

NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY, TIRUCHIRAPPALLI (NITT)

Minutes of the 34th Meeting of the Board of Governors of NIT, Tiruchirappalli held on 03rd August 2013 at 11.00 AM in Oom Room at NITT.

Members Present:

Prof. Rajaram Nityananda **Chairperson**
Chairperson, BOG, NIT Tiruchirappalli
Indian Institute of Science Education and Research,
Pune 411 021

Prof. S. Sundarrajan **Member**
Director
National Institute of Technology
Tiruchirappalli 620 015

Ms. Nandini Rengaswamy **Member**
Chairperson, Confederation of Indian Industry, TN Circle, CEO,
Chandra Textiles & Founder Trustee, GRG Trust, Peelamedu
Coimbatore 641 004

Prof. M. Umopathy **Member**
Professor, Department of Instrumentation and Control Engineering
National Institute of Technology
Tiruchirappalli 620 015

Shri S Ramanathan **Member**
Chairman & Managing Director
Cethar Foodoil Ltd. "Juman Centre", Promenade Road, Cantonment,
Tiruchirappalli 620001

Prof. R. Murugesan **Member**
Associate Professor, Humanities,
National Institute of Technology
Tiruchirappalli 620 015

Shri Satpal Sharma **Member**
Under Secretary
Integrated Finance Division
Ministry of Human Resource Development
Shastri Bhavan New Delhi 110001

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Prof. Ashok Jhunjhunwala (Through Video Conference) Professor, Department of Electrical Engineering Indian Institute of Technology Madras Chennai 600036	Member
Prof.G.Swaminathan Officiating Registrar & Secretary, National Institute Of Technology Tiruchirappalli	Secretary

Members who expressed their inability to attend the Meeting:

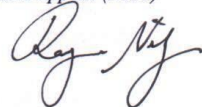
Ms.Amita Sharma Additional Secretary (Technical Education) Department of Higher Education, Ministry of Human Resource Development, Shastri Bhavan, New Delhi 110 001	Member
Shri Raja Sankaran Member Managing Director Infologix Software Solutions Pvt.Ltd. Old No.5/New No.11,12 th Cross Street,Sastry Nagar,Adyar Chennai 600020	Member

A1. WELCOME ADDRESS

ITEM NO. A1	WELCOME ADDRESS BY THE CHAIRMAN, BOG
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Prof. Rajaram Nityananda, Chairperson, BOG, welcomed all the members of the Board of Governors of National Institute of Technology, Tiruchirappalli (NITT). The Chairperson also informed that it has been a regular practice to hold the Board of Governors meeting before the Convocation. Since the ninth Convocation is scheduled on 03.08.2013, the date for the 34th Meeting of BoG has been fixed on 02.08.2013, with primary importance to approval of degrees to the graduands. The Chairperson also informed the members that the next Board of Governors meeting would be scheduled in the third and fourth week of September 2013. The secretary would make effort to contact the Hon'ble members individually, ascertain their availability and draw a date in consultation with Chairperson, so that all the members would be able to participate and contribute.





A2. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

ITEM NO. A2	CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE 33 rd MEETING OF THE BOG HELD ON 03 rd August 2013
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The BOG resolved to confirm the minutes of the 33rd meeting of BOG held on 29th March 2013.

B3. ACTION TAKEN REPORT (ATR) ON PREVIOUS MINUTES

ITEM NO. B3	ACTION TAKEN REPORT ON THE MINUTES OF THE (PREVIOUS) 33 rd MEETING OF THE BOG HELD ON 29 th MARCH 2013
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Item No. 3.1 : RESTRUCTURING OF NON TEACHING STAFF POSITION AT NITT.

(Item No. D12 of the Minutes of the 33rd BOG)

The BoG has taken note of the process.

Item No. 3.2 : SECURITY SERVICES –FINALISATION OF CONTRACT TO THE FIRM WHICH WAS EVALUATED AS CONFORMING TO THE SPECIFICATION OF NIT TIRUCHIRAPPALLI

(Item No. C4 of the Minutes of the 33rd BOG)

The Contract has been finalized and the contract has been awarded to the bidder who was evaluated as conforming to NIT Tiruchirappalli' s specification.

Item No. 3.3 CAS 2012-REMOVAL OF ANOMALIES-RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE-DECISION TAKEN

(Item No. F11 of the Minutes of the 33rd BOG)

The BoG took note of happenings in the past, pertaining to this issue. There were detailed discussions in this matter. It was resolved that the institute would take over all efforts in personally briefing the Additional Secretary, (Technical Education) Department of Higher Education, Ministry of Human Resource Development, obtains the formal approval of the MHRD and proceeds further.

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C. INFORMATION / RATIFICATION ITEMS

34th BOG ITEM NO. C4	REPORTING OF DETAILS OF GRANTS RECEIVED FROM MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE
21st FC ITEM NO.C4	DEVELOPMENT (MHRD) UNDER PLAN AND NON- PLAN FUNDS

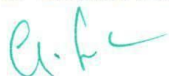
The member secretary presented the details about the grants received from MHRD under Plan and Non Plan for the year 2013-14. The annual accounts of 2012-13 were also submitted. The FC has perused and accepted the annual accounts for the year 2012-13. The annual accounts for the year 2012-13 will be audited by CAG and the certified audited accounts would be submitted in the subsequent FC and BoG meeting for approval. The Representative of IFD, MHRD, suggested to use the professional help of external auditors in the process of Internal audit, for better compilation of annual accounts and before certification audit taken up by the statutory agency. The BoG also agreed to implement the new system of accounting and financial reporting from the financial year 2013-14.

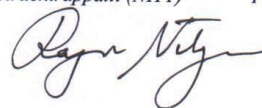
34th BOG ITEM NO. C5	REPORTING OF APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY REGISTRAR (ON CONTRACT BASIS)
21st FC ITEM NO.C5	

The BoG ratified and approved the appointment of Sri M.Sivakaminathan as Deputy Registrar (Contracts) for one year, extendable for further one more year based on the individual's performance, in the specified terms and conditions.

34th BOG ITEM NO. C6	IMPLEMENTATION OF HAG SCALES IN THE NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF TECHNOLOGY-COMMUNICATION FROM
21st FC ITEM NO.C7	GOVERNMENT OF INDIA- MHRD

The BoG has approved in principle that for the professors of NIT Tiruchirappalli who are currently serving as the Directors of the NITs shall be deemed to have been placed in the HAG scale as per the MHRD Communication F.No.34-9/2012-TS III dated 08.04.2012.





For the Professor of NIT Tiruchirappalli who has joined back after serving as the Director of MANIT Bhopal, clarification may be obtained from MHRD for implementation of HAG scale for him.

It was resolved to request MHRD, that for the those professors of NIT Tiruchirappalli, who are currently serving as Directors of other NITs, and who are deemed to have been placed in HAG scale of pay as per F.No.34-9/2012-TS III dated 08.04.2012., it shall be supernumerary post in addition the total reservation of 20 % of sanctioned professor post vacancy earmarked for HAG scale of pay.

34th BOG ITEM NO. C7	REPORTING ON THE WRIT PETITION FILED BY SHRI G. THAVASI RAJA – VIDE WRIT PETITION (MD) NO. 9839 OF 2013
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The BoG has noted the details of the case.

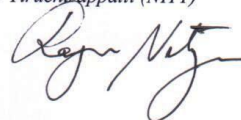
D. ITEMS PLACED FOR THE 34th MEETING OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS ON 3rd AUGUST 2013.

34th BOG ITEM NO. D8	TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE PROPOSAL PERMITTING PROF.R.B.ANAND ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR MECHANICAL TO SWITCH OVER TO GPF CUM PENSION SCHEME-TECHNICAL RESIGNATION SUBMITTED IN THE PREVIOUS ORGANISATION – RELATED ISSUES
21st FC ITEM NO. D8	

The BoG has accepted in principle to permit Prof.R.B.Anand, Associate Professor, Mechanical Engineering to switch over to GPF scheme as he has submitted technical resignation in the previous organization and joined NIT Tiruchirappalli.

The BoG resolved to credit the amount of Rs 86370/- received from National Power Training Institute, into the institute GPF account of NIT Tiruchirappalli rather than depositing into Non- Plan account. Prof .R.B.Anand should be made aware of the terms and conditions imposed by NIT Tiruchirappalli for switch over to GPF scheme. After getting a written consent from Prof.R.B.Anand, the process of switch over to GPF cum pension scheme may be allowed.







34 th BOG ITEM NO. D9	RESTRUCTURING OF NON TEACHING STAFF POSITION AT NITT
21 st FC ITEM NO. B3	

Item no. 3.1 may be referred to .

34 th BOG ITEM NO. D10	DISCUSSIONS ON THE DELIBERATIONS OF THE 26 TH MEETING OF THE SENATE HELD ON 01.08.2013
21 st FC ITEM NO. D9	

The BoG agreed in principle the deliberations of the 26th meeting of Senate held on 01.08.2013. The BoG has also approved the recommendations of the 26th meeting of the Senate pertaining to the award of degrees to the graduands and awards of medals to the medal winners, in the ninth convocation scheduled on 03.08.2013. The Senate Sub committee meeting held on 11.06.2013 had discussed the issue of reducing the tuition fee for the M.Sc.

Programme (Item 3C) and resolved as given below:

"It is noticed that the tuition fee for two year M.Sc. programmes (Physics / Chemistry/Operations Research & Computer Applications) has been exorbitantly high in comparison to other Central Technical Institutions/Universities. In spite of good academic atmosphere and research facilities, the concerned departments are not able to attract bright and deserving students for higher learning in science because of the fee structure. Considering the tuition fee of other institutes like IIT, Madras, IIT Bombay, IIT Delhi, IIT Kanpur, IIT Kharagpur and other central universities, it was resolved to adopt the M.Sc. programme fee structure of IIT Madras. Accordingly, the proposed revised tuition fee for M.Sc. (Physics / Chemistry/Operations Research & Computer Applications) is Rs.3000/- per semester. This will be adopted after getting concurrence from the Finance Committee and Board of Governors meeting".

The 26th meeting of the Senate also has approved the Minutes of the Senate sub Committee meeting held on 11.06.2013

The BoG resolved that the Tuition Fee for the M.Sc programs offered in Physics/Chemistry /Operations Research & Computer Applications shall be Rs 3000/- (Rupees three thousand only) from the academic year 2013-14 onwards.

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34th BOG ITEM NO. D11	DISCUSSIONS AND DELIBERATIONS OF THE THE BUILDINGS AND WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 29.07.2013
21st FC ITEM NO. D10	
<p>The BoG accepted the deliberations of the 13th Buildings & Works Committee meeting held on 29.07.2013 , except the item no. VII e), which states about the enhancement of Financial Sanctioning of limit to Rs 40 lakh, for The Director NIT Tiruchirappalli. The FC resolved to accept the recommendations of the 13th B&WC except for the item VII e).</p>	
34th BOG ITEM NO. D12	ORIENTATION PROGRAM FOR FIRST YEAR STUDENTS- BUDGET-APPROVAL
21st FC ITEM NO. D11	

Ratified and approved

ANY OTHER ITEM(S) PERMITTED BY THE CHAIRPERSON

34th BOG ITEM NO. F11	CERTAIN DISCIPLINARY ISSUES RAISED BY HON'BLE MEMBER AND THE DIRECTOR
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The revised procurement plan of TEQIP II was submitted and BOG accorded approval for the revision.

The BoG has accepted in principle, that a new coordinator would be identified and put in place, in order to take care of points raised by one Hon'ble member of BoG, that the same official signs in two different capacities in the financial vouchers pertaining to TEQIP II .

One Hon'ble member raised a point of order pertaining to item 3.3. The member opined that the member representing the Senate of NIT Tiruchirappalli has acted in a haste in referring the matter to MHRD, before the minutes of the 33rd meeting of BoG, confirmed by the 34th meeting of BoG. He expressed that the act of the member of BoG has defeated the collective responsibility of the Board of Governors and has resulted in the jeopardy of the NIT Tiruchirappalli administration, in the rectification of pay anomalies discussed in the item 3.3.

The BoG broadly endorsed the sentiments expressed by the Hon'ble Member.

The Hon'ble member also made reference to the representation made by the member representing Senate, to the Chairperson through E

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Mail ,with copies marked to all the members of BoG ,relating to the post of Registrar.

Keeping in view the past experience, it was resolved that Director would explore the possibility of requesting the Ministry of Administrative Services, Personnel and Training, Government of India, in deputing an officer of Indian Administrative Service (IAS) of Central cadre, to serve as Registrar of NIT Tiruchirappalli.

The Director NIT Tiruchirappalli made the following submissions:

1. Some of the faculty members of NIT Tiruchirappalli habitually send E mail to the higher authorities, which include Secretary MHRD, Chairperson BoG and other officials of the Government of India. The following cases were referred by the Director:
 - I. One of the Associate Professor of the Department of Instrumentation and Control Engineering sending a E mail to MHRD questioning the statutorial powers of Director , in Head of the Department appointment and making a false allegation that the Director made the faculty to stand for two hours in the Chamber during the process of Selection of HoD for the ICE Department during the month of October/November 2012. The Director narrated that a case of woman harassment was also foisted by the faculty concerned against him. The Director also informed the BoG about the reply he has sent to MHRD in this matter.
 - II. One of the Professor of Department of ECE, sends volleys of E mail questioning the authority of Director in accepting /participating in the Doctoral Committee Membership of One Candidate of Anna University as a Ex Officio member(The Head of the Institution , where the candidate works is the Ex officio member of the Doctoral Committee member, as per Anna University Doctoral Committee Constitution Norms). There was also a serious lapse on the part of the same professor, who preferred to be away , when the Viva voce examination was going on for his Ph.D. student on a particular day afternoon and affixed his signature after a lapse of few days to fabricate the record to the effect that he was present on the day of the Ph.D. Viva voce examination.
 - III. One of the Professor sending E mail to all the faculty members suggesting for the removal of the Director ,citing the past history of removal of a past Principal of erstwhile REC.
 - IV. The minutes of the Board of Governors meetings , before confirmation in the subsequent Board of Governors meeting being released to others not connected with the BoG by the member(s), who are representative(s) of the Senate. The BoG expresses serious concerns in this issues .The BoG re emphasize the Minutes of 32nd BoG meeting held on 10.08.2012(Item E32 of 32nd BOG) .The BoG emphasize that strict adherence of CCS(Conduct Rules)1964, by the employees of NIT Tiruchirappalli, is essential for the good governance.

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The Board of Governors authorizes the Director to take stern action against all the employees found violating CCS(Conduct Rules)1964.

The Chairperson thanked the services rendered by the two members, who represent Senate in the BoG, as their two years tenure comes to an end and in all the probability the 34th BoG meeting would be their last BOG meeting.

The meeting ended with vote of thanks to the Chair.

Dr. G. Swaminathan

**Registrar (Officiating) &
Secretary, BoG**

**Dr. Rajaram Nityananda
Chairperson, FC & BOG**
