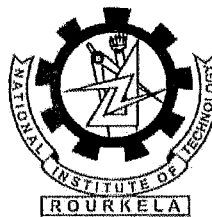


National Institute of Technology Rourkela

MINUTES

95th MEETING OF BOARD OF GOVERNORS

[Through Offline/VC mode]



Date : 27th June, 2024 (Thursday)

Time : 12:20 P.M. - 01:00 P.M.

Venue : Board Room, NIT Rourkela

**The Board of Governors
NIT, Rourkela**

Members present

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Members absent

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राष्ट्रीय प्रौद्योगिकी संस्थान राउरकेला
National Institute of Technology Rourkela

MINUTES OF THE 95TH MEETING OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS, NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY ROURKELA, HELD FROM 12:20 PM TO 01:00 PM ON 27.06.2024 (THURSDAY) IN THE BOARD ROOM OF NIT ROURKELA THROUGH OFFLINE/VC MODE.

A. GENERAL AND PROCEDURAL MATTERS

BOG-95(2024)-01: Welcome to all members to the meeting by the Chairperson.

The Chairperson welcomed all the members to the meeting.

BOG-95(2024)-02: Confirmation of the minutes of the 94th meeting of the BOG held on 26.04.2024 in the Board Room, NIT Rourkela, through offline/VC mode.

The minutes of the 94th BOG meeting held on 26.04.2024 in the Board Room of NIT Rourkela through offline/VC mode were circulated by e-mail to all the members. No comments were received from the members. A copy of the minutes is given in the Annexure.

[Annexure-A1, Page 8-21]

The Board confirmed and approved the agenda item.

BOG-95(2024)-03: To report the action taken on the decisions made in the 94th meeting of the BOG held on 26.04.2024 in the Board Room, NIT Rourkela, through offline/VC mode.

The report regarding action taken on the decisions made in the 94th BOG meeting minutes held on 26.04.2024 in the Board Room of NIT Rourkela through offline/VC mode is given in the Annexure for information of the Board.

[Annexure-A2, Page 22-24]

The Board noted the above.

BOG-95(2024)-04: To consider the minutes of the 70th FC meeting.

The following agenda items of the 70th FC Meeting are placed in the BOG for approval:

FC-70(2024)-02: Confirmation of the minutes of the 69th Meeting of the Finance Committee held on 26.04.2024 in the Board Room, NIT Rourkela, through offline/VC mode.

FC-70(2024)-03: To approve the Statement of Accounts for the FY 2023-24.

FC-70(2024)-04: Proposal for revision of monthly emoluments and guidelines on service conditions for research personnel engaged in the R&D program of the Central Govt. Departments.

FC-70(2024)-05: Enhancement of reimbursement limit of TA, DA, the Registration fee for conferences, workshops, seminars, summer/winter schools, specialized training, etc. and grant of local travel cost at the duty station.

[Annexure-A3, Page 25-29]

The Board considered and approved the 70th minutes of the FC.

B. POLICY AND IMPORTANT ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

BOG-95(2024)-05: Amendment in the statute to prevent overlap between responsibilities of the Director and Chairperson, Board of Governors.

The Ministry of Education, Govt. of India, New Delhi, vide their communication F.No.35-2/2024-TS.III dated 27/03/2024, has informed that the Hon'ble Visitor of the Central Higher Education Institutions (President Secretariat) in one of the proposals submitted by the IIIT Division of the Ministry for extension in tenure of existing Chairperson, BoG, has returned the proposal with the following observations:

- To revisit their proposal given the provisions contained in Clause 16(5) of the First Statutes of IITs of the IIIT Act, 2014;
- To clearly distinguish between the responsibilities of the Director and Chairperson and prevent any overlap, the Ministry is requested to take appropriate action to amend the Statutes if deemed necessary.

Further, the Ministry of Education also communicated vide dated 05/04/2024 to all NITs that, at present, there are no provisions under the Statutes to extend the term of incumbent Chairperson, BoGs or assign the temporary or additional charge of the post of Chairperson, BoGs to the Chairperson, BoGs of any other NITs or CFTIs in the event of occurrence of any vacancy in the office of Chairperson for any reason. Hence, the Ministry of Education has requested the NITs to place the observations received from the President's Secretariat before the Board of Governors of the Institute to pass a suitable resolution for inserting clause (v) in Statutes 14 and amending Clause 17(15) of the Statutes of NITs. The Amended Clause received vide communication dated 05/04/2024 from the Ministry of Education as follows:



1. Amendment (05/04/2024) to insert the following clause in Statute 14 of Statutes of NITs and IEST, Shibpur under clause (v) of Statute 14 of the Statutes:

(v) "In the event of the occurrence of any vacancy in the office of the Chairperson of Board of Governors by reason of expiry of his or her tenure, death, resignation or otherwise or in the event of the Chairperson being unable to discharge his or her functions owing to absence, illness or any other cause, the Chairperson of an Institute of National Importance (INI) nominated by the Visitor to fill up the casual vacancy, may discharge the functions assigned to the Chairperson under Section 16 of the Act, **for a period of six months or till the nomination of a regular Chairperson, whichever is earlier**".

Additionally, in case of expiry of tenure, the Visitor may extend the term of the incumbent Chairperson for six months or till the nomination of a regular Chairperson, whichever is earlier.

2. Secondly, the relevant provisions in the Statutes are being inserted under clause (v) of Statute 14 of the Statutes to have clear distinctions between the responsibilities of the Director and Chairperson and to prevent any overlap of functions provided in the Statutes, it is, therefore, necessary to delete clause (15) of Statute 17 of the Statutes of NITs and IEST-Shibpur.

The matter is placed before the Board for a suitable resolution to amend the Clause in the Statutes of NITs as per provisions Section 26 (2) of the NITSER Act, 2007.

[Annexure-A4, Page 30-31]

The Board approved the above proposal.

BOG-95(2024)-06: Approval of the recommendations of the Selection Committee for the appointment of (i) faculty members in various departments through Faculty Recruitment Drive – 2023, (ii) Consultant (Veterinary) (on contract) as an internal member of the Institutional Animal Ethics Committee (IAEC), and (iii) Public Relations Officer (PRO) (on contract).

In reference to in-principle approval by the BOG vide resolution no. BOG-94(2024)-08, BOG-94(2024)-09 and BOG-94(2024)-10, respectively, dated 26.04.2024, the Selection Committee recommendations for the appointment of faculty members in various departments through Faculty Recruitment Drive – 2023, Consultant (Veterinary) (on contract) as an internal member of the Institutional Animal Ethics Committee (IAEC), and Public Relations Officer (PRO) (on contract) respectively are placed before the Board for kind approval since the Model Code of Conduct has now been lifted.

[Annexure-A5, Page 32-46]



The Board approved the recommendations of the Selection Committee for the appointment of (i) faculty members in various departments through Faculty Recruitment Drive – 2023, (ii) Consultant (Veterinary) (on contract) as an internal member of the Institutional Animal Ethics Committee (IAEC), and (iii) Public Relations Officer (PRO) (on contract).

During the discussion regarding recommendations of the Selection Committee for Faculty Recruitment Drive – 2023, the Director apprised the Board about the selection of Prof. Rohan Dhiman, Registrar (holding lien in the post of Associate Professor, Department of Life Science) to the post of Professor, Department of Life Science in the Academic Pay Level 14A with an AGP of Rs. 10,500.

After deliberations, the Board allowed Prof. Dhiman to join as Professor in the Department of Life Science and continue his current assignment as a Registrar at NIT Rourkela.

BOG-95(2024)-07: Approval of Departmental Promotion Committee (DPC) recommendation for promotion of Officers.

In terms of the NIT Recruitment Rules 2019, the selection process for promotion of eligible non-teaching employees to the next higher grade was conducted by the Departmental Promotion Committee (DPC), constituted as per the provision of NIT Statutes. The selection process for the post below Level 7 was through a written and/or Trade Test and Annual Performance Appraisal Report. The selection process for the post with Pay Level 8 and above was through a written test/Presentation, Personal interview and APAR.

In terms of section 24 of the NIT Act, BOG is the appointing authority for Non-Teaching Staff (Officer Cadre).

Accordingly, the list of successful candidates for the Officer Cadre Post recommended by DPC is placed on the table for approval by the Board.

[Annexure-A6, Page 47]

The Board approved the DPC's recommendations for promotion of Officers.

BOG-95(2024)-08: Approval for the extension of tenure of Audit Consultant (On contract).

As recommended by the BOG, vide resolution no. BOG-89(2023)-15 dated 13.03.2023, Mr. Akshaya Kumar Nayak was appointed as Consultant (Audit) in the Internal Audit Office of the Institute for a period of one-year w.e.f. 29.08.2023 to file suitable replies to outstanding Audit Paras of CAG.



Since then, he has been looking after CAG Audit Paras/observations and preparing suitable replies. He also liaises with the CAG Office in Bhubaneswar to settle the Audit Paras. During the transaction audit held in December 2023, he gave crucial support and 61 outstanding paras were dropped by CAG.

Therefore, the Board is requested to extend his tenure for another year w.e.f. 29.08.2024.

[Annexure-A7, Page 48-49]

The Board approved the above proposal and recommended an extension of the tenure of Mr. Akshaya Kumar Nayak, Audit Consultant (On contract), for another year w.e.f. 29.08.2024.

BOG-95(2024)-09: Appointment/Extension of Deans'/Associate Deans' tenure.

The Director has nominated and proposed the responsibility (new appointment or extension of tenure) of Deans and Associate Deans to the faculty members as per the following table, which is placed before the Board for kind approval:

A) Dean:

S. No.	Dept. Code	Existing Incumbent	New Incumbent	Effective Date	
				From	To
1.	FW	Prof. Chandan K. Sahoo (SM)	Prof. Anindya Basu (MM)	01.07.24	30.06.26
2.	AC	Prof. Snehashish Chakraverty (MA)	Continue	01.07.23	30.06.25
3.	SW	Prof. Sidhartha S. Jena (PH)	Prof. Niranjana Panda (CY)	01.07.24	30.06.26
4.	PD	Prof. Pradip Sarkar (CE)	Prof. Pradip Sarkar (CE)	01.07.24	30.06.26
5.	SR	Prof. S. K. Pratihari (CR)	Continue	07.12.23	30.06.25
6.	AR	Prof. H. B. Sahu (MN)	Continue	01.07.23	30.06.25

B) Associate Dean:

S. No.	Dept. Code	Existing Incumbent	New Incumbent	Effective Date	
				From	To
1.	FW	Prof. Kakoli Karar (Paul) (CE)	Prof. Manish Okade (EC)	01.07.24	30.06.26
2.	AC (UG/NBA/NIRF)	Prof. Samit Ari (EC)	Term Extended	26.05.22	30.06.25
3.	AC (PG/RESEARCH)	Prof. Jyoti Prakash Kar (PH)	Prof. R. C. Pradhan (FP)	01.07.24	30.06.26
4.	AR	Prof. Pankaj Kumar Sa (CS)	Continue	01.07.23	30.06.25
5.	PD (*MEP)	Prof. Subrata Karmakar (EE)	Term Extended	01.07.22	30.06.25

6.	SR	Prof. Madhurima Jana (CY)	Continue	01.07.23	30.06.25
7.	SR	Prof. Shantanu Kumar Behera (CR)	Continue	28.12.23	30.06.25

*Mechanical, Electrical and Plumbing (MEP)

The Board approved the appointment/extension of Deans' / Associate Deans' tenure present as per the above proposal. Since, Prof. J. P. Kar, as per seniority, would be the new HoD, Physics and Astronomy, so Prof. R. C. Pradhan, FP shall be new Associate Dean [AC(PG/RESEARCH)] in place of him.

C. ROUTINE ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS: NIL

D. ACADEMIC MATTERS: NIL

E. MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS: NIL

BOG-95(2024)-10: Permission to organize the International Conference.

The following requests from different departments have been received for organizing the International Conferences on various dates as follows:

Sl. No.	Department	Title of the Conference	Date	Venue
1.	Department of Chemical Engineering (CH)	"Sthitivartana 2024" (AIChE Student Regional Conference, South Asia)	09 th – 11 th August, 2024	NIT Rourkela
2.	Department of Mechanical Engineering (ME)	Automation and Machine Learning using Robots and Artificial Intelligence Methods (AMLURAIM)- Series: 1	2 nd – 3 rd December, 2024	NIT Rourkela
3.	Central Research Facility (CRF)	Recent Innovation and Development in Science and Engineering Fields (RIDSEF: SERIES-1)	3 rd – 4 th December, 2024	NIT Rourkela
4.	Department of Industrial Design (ID)	6 th Innovation Product Design and Intelligent Manufacturing System (IPDIMS 2024)	04 th – 05 th December, 2024	NIT Rourkela
5.	Department of Computer Science Engineering (CSE)	International Conference on Intelligent Systems and Embedded Design (ISED-2024)	20 th – 22 nd December, 2024	NIT Rourkela

The details are given in the Annexure.

The Board approved the above proposals.

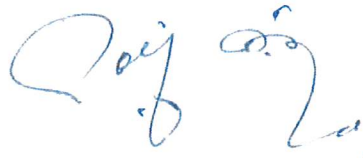
BOG-95(2024)-11: Any other item with the permission of the Chair.

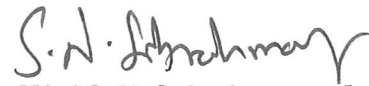
During the discussion, the Hon'ble Chairperson, BOG, suggested presenting the Physical and Financial progress report of all the construction activities being undertaken in the Institute in every forthcoming BOG meeting.

He also suggested presenting the current status of Entrepreneurship activities being undertaken by Foundation for Technology and Business Incubation (FTBI).

It was also suggested that a proposal be prepared for undertaking research activities on the new technologies and developing research infrastructure in the institute as per the international benchmarks.

The meeting ended with thanks to the Chair.


[Prof. Rohan Dhiman] 8/7/2024
Registrar and Secretary
BOG, NIT Rourkela


[Shri S. N. Subrahmanyam]
Chairperson,
BOG, NIT Rourkela