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MINUTES OF THE 59th MEETING OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS

Date : November 01, 2019 (Friday)

Time : 05:30PM

Venue: Board Room, NITK, Surathkal.



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Minutes of proceedings of 59th meeting of the Board of Governors (BoG) of National Institute of Technology Karnataka, Surathkal held on Friday, November 01, 2019 at 05:30PM in the Board Room of NITK, Surathkal.

Members Present:

1. **Prof. K Balaveera Reddy** Chairperson
Former Vice Chancellor – VTU, Belgaum,
Veerabhadra Nilayam, H.No.10,
4th A Cross, 2nd Block, HRBR Layout, Kalyana Nagar,
Bengaluru - 560043.
2. **Prof. K Umamaheshwara Rao** Member
Director,
NITK, Surathkal.
3. **Shri Madan Mohan** Member
Additional Director General (HE),
Dept. of Higher Education,
Ministry of Human Resource Development, Govt. of India,
Room No. 431, C-Wing, Shastri Bhavan, New Delhi-110 001.
Participated through Video Conference
4. **Shri D K Singh**
Dy. Secretary – Finance
Representative of:
Ms. Darshana M Dabral Member
Joint Secretary and Financial Advisor
Integrated Finance Bureau
Ministry of Human Resource Development, Govt. of India
120-C, Shastri Bhavan, New Delhi - 110 001.
Participated through Video Conference
5. **Dr. Shanth Averahally Thimmaiah** Member
Managing Director,
METAMORPHOSIS Group of Companies,
Prakruti Bhavan, #200, 1st & 2nd Floor,
40th Main, 1st Cross, BTM Layout, 2nd Stage,
Behind Silk board, Bengaluru – 560068.

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| 6. | Mr. G M Ravindra
Managing Director
RKS INFRATECH Pvt. Ltd.
No.42/36, "Rajani Towers", 3rd Floor
27 th Cross, 7 th 'B' Main Road
4 th Block, Jayanagar, Bengaluru – 560011. | | Member |
| 7. | Prof. Muralidhar Kulkarni
Professor, Dept. of Electronics & Communication Engg.
NITK, Surathkal. | | Member |
| 8. | Dr. Prasanna B D
Associate Professor
Department of Chemical Engineering
NITK, Surathkal. | | Member |
| 9. | Shri K Ravindranath
Registrar,
NITK, Surathkal. | | Secretary |

The Chairperson welcomed all the members of the BOG to the meeting. A warm welcome was extended to the new member Dr. Prasanna B D, Associate Professor, Department of Chemical Engg., NITK - nominee of the Senate to the Board. The Board placed on record the services of outgoing member Prof. Udaya Bhat K.

With the permission of the Chair, the Committee began its proceedings.

BoG Item No. 59.1: Reading and confirmation of the Minutes of the 58th meeting of the Board of Governors held on Saturday, September 14, 2019 at 11:30AM in the Board Room of NITK, Surathkal - Reg.

The Minutes of 58th meeting of the Board of Governors were read. The comments received in respect of Item No.58.3.5 were noted and considered for discussion under Action Taken Report. The BoG resolved to confirm the Minutes of 58th meeting held on 14.09.2019 except Item No.58.3.5.



BoG Item No. 59.2: To consider the report on action taken on the resolutions of 58th Meeting of BoG held on Saturday, September 14, 2019 at 11:30AM in the Board Room of NITK, Surathkal - Reg.

Item No. 58.3.1: To consider the recommendations of the 46th Finance Committee Meeting to be held on September 14, 2019 at 10:00AM in the Board Room of NITK, Surathkal – Reg.

The BoG noted the action taken in respect of the above item.

Item No. 58.3.2: To consider the Recruitment of Faculty Positions - Reg.

The BoG noted the action taken in respect of the above item.

Item No. 58.3.3: To consider the 'Draft Annual Report' for the year 2018 - Reg.

The BoG noted the action taken in respect of the above item.

Item No. 58.3.4: To consider request of Dr. K.V. Gangadharan, Professor, Dept. of Mechanical Engineering, NITK-Surathkal to be engaged as Adjunct Professor in the Department of Orthopaedics, Kasturba Medical College (KMC), Mangalore - Reg.

The BoG noted the action taken in respect of the above item.

Item No. 58.3.5: To consider the report of the One Man Committee submitted by Dr. H V Sudhaker Nayak on Dr. Mervin A. Herbert, Associate Professor, Department of Mechanical Engg. - Reg.

The BoG noted the comment received from Hon'ble Members of the BoG. Hence, resolved to discuss the matter separately under current items of the meeting.

Item No. 58.3.6: To seek in-principle approval from the BoG to proceed with initiation of Twinning programs in Undergraduate, Postgraduate and Doctoral studies with highly ranked institutions outside India - Reg.

The BoG noted the action taken in respect of the above item.

Item No. 58.3.7: To consider the Status of proposal of "Desalination Unit" proposed to meet the water requirement for the campus - Reg.

The BoG noted the action taken in respect of the above item.

Item No. 58.3.8: To consider the information regarding patents filed/ granted by the Institute during July, 2019 to August, 2019 - Reg.

The BoG noted the action taken in respect of the above item.

Item No. 58.3.9: To consider the Grant of Extra Ordinary Leave (without pay & allowances) to Dr. Vivek Sinha, Assistant Professor, Dept. of MACS to take care of his old and sick parents - Reg.

The BoG noted the action taken in respect of the above item.

BoG Item No. 59.3: To consider the items placed before the present (59th) Meeting of Board of Governors (BoG) to be held on Friday, November 01, 2019 at 05:30PM in the Board Room of NITK, Surathkal – Reg.

ITEM FOR DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL:

BoG Item No. 59.3.1	<p>To consider the list of graduates eligible for the award of B.Tech/ M.Tech/ M.Tech (Research)/ M.C.A/ M.B.A/ M.Sc/ PhD degree during the 17th Annual Convocation – Reg.</p> <p>The Board noted the final List of B.Tech/ M.Tech/ M.Tech(Research)/ M.C.A/ M.B.A/ M.Sc/ Ph.D students/ Scholars who are eligible for the award of degrees during the 17th Annual Convocation.</p> <table border="1"><thead><tr><th>Programme</th><th>Number of Students</th></tr></thead><tbody><tr><td>B. Tech</td><td>795</td></tr><tr><td>M. Tech</td><td>436</td></tr><tr><td>M. Tech (Research)</td><td>25</td></tr><tr><td>M.C.A</td><td>90</td></tr><tr><td>M.B.A</td><td>32</td></tr><tr><td>M. Sc (Physics)</td><td>26</td></tr><tr><td>M. Sc (Chemistry)</td><td>25</td></tr><tr><td>Ph. D</td><td>116</td></tr><tr><td>Total</td><td>1545</td></tr></tbody></table> <p>The BoG passed the following resolution:</p> <p><u>Resolution:</u></p> <p>The BOG resolved to approve the list of 1,545 number of students for the award of Degree in 17th Convocation to be held on 02.11.2019, as recommended by the Senate in its 49th meeting held on 17.10.2019.</p> <p>The BoG resolved to place on record the achievement in awarding Ph.D. for 116 numbers of scholars.</p>	Programme	Number of Students	B. Tech	795	M. Tech	436	M. Tech (Research)	25	M.C.A	90	M.B.A	32	M. Sc (Physics)	26	M. Sc (Chemistry)	25	Ph. D	116	Total	1545
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ITEM FOR RATIFICATION:

BoG Item No.59.3.2	<p>To consider the nomination of Dr. Prasanna B D, Associate Professor, Department of Chemical Engineering as Internal Member to the BoG, NITK amongst the Associate Professor Cadre through election process from the Members of Senate – Reg.</p> <p>The BoG noted the Senate approval for the nomination of Dr. Prasanna B D, Associate Professor, Department of Chemical Engineering as Internal Member to the BoG, NITK amongst the Associate Professor Cadre through election process (election was held on 15.10.2019) from the Members (Professors) of Senate as per Section 11 (f) of NITSER Act, 2007 and passed the following resolutions:</p> <p><u>Resolution:</u></p> <p>The BoG noted the nomination of Dr. Prasanna B D, Associate Professor, Department of Chemical Engineering as Internal Member to the BoG, NITK amongst the Associate Professor Cadre through election process (election was held on 15.10.2019) from the Members (Professors) of Senate as per Section 11 (f) of NITSER Act, 2007.</p> <p>[Action owner : Registrar Timeframe : NA]</p>
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BoG Item
No.59.3.3

Any other item with the permission of the Chair

To consider the report of the One Man Committee submitted by Dr. H V Sudhaker Nayak on Dr. Mervin A. Herbert, Associate Professor, Department of Mechanical Engineering – Reconsideration of Resolution No.58.3.5 passed in the 58th BoG Meeting dated 14.09.2019 in the light of comments received from Hon'ble Members – Reg.

The comments received from the Hon'ble Members of the BoG in respect of the resolution of the above item were deliberated in detail. The provision of "One-time measure" is contained in the amended Statutes of NITs which speaks the following:

"The permanent faculty members who have put in more than ten years' experience, but have not acquired Ph.D. qualification as on the date of these notification shall be mapped into four-tier flexible system as one time measure as per following norms :

a) Permanent faculty with age fifty or above:

- i. *The Assistant Professors with Academic Grade Pay of Rs.7000 shall be mapped at the level of Assistant Professor with Academic Grade Pay of Rs.8000, provided they have at least 10 credit points in their lifetime.*
- ii. *The Assistant Professors with Academic Grade Pay of Rs.8000 shall be mapped at the level of Associate Professor with Academic Grade Pay of Rs.9500, provided they have at least 25 credit points in their lifetime.*
- iii. *The Associate Professors with Academic Grade Pay of Rs.9000 shall be mapped at the level of Associate Professor with Academic Grade Pay of Rs.9500, provided they have at least 25 credit points in their lifetime.*

Provided, they have been found suitable through a Selection Committee duly constituted under the Statutes."

The copy of Gazette Notification dated 24.07.2017 under Schedule E is attached as [Annexure - I (Page 1-3)].

Further, MHRD in its communication F.No.33-9 /2011-TS.III dated 06.10.2017 has communicated [Annexure -II (Page 4-6)] the recommendation of the Anomaly committee on new Recruitment Rules for Faculty in NITs and IEST and given following guidelines for promotion of existing Assistant Professors to Associate Professors:

Sl. No	issues / Anomalies	Recommendations approved
(i)	Regarding promotion of existing Assistant Professor to Associate Professor.	The following one time relaxations in the relevant Recruitment Rules for existing faculty members are approved. Schedule E (Sl. No. 4 – pertaining to Associate Professor) i. Six years after Ph.D. of which at least three years at the level of Assistant Professor with Academic Grade Pay of Rs. 8000. may be read as Nine years of total working experience with Ph.D. at the level of Assistant Professor members from AGP. of Rs.9,000

- The cumulative essential 'credit points are only for deciding the eligibility. The above shall be one time relaxation and will be applicable only if she / he participates in the recruitment process of same NIT where she / he has been working.
- The other contents of Notification dated 24" July, 2017 shall remain unchanged and may be read together with this communication.

As per MHRD communication F.No.33 - 9 / 2011 - TS.III dated 16.04.2019 regarding Implementation of Recruitment Rules for Faculty of NITs and IEST, following clarification has been issued based on recommendations of the Oversight Committee on "One-time measure:

"One-time measure means completion of first round of recruitment process for respective faculty positions after amendment in-Statutes dated 24th July 2017 and subsequent approval of the process by the BoG of respective Institutes."

Copy of the same is attached as [Annexure – III (Page 7-13)].

The same has to be considered while conducting any recruitment and or promotion related matters which is also a guiding principle.

In this issue, the completion of first round of recruitment process for respective faculty positions after amendment in-Statutes was held during the year 2018. Dr. Mervin A. Herbert has been selected to the post of Associate Professor during the recruitment drive held on 09.04.2018 and approved in the 51st BoG Meeting dated 14.05.2018 under Item No.51.4.2. In view of the above, the Board resolved to reconsider the **Resolution No.58.3.5 passed in the 58th BoG Meeting dated 14.09.2019** accordingly. However, the relaxation suggested in the one-time measure doesn't apply to Dr. Mervin A Herbert, since he was eligible for next higher post without any relaxation in the eligibility requirements.

Resolution:

Since the BoG functions within the framework of the NITSER Act/ Statutes/ Guidelines issued from time to time by MHRD and as opined by MHRD representative in the Board, the BoG resolved that Dr. Mervin A Herbert shall be eligible for next promotion after 3 years from 14.05.2018, if otherwise he meets other eligibility conditions as per the relevant instructions.

With the above, the meeting is concluded with a vote of thanks to the Chair.

(K Ravindranath)
Registrar and
Secretary, BOG
NITK, Surathkal.

(K Umamaheshwar Rao)
Director and
Member, BoG
NITK, Surathkal.

(K Balaveera Reddy)
Chairperson - BOG
NITK, Surathkal.