

MINUTES OF THE 59th MEETING OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE HELD ON 16th DECEMBER 2024 AT 03.00 P.M. IN THE OOM ROOM, NIT TIRUCHIRAPPALLI

PRESENT:

1. Dr. (Mrs.) G Aghila Director, NITT

Officiating Chairperson & Member

2. Smt.Veena Dunga Deputy Secretary, MoE Member*

3. Shri.Harihara Sundaram Under Secretary, MoE

Member*

4. Dr. N. Sivakumaran

Member

5. Dr. N Thamaraiselvan Registrar i/c **Member Secretary**

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GENERAL MATTERS

WELCOME ADDRESS BY THE CHAIRPERSON, FINANCE COMMITTEE

Dr. (Mrs) G Aghila, Officiating Chairperson, Finance Committee & Director, NIT Tiruchirappalli welcomed the members to the meeting and then initiated the deliberations of the agenda items.

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^{*}Through Video Conferencing

ITEM NO. 59.1

CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE 58TH MEETING OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE HELD ON 06.11.2024

The Minutes of the 58th meeting of the Finance Committee was circulated to the members of the Finance Committee and was concurred by the members.

RESOLUTION 59/FC/2024/1

RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the 57th Meeting of the Finance Committee be confirmed.

ITEM NO. 59.2

ACTION TAKEN REPORT ON THE DECISIONS OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

Action Taken Report of the previous meetings of the Finance Committee was discussed and noted.

RESOLUTION 59/FC/2024/2

RESOLVED THAT the action taken report be noted.

APPROVAL ITEMS

ITEM NO. 59.3

CONSIDERATION OF REQUESTS OF THE MEDICAL OFFICERS FOR GRANT OF ANNUAL ALLOWANCE AND POST GRADUATE ALLOWANCE

The Medical Officers of the Institute have submitted requests for the grant of Annual Allowance and Post-Graduate Allowance No. as per the OMA.45012/03/2017-CH\$.V dated 29.08.2017 30.08.2017 issued by the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Government of India along with communication F.No.11-6/2019-TS.III dated 25.02.2020 issued by the Ministry of Education to the VNIT Nagpur

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for sanctioning the Annual Allowance, Post-Graduate Allowance to the Medical Officer of VNIT.

The Finance Committee deliberated the matter and recommended the Board to sanction Annual Allowance and Post-Graduate Allowance to the Medical Officers of NIT Tiruchirappalli as per the norms notified by MoHFW with effect from the date of approval of the Board of Governors.

RESOLUTION 59/FC/2024/3

RESOLVED THAT the sanction Annual Allowance and Post Graduate Allowance to the Medical Officers of NITT w.e.f. the date of approval of BoG be recommended to Board for approval.

ITEM NO. 59.4 SUBMISSION OF REPLIES TO AUDIT QUERY ON PAYMENT OF AD-HOC BONUS

The C&AG Audit in the year 2017 objected the payment of Ad-hoc Bonus paid to the employees & NMR workers of the Institute during the year 2015-16 and 2016-17 since the Ministry of Finance not issued extension orders for employees of Autonomous Bodies.

Based on the objection, the payment of ad-hoc bonus was stopped from the year 2017-18 onwards and the matter was referred to the Ministry for further directions. The Ministry of Education vide Letter No.1-10/2021-CU-V dated 09.04.2024 has forwarded the copy of the observations/recommendations of Public Accounts Committee on the payment of Ad-hoc Bonus.

The Finance Committee deliberated the matter in detail along with the instructions from DoPT vide OM No.18/03/2015-Estt. (Pay-I) dated 02.03.2016 on recovery of excess payments. The Finance Committee recommended the Board for the recovery of ad-hoc bonus paid to the employees except the retired employees, Group-C employees, NMR Workers.

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RESOLUTION 59/FC/2024/4

RESOLVED THAT the recovery of ad-hoc bonus paid to the employees during 2015-16 & 2016-17 except Retired employees, Group-C employees, NMR Workers be recommended to Board for approval.

ITEM NO. 59.5 IMPLEMENTATION OF ONE NATION ONE SUBSCRIPTION (PHASE-I)

The Ministry of Education vide DO Letter No. 8-16/2024-TEL dated 05.11.2024 has intimated not to renew the Journal Subscriptions till further instructions of the Ministry in view of the implementation of One Nation One Subscription (ONOS) Phase 1.

Further the Ministry vide letter dated 13.12.2024 has intimated that that (1) the Union Cabinet has approved that for the 30 publishers included in ONOS Phase-1 and (2) The institutions, on their own, will continue subscribing to the publishers, databases, standards and e-books which are not part of PM-ONOS Phase-1.

It is further stated that the fund for all the HEIs for e-journal subscription e-database of the year 2025 with respect to these 30 publishers, be transferred centrally through the nodal Institute (NIT Surat) immediately. The journal subscription cost for these 30 publishers in respect of NIT Tiruchirappalli, as provided by INFLBINET, is Rs.3,43,09,732/-.

The list of 30 publishers perused. The list of (1) annual subscription of e-journals/databases not covered under ONOS and (2) other common software/equipment is worked out as below amounting Rs.2,15,71,648/-(attached separately as Annexure).

The Finance Committee deliberated the matter and recommended the Board for the payment of Rs.3,43,09,732/- to the nodal institute towards the

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subscription fund for ONOS (Phase-1) and for the approval of procurement of other e-journals / databases / common softwares of library for Rs.2,15,71,648/-.

RESOLUTION 59/FC/2024/5

RESOLVED THAT the payment of Rs.3,43,09,732/- to the nodal institute towards the subscription fund for ONOS (Phase-1) be recommended to Board for approval.

Further RESOLVED THAT the approval of procurement of other e-journals / databases / common softwares (not covered under ONOS) of library for Rs. Rs.2,15,71,648/- be recommended to Board for approval.

TABLE ITEMS

ITEM NO. 59.6 CAPACITY BUILDING PROGRAMME ON DESIGN AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP (CBDE)

The Ministry of Education, Government of India has launched the 'Capacity Building Programme on Design and Entrepreneurship (CBDE)' programme under the aegis of Malaviya Mission Teacher Training Program (MMTTP). The objective of the program is to enhance the capacity of faculty and HEIs for creative transformation with a specific focus towards design and entrepreneurship development.

IIITDM Kancheepuram is one of the Malaviya Mission Centers which is nodal center for the program for coordinating and managing the program. NIT Tiruchirappalli has also been selected to be the part of the programme. This Institute is entered with the tripartite agreement on 04.10.2024 with IIITDM Kancheepuram (Nodal Centre) and the Mentors under the Capacity Building Program on Design and Entrepreneurship.

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A total budget of ₹98.7 lakhs has been committed by NITT for the five years towards (1) Mentor Travel and Accommodation, (2) financial support for targeted students teams (3) Event and Partnership management costs and (4) contingency. The year-wise budget distribution is furnished below.

First Year:

₹26.25 lakhs

Second Year:

₹26.775 lakhs

Third Year:

₹14.7 lakhs

Fourth Year:

₹15.225 lakhs

Fifth Year:

₹15.75 lakhs

The Finance Committee deliberated the matter and decided to recommend the expenditure of Rs.98.7 Lakhs for CBDE programme for five years under OH-31.

RESOLUTION 59/FC/2024/6

RESOLVED THAT the expenditure of Rs.98.7 Lakhs towards the conduct of CBDE programme for five years under OH-31 be recommended to Board for approval.

REPORTING ITEMS

ITEM NO. 59.7

GRANT-IN-AID RECEIVED FROM THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION DURING THE FY 2024-25 UNDER RECURRING AND NON-RECURRING HEADS (OH-31, OH-35 & OH-36)

The FC noted the grants received by the institute.

RESOLUTION 59/FC/2024/7

RESOLVED THAT the grants received be noted.

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