

NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY KARNATAKA, SURATHKAL

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MINUTES FOR THE 76th MEETING OF BOARD OF GOVERNORS

Date : April 16, 2024 (Tuesday)

Time : 04:00 PM

Venue: O/o The Joint Secretary (NITs)
Shastri Bhawan
New Delhi.



राष्ट्रीय प्रौद्योगिकी संस्थान कर्नाटक, सुरत्कल

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(An Institute of National Importance, Established under NITSER Act, Govt. of India)

Mangaluru - 575 025, KARNATAKA, INDIA.

Minutes of proceedings of 76th Meeting of the Board of Governors [BoG] of National Institute of Technology Karnataka, Surathkal, held on 16-April-2024 (Tuesday) at 04:00PM in the Joint Secretary office, Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi.

Members Present:

	Name		Mode of participation
1	Dr. Vijay Sankeshwar Chairman & Managing Director, VRL Logistics Ltd. Hubballi – 580023.	Chairperson	In-person
2	Prof. B. Ravi Director, N.I.T.K, Surathkal.	Member	In-person
3	Ms. Saumya Gupta , IAS (TR:2004) Joint Secretary (NITs), Dept. of Higher Education, Govt. of India, Ministry of Education (Shiksha Mantralaya) Shastri Bhavan, New Delhi – 110 001.	Member	In-person
4	Sh. Sanjog Kapoor Joint Secretary & Financial Advisor Office of JS&FA, Integrated Finance Bureau Govt. of India, Ministry of Education (Shiksha Mantralaya) Shastri Bhavan, New Delhi - 110 001 Represented by: Shri Anil Kumar Director – Finance, Integrated Finance Bureau Govt. of India, Ministry of Education (Shiksha Mantralaya) Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi-110001.	Member	In-person
5	Dr. H. N. Jagannatha Reddy Professor, Civil Engineering, Bangalore Institute of Technology K.R. Road, V.V. Puram, Bengaluru – 560004.	Member	In-Person
6	Shri K. Ajith Kumar Rai Founder and Chairman, Suprajit Group of Companies Tara, 144/1, 4 th Main, Defence Colony Indiranagar, Bengaluru – 560038.	Member	In-Person
7	Prof. U. Shripathi Acharya Professor, Department of Electronics & Communication Engineering NITK, Surathkal.	Member	In-person
8	Dr. Vasudeva Madav Associate Professor, Department of Mechanical Engineering NITK, Surathkal.	Member	In-person
9	Shri K. Ravindranath Registrar, NITK, Surathkal.	Secretary	In-person

The Chairperson welcomed all the members to the 76th meeting of the Board of Governors. After a brief discussion, with the permission of the Chair, the Board of Governors began their deliberations on Agenda items.

76 BoG Item No. 76.1	Reading and confirmation of the Minutes of the 75th Meeting of the Board of Governors (BoG) held on Monday, 29-January-2024 at 04:30 PM in the CCMT Hall, NITK, Surathkal; and through Video Conference [Google Meet] - Reg.	The Minutes of 75 th meeting of the Board of Governors held on Monday, 29-January-2024 were read. Since no comments have been received, the BOG resolved to confirm the Minutes.
76 BoG Item No. 76.2	To consider the Report on Action Taken on the resolutions of the 75th Meeting of the Board of Governors (BoG) held on Monday, 29-January-2024 at 04:30 PM in the CCMT Hall, NITK, Surathkal and through Google Meet - Reg.	The Action Taken on the resolution of the 75 th Meeting of the BoG was noted as follows.
75 BoG Item No. 75.3.1	To consider the recommendations of 58 th Meeting of the Finance Committee to be held on 29.01.2024 at 03:30 PM in the CCMT Hall of NITK, Surathkal/ Google Meet - Reg.	BoG noted the report on action taken.
75 BoG Item No. 75.3.2	To consider the proposal for conducting 2nd Phase of Non -Teaching recruitment of Group 'B' posts through agencies other than NTA - Reg.	BoG noted the report on action taken.
75 BoG Item No. 75.3.3	To consider the recommendation of the Departmental Promotion Committee (DPC) meeting held on 08-01-2024 for the promotion of Officer Cadre, Ministerial Cadre and Technical Cadre - Reg.	BoG noted the report on action taken.
75 BoG Item No. 75.3.4	To consider the order dated 25.09.2023 passed by the Hon'ble High Court of Karnataka in the Writ Petitions of Dr. Shrikantha S. Rao, Dept. of Mechanical Engg. – Reg.	Noted the Resolution. Legal Opinion obtained from ASG and submitted to BoG. Details of the discussions are minuted under 76 th BoG item no 76.3.7.
75 BoG Item No. 75.3.5	To consider the order dated 25.09.2023 passed by the Hon'ble High Court of Karnataka in the Writ Petitions of Dr. Mervin A. Herbert, Dept. of Mechanical Engg. – Reg.	Noted the Resolution. Legal Opinion obtained from ASG and submitted to BoG. Details of the discussions are minuted under 76 th BoG item no 76.3.7.
75 BoG Item No.75.3.6	To consider the External Committee Report - Allegations of Academic misconduct of one of faculty of the Institute (Confidential matter) – Reg.	BoG noted the resolution.
75 BoG Item No.75.3.7	To consider the ratification of voluntary retirement of Dr. Gopal Mugeraya, Professor - Higher Administrative Grade (HAG), Department of Chemical Engineering, NITK, Surathkal, with effect from the afternoon of 30-06-2023 – Reg.	BoG noted the report on action taken.
75 BoG Item No.75.3.8	To consider the ratification of rejoining of Dr. Dhishna Pannikot, Associate Professor, School of Humanities, Social Sciences and Management (Formerly known as School of Management), NITK, Surathkal for duty on the forenoon of 30-03-2023 after being relieved from the post of Associate Professor in the Department of Humanities and Social Sciences at the National Institute of Technology (NIT), Warangal - Acceptance of Joining Report – Reg.	BoG noted the report on action taken.

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75 BoG Item No.75.3.9	To consider the ratification of grant of lien to Dr. Narendranath S., Professor, Department of Mechanical Engineering, NITK, Surathkal for a period of five (05) years to take up the responsibility of Director of the North Eastern Regional Institute of Science and Technology (NERIST), Itanagar - Relieved from the Institute on the afternoon of 17th August, 2023 – Reg.	BoG noted the report on action taken.
75 BoG Item No.75.3.10	To consider the ratification of relieving of Shri Girish Shet K. [On deputation from the Public Works Department (PWD), Government of Karnataka] from the position of Executive Engineer (Civil), Works Establishment Section, NITK, Surathkal on the afternoon of 10-08-2023 – Reg.	BoG noted the report on action taken.
75 BoG Item No.75.3.11	To consider the ratification of relieving of Dr. Deepak Vaid, Assistant Professor Grade-I, Department of Physics from the Institute service on resignation, with effect from the afternoon of 30-10-2023 – Reg.	BoG noted the report on action taken.
75 BoG Item No.75.3.12	To consider the relieving of Dr. K. R. Guruprasad, Associate Professor (on lien), Department of Mechanical Engineering from the Institute service on Technical Resignation – Reg.	BoG noted the report on action taken.
75 BoG Item No.75.3.13	To consider the ratification of relieving of Dr. Mrityunjay R. Doddamani, Assistant Professor Grade-I (on lien), Department of Mechanical Engineering from the Institute service on Technical Resignation – Reg.	BoG noted the report on action taken.
75 BoG Item No.75.3.14	To consider the ratification of relieving of Dr. M. Venkatesan, Assistant Professor Grade-I (on lien), Department of Computer Science and Engineering from the Institute service on Technical Resignation – Reg.	BoG noted the report on action taken.
75 BoG Item No.75.3.15	To consider the ratification of relieving of Dr. Sreejith A., Assistant Professor Grade-I (on lien), School of Humanities, Social Sciences and Management from the Institute service on Technical Resignation – Reg.	BoG noted the report on action taken.
75 BoG Item No.75.3.16	To note the selection process of Group B&C positions for the posts of Superintendent, Senior Assistant, Senior Technician, Junior Assistant, Technician and Office Attendant under Mission Mode – Reg.	BoG noted the report on action taken.
75 BoG Item No.75.3.17	To note the assignment of Deanship – Reg.	BoG noted the report on action taken.
75 BoG Item No.75.3.18	To note the Minutes of 66 th meeting of the Senate held on December 14, 2023 – Reg.	BoG noted the report on action taken.
75 BoG Item No.75.3.19	To note the Minutes of 52 nd meeting of the Building and works Committee held on December 19, 2023 – Reg.	BoG noted the report on action taken.
75 BoG Item No.75.3.20	To note the New and renewed MoUs with Industries/ Academia/ Research Organizations during the period from 16.12.2022 to 12.12.2023 – Reg.	BoG noted the report on action taken.
75 BoG Item No.75.3.21	To note the status of Public Grievances from 10.10.2023 and Parliamentary Assurances from 29.11.2023 to 18.01.2024 – Reg.	BoG noted the report on action taken.
75 BoG Item No.75.3.22	To note the status of court cases as on date – Reg.	BoG noted the report on action taken.
75 BoG Item No.75.3.23	Any other item with the permission of the Chair The Director requested the BoG for permission to initiate a further round of recruitment for Faculty positions and Group – A posts. The BoG approved this proposal.	BoG noted the report on action taken.

76 BoG Item No. 76.3	To consider the items placed before the present (76 th) Meeting of Board of Governors [meeting dated 16-April-2024] – Reg.
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ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL:

76 BoG Item No. 76.3.1	To consider the recommendations of 59 th Meeting of the Finance Committee held on 16-April-2024 at 3:00 PM in the office of the Joint Secretary (NITs), Room No. 107 C, First Floor C-Wing, MoE - Reg.
	The Board of Governors resolved to approve the recommendations under Items 59.3.1 to 59.3.10 of the 59 th meeting of the Finance Committee held on 16-April-2024, in the office of the Joint Secretary (NITs), Room No. 107 C, First Floor C-Wing, MoE.
	[Action owner : Registrar/ Joint Registrar Timeframe : On confirmation of the minutes]

76 BoG Item No. 76.3.2	To consider the guidelines and approval process for Faculty Travel Abroad - Reg.
	The BoG noted that as per the Statutes, the BoG Chairman has the power to send members of staff (except the Director of the Institute) for training or for a course of instruction outside India, subject to terms and conditions as may be laid by the Board from time to time. The BoG also noted that frequent requests for such approvals are disturbing the busy schedule of the BoG Chairman. Foreign travel for personal purposes by faculty or staff member using their own funds are not required to be approved by the BoG Chair. They can leave for the foreign visit after obtaining due approval from the Director and No Objection Certificate (NOC) from the Institute.
	After the discussion, the following resolution was passed:
	Applications for foreign travel by Faculty members for training, course of instruction, participation in conferences, research interaction and any other bona-fide academic/ research/ interaction work with funding from the Govt. of India (including CPDA and sponsored projects)/ Institute / Industry should be scrutinized by a committee constituted for the purpose, to ensure that the institutional goals are being satisfied by the faculty member travelling abroad. The faculty members may be allowed to travel abroad after approval by the Committee, followed by the Director and BoG Chair. The list of faculty members travelling abroad (with all relevant details) shall be compiled once a month, and communicated to the BoG Chair for approval. Immediately after returning from the foreign travel, the faculty member shall submit a comprehensive report to the Institute, which shall be shared with the BoG Chair (along with the list of new applications) once a month. The detailed guidelines and the process of approval for travel abroad will be shared with all faculty members.
	[Action owner : Director Timeframe : On confirmation of the minutes]

76 BoG Item No. 76.3.3	To consider filling up One (01) vacancy of Executive Engineer (Civil) [Pay Level 10] position on Direct Recruitment - Reg.
	The BOG noted the contents of the Agenda note
	After discussion, the following resolution was passed:
	“The BoG resolved to direct the institute to complete the process of filling up One (01) vacancy of Executive Engineer (Civil) [Pay Level 10] position through Direct Recruitment.
	[Action owner : Director Timeframe : On confirmation of the minutes]



76 BoG Item No. 76.3.4	<p>To consider the proposal of the department of Mathematical and Computational Sciences – Closure of MCA Programme from the Academic Year 2025-26 - Reg.</p> <p>The BOG noted the contents of the Agenda. After discussion, the following resolution was passed:</p> <p>“BoG resolved to approve the proposal submitted by the department of Mathematical and Computational Sciences duly endorsed by the Institute Senate to Close the MCA Programme running in the institute from the Academic Year 2025-26</p> <p>[Action owner : Dean (Academic)/ Director Timeframe : On confirmation of the minutes]</p>
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ITEMS FOR INFORMATION:

76 BoG Item No. 76.3.5	<p>To note the status of Public Grievances from 05.02.2024 and Parliamentary Assurances from 30.01.2024 to as on date - Reg.</p> <p>Board of Governors noted the status of Public Grievances and Parliamentary Assurances pending in the Institute, as follows – as reported in the Agenda note:</p> <p>The Details of Public Grievances received from 05.02.2024 to as on date:</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <thead> <tr> <th rowspan="2">Sl. No.</th> <th rowspan="2">Particulars</th> <th colspan="3">2024</th> </tr> <tr> <th>Received</th> <th>Reply Sent</th> <th>Pending</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">1</td> <td>Public Grievances</td> <td style="text-align: center;">11</td> <td style="text-align: center;">11</td> <td style="text-align: center;">Nil</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>The Details of Parliamentary Assurances received from 30.01.2024 to as on date:</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <thead> <tr> <th rowspan="2">Sl. No.</th> <th rowspan="2">Particulars</th> <th colspan="3">2024</th> </tr> <tr> <th>Received</th> <th>Reply Sent</th> <th>Pending</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">2</td> <td>Parliamentary Assurances</td> <td style="text-align: center;">5</td> <td style="text-align: center;">5</td> <td style="text-align: center;">NIL</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>[Action owner : Registrar Timeframe : NA]</p>	Sl. No.	Particulars	2024			Received	Reply Sent	Pending	1	Public Grievances	11	11	Nil	Sl. No.	Particulars	2024			Received	Reply Sent	Pending	2	Parliamentary Assurances	5	5	NIL
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76 BoG Item No. 76.3.6	<p>To note the Minutes of 67th meeting of the Senate held on March 27, 2024 - Reg.</p> <p>Board of Governors noted the minutes of 67th meeting of the Senate held on March 27, 2024.</p> <p>[Action owner : Registrar Timeframe : NA]</p>
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76 BoG Item No. 76.3.7	Any other item with the permission of the Chair
<p>1. 75 BoG Item No. 75.3.4 To consider the Order dated 25.09.2023 passed by the Hon'ble High Court of Karnataka in the Writ Petitions of Dr. Shrikantha S. Rao, Dept. of Mechanical Engg. and Item 75.3.5 To consider the Order dated 25.09.2023 passed by the Hon'ble High Court of Karnataka in the Writ Petitions of Dr. Mervin A. Herbert, Dept. of Mechanical Engg. – Reg.</p> <p>The Director shared the Legal Opinion of the Additional Solicitor General (ASG), Karnataka that the Institute should abide by the Final Order dated 25/09/2023 of the Hon'ble High Court of Karnataka. Seven months have elapsed since the Judgment, and the Institute has received notices from the Counsel of the Complainants about filing Contempt Petitions in the Hon'ble High Court of Karnataka.</p> <p>After discussion, the following resolution was passed:</p> <p>“The BoG decided to appeal against the matter as the Institute Counsel’s representation in the Court that the One- Man Committee report is acceptable to the Institute was factually incorrect, resulting in ex-post facto selection of a faculty to a higher post, which could have been done only by an academic committee of technical experts after examining his academic and research credentials.”</p> <p>[Action owner: Director Time Frame: Immediate]</p> <p>2. Appointment of Deputy Director - Reg.</p> <p>The BoG approved the request of the Institute to initiate the process for appointment of Deputy Director. Prof K.V. Krishna Rao, Deputy Director, IIT Bombay and Prof. O.R. Jaiswal, Director, NIT Goa, may be invited as the BoG Nominees on the Selection Committee to be constituted for the appointment of Deputy Director of NITK Surathkal.</p>	

With the above, the meeting concluded by giving thanks to the Chair.



(B. Ravi)
Director and
Member – BoG
NITK, Surathkal.



(B. Ravi)
Chairperson in-charge
Board of Governors
NITK, Surathkal.