



**NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY AGARTALA**  
**WEST TRIPURA, PIN: 799055**

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**Minutes of the 25<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the  
Board of Governors  
held on 18<sup>th</sup> November 2012**

**At Conference Room of NIT Transit House**

The 25<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Board of Governors of the Institute was held on November 18, 2012 at 12:30 pm in the Conference Room of NIT, Agartala.

Prof. P. N. Singh, Chairman of the Board of Governors (BOG), NIT, Agartala, presided over the meeting.

The following members were present in the meeting :

- (1) Prof. P. N. Singh : Chairman, BOG of NIT Agartala.
- (2) Prof. P. K. Bose : Member, Director of NIT, Agartala
- (3) Shri Satpal Sharma : Under Secretary, MHRD, Govt. of India,  
(Representative of Financial Advisor, Dept. of  
Higher Education, MHRD).
- (4) Smt. Vandana Choudhary : Section Officer (TS.III), MHRD, Govt. of India  
(Representative of Joint Secretary (Technical  
Education), Dept. of Higher Education, MHRD).
- (5) Prof. Nitindra Nath Som : Member, Former Professor of Jadavpur  
University.
- (6) Prof. Sekhar Datta : Member, Professor of Tripura Institute of  
Technology.
- (7) Shri P. N. Das : Member, Representing Faculty, NIT, Agartala.
- (8) Shri Sumanta Chakrabarti : Secretary, Registrar, NIT, Agartala
- (9) Shri K. Ambuly : Invitee, Secretary, Deptt. of Higher Education,  
Govt. of Tripura.

Dr. Bindu Dey, Advisor of Biotechnology, Department of Biotechnology, Govt. of India and Shri Tridip Chakraborty, Principal, Women's Polytechnic, Government of Tripura, could not attend the meeting.

The Chairman and the Director welcomed Shri Satpal Sharma, Under Secretary, MHRD; Smt. Vandana Choudhary, Section Officer (TS. III), MHRD; Shri K. Ambuly, Secretary, Deptt. of Higher Education, Govt. of Tripura and also the other members of the BOG.

The Chairman then invited the Director and the Registrar (I/C) to initiate discussion on agenda items.

**Item No. 25.1: Confirmation of the Minutes of 24<sup>th</sup> Board of Governors Meeting.**

The minutes of 24<sup>th</sup> Board of Governors meeting held on August 25<sup>th</sup>, 2012 were circulated to all Members for comments/observations. The Minutes of the 24<sup>th</sup> BOG meeting was confirmed.

**Item No. 25.2: Action taken on the decision of the 24<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Board of Governors held on 25<sup>th</sup> August 2012.**

The actions taken report were noted.

**Item No. 25.3: To consider the minutes of 11<sup>th</sup> meeting of Senate of NIT Agartala held on 10-10-2012.**

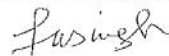
The BOG approved the minutes of 11<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Senate of National Institute of Technology Agartala, held on 10<sup>th</sup> October 2012.

In connection with Item No.S/11/50, the Chairman initiated the discussions. In this regard the Director, NIT Agartala, apprised the Board about the over-crowded classes and labs in Civil Engineering Department, which may lead to discontent among the students along with the dilution of academic standard. The number of teachers available is not enough to cater such huge number of students, which may lead to non-engagement of teacher in some cases.

However, it was pointed out that the actual annual intake in Civil Engineering and Civil and Transportation Engineering approved by the Board was only 120. Additional increase in intake strength has been on account of 27% increase under OBC quota by the MHRD. Any change in annual intake, therefore, needs the concurrence of MHRD. Further, the Civil Engineering discipline has the highest demand in the State of Tripura. This may create local discontent. Considering other related repercussions the Board requested the Senate to reconsider its decision under Item No.S/11/50 as regards to reduction of annual intake in B.Tech Civil Engineering from 184 to 150.

**Item No. 25.4: To consider the recommendations of Interaction Meeting for appointment of Professor/ Associate Professor and Sports Officer on contract basis at NIT, Agartala.**

The recommendations made by the Interaction Committee in respect of selection of Professor/ Associate Professor and Sports Officer on contract basis held on 18<sup>th</sup> October 2012 at IIT Extension Centre, Salt Lake City, Kolkata were placed before the Board after



opening the sealed envelopes during the meeting. As per the recommendations of the Interaction Committee, the Board approved the appointments as listed below :

Sl. No	Name of the candidate	Designation	Remarks
<i>Department of Production Engineering</i>			
1.	Prof. S. K. Mukhopadhyay	Professor	As contractual faculty with a monthly consolidated remuneration of Rs. 1,25,000/-. Rent free accommodation will be provided. The contract period is initially for 1 (one) year which may be extended up to 3 years.
2.	Dr. Prabir Nandi	Professor	As contractual faculty in the pay scale of Rs. 37,400 – Rs. 67,000/- and his pay shall be fixed at a stage of Rs. 43,000/- with AGP Rs. 10,000/- and with 5 non-compounded increments plus DA and other admissible allowances. HRA will not be admissible if accommodation will be provided by NITA. The contract period will be initially for 1 (one) year which may be extended up to 3 years.
<i>Department of Business Administration</i>			
1.	Prof. Harwant Singh Chhabra	Professor	As contractual faculty in the pay scale of Rs. 37,400 – Rs. 67,000/- and his pay shall be fixed at a stage of Rs. 43,000/- with AGP Rs. 10,000/- and with 7 non-compounded increments plus DA and other admissible allowances. HRA will not be admissible if accommodation will be provided by NITA. The contract period will be initially for 1 (one) year which may be extended up to 3 years.
<i>Department of Electrical Engineering</i>			
1.	Dr. Bidyut Kr. Bhattacharya	Professor	As contractual faculty in the pay scale of Rs. 37,400 – Rs. 67,000/- and his pay shall be fixed at a stage of Rs. 43,000/- with AGP Rs. 10,000/- and with 12 non-compounded increments plus DA and other admissible allowances. HRA will not be admissible if accommodation will be provided by NITA. The contract period will be initially for 1 (one) year which may be extended up to 3 years.
<i>Department of Bio-Engineering</i>			
1.	Dr. Debatosh Datta	Professor	As contractual faculty in the pay scale of Rs. 37,400 – Rs. 67,000/- and his pay shall

			be fixed at a stage of Rs. 43,000/- with AGP Rs. 10,000/- and with 5 non-compounded increments plus DA and other admissible allowances. HRA will not be admissible if accommodation will be provided by NITA. The contract period will be initially for 1 (one) year which may be extended up to 3 years.
<i>Non-Teaching Staff</i>			
1.	Shri Sabyasachi Chaudhury	Sports Officer	As contractual employee with a monthly consolidated remuneration of Rs. 45,000/-. Rent free accommodation will be provided. The contract period will be initially for 1 (one) year which may be extended up to 3 years.

**Item No. 25.5: Finalisation of the date and name of Chief Guest for 5<sup>th</sup> Convocation Ceremony of the Institute.**

The Board appreciated the efforts taken by the Director, NIT Agartala for inviting His Excellency the President of India to be the Chief Guest for the 5<sup>th</sup> Convocation of NIT Agartala. The date of the convocation may be fixed as per the schedule given by the Office of His-Excellency the President of India. In case, the President of India is not available for the 5<sup>th</sup> Convocation of NIT Agartala, the Director, NIT Agartala is authorized to take steps to finalize the name of a suitable Chief Guest and the date of Convocation.

**Item No. 25.6: Administrative approval of renovation, maintenance, repairing and other allied works to be/ already undertaken by the NIT Agartala.**

The Board noted the items and approved.

**Item No. 25.7: Provision for giving financial Assistantship for the Faculties (Regular & Contractual) & Technical Staffs/Supporting staffs (Regular and Contractual) and students(B.Tech, M.Tech and Ph.D) of NIT Agartala from TEQIP-II fund w.e.f 6<sup>th</sup> August 2011.**

The Board noted the items and approved.

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**Item No. 25.8: Any other item with permission of the Chair.**

**Addl. Item No. 25.8.1: To consider the Minutes of the 20<sup>th</sup> Finance Committee Meeting held on November 18, 2012.**

The Board approved the decisions taken in the 20<sup>th</sup> Finance Committee Meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> November, 2012 and accorded financial approval and expenditure sanction.

**Addl. Item No. 25.8.2: Resignation of Dr. Bindu Dey, Scientist 'G', Advisor of Biotechnology, Dept. of Biotechnology, Ministry of Science & Technology, from the Board of Governors, NIT Agartala.**

The Board was informed that Dr. Bindu Dey, Advisor of Biotechnology, Department of Biotechnology, Ministry of Science & Technology, Government of India, has tendered her resignation from the Membership of the Board of Governors of NIT Agartala due to paucity of time and work pressure. The Board resolved that a letter be addressed to Ministry of HRD informing about the resignation and nominate a person to replace Dr. Bindu Dey, Advisor of Biotechnology as Member of the BOG, NIT Agartala.

**Addl. Item No.25.8.3 : Issues related to service matters of Prof. Ajit Kumar Ray and Prof. Umesh Mishra.**

The BOG was appraised about the action taken by the Director of NIT Agartala in the case of Prof. Ajit Kumar Ray and Prof. Umesh Mishra. The BOG asked the Director, NIT Agartala to take appropriate necessary steps in both the cases.

To prevent recurrence any such cases in future BOG resolved to constitute a committee under the Chairmanship of Prof. Nitindra Nath Som, Former Professor and Member, BOG, NITA. Director, Dean (Faculty Welfare), Dean (Administration), Dean (Academic) and the Registrar of NIT Agartala will be the Members of the Committee. This committee may co-opt other members if necessary. The committee will prepare a Check List and develop a mechanism to scrutinize the documents submitted by the candidates, on or before appearing for the interview and on or before joining the duty on selection.

The same committee will also review the matters related to Cumulative Professional Development Allowance (CPDA) and suggest method for proper and effective utilization of CPDA fund by the faculty members.



The terms of reference of this committee can be extended by including such other items which improves the overall performance of the institute. Such additional items' inclusion can be finalized by the Director and other internal members of the committee.

**Addl. Item No. 25.8.5: Relief from payment of TVAT of Rs.81,66,353/- against purchase of articles by NIT Agartala up to September 14, 2012.**

After detailed discussion, the Board resolved that NIT Agartala may release the payment of Rs.81,66,353/- to different suppliers with a condition that all the suppliers should give an undertaking that they have paid necessary CST/VAT against the materials supplied to NIT Agartala in their respective States.

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



(Suman Chakrabarti)  
Secretary, Board of Governors  
& Registrar (I/C), NIT Agartala



(Prof. P. N. Singh)  
Chairman, Board of Governors  
NIT Agartala