 2008 in NITK have been affected.

Information Items:

23rd BOG Item No. 21: DASA Admission

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Resolution as per item No. 23rd BOG/18 FC 3 of these minutes.


23rd BOG Item No. 22:


7th Convocation

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BOG noted the efforts made to invite the President of India for the 7th Convocation. It was suggested to continue the efforts but also ensure that Convocation is conducted as early as possible and in case of non-availability of the President, the Governor of Karnataka should be approached.

The meeting ended with vote of thanks to the Chair.


(Dr. M. Govinda Raj)
Secretary, BOG
N.I.T.K., Surathkal


(Prof. Goverdhan Mehta)
Chairman, BOG
N.I.T.K., Surathkal