

**NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY KARNATAKA, SURATHKAL
MANGALORE – 575 025 (D.K)**

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Proceedings of the 18th meeting of the Board of Governors (BOG) of N.I.T.K., Surathkal held on 31.01.2009 at 11.00 A.M. in the Board Room, NITK, Surathkal.

Members Present:

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

Chairman

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

Member

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Sri A.S.Karant,
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Member

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

Dr. H.S.Y Shastry
Professor, Dept. of E & E Engg.,
N.I.T.K., Surathkal.
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Member

Dr. S. Sridhar
Asst. Professor,
Dept. of Mining Engg.,
N.I.T.K., Surathkal
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Member

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

Members who expressed their inability to attend the meeting:

Sri N.K. Sinha,
Joint Secretary (T),
Room No.529-C Wing
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Member

Sri C.S. Suranjana
Principal Secretary to G.O.K.
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Member

Dr.Gajanan R. Ekbote,
Ekbote Hospital,
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Member

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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 17th Meeting of Board of Governors held on 16.11.2008.

The Minutes of the 17th meeting of the BOG were circulated to all the members and no comments were received. Hence the Minutes are confirmed.

B. Review of the action taken on the Resolutions passed at the 17th Meeting of the Board of Governors held on 16.11.2008 at 1.30 P.M.

The action taken on the resolutions of the 17th BOG meeting were noted by the Board. In respect of Item No. **17 BOG 2** regarding faculty selections the Chairman suggested to evolve an internal mechanism that facilitates the integration of new staff members in to the existing Socio-Cultural and Academic environment of the institute. He also opined that, in view of the intake of new faculty it is useful to provide mentoring, through interaction with senior faculty members.

C. Items placed before the 18th meeting of Board of Governors(BOG) held on 31.01.2009.

Information Item/Reporting Item:

Item No. 18 BOG 1 : Construction of Mega Hostel Complex in NITK, Surathkal – Progress of work as at the end of December 2008 – Reg

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The BOG noted the progress of Mega Hostel construction and appreciated the efforts undertaken by the Institute for the progress made so far. Some of the members visited the site and were satisfied with progress. The members suggested that, a part of project should be ready for use during the start of Academic session 2009-10.

BOG further suggested that, all the green features envisaged in the project should be executed so that, the structure would be a model Hostel for NITK and other Institutions in the region.

Discussion and Decision Items:

Item No. 18 BOG 2 :

Convocation – Second list of Graduates-Approval of eligible candidates for the award of B.E/M.Tech/MCA/Ph.D Degree during the 6th Convocation.

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The BOG resolved to approve the award of B.E/M.Tech/M.C.A/Ph.D degrees to the eligible students during 6th Convocation.

The BOG appreciated the efforts of the Institute in awarding 30 Ph.D. degrees during the year 2008 and suggested that, during the Golden Jubilee year 2009-10 the Institute should endeavor to award more Doctoral degrees.

Item No. 18 BOG 3:

Recommendation of the Screening Committee of the Non-Teaching Staff. (The meeting is scheduled 30.01.2009 at 7.00 P.M. and recommendations of the Screening Committee would be placed as Table Agenda)

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The BOG resolved to accept the recommendation of Screening Committee for raising the retirement age of following employees from 58 to 60 years as per the details given in table 1 below:

Table – 1

Sl. No.	Name, Designation, Department	Date of birth	Date of Retirement at 58 years
1.	Sri P. Achutha Achary, F.D.A., Administrative Office.	22-5-1951	31-5-2009
2.	Sri Vishwanatha, J.L.A., Library Section.	1-6-1951	31-5-2009
3.	Smt. Kamala, Peon, Administrative Establishment.	13-6-1951	30-6-2009
4.	Sri Mohandas, F.D.A., NITK Hostel Office.	1-8-1951	31-7-2009

5.	Smt. Geetha, Peon, Mining Engg.	17-8-1951	31-8-2009
6.	Sri John Rodrigues, Sr. Masalchi, Training & Placement.	20-10-1951	31-10-2009

Item No. 18 BOG 4 : Professorial Chair Models in NITK.

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In continuation with the earlier discussion held by the BOG in this respect, the proposal of Instituting Professorial Chairs in various departments / Centers of NITK was agreed and the following procedures/processes were approved for appointment to Professorial Chair positions.

1. There shall be no advertisement as the Professorial Chairs are intended to be offered to persons of high accomplishment only.
2. The Director shall write to the leading Institutions/organizations dealing with the concerned subject/discipline and obtain Expression of Interest (EOI)/Nomination of potential candidates.
3. A Standing Committee of the BOG comprising of Director as Convener, one BOG member and one/two distinguished experts nominated by the Chairman shall be formed to evaluate the suitability of the EOI/Nominations received.
4. The Standing Committee shall meet as often as required based on the availability of the candidates and the needs of the Institution.
5. A formal process of interview is not essential, however Director/Standing Committee depending on the case, can avail of the possibility of "An Interaction" with the potential candidate.
6. The Director shall recommend the appointment of such a candidate to the Chairman BOG. The Chairman shall be authorized to approve the same, and report the matter to the next BOG meeting for ratification.

Item No. 18 BOG 5: Financial Power of the Director - upto Rs. 10 lakhs for disposal of unserviceable items of various departments.

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The BOG approved the proposal for enhancing the financial power of the Director for disposal of unserviceable items and fixed a limit of Rs.20 lakhs. Henceforth, in every department the unserviceable items whose original purchase cost is Rs. 20 lakhs and below shall be disposed off with the approval of the Director by following standard laid out procedures regarding publicity, valuation and disposal for such items.

Additional Agenda of 18th meeting of Board of Governors held on 31.01.2009.

Item No. 18 BOG 6: Minutes of the 12th Building and Works Committee meeting held on 24.01.2009.

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The members of the BOG were briefed about the developments in respect of constructional activities that are in progress as well as the approval granted for new works by the Building and Works Committee.

The status of tenders received for the new Mechanical Engineering block and Division of Basic Sciences were briefed to the members.

In view of the higher cost indicated for some items and also due to recent substantial fall in the overall prices of Steel the BOG felt the necessity to negotiate with lowest tenderer for possible price reduction.

Item No. 18 BOG 7: Approval of award of M.Tech degree during 6th Convocation.

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The BOG approved for award of M.Tech degree to one candidate in VLSI Design.

Item No. 18 BOG 8: Revision of TEQIP Programme Life Allocation by MHRD/NPIU

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The BOG members were briefed about the revised programme Life Allocation (PLA) as per NPIU guidelines as on 31st December, 2008. BOG appreciated the initiative taken by the Institute in promoting research interaction abroad during June - July 2008 and Nov- Dec 2008 as a part of faculty and staff development programme.

The BOG noted and approved the revised PLA as the sanctioned amount for soft components had already been incurred/committed.

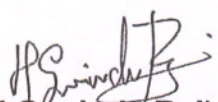
Item No. 18 BOG 9: Institute Master Plan

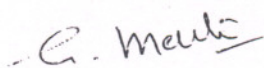
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The entire master plan was presented to the members of the BOG. The BOG discussed some salient features of the proposed Institute Master plan. It was suggested that, some of the old staff quarters/academic buildings, which were occupying a large space and not in good condition for occupancy shall be demolished and new multi-storeyed infrastructure created in its place.

It was opined that, hence forth all the construction activities in the Institute shall look at optimal space utilization and plan for a vertical growth to the extent feasible.

The meeting ended with vote of thanks to Chair.


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


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