PRESENT:

1. Ms. Kumud M.Srinivasan Chairperson
2. Dr. S. Sundarrajan Member
3. Shri. S. P. Goyal Member
4. Shri. Karumuttu T. Kannan Member
5. Shri. Ravi Viswanathan Member
6. Prof. Krishnan Balasubramanian Member
7. Dr. T.K. Radhakrishnan Member
8. Dr. K. N. Sheeba Member
9. Prof. G.Swaminathan Special Invitee
9. Shri A. Palanivel Secretary

The following members expressed their inability to attend the meeting:

1. Joint Secretary & Financial Advisor, IFD Member
2. Prof. R. Sethuraman Member
3. Prof. (Ms.) Vasudha Kamat Member
ITEM NO.A1 WELCOME ADDRESS BY THE CHAIRPERSON, BOARD OF GOVERNORS

Ms. Kumud M. Srinivasan, Chairperson, Board of Governors, welcomed all the members of the Board of Governors of National Institute of Technology, Tiruchirappalli especially Shri S.P. Goyal, JS, MHRD and the new members Dr T.K. Radhakrishnan and Dr K.N. Sheeba.

With the permission of the Chairperson, Secretary, Board of Governors, began deliberations on the Agenda Items.


The Secretary, Board of Governors read out the Minutes of the 39th Meeting of the Board of Governors

The comments of Shri Sanjeev Sharma, Director (NITs) were received and have been incorporated with the consent of the Chairperson.

No other member has offered any comments.

The Board of Governors confirmed the Minutes of the 39th Meeting of the Board of Governors.

RESOLUTION
40/BoG/2015/1 RESOLVED THAT the Minutes of the 39th Meeting of the Board of Governors held on 11th August, 2015 be confirmed.

ITEM NO.A3 ACTION TAKEN REPORT ON THE DECISIONS OF THE 39TH MEETING OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS

The ‘Action Taken’ on the decisions of the 39th Meeting of the Board of Governors was discussed and the Board of Governors observed as under: -

B.3 Item No. 3.2 The Board of Governors had desired that the ‘Terms of Reference’ of the Standing Committee be placed before the Board of Governors in its 40th Meeting, the compliance of which has not been reported.
E Item No.E.11

The Board of Governors resolved that action be taken as per the recommendation of the Learned Additional Solicitor General of India in his legal opinion.

Other Items

A point relating to a Retainer Consultancy offered to an external Government Department

The Board of Governors had desired that legal opinion be sought and an appropriate Disclaimer Clause may be incorporated in all contracts/consultancy projects, the compliance of which has not been reported.

‘Action Taken Note’ with respect to NIT Council Meetings and Visitor’s Conferences

The Board of Governors had desired that ‘Action Taken Note’ with respect to NIT Council Meetings and Visitor’s Conferences should be presented in each meeting of the Board of Governors, the compliance of which has not been reported.

RESOLUTION 40/BoG/2015/2

RESOLVED THAT the ‘Action Taken’ on the decisions of the 39th Meeting of the Board of Governors be noted and approved with the above mentioned observations of the Board of Governors.

ITEM NO.A4

DIRECTOR’S REPORT ON THE MAJOR ACHIEVEMENTS / DEVELOPMENTS SINCE THE LAST MEETING OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS HELD ON 11th AUGUST, 2015

The Director presented the following major Achievements/Developments took place in the Institute since the last Meeting of the Board of Governors:

- Departmental and Peer Review Committee
- Unnat Bharat Abhiyan & Swachh Bharat Abhiyan
- Vigilance Awareness Week
- Action points on Visitors Conference and NIT Council Meeting.

RESOLUTION 40/BoG/2015/3

RESOLVED THAT the Director’s Report on the major Achievements/Developments be noted with appreciation.

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ITEM NO.B5  MINUTES OF THE 15\textsuperscript{TH} MEETING OF THE BUILDING AND WORKS COMMITTEE HELD ON 24\textsuperscript{TH} NOVEMBER, 2015

RESOLUTION 40/BoG/2015/4 RESOLVED THAT the Minutes of the 15\textsuperscript{th} Meeting of the Building and Works Committee be placed before the Board of Governors after the finalization and confirmation of the Minutes of the 27\textsuperscript{th} Meeting of the Finance Committee wherein they were placed for consideration.

ITEM NO.B6  MINUTES OF THE 32\textsuperscript{ND} MEETING OF THE SENATE HELD ON 20\textsuperscript{TH} NOVEMBER, 2015

RESOLUTION 40/BoG/2015/5 RESOLVED THAT the Minutes of the 32\textsuperscript{nd} Meeting of the Senate be noted.

RESOLVED FURTHER THAT the new M.Tech Programme (Information Science & Engineering) be considered by the Board of Governors after being recommended by the Finance Committee.

ITEM NO.B7  MINUTES OF THE 27\textsuperscript{TH} MEETING OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 01\textsuperscript{ST} DECEMBER, 2015

RESOLUTION 40/BoG/2015/6 RESOLVED THAT the Annual Accounts of 2014-15 be approved.

RESOLVED FURTHER THAT other items in the Minutes of the 27\textsuperscript{th} Meeting of the Finance Committee be placed in the next Meeting of the Board of Governors for consideration after the finalization and confirmation of the Minutes of the 27\textsuperscript{th} Meeting of the Finance Committee.
ITEM NO.C8 TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE PROPOSAL FOR AGE RELAXATION FOR INSTITUTE EMPLOYEES UNDER SPECIAL RECRUITMENT DRIVE FOR PWDs

The Secretary, Board of Governors briefed the Board that the Institute has received comments from Integrated Finance Division (IFD), Department of Higher Education, Government of India on this Agenda Item through their Letter No. 3-19/2013 – IFD dated 24th November, 2015. He further informed that the IFD has suggested the Institute to refer the matter to MHRD in a self-contained manner for obtaining its approval and the Board agreed to proceed accordingly.

RESOLUTION 40/BoG/2015/7 RESOLVED THAT the matter be referred to MHRD by sending self-contained note for obtaining its approval.

ITEM NO.C9 TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE REPORT OF THE INTERNAL COMPLAINTS COMMITTEE

The Board noted the report of the Internal Complaints Committee and advised the Institute to organize gender sensitization training programmes for the faculty and staff members of the Institute.

RESOLUTION 40/BoG/2015/8 RESOLVED THAT the report of the Internal Complaints Committee be noted.

RESOLVED FURTHER THAT Gender Sensitization Training Programmes for faculty and staff members be organized in the Institute.

ITEM NO.C10 TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE SENATE TO START NEW M.TECH PROGRAMMES

RESOLUTION 40/BoG/2015/9 RESOLVED THAT the new M.Arch Programme (Energy Efficient & Sustainable Architecture) be approved

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RESOLVED FURTHER THAT the new M.Tech Programme (Information Science & Engineering) be considered in the next meeting of the Board of Governors after the finalization and confirmation of the Minutes of the 27th Meeting of the Finance Committee wherein these proposals were placed for consideration.

ITEM NO.C11  TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE ANNUAL PERFORMANCE APPRAISAL REPORT (APAR) FORM FOR THE FACULTY MEMBERS OF NITT

The Board approved the APAR form for the faculty members of NITT as proposed.

RESOLUTION 40/BoG/2015/10  RESOLVED THAT the Annual Performance Appraisal Report (APAR) form for the faculty members of the Institute be approved as proposed.

ITEM NO. D12  CONFIRMATION/RATIFICATION OF THE DECISIONS TAKEN BY THE CHAIRPERSON, BOARD OF GOVERNORS/DIRECTOR ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS

The Board ratified the decisions taken by the Chairperson on behalf of the Board as contained in Annexure IX of the Agenda Note.

RESOLUTION 40/BoG/2015/11  RESOLVED THAT the decisions taken by the Chairperson, Board of Governors on behalf of the Board as contained in Annexure IX of the Agenda Note be ratified.

ITEM NO. E13  REPORTING ITEMS

The Board of Governors noted the reporting items (a) to (g) with the following observations (if any): -

(a) Constitution of Oversight Committee by MHRD to look into various anomalies of non-teaching staff of NITs.

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(b) Report of the Standing Committee on Code of Conduct and Ethics.

The report was considered by the Board of Governors and it was decided that the Institute be advised to take appropriate action with respect to the recommendations of the Standing Committee on all the four cases and report the 'Action Taken' in the next Meeting of the Board of Governors.

(c) Instruction to Heads/ Chairman of Autonomous bodies regarding initiating action to make selections at least two months before concluding their tenure.

(d) Constitution of various Committees – Grievance Committee, Equivalence Committee, NITT-IIITT Interface Committee.

(e) New Court cases

The Board of Governors advised the Director to vigorously pursue all these and the other pending court cases.

(f) Appointment of Deans and other officials.

(g) Selection of Adjunct, Visiting and Emeritus Professors.

Recommendations of the Specialists Committee Chaired by Prof. S.R.Gandhi, Visitor’s nominee, IIT Madras were accepted by the BoG for appointment of Dr. M.S. Mathews, Retired Professor of Civil Engineering, IIT Madras and Dr. S. Srinivasan, Retired Professor of Management Studies, IIT Kharagpur as Emeritus Professors in NIT Tiruchirappalli.

RESOLUTION 40/BoG/2015/12

RESOLVED THAT reporting items (a) to (g) be noted with the above mentioned observations of the Board of Governors.

ITEM NO. F14

ANY OTHER ITEM WITH THE PERMISSION OF THE CHAIR

The following items were discussed under this item:

(a) Procurement of Work Station for EEE Department: During February 2014, NITT floated a public tender for setting up of two UG labs – lay out design, assembly, supply, installation and commissioning of Electrical machine Work Stations for Electrical and Electronics Engineering Department at an estimated cost of Rs 3.00 Crores. Since there was a change in pre-qualification criteria, a fresh tender was
again floated in August 2014. During the course of technical bid
evaluation one of the bidder M/s Anshuman Tech Pvt Ltd, Pune did
not qualify and they disputed through RTI and they say NITT
precisely engineered their technical qualifications so as to favour M/s
Rockwell Automation India Pvt Ltd, Chennai. In May 2015, they have
lodged their protest to the Appellate Authority, NITT seeking redress
for their complaint. Appellate Authority also rejected their complaint.
In June 2015, the price bid of the lone technically qualified bidder M/s
Rockwell Automation was opened and they have quoted a price of Rs
2.78 Crores. Purchase order is yet to be released. As regards technical
specifications, NITT asserts that it is not bidder specific to favour any
single bidder. A detailed letter was sent to MHRD in September, 2015.

The matter was discussed and the Board of Governors observed that the
Building and Works Committee should examine the matter and its
recommendations through the Finance Committee be placed before the
Board of Governors for consideration.
The Board of Governors further observed that the extant General Financial
Rules and the CVC guidelines regarding transparency be strictly followed
in letter and spirit.

(b) Implementation of Decisions taken in the 9th Council of NITSER
meeting held on 1st October, 2015 at NIT Warangal: MHRD in its
letter F. No. 34-6/2015-TS.III dated 20th October 2015 has directed
the Board of Governors of all NITs to consider the modification in
the First Statutes of NITs.

The Board considered and approved the proposal for modification in the
First Statutes 2009 of the National Institutes of Technology (NITs) in NIT
Tiruchirappalli.

(c) Setting up of Siemens Center of Excellence on Manufacturing
Technology.

The Director briefed the Board about the need for setting up of Siemens
Center of Excellence on Manufacturing Technology in the Institute. The
Board in principle accepted the proposal for setting up the Center and
advised the Institute to follow the due process for setting it up. The
Director informed that the details will be presented in the next Meeting
of the Board of Governors.

(d) Approval for disbursement of honorarium for the faculty members
of NITT handling M.Tech Course in Construction Technology and
Management sponsored by L & T Construction, Chennai.
M.Tech. in Construction Technology & Management programme is fully sponsored by L&T Construction under Build India Scholarship (BIS) programme. This is an inter-disciplinary programme managed by Civil, Mechanical and Electrical and Electronics Engineering at NITT. For running this programme L&T pays Rs. 2.5 Lakhs per candidate as a sponsorship fee (which is Rs.75 Lakhs for 30 students) and a committee is constituted by the Director to recommend the procedure for utilising this fund. The proposal regarding fund utilisation was placed before the Board and the Board advised the Institute to place the matter for consideration of the Senate and the Finance Committee before placing it before the Board.

(e) Solar PV Power Plant at NITT.

The Director briefed the present status of Solar PV Power Plant in the Institute and the proposal sent to MHRD and MNRE for 5 MW ground mounted SPV plant through the RESCO model. The Board noted the status.

As per the recommendation of the Building and Works Committee in its 15th Meeting held on 24th November 2015, the installation of 2 MW interactive SPV Power Plant was discussed and the Board agreed in principle to the proposal.

It was further agreed that since the Minutes of the 15th Meeting of the Building and Works Committee are to be placed before the Board of Governors after the finalization and confirmation of the Minutes of the 27th Meeting of the Finance Committee wherein they were placed for consideration, this matter be again discussed in detail at that time.

RESOLUTION
40/BoG/2015/13
RESOLVED THAT items (a) to (e) be approved with the above mentioned observations of the Board of Governors.

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks.

Shri A. Palanivel
Secretary

Ms. Kumud M. Srinivasan
Chairperson

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