

**MINUTES OF THE 55th MEETING OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS
OF NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY, KURUKSHETRA**

The 55th meeting of the Board of Governors of National Institute of Technology, Kurukshetra was held on Thursday, the 29th July, 2021 at 12.15 p.m. through ONLINE.

Present:-

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| 1. | Dr. Satish Kumar
Director
NIT, Kurukshetra | Chairperson (Acting) |
| 2. | Shri Pawan Kumar
Under Secretary (NITs)
Representative of
Economic Advisor (HE)
Department of Higher Education
Ministry of Education (Shiksha Mantralaya)
Government of India, Shastri Bhawan
New Delhi – 110 115 | Member |
| 3. | Smt. Darshana M Dabral
Joint Secretary and Financial Advisor
Department of Higher Education
Ministry of Education (Shiksha Mantralaya)
Government of India, Shastri Bhawan
New Delhi – 110 115 | Member |
| 4. | Prof. Rajeev Ahuja
Director
Indian Institute of Technology Ropar
Ropar, Punjab – 140 001 | Member |
| 5. | Dr. Brahmjit Singh
Professor
Electronics & Communication
Engineering Department
NIT, Kurukshetra | Member |
| 6. | Mrs. Rupanshi Batra
Associate Professor
Electrical Engineering Department
NIT, Kurukshetra | Member |
| 7. | Sh. G. R. Samantaray
Registrar (I/C)
NIT, Kurukshetra | Secretary |







At the outset, the Hon'ble Chairperson (Acting) welcomed the esteemed members of the BoG present in the 55th meeting of the Board of Governors. Then the Chairperson (Acting) requested the Secretary to present the agenda items.

The discussions / decisions taken in the meeting are recorded as hereunder:

BoG 55.1 To note the leave of absence of members.

All the members of the Board were present in the meeting.

BoG 55.2 To confirm the minutes of the 54th meeting of the Board of Governors of National Institute of Technology, Kurukshetra held on 28.01.2021.

The Board confirmed the minutes of the 54th meeting of the Board of Governors of National Institute of Technology, Kurukshetra held on 28.01.2021.

BoG 55.3 To note the Action Taken Report on the Minutes of 54th Meeting of Board of Governors of National Institute of Technology, Kurukshetra held on 28.01.2021.

The Board noted the Action Taken Report on the Minutes of 54th Meeting of Board of Governors of National Institute of Technology, Kurukshetra held on 28.01.2021.

BoG 55.4 To ratify the minutes of the circulated Agenda of the Board dated 10.07.2021 regarding the approval of the Minutes of the Finance Committee w.r.t. submission of Annual Accounts of the Institute for the financial year 2020-21 to C&AG.

The Board ratified the minutes of the circulated Agenda of the Board dated 10.07.2021 regarding the approval of the Minutes of the Finance Committee w.r.t. submission of Annual Accounts of the Institute for the financial year 2020-21 to C&AG.



BoG 55.5 To consider and review the performance evaluation (quarterly basis) as per Clause-H of the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between National Institute of Technology (NIT), Kurukshetra and administrative of Ministry of Education (Shiksha Mantralaya), Department of Higher Education, Government of India, Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi for the year 2020-21.

The Board considered and discussed the performance evaluation (quarterly basis) as per Clause-H of the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) as detailed in the Agenda. The Board resolved that the performance evaluation report be sent to the Ministry for joint review by the Institute and Ministry.

BoG 55.6 To note the action taken by the Institute on the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between National Institute of Technology (NIT), Kurukshetra and administrative of Ministry of Education (Shiksha Mantralaya), Department of Higher Education, Government of India, Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi for the year 2021-22.

The Board noted the action taken by the Institute on the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between National Institute of Technology (NIT), Kurukshetra and administrative of Ministry of Education (Shiksha Mantralaya), Department of Higher Education, Government of India, Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi for the year 2021-22.

BoG 55.7 To note the minutes of 42nd meeting of the Senate, National Institute of Technology, Kurukshetra held on 07.04.2021.

The Board noted the minutes of 42nd meeting of the Senate, National Institute of Technology, Kurukshetra held on 07.04.2021.

BoG 55.8 To note the minutes of 43rd meeting of the Senate, National Institute of Technology, Kurukshetra held (Online) on 16.06.2021.

The Board noted the minutes of 43rd meeting of the Senate, National Institute of Technology, Kurukshetra held (Online) on 16.06.2021.

BoG 55.9 To report the approval accorded by the Hon'ble Chairperson (Acting), Board of Governors.

The Board ratified the approval accorded by the Hon'ble Chairperson (Acting), Board of Governors.



BoG 55.10 To adopt the Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pension O.M. dated 11.06.2020 regarding mobility of personnel amongst Central/State & Autonomous Bodies while working under Pensionable establishments for the purpose of pensionary benefit on retirement, as per the old pension scheme.

The Board noted that the time limit to exercise the option as per the guidelines issued by the Ministry vide letter dated 03rd February, 2021 have already exhausted. Further, the Board desired that the eligible cases be examined by the Institute and send the same to the Ministry with the request to extend the date of eligibility for the purpose of pensionary benefit on retirement, as per the old pension scheme.

BoG 55.11 To consider the matter of Extension of benefits of Retirement Gratuity and Death Gratuity to the Central Government employees covered by new Defined Contribution Pension System (National Pension System) - reg.

After due appraisal of hardship of the concerned ex-employees of the Institute for non-extending the benefits of Retirement Gratuity and Death Gratuity covered by new National Pension System, and detail deliberations, the Board decided that the matter be referred to the Ministry with request to obtain the necessary approval from the Department of Expenditure, Ministry of Finance.

BoG 55.12 To consider the confirmation of Assistant Professors Grade-II regarding.

The Board considered the matter of confirmation of Assistant Professors Grade-II. After the detail discussion, the Board decided that this issue be referred the Ministry of Education for obtaining the views of the Ministry.

BoG 55.13 To consider and approve the recommendation of the Selection Committee for appointment of Sr. Students Activity & Sports Officer (Ref.Advt.No.33/2019).

The Board was apprised about the recruitment guidelines followed in the Institute in the recruitment process of Sr. Students Activity & Sports Officer in the light of BoG Minutes (54.19). Subsequently, the

Board approved the recommendations of the Selection Committee “None Found Suitable” for the appointment of Sr. Students Activity & Sports Officer.

BoG 55.14 To apprise the Board about various initiatives / activities / achievements undertaken in the Institute by the Director.

The Director apprised the Board about various initiatives / activities / achievements undertaken in the Institute since the last Board meeting held on 28th January. 2021. The Board noted the various initiatives and activities undertaking in the Institute with appreciation.

BoG 55.15 To note the actions taken and progress made by the Institute regarding establishment of the Siemens Centre of Excellence at NIT Kurukshetra.

The Board was apprised about the setting up of, actions taken, and progress made by, the Siemens Centre of Excellence at NIT Kurukshetra. The Board noted the establishment of the Centre in all respects including developing all the labs equipped with hardware equipment and software tools, manpower deployment and release of the payment as per MoA. The Board was also apprised about conducting skill development training programs for students and faculty from across the country and establishing partnership with academia, R&D organizations and Industry for collaborative activities in regard to training courses, research projects and consultancy. The Board noted the actions taken and progress made/initiatives taken for revenue generation with appreciation for operating the Centre in self-sustainable mode in the long run.

BoG 55.16 To consider and approve the minutes of 46th meeting of the Finance Committee, National Institute of Technology, Kurukshetra held on 29.07.2021.

The Board considered and approved the minutes of 46th meeting of the Finance Committee, National Institute of Technology, Kurukshetra held on 29.07.2021.

 

BoG 55.17 Any other Item

During discussion in the meeting, the Director raised the issue that at present the Institute is functioning with the sanctioned strength of 298 faculty and 328 non-faculty posts as approved by the Ministry which was based on the 3578 students' strength for the year 2010-11. In the Academic Year 2020-21 the students' strength is 5526. After a decade the students' strength has been increased around 65% whereas the sanctioned strength of faculty and non-faculty remains same. As per the norms (12:1), the number of 461 faculty and 507 non-faculty posts are required. As a result, there is a short fall of additional 163 faculty and 179 non-faculty posts. The proposal was approved by the Board in its last meeting and also sent to the Ministry for the sanction of additional faculty and non-faculty posts. Due to non-sanction of appropriate ratio of faculty and non-faculty position in the Institute, the quality of education and research work are affected. It has also implication on the NIRF ranking and NBA accreditation of the Institute.

Thereafter, the Board desired that a proposal be sent again to the Ministry expeditiously with justification for the sanction of additional faculty and non-faculty posts of the Institute.

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



(Satish Kumar)
Chairperson (Acting), Board of Governors
and Director
NIT, Kurukshetra



(G R Samantaray)
Registrar (I/C) & Secretary
Board of Governors
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