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NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY MANIPUR

MINUTES OF THE 4TH MEETING
OF
THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS



DAY : Friday
DATE : 21st February 2014
TIME : 2 PM

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Conference Hall
NIT Manipur

NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY MANIPUR

TAKYELPAT, IMPHAL

MINUTES OF THE 4th MEETING OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS HELD ON 21ST FEBRUARY 2014

The 4th meeting of the Board of Governors of National Institute of Technology Manipur was held on 21st February, 2014 at 02:00 PM at the NIT Manipur Conference Hall. Prof. Y.S. Rajan, Chairman of the Board of Governors, NIT Manipur presided over the meeting.

The following members were present:

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| ❖ Prof. Y.S. Rajan
Hon. Distinguished Professor, ISRO | : | Chairman |
| ❖ Dr. S. Birendra Singh
Director, NIT Manipur | : | Ex-Officio Member |
| ❖ Shri Satpal Sharma
AFA
On behalf of Financial Advisor, MHRD | : | Member |
| ❖ Prof. Ch. Amuba Singh
Former Vice Chancellor, Manipur University | : | Member |
| ❖ Prof. Alike Khare,
Dean of Academic Affairs, IIT Guwahati | : | Member |
| ❖ Shri Khumanthem Devabrata Singh
Proprietor, M/s Deva Bamboo & Allied Industries
Nominated member, Govt. of Manipur | : | Member |
| ❖ Shri R.K. Lalit Singh
Registrar, NIT Manipur | : | Ex-Officio Secretary |

Shri R. Srinivasan, Director (TE), MHRD, Prof. K.P. Ghatak, HOD, ECE NIT Agartala and Dr. A. Amudeswari, Director, CICS, Chennai could not attend the meeting due to their prior engagements.

At the outset, The Chairman before starting the discussion on agenda items invited general remarks from the hon'ble members. The members put forward some relevant issues and BOG desired that these are taken care of. It was suggested that the agenda items and papers may be communicated to the members at least 7 days before the meeting. There were also detailed suggestions to improve the documentation of agenda items which can be self explanatory. The Chairman also welcomed all the members and then requested the Registrar to initiate discussions on agenda items. The following agenda items were discussed and item-wise decisions are described below:

ITEM NO. 4.1: Confirmation of the Minutes of the 3rd BOG Meeting on 30th July 2013

The minutes of the 3rd Meeting of the BOG held on 30th July, 2013 at the Conference Hall of NIT Manipur, Takyelpat (Temporary Campus) was confirmed.

ITEM NO. 4.2: Action taken on the decision of the Third meeting of the Board of Governors held on 30th July 2013 in the conference Hall of NIT Manipur

The actions taken on the resolutions of 3rd Meeting of the Board of Governors held on 30th July 2013 have been noted in general with the observations noted on the following items:

Item No.3.4: The proposal for starting B.Tech in Electrical Engg, CSE from 30 to 60 was approved and would be implemented from 2014 academic session.

Item No. 3.5: The recommendation of 3rd BWC meeting was approved with amendment as recommended by 3rd FC.

Item No. 3.7: The updated panel of experts for Faculty and Non-Faculty selection was approved **(Annexure A)**

Item No. 3.8: Faculty members were recruited as per MHRD rules.

Item No. 3.9 : Recruitment rules for faculty and Non-faculty were put up on the website.

Item No. 3.10: The administrative approval for various construction works proposed by the Institute were approved and construction was in progress.

ITEM NO. 4.3: To consider the minutes of the 2nd Senate meeting held on 31st Oct 2013 at Conference Hall of NIT Manipur

The recommendation of the 2nd Senate Meeting held on 31st Oct, 2013 was discussed in detail and approved by the BOG.

ITEM NO. 4.4: To consider the proposal for starting PhD Programme

The PhD Programme in CSE, EEE, ECE, Maths, Physics, Chemistry & English was approved with retrospective effect. The Board approved the PhD ordinance recommended by the 2nd Senate in its meeting held on 31st Oct, 2013.

ITEM NO. 4.5: To consider the minutes of the 4th BWC Meeting held on 4th Feb 2014

The BOG after detailed discussion approved the recommendation of the minutes of the 4th BWC meeting.

ITEM NO. 4.6: To consider the minutes of the 4th Finance Committee held on 20th Feb 2014

The BOG after discussion at length approved the recommendations of the 4th Finance Committee Meeting held on 20th Feb, 2014. Director withdrew the proposal in Item 4.9 of the minutes in the Finance Committee. The BOG approved the award of stipends to PhD scholars in Item No.4.10 of the Finance Committee.

ITEM NO. 4.7: Latest Position of unspent balance and progress on the ongoing projects

The Board noted the latest position of unspent balance and progress on the ongoing project. The Board was apprised that the status of unspent balance (Plan) of the Institute was Rs. 2152.13 lakhs as on 07.02.2014.

ITEM NO. 4.8: Ratification of the appointment of 12 Assistant Professor

The Board ratified the appointment of 12 Assistant Professor based on the recommendation of the selection committee of the interviews held in the month of October, 2013 and approved by Chairman, BOG. The Board was informed that 11 Assistant Professors had joined the Institute and the remaining one will join in the first week of March 2014.

Advertisement for 13 vacant posts was made. Out of the 13 vacant positions, the selection committee recommended 12 candidates for appointment to the post of Assistant Professor. In mathematics, only one candidate was found suitable out of the 2 vacant positions. The Board recommended that the person in waiting list No. 1 in the minutes of the selection committee of Assistant Professor in Civil Engineering be appointed as Assistant Professor in Civil Engineering Department in the recommended scale as per the recommendation of the selection committee.

ITEM NO. 4.9: Approval for appointment of Deputy Director

The Proposal for appointment of the Deputy Director in NIT Manipur will be taken up later. The Board felt that since the Institute is newly established it is necessary to wait for the appropriate timing.

ITEM NO. 4.10: Discussion on the status of the contractual employees and age relaxation

The Board decided that existing contractual employees may be given one time age relaxation for consideration against advertised posts if they were eligible in terms of age at the time of joining the Institute.

ITEM NO. 4.11: Reconstitution of the Building & Works Committee

The Board agreed to the proposal to reconstitute the BWC with the following members:

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| i. Director, NIT Manipur | : | Ex-officio Chairman |
| ii. One Member nominated by MHRD | : | Member |
| iii. Mr. Kh. Devabrata nominated by BOG | : | Member |
| iv. Dean Planning | : | Member |
| v. Expert from Govt. Civil Engineering Dept | : | Member |
| vi. Expert from Govt. Electrical Engineering Dept | : | Member |
| (Not less than S.E.) | | |
| vii. Registrar, NIT Manipur | : | Member, Secretary |
| viii. Director Finance, MHRD or his representative | : | Special Invitee |

In addition the Board authorised Director NIT Manipur to invite persons, as necessary for BWC meetings.

ITEM NO.4.12: Adoption of Four Tier flexible structure for faculty

The Board approved the adoption of Four Tier flexible structure for faculty recruitment as per the criteria circulated by MHRD vide F.No. 33/9/2011/TS.III dated 15th January, 2014 and annexures thereof including the Ministry letter.No.33-9/2011-TS.III dated 23rd August 2013 in its Annexure II. In addition BOG felt that the conditions given for the Four Tier system are too stringent for a fledgling institution like NIT Manipur and this view may be communicated to NIT Council/MHRD.

ITEM NO.4.13: To consider the administrative approval for various construction works proposed by the Institute

The Board approved the various construction works proposed by the Institute in the permanent campus and in the temporary campus recommended by BWC and Finance Committee.

ITEM NO.4.14: Proposal for setting up of IIEC at NIT Manipur

The Board approved in principle the proposal for setting up Innovation, Incubation and Entrepreneurship Centre in NIT Manipur. The Board suggested that a DPR may be prepared in this regard and placed to Finance Committee and BOG for consideration.

ITEM NO.4.15: Any other item with the permission of the Chair

ITEM NO.4.15 a: Proposal to set up Centre of Excellence in Reconfigurable Computing and Image VLSI Lab in NIT Manipur in collaboration with Powai Lab Technology Pvt. Ltd, Mumbai.

The Board approved the Finance Committee recommendation for setting up of COE in reconfigurable computing and Image VLSI Lab as joint project of Powai Lab Technology Pvt. Ltd with NIT Manipur at an estimated cost of Rs. 51,99,000 (Institute Share). This proposed Lab will be 40 seater facility with the objective of imparting training in the field of VLSI designs and other analytical computing in various fields. In this regard, an MOU may be signed with Powai Lab Technology Pvt. Ltd. Powai Lab Technology Pvt. Ltd. is SINE (Society for Innovation and Entrepreneurship) IIT Bombay incubated company. SINE is promoted by IIT Bombay in Powai Campus.

ITEM NO. 4.15 b: Reimbursement of TA/DA for Dr. Rohen Singh, Dr. Ibetombi and Ms. Y. Jina Chanu.

The issue regarding reimbursement of TA/DA for Dr. Rohen Singh, Dr. Ibetombi and Ms. Y. Jina Chanu was discussed in detail. The Board felt that it is not permissible as per rules. However, considering the special circumstances which prevailed at the fledgling state of the Institute and considering the overall interest of the Institute, it was decided to compensate the three faculty by paying Rs. 34,000 each. However, this will not be taken as a precedence and will not prejudice any other similar claims.

ITEM No. 4.15 c: Minutes of the Faculty Development Committee held on 14th Feb, 2014.

The Board in principle approved the recommendation of the Faculty Development Committee meeting held on 14th Feb 2014.

ITEM No. 4.15 d: Enhancement of sitting allowance for Finance Committee and BOG.

The Board decided to enhance the sitting allowance of Finance Committee and BOG members from Rs. 3000 to Rs. 5000.

ITEM No. 4.15 e: To consider “Unique Academic programme for NIT Manipur” as per the minutes of interaction session held on 13th Dec. 2013.

The meeting recommended for setting up a Bamboo Technology centre and Centre for Water Technology in NIT Manipur to the BOG.

The centre would study bamboo taxonomy, genetics, ecology, silvicultural management, protection against pests, processing techniques and multiuse, bamboo charcoal, nanotechnology and bamboo fibre products. The Bamboo Technology Centre was recommended to develop competent scientific knowledge and convert these unique resources into a national wealth and for creating large scale sustainable employment.

Manipur has abundant rainfall but there is always a scarcity of safe drinking water during lean season due to lack of rain water harvesting, poor water management, contamination, pollution and drying up of traditional sources of water. Emergence of arsenic, iron and fluoride above permissible limit for consumption and contamination due to pesticides are common features in and around agricultural areas and precincts of Loktak Lake. Thus establishment of a functional research centre focussing on water issues, up to date research and water related technologies is the need of the hour in the NIT Manipur. Waste water recycling and reuse will also be an important activity of the centre.

The BOG welcomed the initiative taken up by the Institute and approved the proposal.

BOG also suggested that these two centres may be multi-disciplinary and multi-departmental type and as such they may be directly reporting to Director NIT Manipur initially.

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair.

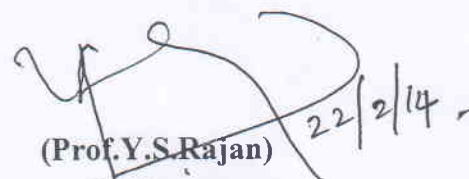


(R.K. Lalit Singh)

Registrar,

Secretary, Board of Governors

National Institute of Technology Manipur



(Prof. Y.S. Rajan)

Chairman,

Board of Governors

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