

**NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY KARNATAKA  
SURATHKAL**



**MINUTES  
OF  
47<sup>th</sup> MEETING OF  
BOARD OF GOVERNORS**

**Date : 08.05.2017 (Monday)**  
**Time : 12.00 Noon**  
**Venue : Radisson BLU  
Hotel Atria, Bengaluru**

**NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY KARNATAKA, SURATHKAL,  
MANGALURU – 575 025**

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Minutes of proceedings of 47<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Board of Governors (BoG) of National Institute of Technology Karnataka, Surathkal held on May 08, 2017 (Monday) at 12:00 noon at Radisson BLU, Hotel Atria, Bengaluru.

**Members Present:**

1. **Ms. Vanitha Narayanan** ..... Chairperson  
Chairperson, IBM India Private Limited  
Embassy Golf Links Business Park, Block - A, Off: Indiranagar,  
Koramangala Intermediate Ring Road,  
Bengaluru – 560 071.
2. **Shri Sanjeev Kumar Sharma** ..... Member  
Director – NITs, MHRD, New Delhi.  
*Representative of:*  
**Shri Shashi Prakash Goyal**  
Joint Secretary (TE),  
Ministry of Human Resource Development,  
Dept. of Higher Education, Technical Education Bureau,  
122B-C, Shastri Bhavan, New Delhi – 110 001.
3. **Dr. Shanth Averahally Thimmaiah** ..... Member  
Managing Director, M/s. METAMORPHOSIS Project Consultants Pvt. Ltd.  
“PRAKRUTI BHAVAN”, #200, 2nd Floor, 1<sup>st</sup> Cross,  
40th Main, Behind Central Silk Board,  
BTM Layout 2nd stage, BENGALURU – 560068.
4. **Shri Mudda Kedarnath** .... Member  
Advisor – Aditya Birla Group  
No. 17, Shankar Nilaya, 8th Main  
18<sup>th</sup> Cross, Upper Palace Orchard  
Sadashivnagar, Bengaluru - 560080.
5. **Dr. (Ms.) Lalitha R Gowda** .... Member  
Former Chief Scientist,  
CSIR-Central Food Technological Research Institute,  
Baylor, 1235 Gange Road, 3rd Cross,  
Kuvempunagar, Mysuru – 570023.
6. **Dr. (Ms.) Anju Chadha** ..... Member  
Professor, Laboratory of Bioorganic Chemistry,  
Department of Biotechnology & NCCR,  
Indian Institute of Technology Madras,  
CHENNAI - 600 036.



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| 7.  | <b>Dr. M K Nagaraj</b><br>Professor, Department of Applied Mechanics,<br>NITK, Surathkal.              | ..... | Member    |
| 8.  | <b>Dr. Kumar G N</b><br>Assistant Professor, Department of Mechanical Engineering,<br>NITK, Surathkal. | ..... | Member    |
| 9.  | <b>Dr. K.N.Lokesh</b><br>Director (in charge),<br>NITK, Surathkal                                      | ..... | Member    |
| 10. | <b>Shri K. Ravindranath</b><br>Registrar<br>NITK, Surathkal.   | ....  | Secretary |

Chairperson welcomed all the members to the 47<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Board of Governors. After a brief discussion, with the permission of the Chair, the Secretary, began deliberations on Agenda items.

**Item No. 47.1: Confirmation of the Minutes of the 46<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Board of Governors held on November 12, 2016.**

The minutes of the 46<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Board of Governors held on November 12, 2016 were read; and since no comments were received, the minutes were confirmed.

**Item No. 47.2: To consider report on actions taken on the resolutions of 46<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Board of Governors held on November 12, 2016.**

The BoG noted the report on action taken. Considering the necessity of further discussion based on the submissions made to the BoG, the BoG decided to consider the following items for further discussion under any other Items:

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| (i)   | Item No. 44.4.23:   | Review of NITK Hostel trust;   |
| (ii)  | Item No. 45.4.1:    | Disciplinary action against Dr. Robert John D'Souza, Retired Professor;      |
| (iii) | Item No. 45.4.5:    | Inclusion of Maithry Hospital in the list of Recognized hospitals.           |
| (iv)  | Item No. 45.4.13    | Rectification of typographical error in restructuring of non-teaching staff. |
| (v)   | Item No.45.4.15(i)  | Appointment of Faculty   |
| (vi)  | Item No.45.4.15(ii) | Appointment of Non-Faculty   |
| (vii) | Item No.45.4.15(ii) | Appointment on compassionate grounds   |

Further it was informed that whenever any item requires discussion and approval, the same be placed as separate item itself instead of reporting under "Action Taken Report".

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**Item No. 47.3:** To consider the recommendations of 37<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Finance Committee held on May 08, 2017.

**37<sup>th</sup> Finance Committee items:**

**Item No. 37.3.1:** The budget proposal for design, development, Testing and Implementation of Academic Centric Students Information System.

***Resolutions of the Finance Committee:***

The Finance Committee noted the presentation of the Dean (R&C). After deliberation, the Finance Committee passed the following resolutions:

- (i) The Finance Committee resolved to recommend to the BoG for approval of the Budget estimate of Rs. 53,68,000 in respect of Design, Development, Testing and Implementation of Academic Centric Students Information System;
- (ii) The Finance Committee suggested to ensure strict adherence to GFR – 2017 and other statutory obligations while purchasing the items related to the said project and to see that transparency in purchase is maintained;
- (iii) While disbursing remuneration, there shall not be any room for allegations of bias;
- (iv) All appointments for maintenance of the scheme shall be strictly as per the Statutes and the designations must be as per the Recruitment Rules. The total sanctioned strength must be kept in mind while making appointments.

***Resolutions of the Board of Governors:***

The BoG resolved to approve the recommendations of the Finance Committee.

**Item No. 37.3.2:** Proposal of Department of Electrical and Electronics Engineering regarding procurement of laboratory equipment under the provision of Infrastructural Grant of Visvesvaraya Ph.D. Scheme.

***Resolutions of the Finance Committee:***

The Finance Committee noted the contents of the proposal. After deliberation, the Finance Committee passed the following resolutions:

- (i) The Finance Committee resolved to recommend to the BoG for in-principle approval of the proposal.
- (ii) The Finance Committee suggested that while purchasing any laboratory items/ equipment, it must be ensured that
  - (a) such equipment is absolutely required;
  - (b) such equipment is presently not available in the Department or Institute;
  - (c) such purchase shall not result in infructuous expenditure in future.
  - (d) Such equipment shall be the property of the Institute.



- (iii) The Department shall frame suitable guidelines to ensure proper outcome from the research students.

***Resolutions of the Board of Governors:***

The BoG resolved to approve the recommendations of the Finance Committee.

- Item No. 37.3.3 (i):** Details of the Committee proceedings for purchase of essential lab equipment under surplus IRG:

***Resolutions of the Finance Committee:***

The Finance Committee noted the proceedings of the Committee and resolved to recommend to approve the purchase of lab equipments costing to Rs. 1.80 crore and Rs. 0.20 crore to fund the Research projects.

***Resolutions of the Board of Governors:***

The BoG resolved to approve the recommendations of the Finance Committee.

- Item No. 37.3.3 (ii)** Resolutions of the Committee regarding Registration Fee (backlog courses/ Tuition fee/ Stipend/ application fee)

***Resolutions of the Finance Committee:***

The FC resolved to approve the recommendations of the committee to collect Registration Fee of Rs.3000/- per subject for backlog courses.

***Resolutions of the Board of Governors:***

The BoG resolved to approve the recommendations of the Finance Committee.

- Item No. 47.4:** To consider the items placed before the 47<sup>th</sup> meeting dated May 08, 2017 of the Board of Governors (Present meeting).

- Item No. 47.4.1:** To consider the request of Dr. Udaykumar R. Y. who is on lien as Director, MNIT Jaipur for placing in HAG Scale.

The BoG resolved to approve the request of Dr. Udaykumar R. Y. for the grant of HAG scale of Rs.67,000 – 79,000 without GP as per relevant orders of the Ministry of HRD, Govt. of India.

Action owner: Registrar  
Timeframe: As applicable.



**Item No. 47.4.2:** To consider the Minutes of 33<sup>rd</sup> meeting of the Building and Works Committee held on 26.12.2016 placed before the BoG – Reg.

The BoG resolved to defer the item and to place it again through the Finance Committee.

Action owner: Registrar  
Timeframe: As applicable.

**Item No. 47.4.3:** To consider the recommendations of Building & Works Committee for granting:

- (i) Administrative approval for the preliminary estimate for ₹86.23 lakh and expenditure sanction in respect of the work of “Providing Furniture and other furnishings to new Ladies Hostel building (250 single occupancy rooms – 5<sup>th</sup> block)” furnished by CPWD; and
- (ii) Depositing 33.33% of the preliminary estimate amount (₹28.74 lakh) with CPWD in two installments of 10% and 23.33%– Reg.

The Hon’ble members of the BoG objected for placing the above item directly without the recommendations of the Finance Committee.

In this connection, it was informed to the BoG that in the 33<sup>rd</sup> meeting of the Finance Committee dated 13-11-2015, the following resolution was passed by the Finance Committee which was approved by the BoG in its 43<sup>rd</sup> meeting dated 13-11-2015.

***Extract from the minutes of 33<sup>rd</sup> meeting of the FC and 43<sup>rd</sup> meeting of the BoG dated 13-11-2015:***

**FC Item No. 33.3.3:** To consider the minutes of 31<sup>st</sup> meeting of the Building and Works Committee held on 30-07-2015.

***Resolutions of the Finance Committee:***

- (i) Resolved to recommend to the Board of Governors for approval of the minutes of 31<sup>st</sup> meeting of the Building and Works Committee held on 30-07-2015;
- (ii) Finance Committee suggested that before taking up the new major projects, the timely completion of the existing projects and availability of sufficient grants for the new projects must be ensured.
- (iii) Representatives of the Ministry who participated in the meeting through video conference suggested that the minutes of the Building & Works Committee need not be placed before the Finance Committee, but to be placed before the Board of Governors directly. If administrative and financial approvals are required for any of the proposals approved by the Building and Works Committee, then such items should be placed before the Board of Governors as a specific separate item duly referring the recommendations of the Building & Works Committee.

***Resolutions of the Board of Governors:***

BoG resolved to approve the recommendations of the Finance Committee.

Considering the above resolutions, the above item was placed directly before the BoG after obtaining recommendations of the Building & Works Committee.

Considering the above submission, the BoG agreed to discuss on the matter.

While discussing the item, the Hon'ble members of the BoG expressed objection for proceeding with the work by communicating approval to CPWD on recommendations for approval of the B&WC, but without the approval of the BoG. The Hon'ble members also expressed that the rates adopted in the estimate appears to be on higher side.

In this connection, the following submissions were made to the BoG:

- (a) Based on the recommendations of the 32<sup>nd</sup> meeting dated 10-03-2016, the Board of Governors vide their 44<sup>th</sup> meeting dated 23-03-2016 (Item No. 44.4.6) resolved to approve granting in-principle approval for the work of providing furniture and other furnishings to new Ladies Hostel under construction by CPWD and also to entrust the work to CPWD on Deposit Work basis. The BoG further suggested that the work may be completed before the next academic year begins.
- (b) On getting this approval of the BoG, The CPWD was requested to take up the said work by them vide Institute's letter dated 04-04-2016.
- (c) The Chief Engineer, CPWD, Bengaluru communicated his approval for taking up of the work on deposit work vide his letter dated 21-04-2016 and instructed the Project Manager, CPWD, NITK Project Circle for further action.
- (d) The CPWD vide its letter dated 16-08-2016 furnished the estimate for Rs. 86.23 lakh.
- (e) After getting the rates adopted in the estimate verified by the Resident Engineer, the estimate was placed before the Building & Works Committee during its 33<sup>rd</sup> meeting held on 26-12-2016.
- (f) The B&WC resolved to recommend approving of the estimate and recommendations and this recommendations of 33<sup>rd</sup> B&WC meeting was now placed before the BoG for approval.
- (g) In the meantime, the BoG in its meeting dated 23-03-2016 resolved to complete the work before the start of next academic year. Considering the urgency of work and there was a gap of 6 months from the previous FC/BoG meeting to the next meeting, the CPWD was requested to go ahead with the work. This action was taken in the interest of early completion of the project so that the building may be made available for allotment to the lady students before the beginning of next academic year.
- (h) As regards to opinion of high rates as expressed by the Hon'ble members, it was informed that after floating tenders, a part of the work(wooden) was awarded by CPWD at 16.17 lakhs below the estimate amount put to tender. Hence, the savings due to this tender premium is about Rs.10.88 lakhs. The other part(electrical) is yet to be tendered

Considering the above submissions and in view of the action taken in the interest of completion of much awaited Ladies Hostel, the BOG was requested to consider the matter for post-facto approval.

**After deliberations on the issue, the BoG resolved as follows:**

- (i) The BoG resolved to approve the estimate as recommended by the B&WC in its meeting dated 26-12-2016;
- (j) The Institute is informed not to proceed with any work without the specific financial approval of the BoG in future.

**Item No. 47.4.4:** To consider the recommendations of Building & Works Committee for granting approval of estimate for ₹ 62.50 lakh for “Providing new Furniture to various Departments”.

The BoG resolved to defer the item and to place it again through the Finance Committee.

Action owner: Registrar  
Timeframe: As applicable.

**Item No. 47.4.5:** To consider the recommendations of Building & Works Committee for granting:

- (i) Administrative approval for the preliminary estimate for ₹2,43,48,000 and expenditure sanction in respect of the work of “Providing Furniture and other furnishings to new building for the Department of Computer Science and Engineering” furnished by CPWD; and
- (ii) Depositing 33.33% of the preliminary estimate amount (₹81.15 lakh) with CPWD in two installments of 10% and 23.33%– Reg.

The BoG resolved to defer the item and to place it again through the Finance Committee.

Action owner: Registrar  
Timeframe: As applicable.

**Item No. 47.4.6:** To consider the request of Dr. Muralidhar Kulkarni, Professor, Dept. of E&C Engg. for grant of sabbatical leave for writing new text book for a period of 11 months from 14<sup>th</sup> July 2017 to 13<sup>th</sup> June 2018 – Reg.

The BoG resolved not to approve the request and to refer the matter to MHRD for suitable guidelines on availing sabbatical leave.

Action owner: Registrar  
Timeframe: As applicable.

**Item No. 47.4.7:** To consider the Financial Report of Centralized Counselling of M.Tech/ M.Arch/ M.Plan/ M.Des Admissions 2016-17 (CCMT-2016).

The BoG resolved to defer the matter to the next meeting. The guidelines that may be issued by the MHRD with regards to distribution of remunerations be considered while placing the agenda note. The Statement of Accounts be got audited by an external auditor before placing it before the next meeting of the BoG. Also former Directors names be deleted from the distribution list.

Action owner: CCMT/Dean (Academic)  
Timeframe: Immediately.





**Item No. 47.4.8:** To consider the guidelines framed for Testing & Consultancy and Sponsored Research Project w.e.f. financial year 2017-18.

The BoG resolved to defer the matter to the next meeting. The guidelines that may be issued by the MHRD in this matter be considered while placing the agenda note.

Action owner: Dean (R&C)  
Timeframe: As applicable.

**Item No. 47.4.9:** Dr. Vijaykumar Hinasgeri, Assistant Professor, Department of Mechanical Engineering – Grant of permission to take up Indo-Australia EMCR Fellowship 2016-17 offered by INSA for a period of 8 months from 15<sup>th</sup> May 2017 to 10<sup>th</sup> January 2018 - Regarding.

Considering the eligibility criteria of Dr. Vijaykumar Hinasgeri, he is not eligible for sabbatical leave for a period of 8 months from 15<sup>th</sup> May 2017 to 10<sup>th</sup> January 2018. Further the disciplinary proceedings are contemplated against him as per resolution in item No. 47.4.10 of this meeting of the BoG. In view of this, it is not approved.

**Item No. 47.4.10:** Continuous improper behaviour and Initiation of Disciplinary Proceedings on Dr. Vijaykumar Hinasgeri, Assistant Professor, Department of Mechanical Engineering, NITK, Surathkal.

The Board Members expressed their deep anguish and dissatisfaction over continued improper behaviour by Dr. Vijaykumar Hinasgeri. In the best interest of the Institute it is resolved to take disciplinary action as his continuance in office is likely to seriously subvert discipline in the Institute. Further, the Director In-charge NITK, has been asked to serve him show cause notice with charges immediately.

**Item No. 47.4.11:** Writ Petition No. 39837/2012 (S-RES) filed by Mr. Dinesh Acharya, Asst. Engineer (SG-II) of this Institute- verdict of the Hon'ble High Court of Karnataka in its judgement dated on 13.03.2017 - regarding.

The BoG resolved to refer the matter to MHRD and also to pursue for the reply.

Action owner: Registrar  
Timeframe: Immediately.



**Item No. 47.4.12: New and renewed MoUs with Industries / Academia /Research Organizations**

The BoG noted the execution of MoUs.

**Item No. 47.4.13: Faculty abroad visit for attending International Conferences/ Research Interactions – Reg.**

The BoG approved the action taken by the Institute in approving the visit of Faculty members abroad for attending International Conferences/ Research Interactions with the prior approval of the Chairperson.

The BoG resolved that all faculties who visited abroad shall submit outcome report within 30 days of their return. The Institute shall ensure the submission of report from every faculty within 30 days on their return. Also, those who go for research interaction should make a presentation in their respective department immediately after their return.

*[Action owner: Dean (FW);  
Time Schedule: As applicable]*

**Item No. 47.4.14: Report on the progress of Second Phase of TEQIP at NITK, Surathkal.**

The BoG noted the satisfactory completion of second Phase of TEQIP and appreciated the good work done.

**Item No. 47.4.15: Status of TEQIP-III at NITK, Surathkal.**

The BoG noted the matter.

**Item No. 47.4.16: Dr. Shanth Thimmaiah, BoG Member has proposed the following items for discussion.**

*After discussions, the BoG resolved as follows:*

1. **The APPRAISAL SYSTEM for the Key Administrative positions & Deans to be introduced in the Institute:** The faculty appraisal for teaching staff and Annual Performance Appraisal Report (APAR as per DoPT order) is already in practice.
2. **The ISO-9001-Quality Management System (QMS) across the Institute to be implemented:** Since NBA (ABET) is evaluating, the ISO-9001-Quality Management System (QMS) may not be required.
3. **The possibility of installation of Desalination Unit in the institute, in order to overcome acute water shortage during lean period to be explored:** The proposal given by Dr. Arun Isloor was discussed and has been asked to resubmit with detailed project report.

**Item No. 47.4.17: Any other item with the permission of the Chair**

**Item No. 47.4.17 (i): Review of NITK Hostel Trust:**

BoG resolved as follows:

As per item No. 44.4.23 of 44<sup>th</sup> BoG dated 23.03.2016 the BoG resolved to form a Fact Finding Committee consisting of CVO, Dean (P&D), Dean (FW) and State nominated Board Member/s on hostel affairs and submit its report. Even though the item was sent to the CVO for action, no committee was constituted nor report submitted. The item was deliberated in the 45<sup>th</sup> BoG dated 06.08.2016, in which CVO gave his views on hostel affairs and sought one month time to give the report of the fact finding committee. However the report was submitted by the CVO after about 8 months on 05.05.2017 i.e. on the evening of last working day before BoG meeting. The BoG members recorded their deep dissatisfaction on the inaction of the CVO in this regard. BoG has directed CVO to submit full report with suggestions for improvement within 30 days. Pending further action on hostel affairs, the amount of Rs. 8,53,780.00 the service charges collected and distributed amongst the faculty and staff be recovered immediately and credited to the Hostel account.

*[Action owner: Registrar;  
Time Schedule: 30 days]*

**Item No. 47.4.17 (ii): Disciplinary action against Dr. Robert John D'Souza, Retired Professor:**

Considering the submission of further information before the BoG regarding period of case matter and convinced with the submissions, BoG further resolved as follows: -

The resolution of 46<sup>th</sup> BoG dated 12.11.2016 under item 2) below item No.46.2 that "It was observed that Dr. Robert John D'Souza has retired and the case belongs to period older than 4 years, hence no disciplinary action can be taken against him as per extant instructions on the subject" to be revised as "4 years is not elapsed from the dates during March 2014 on which false complaints were lodged by Dr. Robert John D'Souza to CBI and CVC. Hence Departmental Proceedings against Dr. Robert John D'Souza, who is a retired employee of the Institute, may be initiated under sub-clause (i) of Clause (b) of sub-rule 2 of Rule 9 of Central Civil Services (Pension) Rules, 1972".

*[Action owner: CVO/Registrar;  
Time Schedule: 1 month]*

**Item No. 47.4.17 (iii): Inclusion of Maithry Hospital in the list of Recognized hospitals:**

BoG resolved to explore the possibility of improving the Health Care Center with modern facilities, instead of including private hospitals like Maithry Hospital.

*[Action owner: Chairman, HCC & Dean (FW);  
Time Schedule: as applicable]*



**Item No. 47.4.17 (iv): Rectification of typographical error in restructuring of non-teaching staff**

BoG resolved to send the details of typographical error to the MHRD for their information.

*[Action owner: Registrar;  
Time Schedule: as applicable]*

**Item No. 47.4.17 (v): Appointment of faculty**

MHRD representative informed the BoG that the Visitor's nominee will be appointed soon. Recruitment process can be taken up after the appointment of Visitor's nominee.

*[Action owner: Registrar;  
Time Schedule: as applicable]*

**Item No. 47.4.17 (vi): Appointment of Non- faculty**

MHRD representative appraised that the MHRD will give the guidelines about age relaxation in case of non-faculty (outsourced contract workers). The recruitment process can be taken up after receiving the guidelines from MHRD.

*[Action owner: Registrar;  
Time Schedule: as applicable]*

**Item No. 47.4.17 (vii): Appointment on Compassionate grounds- Non- faculty**

BoG resolved to take up appointments on Compassionate grounds as per DoPT rules.

*[Action owner: Registrar;  
Time Schedule: Immediately.]*

**Item No. 47.4.17 (viii): Stepping up of pay of Senior Faculty to the level of Junior Faculty**

The matter of stepping up of pay of Senior Faculty to the level of Junior Faculty was also raised, MHRD representative informed that the clarification shall be given by the Ministry. Further, administration is advised to follow up all the queries that are sent to MHRD.

*[Action owner: Registrar;  
Time Schedule: as applicable]*

**Item No. 47.4.17 (ix): Convening an exclusive meeting of the BoG for chalking out strategic plan of actions:**

During the meeting, it was felt necessary that an exclusive meeting of the FC and the BoG is required for chalking out strategic plan of the Institute keeping in mind the Excellence in academic activity to be achieved within a period of two to three years.

After discussion, the BoG passed the following resolution:

- (i) The Institute shall work out its programmes for attaining Excellence in academic domain in a period of two to three years.
- (ii) The programme thus worked out be placed before the next FC and BoG meetings which would be held exclusively for taking decision on this.
- (iii) The next meeting be convened in July, 2017.

[Action owner: Registrar and all the Deans;

Time Schedule: Immediately]

**Item No. 47.4.17 (x): Institute manual on website**

During the meeting, it was suggested to upload the details of the Institute such as organization structure, authorities of the Institute, and details of staff strength, leave rules, RRs etc. It was informed to the committee that except leave rule of teaching staff and rules regarding attending conference, all other information are already available in the Institute website. As regards to leave rules and rules regarding attending conference, it was resolved to upload the same after getting the related rules approved by the MHRD.

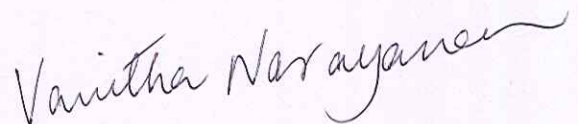
[Action owner: Registrar;

Time Schedule: as applicable]

The meeting ended with Vote of thanks to the Chair.



(K. Ravindranath)  
Secretary, BoG  
N.I.T.K., Surathkal



(Vanitha Narayanan)  
Chairperson, BoG  
N.I.T.K., Surathkal