

National Institute of Technology Rourkela

MINUTES

78th MEETING OF BOARD OF GOVERNORS



DATE : 16th July, 2021 (Friday)

Time : 16:00 – 18:30 Hours

Venue : Board Room, NIT, Rourkela



राष्ट्रीय प्रौद्योगिकी संस्थान, राउरकेला
National Institute of Technology, Rourkela

MINUTES OF THE 78th MEETING OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS, NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY, ROURKELA HELD AT 4.00 P.M. TO 6.30 P.M. ON 16.07.2021 (FRIDAY) IN THE BOARD ROOM, NIT, ROURKELA THROUGH VC.

Members Present:

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A) GENERAL AND PROCEDURAL MATTERS.

BOG-78(2021)-01: Welcome to all members to the meeting by the Chairman.

The Chairman welcomed all the members to the meeting.

BOG-78(2021)-02: Confirmation of the Minutes of the 76th meeting of the BOG held on 30.04.2021 at NIT, Rourkela through VC.

The minutes of the 76th BOG meeting held on 30.04.2021 at NIT, Rourkela were sent to all the members through mail for their comments regarding correctness of recording of the minutes. Comments received from the members have been incorporated. The copy of the minutes and comments received from members were given in the Annexure for confirmation by the Board.

The Board confirmed the minutes.

[Annexure-A1, Page 18-30]

BOG-78(2021)-03: Confirmation of the Minutes of the 77th meeting of the BOG through circulation.

An agenda note was circulated on the subject matter for issue of NOC to Dr. Suverna Trivedi, Asst. Professor Gr.II, Department of Chemical Engineering, NIT, Rourkela for availing Fulbright-Kalam Post-Doctoral Fellowship, University of California, Berkeley on 9th and 15th June, 2021.

- 1) One advice was received from the Ministry of Education , New Delhi vide letter No.14-6/2021-TS-III, dated 17.06.2021 to follows the follow the guideline under Section-35 of First Statutes, framed under NITSER Act, 2007 which says that "the leave for all the employees of the Institute shall be governed by the Central Civil Services (leave) Rules 1972"and for Sabbatical Leave and Special Casual leave for faculties of the NITs & IEST Shibpur may be considered as per guidelines of the IIT- Delhi.
- 2) One of the BOG member Prof. Raja Kumar, Director, IIT, Bhubaneswar enquired about the confirmation status of Dr. Suverna Trivedi, Asst. Professor, Gr.II at NIT, Rourkela and whether the application of Dr. Trivedi was forwarded by the Institute with an assurance to support.

To this quarry it was informed that neither Dr. Trivedi is confirmed yet as Asst. Professor Gr. II, nor her application was forwarded by the institute for availing Fulbright-Kalam Post-Doctoral Fellowship.

- 3) One of the BOG members, Padma Shri N. R. Mohanty, has given his consent for approval of the agenda.

The Ministry communication as mentioned is not applicable to the present case.



However, the Exception Clause - 34, read with Clause-21 of NIT, Rourkela permits EOL and BOG is competent to allow such leave.

There is precedent in NIT, Rourkela in past to consider and allow EOL to Prof. D. Seth, Asst. Professor (GR.II), FP and Prof. A. Dey, Asst. Professor (Gr.II) for availing Fulbright-Nehru Post-Doctoral Fellowship, from OHIO State University, USA and California Institute of Technology, Pasadena, California respectively as they joined the Institute on 12.06.2020 and 19.03.2020 respectively [BOG vide resolution No.70(2020)-16, dated 30.09.2020].

Under the above facts and Revised Leave Rule of the Institute vide Clause-34, the Board approved the proposal to allow Dr. Suverna Trivedi, Asst. Professor Gr.II, CH to avail EOL for Six month from 31st July, 2021 to 31st December, 2021 for availing Fulbright-Kalam Post-Doctoral Fellowship 2021, at University of California, Berkeley and which may be considered for its extension up to 30th July, 2022, once the United States – India Educational Foundation (USIEF) extend her Post-Doctoral research programme.

The Board noted the fact.

[Annexure-A2, Page 31-32]

BOG-78(2021)-04: To report on the action taken on the decisions made in the 76th Meeting of BOG held on 30.04.2021 through VC and 77th BOG meeting held through Circulation.

The report on the action taken on the decisions made in the 76th Meeting of BOG held on 30.04.2021 at NIT, Rourkela through VC and 77th meeting held through circulation were given in the Annexure for consideration of the Board.

The Board noted the same.

[Annexure-A3, Page 33-35]

BOG-78(2021)-05: Approval of 59th FC Minutes held at 2.30 pm on 16.07.2021.

The 59th FC Meeting was held at 2.30 pm on 16.07.2021. The following agenda were discussed and recommended to the BOG for their approval.

FC-59(2021)-02: Confirmation of the minutes of the 58rd Meeting of the Finance Committee held on 30.04.2021 at NIT, Rourkela.

FC-59(2021)-03: To report on the Action Taken on the minutes of 58th meeting of the Finance Committee held on 30.04.2021 at NIT, Rourkela through VC

FC-59(2021)-04: To approve the Statement of Accounts for the Financial year 2020-21.



- FC-59 (2021)-05: Action Taken Report Separate Audit Report (SAR) of the Accounts of the Institute for the year 2019- 20.
- FC-59 (2021)-06: Proposal for Central Civil Services (implementation of National Pension Scheme) Rules, 2021-seeking options in the prescribed Form I & II under the Rule 10 of CCS (implementation of NPS).
- FC-59 (2021)-07: Proposal for revision of Fee Structure for the Advocate engaged in "Arbitration Cases" of the Institute.
- FC-59 (2021)-08: Proposal for maximum utilization of funds from the Faculty Development Allowance (PDA) towards acquiring scientific data through various primary surveys
- FC-59 (2021)-09: Any other item with the permission of the Chair.
- 1) Permission for Honorarium to be paid to the Hon'ble Novel Laureate Prof. Muhammad Yunus, Dhaka, Bangladesh during the Diamond Jubilee Foundation Day Lecture on 15th August, 2021 through VC .
 - 2) Reimbursement of Telephone expenses to faculty members.

The Board approved the 59th FC minutes and all recommendations of the 59th FC.

[Annexure-A3(i), Page 35(a) – 35(k)]

B. POLICY AND IMPORTANT ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS.

BOG-78(2021)-06: Confirmation of New Faculty members.

- 1) In line with Advt. NITR/ES/01/2019 and NITR/ES/02/2019, approval of BOG vide resolution No. BOG-67(2020)-03, dated 11.02.2020, the office orders were issued to 67 internal faculties for promotion to the pay levels 12, 13A2, and 14A on dated 12.02.2020. On completion of the probation period, they were asked to provide details of their professional activities during their probation period. Bases on that, the Institute's ACoFAR reviewed their performance on the basis of Teaching, Research Guidance, Publications, R&D/Consultancy projects, Continuing Education programmes, Departmental responsibilities, and administrative duties, the ACoFAR recommended all 67nos. faculties for conformation in their respective pay levels. The list of candidates recommended by Director to the BOG is attached in the Annexure.

The Board granted Confirmation to 67 Internal Faculty members based on the recommendation of ACoFAR.

[Annexure-A4, Page 36-38]

2) Confirmation of job of faculty members those who were not confirmed in the 64th Board meeting held on 21.06.2019, due to disciplinary issues.

On recommendation of the Director, the BOG vide resolution no. BOG-64(2019)-20 dated 21.06.2019, approved the confirmation of job of the then 98 (ninety-eight) newly recruited faculty members, except the job of the following nine (09) faculty members, as some disciplinary issues were there against their name.

1. **Prof. S. Karak, MM**
2. **Prof. D. Behera, PH**
3. **Prof. B. Ganguli, PH**
4. **Prof. N. Sethi, HS**
5. **Prof. R. K. Biswal, HS**
6. **Prof. S. K. Patra, LS**
7. **Prof. S. K. Bhutia, LS**
8. **Prof. S. Das, LS**
9. **Prof. S. C. Mohanty, ME**

Out of the listed 09 faculty members, the Board vide resolution BOG-66(2019)-17, dated 15.12.2019 approved the confirmation of job of 03 faculty members (Sl. No.6 – 8), after due consideration of the request of HOD, HS and subsequent recommendation of Dean (FW).

Sl. No.1 [Prof. S. Karak, MM] was terminated from the institute service and he has filed a case in the Hon'ble High Court of Odisha and Sr. No.4, case of **Prof. Narayan Sethi, Asso. Professor, HS** is under official proceedings.

The job confirmation of the rest 05 (five) faculty members, those who were not confirmed in the 64th Board meeting, due to disciplinary issues (Sl. No. 2 – 5 & 9) are placed to consider for confirmation with the following fact:

1) Confirmation of job of Prof. Ganguli and Prof. D. Behera, PH (Sl. No.2 & 3).

As advised by the Board vide No BOG-65(2019)-22, dated 01.10.2019, a committee was constituted to look into the matter of Prof. Ganguli and Prof. D. Behera, PH [Sl. No.2 & 3]. The committee has submitted the report enclosed as Annexure.

The committee observed that Prof. Ganguli and Prof. D. Behera, PH satisfied the minimum credit point requirement as per MRR at that point of time for faculty selection against Adv. No.NITR/ES/04/2017, even though the fact are found to be correct for which their probation was held up.

The Board considered the job confirmation of Prof. B. Ganguli and Prof. D. Behera.

[Annexure-A5, Page 39-43]

2) Confirmation of job of Prof. Ramakrishna Biswal, Asst. Professor Grade-I, Department of HS (Sr. No.5)

Prof. Ramakrishna Biswal, Asst. Professor Grade-I, Department of HS, has submitted his request letter regarding his pending confirmation to the institute authorities through Head of the Department, HS with his academic/research assignments and administrative responsibilities performed by him in this department (copy attached). The recommendation of HOD (HS) and Dean(FW) are given in the Annexure for consideration of his job confirmation.

The Board considered the job Confirmation of job of Prof. R. Biswal, Asst. Professor, Gr.I, HS (Sl. No.5).

[Annexure-A6, Page 44-50]

3) Confirmation of job of Prof. S.C. Mohanty, Professor, ME (Sl.No.9).

Prof. Mohanty has filed a case in High court of Odisha (Ref. W.P (C) No.13441/2020) regarding punishment given to him in the form of salary deduction of one month for not taking classes which is connected to non-confirmation of his job in his present post of Professor. The matter is under subjudice.

“The Board vide resolution No. BOG-72(2021)-06, dated 13.01.2021 deliberated on this issue for non-confirmation of his job and his filing of case at court. The Board suggested that as this matter is under subjudice, it should be discussed once the verdict of the court comes”.

The Board noted the above.

Deliberating on above issues the internal Board members of NIT Rourkela requested that all the 5 cases should be considered sympathetically. They suggested that as it has crossed around 3 and half years now institute should confirm them. Padma Shri Nalini Ranjan Mohanty suggested their cases should be considered and all of them should be confirmed.

BOG instructed Director, NIT Rourkela to present all the cases except the case of Mr. Karak in a tabular format mentioning the reasons for not confirming them till now. This is to be circulated among all board members in advance for discussion in next BoG meeting.

BOG-78(2021)-07: Proposal for PG Programme on Urban and Regional Planning.

The Senate vide resolution No.Senate-101[2021]-10, dated 19.05.2021 approved the recommendation for Introduction of Master's course on "Urban and Regional Planning" and its corresponding curricula w.e.f. the Academic year 2021-22 under Deptt. of Planning and Architecture. The Preamble, Vision, Mission and Programme Curriculum are attached in the Annexure.

Participating in discussion, Mr. Anil Kumar told that as the financial position is not so good at present it is not possible in the part of Ministry to fund any new programme. If institute wants it can start with self-finance mode.

After discussion, BOG postponed this new proposal keeping in view the financial constraints and suggested the institute may present the same to Board before the onset of next academic year, 2022-23.

[Annexure-A7, Page 51-89]

BOG-78(2021)-08: Proposal for Central Civil Services (implementation of National Pension Scheme) Rules, 2021-seeking options in the prescribed Form I & II under the Rule 10 of CCS (implementation of NPS).

In terms Statue 24 (vi) and Statue 29 of First Statutes of NIT, the employees of the Institute appointed on or after 01/01/2004 are governed by New Pension Scheme (NPS) announced by Government of India. In pursuance to the O.M. vide F. No. 1-34014/01/2020- Ad.II dated 31st May 2021, all the employees covered under NPS are requested to submit their options in the prescribed Form I & II.

As per Rule 10 of CCS (Implementation of NPS) Rules, 2021 the government servants covered under NPS, at the time of joining, shall exercise an option in Form I for availing benefits under the NPS in case of his death or discharge on invalidation or disability of government servant/subscriber during service. Those who have already joined shall also exercise such option as soon as possible after notification of these rules.

Further, they also need to furnish the family details in Form II to the respective Head of the Office.

As it is discussed in the FC, there is no need to have further discussion.

[Annexure-A8, Page 90-94]

BOG-78(2021)-09: Proposal for extension of Contractual Services of Mr. Sarbeswar Das, Officer (Safety, Security & Fire).

Mr. Sarbeswar Das, Officer (Safety, Security & Fire), on contract, initially appointed for a period of One year which may be extended up to a maximum period of three years vide order No.NITR/ES/2020/M/0204, dt.16.03.2020. He is drawing a remuneration of Rs.50,000/- P.M. (consolidated) and will remain fixed during the contract period.

His tenure is expired on 03.06.2021. In view of his satisfactory performance in the last one year, it is proposed that his contract may be extended for another one year from 04/06/2021 to 03/06/2022. All other terms and conditions will remain unaltered.

The Board approved the proposal.

[Annexure-A9, Page 95-97]

BOG-78(2021)-10: Permission to Prof. P. K. Das, Registrar to complete his superannuation formalities at VSSUT, Burla, his parent Institute on 28.02.2022 in accordance with the Rule of VSSUT, subject to his tenure completion till 28.02.2024 as Registrar, NITR.

Prof. P. K. Das joined NIT, Rourkela as Registrar on 07.05.2019 for a tenure of 5 years or till he reaches the age of superannuation (62 years) as per NIT norms vide appointment letter No. NITR/RG/2019/L/0161, dated: 04.03.2019, on deputation/lien approved by VSSUT till the age of his superannuation (60 years) i.e. on 28.02.2022 as per VSSUT Rule.

Therefore to complete the retirement formalities at VSSUT, Burla on 28.02.2022, Prof. Das has to be physically present at VSSUT on this schedule date. Board may permit leave of absence to Prof. Das w.e.f. 27.02.2022 (AN) till 28.02.2022 (AN) without pay to complete superannuation formalities at VSSUT, Burla & he may be released accordingly, subject to his undertaking to join back at NIT on 01.03.2022 to continue till he reaches the age of superannuation as per NIT norms (62 years) on his prevailing terms and condition of NIT, Rourkela. The relevant documents are enclosed as Annexure.

The matter with regards to completion of tenure posting of Prof. Pradip Kumar Das, Registrar for a period of five years or till he reaches the age of 62 years was deliberated.

Board was advised that period of deputation is valid till sixty years of age as per Gol rule. However, possibility of converting deputation to contract appointment, till Prof. P. K. Das reaches the age of 62 years can be considered, keeping in view his appointment order and the Recruitment Rule -2019 of Gol for Registrar of NITs. This is to be discussed in next BoG meeting.

[Annexure-A10, Page 98-102]

C. ACADEMIC MATTERS:

Nil.

D. ROUTINE ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS:

BOG-78(2021)-11: Status of the regular recruitment of Non-Teaching Staff.

The Board vide resolution No.BOG-76(2021)-03 [3(1)], dated 30.04.2021, ***“suggested that as of now the proposal may be postponed. At present institute can only conduct the tendering process. Once the life will be normal, the FC and BOG may discuss on this issue again and a special permission will be sought from Ministry to delegate the power to Director to conduct the interview during his tenure”.***

With reference to tender Ref. No.NITR/PW/RG/2021/256, dated 09.04.2021 and in line with approval of BOG, open tender was floated through e-procurement portal for the selection of agency for conducting computer based test for the purpose of recruiting

different non-teaching posts of the institute. Further, on bid opening dated 17.05.2021 it was found that only two bidders have participated. Keeping in view the institute rules (in case of tender value above Rs.25.0 lakh) extension of date for 21 days could have been made. But due to non-availability of corrigendum for date extension in the e-procurement portal, extension of date could not happen rather retender was done. To avoid such problem auto-corrigendum route can be explored in future.

Thereafter, on bid opening date **28.06.2021**, it is found that four bidders have participated, namely:

1. M/s Edutest Solution Pvt. Ltd.,
2. M/s NSEIT Ltd.,
3. M/s Sify Technologies Ltd. and
4. M/s Merittrac Services Pvt. Ltd.

Currently, the tender is in Technical Bid Evaluation Stage. However, the tenure of present Director shall be over by 10th October, 2021.

The Board rejected the idea and suggested to director to refrain from this and institute may wait for the new Director, to take up this matter.

[Annexure-A11, Page 103-119]

BOG-78(2021)-12: a) Proposal for Departmental Promotion Committee (DPC) for Non-Teaching employees of the Institute as per RR-2019.

The approval of the Director was made to conduct Departmental promotion on 5th July, 2021 and accordingly the eligible employee list as on 01.01.2021 & 01.01.2022, vacancy list for the year 2021 and year 2022 and seniority list is uploaded in the Institute Website vide letter



No.NITR/ES/2021/M/0530, dated 07.07.2021.

As the Departmental promotion process has already been initiated for officers administrative (Higher & Lower) and technical (Higher and Lower) posts, Board may allow the Director to continue the same.

It may kindly be noted that the tenure of Director of the Institute shall be over by 10th October, 2021.

The Board approved the proposal and authorized the Director to conduct the Departmental promotion of non-teaching employees before his tenure is over.

[Annexure-A12, Page 120-149]

b) Proposal for employment of Guest Faculty and Staff on contractual basis.

Various posts are lying vacant against retirement and resignation of employees over a period of time. It may kindly be noted that regular advertisement for recruitment of faculty and non-teaching staff have already been floated and same are under active consideration. However, to hire and fill in the vacant posts on an urgent basis till regular recruitment materializes, Guest Faculty in various departments and staff on contractual appointment may be allowed.

The BOG did not approve the proposal.

E. MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS:

BOG-78(2021)-13: Draft proposal for MoU between NIT, Rourkela and Alumni 1969 Batch (Alumni, REC, Rourkela) on "Distress Fund Management" to provide financial assistance to students for security of study at NIT, Rourkela.

Dean(AIIR) has given a draft proposal for signing of MoU between NIT, Rourkela and Alumni 1969 Batch (Alumni, REC, Rourkela) on "Distress Fund Management" with regards to provide financial assistance to the students, those who are suffering from financial distress and preferably belonging to BPL category or economically weaker section as recognized by appropriate authority. The air and objects of the MoU is as follows:

REC ROURKELA 1969-batch Alumni being fully affiliated to NITRAAB is a registered society registered under the society registration act in which the alumni of REC/NIT are members and make contribution/ donation to further the aims and objectives of the society.

REC ROURKELA 1969-batch Alumni proposes to create an endowment fund with an initial deposit of Rs. 10 Lakhs and the 1st party endeavor to

augment the fund to the extent possible in future through Banking channel to be placed under an account opened by 2nd party for this purpose.

The fund so created shall remain open to donations in future and any other donation/contribution coming in/made by shall always merge with the principal amount and it will be treated as corpus fund and

The parties shall agree on the following terms and conditions for management to provide financial assistance to a student for security of study in NIT Rourkela, suffering financial distress and preferably belonging to BPL category or economically weaker section as recognized by appropriate authority for both the cases.

The 1st party shall undertake to augment fund position from time to time, however with an initial deposit of Rupees 10 Lakhs to start with. Out of the interest generated from the aforesaid fund, one semester dues may be paid instantly to a student in distress due to death or disability or prolong illness or natural calamity of the person supporting his/her education at NIT ROURKELA.

The name of the student in distress shall be decided by the selection process through a committee as may be constituted by the Director NIT Rourkela from time to time. Depending upon the availability of amount in the fund, more number of students in distress may be provided with financial assistance in due course.

There will be no financial obligation from the Institute (NIT Rourkela) for this purpose. The draft MOU is attached in the Annexure for consideration of the Board.

The Board approved the proposal.

[Annexure-A13, Page 150-153]

BOG-78(2021)-14: Proposal for signing of Draft MoA between NIT, Rourkela with Hyderabad Eye Research Foundation (FERF), a society registered under the Telangana with its place of business at Plot No.347(P), Patia, PO: KIIT, Bhubaneswar.
and

Hyderabad Eye Institute (HEI), a not-for-profit charitable Trust registered in Hyderabad, having its registered office at Kallam Anji Reddy Campus, L V Prasad Eye Institute, L V Prasad Marg, Road No.2, Hyderabad, Telangana - for research interdisciplinary collaborations of Dry Eye study and its impacts and resolution.

The draft proposal for signing of Draft MoAs between NIT, Rourkela with Hyderabad Eye Research Foundation (FERF), a society registered under the Telangana with its place of business at Plot No.347(P), Patia, PO: KIIT, Bhubaneswar.

and

Hyderabad Eye Institute (HEI), a not-for-profit charitable Trust registered in Hyderabad, having its registered office at Kallam Anji Reddy Campus, L V

Prasad Eye Institute, L V Prasad Marg, Road No.2, Hyderabad, Telengana - for research interdisciplinary collaborations of Dry Eye study and its impacts and resolution are attached in the Annexure for kind approval of the Board.

The Board approved the proposal.

[Annexure-A14, Page 154-163]

BOG-78(2021)-15: Proposal for extension of MoU between National Remote Sensing Centre, ISRO, Balanaga, Hyderabad for Installation of Lightening Detection System Monitorphenomena and investigations on lightning phenomena and its associate process.

The Board vide resolution No.BOG-68(2020)-12, dated 12.06.2021 approved the MoU between NIT, Rourkela and National Remote Sensing Centre, ISRO, Balanaga, Hyderabad for Installation of Lightening Detection System Monitorphenomena and investigations on lightning phenomena and its associate process for one year and may be extended to 2 or more years with mutual consent.

As per the MoU the Institute received Rs.1 lakh/Annum from NRSC for the management, maintenance and technical support towards the above LDS system. All the lightening events are recorded successfully with the installed LDS system in the Institute.

As per the request letter, and based on encouraging results, NRSC is in process of extending the existing MoUs until 2025.

The approved MoU and the letter from NRSC, ISRO, is enclosed in the Annexure for consideration by the Board.

The Board approved the proposal.

[Annexure A15, Page 164-179]

BOG-78(2021)-16: Permission for organizing the International Conference.

- 1) The Department of Industrial Design is proposed to organize an International Conference on "Innovative Product Design and Intelligent Manufacturing Systems (IPDMIS-2021)" in the Institute as per the schedule mentioned below:

Department	Title of the Conference	Date	Venue
Department of Industrial Design	"Innovative Product Design and Intelligent Manufacturing Systems (IPDMIS-2021)"	30th – 31st December, 2021	NIT Rourkela

The details of the conference are given in the Annexure.

The Board approved the proposal.

[Annexure- A16, Page 180-182]

- 2) The Department of Metallurgical and Materials Engineering is proposed to organize an International Conference on "International Conference on Processing and Characterization of Materials (ICPCM" in the Institute as per the schedule mentioned below:

Department	Title of the Conference	Date	Venue
Department of Metallurgical and Materials Engineering	"International Conference on Processing and Characterization of Materials (ICPCM"	7 – 8th December, 2021	NIT Rourkela

The details of the conference are given in the Annexure.

The Board approved the proposal.

[Annexure- A17, Page 183-186]

BOG-78(2021)-17: Revision of Empanelment of Advocate for NIT, Rourkela and extension of term of Legal Advisor, NIT, Rourkela.

- 1) The Institute is maintaining a panel of advocate to conduct cases for NIT, Rourkela in Courts and Tribunal/High Courts with approval of BOG vide resolution No.BOG-59(2018)-25, dated 20.04.2018. Some of them have died and are not interested to take cases.
- 2) Besides the existing advocates, we may take the following advocates who have standing at the Bar of the cases to be conducted at Cuttack/Bhubaneswar. With the prevailing rate of fees as given to our panel advocates to meet the increasing trend.
 - (1) Mr. H.N. Dhal, Advocate, Orissa High Court
 - (2) Mr. Subhasish Das, Advocate, Orissa High Court
 - (3) Mrs. Soma Patnaik, Advocate, Orissa High Court
- 3) Fee structure for conducting Arbitration case as approved earlier in BOG for Shri N. C. Sahu, Advocate, Odisha High Court, Cuttack is not commensurate with the labour put in and normally charged by the Advocates in Orissa. Arbitration cases are normally taken up during odd hour even on Saturday and Sunday. A copy of the rate of fees by SAIL, RSP, paid to their advocates for conducting arbitration cases is obtained which is enclosed. It is suggested that the said fee structure for conducting our arbitration cases for our panel advocates. The fee structure for arbitration is enclosed as Annexure.
- 4) The above shall be valid for 3 years.
- 5) The Present term of Sri A.K. Panda, Legal Advisor is valid upto Jan, 2022. Since no. of issues are confronted requiring legal advice and vetting of contract, tenders, MoU etc a regular manner. Also we have been consulting and taking his advice on other administrative matter concerning Govt. of India queries other statutory compliances, disputes, reference almost on regular basis.

- His period of his engagement to be extended by one year w.e.f. the date of expiry of the present term with a revised remuneration of Rs.55,000/- per month.

The Board approved the proposal.

[Annexure-A18, Page 187-189]

BOG-78(2021)-18: Discussion on the uploading of BOG & FC Minutes in the Institute Website.

Most of the times some important confidential and individual personal issues discussed in the agenda, accordingly decisions are taken by the Board, which are recorded in the Minutes, such as DPC result, disciplinary actions and personal issues etc. The minutes of FC/BOG were circulated in the Institute Website.

Referring the minutes from the Website, most of the times faculty and staff members were directly written to the Chairman, BOG with unnecessary questions and quarries with regards to the decisions taken. Few of them have also filed case against the Institute on their personal issue referring BOG minutes.

During the Chairmanship of Dr. Santrupt B. Misra, he has shown his displeasure and, asked the Director, how the employees of the Institute knows the tit bits of the discussion/decisions taken by the Board. He advised the Director to stop this type of uploading of the minutes.

The Board suggested to maintain the status quo.

[Annexure-A19, Page 190]

BOG-78(2021)-19: Proposal IOCL Retail Fuel Outlet inside institute premises.

In view of the long pending desire of our campus community about a petrol/diesel retail outlet inside institute premises, institute has initiated talks with Indian Oil Corporation Ltd. Responding to our request, a team from IOCL visited the campus on 29th July, 2021. A preliminary meeting was held in the Board room of the institute in the presence of honourable Director, Registrar and Institute legal advisor. In the initial round of discussion, it was unanimously decided to go for "Company Owned Company Operated (COCO)" Retail Outlet model where liability on the part of the institute is minimum. This model of understanding calls for sub-lease a piece of land preferably 2500 sq mt or more for a minimum time period of 20 years. IOCL will substantially invest in the infrastructure and other developmental aspect of the site, allot it to an outsourced service provider. Institute will get revenue from the rent of the space and other services.

COCO MODEL

- NIT will Offer Land to IOCL.
- Land will be Leased to IOCL for minimum 20 years with Renewable Lease Clause on mutual agreement.
- IOCL will Construct Entire RO with allied Facility.
- Through tender IOCL will operate the RO and allied facilities by 3rd Party.
- NIT won't have a say in selection of job contractor or operation of RO.
- NIT will get Rent for Land and NIT can demand % of Rental that IOCL will get from 3rd party operating allied facility.

Deliberating in discussion, some of the members shown their apprehension that if a petrol pump allowed in campus, it may disturb the peaceful life in the campus, as the outsiders will enter into the campus. Some of the members suggested that the institute may identify a place near the boundary of the campus with a separate entry and exit gate for outsiders. However, institute should ensure that the outsiders will be restricted and the facility to be restricted only for campus community. Under the stated condition, the institute may consider to lease the land for welfare of campus community to IOCL which is a public sector Unit.

The Board did not approve the proposal in its present form.

[Annexure-A20, Page 191-193]

BOG-78(2021)-20: Proposal for re-constitution of Board of Director (BOD), FTBI, NIT, Rourkela.

NIT, Rourkela was awarded a **Foundation for Technology and Business Incubation(FTBI)** by DST/MHRD vide letter no F.No. 5-5/2015-TS.VII dated 27.01.2016. As per directives of the DST, a Section-8 company was formed in the name of "**Foundation for Technology and Business Incubation**" (FTBI) incorporated on 20.05.2017.

The Board vide resolution No.BOG-56(2017)-13, dated 15.09.2017 approved the Policy and Procedures for Foundation for Technology and Business Incubation (FTBI). In the approved Policy and Procedures, vide Clause No.11- "Constitution of Board of Director" was as follows:

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| 1. Director NIT, Rourkela | ... | Chairperson |
| 2. Six Deans | ... | Member |
| 3. Two Industrialist
(Nominated by Chairperson) | ... | Member |
| 4. Registrar, NIT Rourkela | ... | Ex-Off. Member Secretary |
| 5. Head TIIR | ... | Member |
| 6. PIC (Project) | ... | Member |

In the meantime "Head, TIIR", Sl. No5 is abolished and PIC (Project), Sl. No.6 is renamed as **Head of Centre (HOC), FTBI**.

Further, Board vide resolution No.BOG-62(2018)-07, dated 08.12.2018, approved the revised Policy and Procedures, where the Board suggested some changes in FTBI Policy ii constituting the Board of Director which says "**Instead of all Deans, some members from Industry and Alumni should be included in the Board**".

With regards to the above changes in the FTBI Policy & Procedures and inline with Clause-11, the Board may approve the following in supersessions of earlier constitution for the Board of Director, FTBI as follows:

- 1) Director NIT, Rourkela ... Chairman (Ex. Officio)
- 2) Dean (FW), NIT Rourkela ... Member (Ex. Officio)
- 3) Dean(SR), NIT, Rourkela ... Member (Ex. Officio)
- 4) Prof. Javed Iqbal, Director,
Cosmic Therapeutics, Hyderabad. ... Member (Industrialist)
- 5) Ms. Deepthi Ravula, CEO, We-HUB ... Member (Industrialist)
- 6) Prof. Goutam Saha, Vice President,
TCG Life Sciences, Kolkata ... Member (Industrialist)
- 7) Registrar, NIT Rourkela ... Member Secretary(Ex. Officio)
- 8) HOC, FTBI ... Member

Participating in the discussion, Padmashree N R Mohanty enquired about the credential of names of three members, suggested from industry. Director explained and the Board approved the proposal.

[Annexure-A21, Page 193-202]

BOG-78(2021)-21: Submission of First Stage Report on Complain of Plagiarism against 16 Faculty members, NIT, Rourkela.

A complain of plagiarism addressed to Chairman, BOG, NIT Rourkela was received from Dr. B. Mondal, IACS, Jadavapur, Kolkata on 18th February, 2019 against 16 faculty members of NIT Rourkela in PhD/M.Tech theses supervised by them. Subsequently, another complain of plagiarism addressed to Registrar/Chairman, BOG was received from **Prof. Krishna Pramanik**, Professor, BM department of NIT Rourkela on 17th June, 2019 against the then Dean (Academic) and Associate Dean (Academic).

Both the complains were investigated by a three member committee headed by Prof. A K Panda of Electrical Engg which was constituted on 19th September, 2019 vide letter No. NITR/ES/2019/M/1975. This committee



submitted their comments on 18th May, 2020. This committee checked the text similarity using Turnitin software and submitted its report based on their finding.

Another committee was constituted under the Chairmanship of Dean(FW) vide letter No.NITR/RG/0450, dated 25/26-06-2020. Letters were issued on August 6-7, 2020 to all concerned faculty members seeking their clarifications on the complaints/allegation of plagiarism received against them. They were asked to provide all the necessary documents in support of the originality of their research work reported in the theses supervised by them.

The committee checked the replies along with enclosed documents.

The complete status of all concerned faculty members is given in the table below.

Sl	Name of faculty	Dept.	Remarks
1	Prof. Alok Satapathy	ME	Verification completed and committee submitted the reports.
2	Prof. Saurav Datta	ME	
3	Prof. Siba Sankar Mahapatra	ME	
4	Prof. S. Murugan	ME	
5	Prof. Abanti Sahoo	CH	
6	Prof. Susmita Mishra	CH	
7	Prof. Basudeb Munshi	CH	
8	Prof. Kamala Kanta Mahapatra	EC	
9	Prof. Bijoy Kumar Nanda	ME	
10	Prof. Chandan Kumar Biswas	ME	
11	Prof. Madhushree Kundu	CH	
12	Prof. Raghubansh Kumar Singh	CH	
13	Prof. Samir Kumar Acharya	ME	
14	Prof. Sukesh Chandra Mohanty	ME	
15	Prof. Santanu Paria	CH	
16	Prof. Bibhuti Bhushan Biswal	ID	

The above agenda item was discussed in the 71st BOG meeting vide resolution No. BOG-71(2020)-08, dated 18.11.2020 and resolved the following:

“After deliberation, the BOG suggested that the enquiry committee should re-examine the matter and provide the amount of similarity index that would have existed before respective theses submission dates in a separate column in the table. Also if necessary, Chairman, BOG may seek view of Senate in this regard as Senate is the highest academic body of the institute”.

Accordingly the matter has been referred to Senate.

The committees constituted on the matter have submitted their report. It is enclosed in the Annexure.

The BOG suggested to institute to take corrective action. It advised to set up a disciplinary committee for all cases comprising of one or two external members. The committee can take a decision and the same may be recommended to BOG for necessary action.

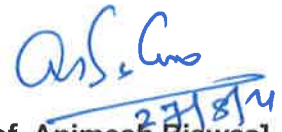
[Annexure-A22, Page 203-251]

BOG-78(2021)-22: Any other item with the permission of the Chair.

The meeting ended with thanks to the Chair.



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Registrar and Secretary
BOG, NIT, Rourkela



[Prof. Animesh Biswas]
Chairman (Acting)
BOG, NIT, Rourkela