Minutes of the Twenty Fourth Meeting of the Board of Governors held on Saturday the 9th October 2010 at 8.50 a.m. in OM ROOM, NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY, TIRUCHIRAPPALLI – 620 015.

The twenty fourth meeting of the Board of Governors of the National Institute of Technology, Tiruchirappalli (NITT), was held on Saturday the 9th October 2010 at 8.50 a.m. at the Om Room, National Institute of Technology, Tiruchirappalli – 620 015.

The following members were present:

1. Shri. R. Seshasayee,
   Honorable Chairman, BOG, NITT
   CEO, M/s Ashok Leyland Ltd.,
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   Guindy, Chennai – 600 032.
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2. Dr. V. Sivan
   Director (i/c)
   National Institute of Technology
   Tiruchirappalli – 620 015.

3. Shri. B.V. Ramanan
   Managing Director,
   M/s. Livia Polymer Bottles Pvt. Limited,
   No.10, Rajaram Salai, K.K.Nagar,
   Tiruchirappalli – 620 021.
   Fax: 04339-250418, 250472
   e-mail: livia@eth.net

4. Prof. Joseph Fernando
   Professor
   Architecture Department
   National Institute of Technology
   Tiruchirappalli – 620 015.

5. Prof. S.S. Arulappan
   Associate Professor
   Mechanical Engineering Department
   National Institute of Technology
   Tiruchirappalli – 620 015.
6. Dr. P. Asokan, (Special Invitee)
   Professor & Head
   Dept. of Production Engineering
   National Institute of Technology,
   Tiruchirappalli – 620 015.

7. Dr. S. Nickolas, (Special Invitee)
   Asst. Professor,
   Department of Computer Applications
   National Institute of Technology,
   Tiruchirappalli – 620 015.

8. Shri. J. Ernest Samuel Ratnakumar (Special Invitee)
   Registrar
   National Institute of Technology
   Tiruchirappalli – 620 015.

The following members expressed their inability to attend the meeting:

1. Prof. B.S. Sonde,
   Former Vice Chancellor,
   Goa University,
   274, Shree Ananth Nagar,
   Electronics City, Hosur Road,
   BANGALORE – 560 100
   e-mail ID: bssonde@vsnl.net, bssonde@yahoo.com /Fax: 080-4502344

2. Shri. M.P. Gangadharan
   Former Minister
   Govt. of Kerala
   Shelter P.T.P. Nagar
   Trivandrum, KERALA

3. Shri. N.K. Sinha
   Joint Secretary
   Government of India
   Ministry of Human Resource Development
   Department of Technical Education
   Shastri Bhawan, NEW DELHI – 110 001.

4. Shri. Navin Soi
   Director (Finance)
   Government of India
   Ministry of Human Resource Development
   Department of Secondary & Higher Education
   Shastri Bhawan, NEW DELHI – 110 001.
5. Shri. A.K. Singh  
   Director (NITs)  
   Department of Technical Education  
   Ministry of Human Resource Development  
   Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi – 110 001.

6. Prof. M. Singaperumal  
   Professor  
   Mechanical Engineering Department  
   Indian Institute of Technology  
   CHENNAI – 600 036.

The following members did not attend the meeting:

1. The Secretary  
   Higher Education Department  
   Government of Tamil Nadu  
   Fort St. George, Chennai – 600 009.

2. Shri. Subash R. Gupte  
   Executive Vice Chairman  
   UB GROUP  
   Hoechst House, 5th Floor  
   Nariman Point, MUMBAI – 400 021.

3. Shri. Vijay G. Kalantri  
   Managing Director  
   M/s. Balaji Infra Projects Limited  
   New excelsior Bldg, 6th Floor  
   A.K. Nayak Marg, Fort  
   Mumbai – 400 001.

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ITEM NO. 1  
WELCOME BY THE CHAIRMAN, BOG

Chairman welcomed all the Members present.

ITEM NO. 2  
CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE 23rd MEETING OF  
THE BOG HELD ON 8TH SEPTEMBER 2010

The Minutes of the 23rd Meeting of the Board of Governors held on 8th September 2010 were confirmed subject to the following correction: Page No. 5 last para, the date should read as 26th June 2010 instead of 26th June 2007.
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**Item No.3.1**
Briefing of follow-up action taken consequent to WP (MD) 7174/2010 and 11912

**W.P.(MD)7174/2010:** The Board noted the communication issued by Additional Solicitor General to MHRD.

**W.P.(MD)11912/2010:** The Board noted the report of Sribalaji & Maria Rosaline, Institute Advocates, report dated 9th October 2010 and agreed to abide by the suggestions of the Hon'ble High Court. The Chairman directed office to send appropriate communication to MHRD for completion of procedural formalities with respect to the termination of Services of Dr. M. Chidambaram, in terms of the clause 13 of the contract of services. However, keeping in mind that MHRD had referred this matter to Law Ministry, Chairman was authorised to act in accordance with the advice of MHRD.

**Item No.3.2**
Performance Appraisal System of Deans:

Noted and approved. Some members pointed out that there is a procedural lapse in determination of the seniority for the nomination of Deans. The Director appraised the Board that the seniority of the Professors were taken and accordingly the list of Deans for nomination was finalized. Some members pointed out that, since the electoral college consisted of Associate Professors and Professors, seniority should be reckoned taking into account the tenure of Associate Professorship also.

To find an acceptable solution to all concerned, the Board decided to approve six Deanships in addition to the five already nominated. Board approved a Deanship for “Institutional Development” with immediate effect. Further, the Board requested the Director to call the concerned Faculty who had scored more votes to find out his area of interest and decide the matter.

**Item No.3.3**
Master Plan for Campus:
The Board approved the proposal of presenting the master plan in the next board meeting after due deliberation in the Building and works committee.

Item No.3.4  

**Budget Process Modifications:**

The board approved the proposal of the Director to submit a detailed budget process modification in the forthcoming finance committee.

Item No.3.5  

**Mentoring of Potential Faculty:**

The Board approved the proposal of submission of report in its next meeting.

Item No.3.6  

**Strategic MoUs with Industry:**

The Board approved the proposal of submission of report in its next meeting.

Item No.3.7  

**Students Welfare:**

The Board noted the action taken and advised to ensure that student’s welfare be given top priority and their grievances if any addressed immediately.

Item No.3.8  

**Grievance Redressal Mechanism Process to be Implemented:**

The Board requested Sri. B.V. Ramanan to find out suitable judicial officers for the nomination to

1) Ombudsmen
2) NIT Tribunal

within a month’s period. Sri B.V. Ramanan agreed to do so.

Item No.3.9  

**Representation of Shri.J. Stanley Jayaraj Security Officer (on contract Basis):**

Noted. The Board directed the office to follow up the case filed by Sri.J. Stanley Jayaraj, Former Security Officer, on contract basis.
Item No.3.10

Consider and Approve the conduct of CAS interview as per New Guidelines for the post of Associate Professor/Professor:

The Board considered the proposal in Annexure –C (from pages 27-37) and approved the proposal.
The Board also directed the Director to communicate and speak to the Faculty who have filed a Writ petition in the Honourable High Court of Madras, Madurai Bench that in terms of the rule the service benefits and notional benefits will be approved from the date of eligibility and financial benefits from the date of Board’s approval, namely, 09.10.2010. The Director was asked to request the faculty to withdraw their case, in the light of the above.

Item No.3.11

Allocation of Posts for Non-Teaching Staff:

Board directed the office to make all efforts and follow-up action with MHRD to obtain the approval for MACP and vacancy existing in NIT, Tiruchy. Also, the Board as decided in its earlier meeting directing Dr. P. Asokan to submit a report on the Department based vacancy and place it for the Chairman’s approval for further action towards, absorption of NMRs in the already existing vacancies. The Board also noted a Writ Petition referring the said matter to the NIT Tribunal and also requested Shri. B. V. Ramanan, to immediately find a suitable Judicial officer for the nomination from the Institute’s side, as requested by the MHRD.

Item No.3.12

Confidential Assessment of Faculty and Non-Teaching Staff:

The Board directed the office to place a detailed proposal for recognition of the outstanding contributions by Faculty / Staff for grant of 4% as increment in terms of the Sixth pay commission recommendations to recognize exemplary performance.

Item No.3.13

Construction of pedestrian under pass by the National Highway Authorities under NH-Transfer of NITT Land – Approval – Reg.

Board directed the Estate Officer to complete the formalities within one weeks time.

Item No.3.14

Revision of License fee for the Quarters:

The Board directed Estate Officer to provide the necessary information to Prof. M. Singaperumal and request the Professor to submit the report its next meeting.
Item No. 3.15 Rules governing the appointment of Registrar:
The Board approved the proposal and directed to file response to make the Writ petitions in fructuous.

Item No. 3.16 The matters Pertaining to Staff:
Already dealt in Para 3.11.

Item No. 3.17 Opening of the Quarters Gate:
Noted.

Item No. 3.18 To Consider and Approve General Guidelines for Travel Abroad by Faculty
The Board noted the proper procedure being followed for the approval of travel abroad by Faculty.

Item No. 3.19 Decision on Administrative, Leadership Issues
Noted.

Item No. 3.20 MATTER RELATING TO WP (MD) NO.11061 OF 2010, WP (MD) NO.10981 OF 2010 AND W.P. (MD) NO.86 TO 88 OF 2010.
Already dealt in 3.15

Item No. 3.21 Students welfare – Status on activities.
Already dealt in 3.7

Item No. 3.22 Confirmation and adoption of minutes of the 15th senate meeting held on 19th April 2010 and 16th senate meeting held on 28th July 2010
Noted.

Item No. 3.23 To consider and approve the Buildings Works Committee Meeting
The Board directed the office to place all the information relating to infrastructure project to the Chairman positively by 15th Oct 2010.
Item No. 3.24  To consider TEQIP PHASE-II proposal submitted to NPIU.
Noted.

Item No. 3.25  To consider and accord approval for faculty development fund utilization.
Board approved the Director’s proposal to constitute a committee to determine various criteria and finalize the norms for the release of Faculty Development.


Board approved the Degrees to be awarded based on the Senate recommendations in its 17th meeting held on 04.10.2010.

ITEM NO. 5  TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE NATIONAL KNOWLEDGE NETWORK.
Noted and approved.

ITEM NO. 6  BRIEFING OF BOARD ON THE VISIT OF CBI OFFICIALS ON 07TH OCTOBER, 2010

The Board noted the communication dated 5th October, 2010 and directed the office to fully cooperate with the Investigating agency.

ITEM NO. 7  ANY OTHER MATTER – WITH THE PERMISSION OF CHAIR

The following matters were taken up under the any other matter with the permission of the Chair

(A) Grant of extension of services for the following Faculty

1. Dr. V. Sivan, Professor & Director i/c
2. Dr. K. Palanichamy, Professor

The Board agreed in principle that academic staff retiring in the middle of the academic year may be allowed extension up to the end.
of the academic year. Institute may indicate the Board’s approval and get MHRD approval.

Dr. V Sivan did not participate, as an interested Member.

(B) **Grant of status Emeritus Professors for the following Faculty**

1. Dr. V. Sivan, Professor & Director i/c
2. Dr. K. Palanichamy, Professor

The Board agreed in principle the concept of Emeritus Professor. The Board agreed the request of two Professors, approval of it could be obtained from MHRD.

Dr. V Sivan did not participate, as an interested Member.

(C) **Consideration of grant of approval for CPF TO GPF for twelve faculty.**

1. Dr. P. Subramanian
2. Dr. P. Shunmugasundaram
3. Dr. S. Sundaram
4. Dr. V. Venkataramani
5. Dr. N. Kalyanasundaram
6. Dr. R. Chinnadurai
7. Dr. K.A. Kuppusamy
8. Dr. V. Sivan
9. Dr. A.K. Banerjee
10. Prof. P. Somaskandan
11. Dr. N. Anantharaman
12. Dr. S. Raghavan

The Board directed the office to put up a draft communication for the Chairman’s kind consideration and approval for forwarding to MHRD.

On the issue of grant of approval, CPF to GPF a detailed note along with a communication to MHRD, with the legal opinion to be forwarded to the Chairman in view of the affidavit filed in the WP No.(MD)7174/2010 on the said subject.

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

R. SESHASAYEE

Minutes for the 24th BOGM, NITT: on 9th October 2010 (Saturday) at NITT