

Minutes of the 107th Meeting of the Board of Governors
National Institute of Technology Srinagar, Hazratbal, J&K
Held on January 18, 2021 at 12.30 p.m.in the Committee Room of the
National Institute of Technology

The following were present:

1.	Prof. Rakesh Sehgal, Director, National Institute of Technology Srinagar, Hazratbal, Kashmir-190006	Director / Chairman
2.	Smt. Darshana M Dabral Joint Secretary & FA, Department of Higher Education, Ministry of Education, Government of India, New Delhi. (Participated through Google Meet)	Member
3.	Mr. Talat Parvez, Commissioner Secretary to the Govt., Higher Education Department, Government of Jammu and Kashmir, Civil Secretariat, Srinagar (Participated through Google Meet)	Member
4.	Dr. Manoj Singh Gaur, Director, Indian Institute of Technology Jammu, Jammu. (Participated through Google Meet)	Member
5.	Shri Pawan Kumar, Under Secretary (NITs), Department of Higher Education, Ministry of Education, Government of India, New Delhi (Participated through Google Meet)	Member
6.	Prof. Mohammad Farooq Wani, Mechanical Engineering Department / Co-ordinatorPMDP / TEQIP-III, National Institute of Technology Srinagar.	Special Invitee

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7.	Dr. Manzoor Ahmad Ahanger, Professor & Head, Department of Civil Engineering, National Institute of Technology Srinagar	Member
8.	Dr. Gausia Qazi, Associate Professor, Department of Electronics & Communication Engineering, National Institute of Technology Srinagar	Member
9.	Dr. S. K. Bukhari, Registrar, National Institute of Technology Srinagar.	Secretary

Mr. Zia Ashai, CEO, B.Q.E. Software, Kashmir and Prof. A. Goswami, Professor & Twinning Coordinator, Mentor Institute, IIT Kharagpur did not attend the meeting.

After according warm welcome to the Hon'ble members, Director took up the agenda items for discussions/deliberations and the following decisions were taken:


BOG-107/01	To confirm the minutes of the 106 th Board of Governors Meeting of the Institute, held on 28-09-2020 in the Committee Room of the NIT Srinagar.
Resolution No. 01/107	Confirmed.
BOG-107/02	To record action taken report on the decisions of 106 th Board of Governors meeting, held on 28-09-2020 in the Committee Room of the National Institute of Technology Srinagar.
Resolution No. 02/107	Report recorded.
BOG-107/03	To record report of the recommendations of the Senate made at its meeting held on 20-10-2020 at the National Institute of Technology Srinagar, Hazratbal Kashmir.
Resolution No. 03/107	Report recorded.


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BOG-107/04	To ratify the action taken by the Director in the capacity of Chairman, BOG in having approved holding of 6 th Convocation of the Institute on virtual mode for the students of 2019 and 2020 batch and approve budgetary sanction for holding this Convocation.
Resolution No. 04/107	BOG ratified the action taken by the Director in the capacity of Chairman, BOG in having approved holding of 6th Convocation of the Institute on 18-02-2021 through virtual mode for the students of 2019 and 2020 batch and approve budgetary sanction for holding this Convocation.
BOG-107/05	To consider the recommendations of the Finance Committee made at its meeting held on 18-01-2021 at 11.00 a.m. in the Committee Room of the Institute.
Resolution No. 05/107	BOG desired that since some members of BOG are not the members of FC, it will be appropriate to discuss all agenda of FC to apprise these members about various agenda items discussed and recommended for the approval of BOG. Thereafter, all the agenda items were once again taken up for discussion one by one and all the Recommendations of the Finance Committee were approved. It was further resolved that in future all the agenda items of FC be brought as agenda items of BOG. Minutes of the Finance Committee are attached.
BOG-107/06	To ratify the action taken by the Director in the capacity of Chairman, BOG in having approved amendments in the Statutes of the National Institutes of Technology (NITs).
Resolution No. 06/107	Ratified.

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


 (Dr. S. K. Bukhari)
 Secretary/Registrar



 (Prof. Rakesh Sehgal)
 Chairman BOG/Director

Minutes of the Finance Committee meeting
National Institute of Technology Srinagar, Hazratbal, J&K
Held on January 18, 2021 at 11.00 a.m.in the Committee Room of the
National Institute of Technology Srinagar (J&K)

The following were present:

1.	Prof. Rakesh Sehgal, Director, National Institute of Technology Srinagar	Director / Chairman
2.	Smt. Darshana Momaya Dabral, IAS JS & FA, Ministry of Education, Department of Higher Education, Government of India, New Delhi. (Participated through Google Meet)	Member
3.	Mr. Talat Parvez, Commissioner Secretary to the Govt., Higher Education Department, Government of Jammu and Kashmir, Civil Secretariat, Srinagar (Participated through Google Meet)	Member
4.	Shri Pawan Kumar Under Secretary (NITs), Ministry of Education, Department of Higher Education, Government of India, New Delhi. (Participated through Google Meet)	Member
5.	Prof. Mohammad Farooq Wani, Mechanical Engineering Department / Co-ordinator PMDP / TEQIP-III, National Institute of Technology Srinagar.	Special Invitee
6.	Dr. Manzoor Ahmad Ahanger, Professor & Head, Department of Civil Engineering, National Institute of Technology Srinagar	Member


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7.	Dr. Syed Kaiser Bukhari, Registrar, National Institute of Technology, Srinagar.	Member-Secretary
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Prof. A. Goswami, Professor & Twinning Coordinator, Mentor Institute, IIT Kharagpur did not attend the meeting.

After according warm welcome to the Hon'ble members and apprising them about the various activities such as starting of new PG programmes, conduct of online short term training programmes, expert lectures, conferences/workshops by different teaching departments / centres and the progress achieved in various ongoing infrastructural development projects undertaken by P&D wing of NIT Srinagar, the Director requested the Registrar NIT Srinagar to take up the agenda items for discussions and the following decisions were taken:

FC/2021/04/01	To confirm the minutes of the Finance Committee Meeting of the Institute, held on 28-09-2020 in the Committee Room of the NIT Srinagar.
Resolution No. 01/FC	Confirmed.
FC/2021/04/02	To record action taken report on the decisions of Finance Committee Meeting held on 28-09-2020 in the Committee Room of the NIT Srinagar.
Resolution No. 02/FC	Report recorded.
FC/2021/04/03	To consider the establishment of Internal Audit Wing in the Institute.
Resolution No. 03/FC	FC recommended the proposal for establishment of Internal Audit Wing in the Institute to BOG. The internal audit wing will work independently under the supervision of Assistant Registrar (Audit). However, it was resolved that initially the services of only one Consultant be hired for this purpose after following due process through open advertisement.
FC/2021/04/04	To consider purchase of new Ambulance fully equipped for the Medical Unit of the Institute.
Resolution No. 04/FC	Members of the FC were apprised that presently the medical unit of the Institute has two Ambulances (Maruti ECCO and Maruti Van) which are very old and not equipped with even basic life saving equipment. In view of the large number of students and employees living in campus, NIT Srinagar need to purchase one Ambulance fitted with basic life support system. However, Finance Committee resolved that a new ambulance can only be purchased after condemnation of one of the existing ambulances which is not road worthy. Hence, the fresh proposal for purchase of a new ambulance be put up in the next Finance Committee meeting after completion of the process of condemnation of one of the old ambulances. It was further

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	resolved that the proposal for purchase of new ambulance be prepared after comparing equivalent models of different makes available on GeM in the range of Rs. 12.50 Lacs, the already approved cost in 102 nd meeting of BOG held on 21-12-2019.
FC/2021/04/05	To consider grant of administrative approval for procurement of laboratory equipments for Engineering Geology Lab of Civil Engineering Department of the Institute.
Resolution No. 05/FC	Finance Committee recommended the proposal for procurement of laboratory equipments to the tune of Rs. 1,49,90,000/- under the plan grants OH-35 (equipment)for Engineering Geology Lab of Civil Engineering Department of the Institute for approval to the Board of Governors.
FC/2021/04/06	To consider the works and equipments taken under PMDP project. (Prof. M.F. Wani, Coordinator, PMDP was asked to present the details related to this agenda item)
Resolution No. 06/FC	<p>Finance Committee resolved as under:</p> <p>1. <u>Modernization and Hostels / Mess:</u> Finance Committee recommended the proposal for procurement and installation of the Central Heating System for identified Dining Halls of Hostels, Administrative and Academic areas as per the approved DPR of PMDP (Item No: 2(3) (Annexure-I) Allocated amount: 1100.00 lacs) to the BOG for its approval. However, FC desired that technical specification and tender document may be prepared in consultation with Government Mechanical Engineering Department (which oversees all Central Heating Systems) of the UT of J&K which should be used as customized bid document for procurement and installation of central heating system through GeM. Funds are now available under PMDP.</p> <p>2. <u>Modernization of teaching -Learning Facility / Smart Classes:</u> Coordinator, PMDP regretted having missed some details in this agenda item. During the discussions, it was brought to the notice of the FC that the tender document was finalized after issuing EOI in February, 2019. The e-tender was floated on 24-01-2020 and pre-bid meeting was held on 05-02-2020 in which number of prospective bidders participated. Based on the inputs received from various vendors, the specifications were revised and a corrigendum was issued with revised specifications on 20-02-2020. The technical bids were opened on 22-06-2020. However, the opening of financial bids was deferred due to non-availability of funds under PMDP. FC was of the opinion that now almost two years have elapsed since the start of this procurement and there may be some upgradation of available technical solutions and revision of prices, it will be appropriate to cancel this purchase and process the same afresh as a customized bid document through GeM at the already approved amount of Rs. 6.49 crores.</p>

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	<p>3. <u>Upgradation of Computer Service Centre:</u> Finance Committee recommended the proposal for procurement of Smart Racks, Interactive Panels / Switches through GeM at the cost of Rs. 85.00 lacs as per DPR to the BOG for its approval.</p> <p>4. <u>Developing IIED and CRFC:</u> Finance Committee was informed that administrative approval for procurement of AFM was obtained from competent authority on 20-06-2019. However, after the amendment of delegation of authority (refer BOG resolution No. 03/100), a fresh BOG approval was obtained (refer BOG-100/07). The tender for procurement of AFM was floated on 23-11-2019 and pre-bid meeting was held on 07-12-2019 in which various potential suppliers participated. Dr. Nitya Nand Goswami (Professor, Applied Mechanics, IIT Delhi) also precipitated in the pre-bid conference as an external expert. After deliberation, some minor modifications in specification were suggested in the bid conference. These modifications were approved by the Director and the corrigendum was issued on 27-12-2019. However, due to unsatisfactory response to the tender and recommendations of the Indenter, the tender was cancelled. It was re-tendered on 31-01-2020 and a corrigendum was issued on 14-02-2020 with revised technical specifications. The technical bids were opened on 27-02-2020. However, the opening of financial bids was deferred due to non-availability of funds under PMDP at that time. However, after deliberations on this matter, FC decided to cancel this purchase and fresh tender shall be issued for purchase of AFM.</p>
FC/2021/04/07	To consider accord of approval for the purchase of equipment against the additional allocation of funds under TEQIP III.
Resolution No. 07/FC	Finance Committee recommended the proposal for the purchase of equipment against the additional allocation of funds to the tune of Rs. 1.42 crores under TEQIP- III to the Board of Governors for its approval.
FC/2021/04/08	<p>To consider approval for implementation of Institute Innovation & Start-up policy 2020, for Students & Faculty members of National Institute of Technology, Srinagar in-line with the directions of Ministry of Education Innovation Cell.</p> <p>(Dr. Saad Parvez, Head, IIED Centre, NIT Srinagar was asked to present the details related to this agenda item)</p>
Resolution No. 08/FC	Finance Committee in principle recommended the proposal for the approval of BOG. However, it was desired that details of the requirement under Non-recurring (one time) and recurring heads (Year wise) be prepared and sent to MoE for allowing the suitable allocation out of the funds which are either available with the institution under different heads viz. consultancy, IRG as well as funds to be earmarked by MoE out of the total annual budget of higher education department.

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FC/2021/04/09	To consider the minutes of the meeting of the Building & Works Committee (BWC) of the Institute held on 14-01-2021 for record report and for recommendations by the Finance Committee to the Board of Governors for approval.
Resolution No. 09/FC	Finance Committee considered and endorsed the recommendations of the Building & Works Committee (BWC) of the Institute held on 14-01-2021 for record report and for recommendations by the Finance Committee to the Board of Governors for approval. However, FC desired that in future the works costing more than Rs. 30.00 lacs (beyond the competence of the BWC) be brought as separate agenda item/s in FC for its deliberation and appropriate recommendations.
FC/2021/04/10	To record report of pending Audit Paras. (Ms. NaziaQadri, DR (Accounts) was asked to present the details related to this item)
Resolution No. 10/FC	FC was apprised that large number of audit paras are pending for the period (2003-17) for settlement due to non-availability of some record / documents which were destroyed during 2014 floods when most of the buildings of NIT Srinagar were inundated. It was further informed that the matter for settlement / dropping most of these paras is being taken up with the audit team deputed by CAG Office, Chandigarh which is currently doing the audit of NIT Srinagar. FC desired that List and gist of the paras on the basis of their financial liability be prepared and put in the next Finance Committee meeting for appropriate recommendations to the Board of Governors.
FC/2021/04/11	To ratify the action taken by the Director in having approved revised cost for purchase of WDXRF System for Central Research Facility Centre for Rs. 1.60 crores instead of Rs. 1.50 crores.
Resolution No. 11/FC	Finance Committee recommended the ratification of the action taken by the Director in having approved revised cost of Rs. 1.60 crores for purchase of WDXRF System for Central Research Facility Centre instead of Rs. 1.50 crores to the Board of Governors for its approval.

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



(Dr. S. K. Bukhari)
Member-Secretary/
Registrar



(Prof. Rakesh Sehgal)
Chairman FC /
Director