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The 42nd meeting of the Board of Governors of National Institute of Technology, Kurukshetra was held on 27th June, 2017 at 10.00 a.m. in the Conference Hall, Development Enclave Guest House, Defence Research Development Organization, Rao Tula Ram Marg, Behind Army HQ Camps, Opposite Subrato Park, Near RR Hospital, Delhi Cantt, Delhi – 110 001.

Present:-

1.	Shri Jagdish Khattar Chairperson BOG, NIT Kurukshetra.	•••••	Chairperson
2.	Dr. Satish Kumar Director	***************************************	Member
	NIT, Kurukshetra		
3.	Sh. A.K. Singh, Under Secretary (NITs) Representative of Addl. Secretary (Technical Education) Department of Higher Education,	•••••	Member
	Ministry of Higher Education Government of India, Shastri Bhawan New Delhi-110001	a	
4.	Smt. Darshana M Dabral Joint Secretary and Financial Advisor Ministry of Human Resource Development Government of India, Shastri Bhawan New Delhi-110001.		Member
5•	Shri Rajesh Aggarwal Joint Director Haryana State Technical Education Society Directorate of Technical Education Haryana Representative of Principal Secretary to the Government		Member



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- 6. Dr. P.K. Raina Member
 Dean (Academics)
 Representative of Director, IIT Ropar,
 Ropar, Punjab-140001
- 7. Dr. Akhilesh Swarup Member Professor Electrical Engineering Department NIT, Kurukshetra.
- 8. Ms. Sunita Chauhan Member
 Associate Professor
 Electrical Engineering Department
 NIT, Kurukshetra.
- 9. Shri Surinder Deswal Secretary
 Registrar (I/C)
 NIT, Kurukshetra.

At the outset, Chairperson welcomed the members of the 42ndmeeting of the Board of Governors of the Institute. Thereafter, Chairperson asked Secretary to present the Agenda Items.

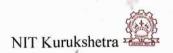
The discussions / decisions in respect of each item are recorded as hereunder:-

BoG 42.1 To confirm the minutes (Item 39.11) of the 39th meeting of the Board of Governors held on 05.04.2016.

The Board considered this item along with the agenda itemsBoG 42.8 and BoG 42.9 and decided to defer the item as the policy decision is being taken by the MHRD as informed by Shri A.K. Singh, Under Secretary (NITs) Representative of Addl. Secretary (Technical Education), Department of Higher Education, Ministry of Higher Education, New Delhi.

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BoG 42.2 To confirm the minutes of the 41st meeting of the Board of Governors held on 31.01.2017.

The Board confirmed the minutes of the 41st meeting of the Board of Governors held on 31st January, 2017.

BoG 42.3 To note the Action Taken Report on the minutes of 41st meeting of the Board of Governors held on 31.01.2017.

The Board noted the 'Action Taken' by the Institute on the decisions taken in the 41st meeting of the Board of Governors held on 31st January, 2017 with the following observations:

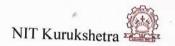
Board desired that Online Students' Feedback mechanism, the Board desired that Online Students' Feedback mechanismbe introduced with respect to their reaction and response. It should be designed in such a way that the feedback obtained is useful at macro level for curriculum design, syllabus update, awarding/ felicitating/ promotion/ appointments of faculty, upgradation of cultural/ sports/ research/ placement activities, etc. and overall perception and ranking of the Institute. It may be made mandatory and obtained from the outgoing students about one week before the exams.

Further, one feedback on one subject/ issue may also be obtained for analyzing at micro level.

BoG 41.12.3: Legal person, as Chairman, may be included in the High Level Committee constituted to look into the long-standing issues related to the grievances of faculty and non-faculty members of the Institute. Further, it was emphasized that pending grievances be resolved expeditiously and priority be given to the oldest ones. It was also desired that a full presentation on the status of

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grievances be made before the Board for appraisal.

- BoG 41.12.9: The Board desired that a presentation of the performance of MBA, MCA and other PG courses, with respect to admissions and placements over the last 4 years, be reviewed and placed before the Board in its next meeting under a separate agenda item.
- BoG 41.13: The Board opined that new and outside blood needs to be infused for strengthening academics and research activities of the Institute; and, in turn, suggested for recruiting good faculty on 3 year contract or as adjunct faculty.

Further, the Board decided to place separate agenda items on the following:

- Senate report, to be presented by the Senate nominee to BoG.
- Director's note
- Leave of absence
- BoG 42.4 To consider and approve the Minutes of 34th meeting of the Finance Committee, National Institute of Technology, Kurukshetra held on 30.01.2017.

The Board approved the Minutes of 34th meeting of the Finance Committee, National Institute of Technology, Kurukshetra held on 30th January, 2017.

BoG 42.5 To consider and approve the Minutes of 35th meeting of the Finance Committee, National Institute of Technology, Kurukshetra held on 05.06.2017.

The Board approved the Minutes of 35th meeting of the Finance Committee, National Institute of Technology, Kurukshetra held on 05th June, 2017.

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BoG 42.6 To consider and approve the adoption of the Recruitment Rules (RRs) for Faculty in the National Institutes of Technology (NITs) as per the MHRD letter dated 29th May, 2017.

The Board approved the adoption of the Recruitment Rules (under 4-tier flexible faculty structure) for Faculty in the National Institutes of Technology (NITs) and also noted that the Recruitment Rules (RRs) shall be made part of the Statues of NITs as per details given in the Agenda item in line of MHRD letter F.No.33-2011-TS.III dated 29th May, 2017. The Board also confirmed the minutes of this agenda item as the compliance report is to be conveyed to the Ministry latest by 30th June, 2017.

BoG 42.7 To consider the matter of 198 units of "Solar Water Heating System" supplied / installed by M/s Emmvee Solar Systems Private Limited, Bengaluru.

After detailed deliberations and recognizing the hardships caused due to non-commissioning of solar water heating system for a long time, the members stressed upon that the works must get completed in order to see that the students get the facility. In continuance, the Board authorized the Director to release full payment to the vendor for stagewise commissioned units after satisfactory inspection report of the committee submitted stage wise.

BoG 42.8 To consider the extension of contractual appointment by two years for the faculty members appointed on three years contract under the standard 3 tiers rigid faculty structure.

The Board noted that a policy decision is being taken by the Ministry of Human Resource Development, Govt. of India to resolve the various issues related with the appointment of faculty under the standard three tiers rigid faculty structure; and, in turn, this Agenda item was deferred for being taken up in the next meeting of the BoG.

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BoG 42.9 To consider the regularization and confirmation of Assistant Professors recruited at AGP of Rs.6000/- in the Institute on contract basis for a period of three years under the standard 3 tier rigid faculty structure.

In view of decision taken under the agenda item BoG 42.8, thisAgenda Item was deferred for being taken up in the next meeting of the BoG.

BoG 42.10 To consider extension of deputation period of Sh. Bharat BhushanGautam, Junior Assistant of the Institute at Ministry of Labour & Employment, New Delhi.

The Board noted that of Sh. Bharat Bhushan Gautam, Junior Assistant of the Institute had been allowed deputation at Ministry of Labour& Employment, New Delhi forthree consecutive years (from 02.07.2014 to 02.07.2017). Consideringthe provisions under the First Statutes of the NITs and in-position strength of non-faculty, the Board declined the request of Sh. Bharat Bhushan Gautam, Junior Assistant of the Institute at Ministry of Labour & Employment, New Delhi of further extension of deputation period.

BoG 42.11 To report the approval accorded by the Hon'ble Chairperson, Board of Governors.

The Board ratified the various approvals accorded by the Chairperson, Board of Governors in anticipation of approval of the Board, as detailed in the Agenda.

BoG 42.12 To consider the appointment of a Training & Placement Officer for the Training & Placement Cell of the Institute.

In order to improve placement of students through campus selection, also emphasized in 10th meeting of Council of NITSER, the Board allowed the Institute to engage a Training & Placement Officer purely on contract basis, under clause 28(2) of the Statutes, for a period of

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three years (maximum) subject to satisfactory performance with one month notice period on either side. Further, the Board also approved that the qualification, experience, pay etc. shall be as per details given in the agenda item.

BoG 42.13 To consider the appointment of a Counsellor for the Students, the Faculty and the Staff of the Institute.

The Board allowed the Institute to engage a Counsellor for the students, the Faculty and the Staff purely on contract basis, under clause 28(2) of the Statutes, for a period of three years (maximum) subject to satisfactory performance with one month notice period on either side. Further, the Board also approved that the qualification, experience, pay etc. shall be as per details given in the agenda item.

BoG 42.14 To consider the proposal to change the Inquiry Officer in the case of Dr. Sandeep Singhal, Associate Professor, NIT, Kurukshetra referred by the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI).

The Board authorized the Director to identify a suitable personto act as Inquiry Officer in the case of Dr. Sandeep Singhal who can complete the inquiry and submit the report in a time bound manner as this case has already been delayed so much. The appointment of such identified person be got approved from the Board by circulation. Further, the report be placed before the Board for final decision in the matter.

BoG 42.15 To approve the decision of the Senate with regard to start of new M. Tech. Programme as M.Tech. ECE (Signal Processing) from the Academic Session 2018-19.

The Board desired Senate to deliberate on the rationalization of the various programmes (UG and PG) running in the Institute as per infrastructure available in light of the report of Dr. Ashok De Committee. The Board desired that the Institute should not spend extra on fresh

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accommodation till laboratories/library are upgraded.

Further, the Board advised that the recommendations of the Senate with regard to start of new programme(s) be first placed before the Finance Committee for consideration and decision regarding the financial implication in the matter; and then to the Board for consideration and approval. The Board also desired to prepare the age profile of faculty, discipline wise.

BoG 42.16 To consider and approve proposed amendments to House Allotment Rule of National Institute of Technology, Kurukshetra.

After detailed discussion, deliberations and appraisal on the proposed amendments in the House Allotment Rules of the Institute that included:

- exclusion of electricity charges from licence fee (Clause-2, 19 & 29);
- the Directorhas forgiven his discretionary power to reserve a particular house to any person(Clause-41) in order to bring transparency and clarity;
- withdrawal of amendment to Claus-4(ii) made in June, 2015 that has not only created grievances but has resulted in court case as well;
- withdrawal of amendmentto Claus-13 regarding re-allotment of house in same category which has created implementation problems:
- replacing "Group- B,C & D employees" by "Group- B & C employees", due to non-existence of category "Group-D employees" (Clause-4v & 8); and
- other minor amendments including retention of house by faculty re-employed after retirement, separate house allotment committee for teaching and non-teaching, etc. in order to address the grievances and resentment among the staff;

the Board approved the proposed amended House Allotment Rules of the Institute as attached with the agenda item.

BoG 42.17 To consider the Audit Report No.13 (AB(PA) of 2011-2012:

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The Board noted the action taken on the Audit Report No.13 (AB(PA) of 2011-2012. In continuance, the Board desired that:

- the Institute should make effort for a tie-up with a good hospital in the city for better medical facilities;
- medical check-up be made mandatory for the staff after every two years for the age group of 40-50 years and every year for the age group above 50 years; and
- medical check for the students be also planned.
- BoG 42.18 To note the progress and action taken on the recommendations of the External Peer Review Committee and a presentation thereof.

This agenda item was deferred for being taken up in the next meeting of the BoG.

BoG 42.19 To consider and approve the minutes of Special Meeting of the Finance Committee, National Institute of Technology, Kurukshetra held on 14.06.2017.

The Board considered and approved the minutes of the Special Meeting of the Finance Committee, National Institute of Technology, Kurukshetra held on 14th June, 2017.

BoG 42.20 To consider and approve the adoption of modification in statutes 17 (1) of the First Statutes of the National Institutes of Technology (NITs).

The Board approved the adoption of modification in statutes 17 (1) of the First Statutes of the National Institutes of Technology (NITs) as detailed in the agenda itemin the line of MHRD letter F.No.33-2011-TS.III dated 29th May, 2017. The Board also confirmed the minutes of the agenda item as the compliance report is to be conveyed to the

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The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair.

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Registrar (I/C) & Secretary
Board of Governors
NIT Kurukshetra

(Satish Kumar)

Director

NIT Kurukshetra

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Chairperson

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