

MINUTES OF THE 17TH MEETING OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS, OF
NIT WARANGAL HELD AT MHRD, NEW DELHI ON 26/3/10 at 3.30
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The 17th meeting of the Board of Governors of NIT Warangal was held at
Room No. 103, Shastri Bhavan, New Delhi.

The following attended.

Prof BL Deekshatulu	Chairman, BOG
Shri N K Sinha Joint Secretary, MHRD	Member
Prof. Y.V.Rao, Director NIT W	Member
Prof N Viswanatham International School of Business, Hyderabad	Member
Prof K. Narender Reddy M G University, Nalgonda	Member
Dr K M Reddy Director General, APSRAC, Hyderabad	Member
Prof RV Chalam NITW	Member
Dr S.G. Sanjeevi NITW	Member
Prof CSP Rao Registrar I/C, NITW	Secretary, BOG

Shri S K Ray, Financial Advisor and Addl Secretary, MHRD and Dr. Ms. Preetha Reddy,
Member could not attend. Shri Mohan Das, DEA(T), MHRD, and Mr. Bhandopaday
Under Secretary, dealing with NITs Section attended the meeting.

Chairman, BOG, welcomed the members. The Board noted that this meeting is the first
meeting after the re-constitution of the BOG and this meeting is held after 8 months with
most members attending for the first time.

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The Chairman outlined the need to have the BOG meetings periodically for taking timely and judicious decisions for proper governance and development of the NIT. He stated that the BOG at least initially have to meet more frequently to clear many impending issues

On the instant BOG meeting, the Chairman and most members expressed concern about the short notice in circulation of the agenda. The members stated that the agenda notes was circulated by the NIT Warangal and received by the members only two days before the meeting. The members while taking serious objection to the short notice of circulation agenda, drew attention to the provisions in the Act and Statutes of NIT and even otherwise in general the requirement of circulating the agenda at least 15 days in advance. And unless there is any emergent item which could be placed on table with the approval of the Chairman. In this case, while particularly when this is the first meeting of BOG of re-constitution and when many members are attending for the first time, it would have been more relevant for the NIT to have circulated the agenda in advance with an advance notice of atleast 10 to 15 days. Hence with the limitation of not having much time to peruse the agenda, the Board members observed that no justice could be done to the various items placed, particularly on those where decisions have already been taken and such proposals are kept either for confirmation of the Board or for ratification.

Chairman mentioned that he visited NITW 5-6 times since he was appointed as Chairman, BOG in October 09. During his visits to several departments, he had held several discussions with administration, faculty, staff and students. Also, many employees have met him, in this period, with various complaints/grievances. The total number of complaints/ grievances received so far is over 40. These complaints/ grievances cover a wide range of topics: administrative, civil works, financial, working environment, welfare activities, etc. Regarding the general discontent prevailing in the institution, the Chairman expressed his unhappiness over the delayed/no action for many issues /complaints / e-mails addressed to the Director/Registrar. This includes, the dispassionate attitude towards Chairman, some Board Members and towards students welfare. The Chairman informed of the recent incident of students unrest against the various problems faced by them even in basic facilities such as proper food and drinking water.

The Chairman stated that in the recent past, there have been a number of allegations on the functioning of the Director NIT Warangal, and certain faculty on various, administrative, financial and admission related matters. The decisions taken by the Director, NIT Warangal have been alleged to be not in accordance with the rules and provisions, particularly in relation to the construction activities, admission and other administrative matters. Pertinently some of these decisions taken by the Director NIT Warangal therefore formed a part of the agenda where the approval and ratification of the finance committee were sought which has financial implications and hence required detailed perusal. Hence considering the seriousness of the issues where the Board had to peruse the agenda in detail before taking decisions, else the ratification or approval of the agenda items would mean endorsement to the arbitrary decisions taken by the Director,

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NIT Warangal, the Board members placed their objection to the short notice in which the Board had been constrained to give the approvals.

The Board also observed that the even the agenda notes on each item was not placed with complete details. Some of the important items included in the agenda notes such as the minutes of the confirmation of the minutes of the previous meeting, i.e 16th meeting of the BOG held on 11.07.09 placed as agenda item no. 17/1 for confirmation by the present BOG was not in order. Similarly the reporting of the action taken on the 16th meeting of BOG placed at item 17/2 was not reported properly. The Board observed the matter as serious lapse in the agenda and expressed constraint to peruse the items. Similarly on the reporting of the action taken in item no. 17/2, there were no complete details furnished.

The Chairman further also remarked, that since he took over in Oct'09, he has received several complaints including financial irregularities committed by the Director NIT Warangal especially in the Civil Works, administrative matters and admission of students. Hence considering the allegations that have already on record, he emphasized the need to properly scrutinize the items which are placed for ratification or approval which include some of the decisions taken in the previous BOG meetings and those which have a bearing in the present meeting.

Given the above circumstances and clear violation of the procedures for conducting the present meeting held without reasonable time for perusal of the items, and after considerable deliberation, the committee decided that consideration of all the items placed in the agenda be deferred. The following decisions were taken:

S No.	Item	Resolution
17/1	To confirm the minutes of the 16 th Meeting of the Board of Governors held on 11.07.2009 at NIT, Warangal.	Confirmed item no 3 to 6, and 8 to 10 of the 16 th BOG minutes. Item 7 and 11 needed more details along with audit reports, agenda notes, etc. Item 11: Lien/EOL to be converted to Deputation. To draft a uniform policy on Deputation/EOL/Lien for NITW, taking the statutes/prevaling procedures in other NITs and IITs, and to be approved by Chairman, BOG.
17/2	To consider the action taken report on the decisions of the 16 th Meeting of the Board of Governors of National Institute of Technology, Warangal held on 11.07.2009 at N.I.T., Warangal.	As above. To be taken up later.

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17/3	To present the progress report of various activities of the Institute Presentation by Prof. Y.V.Rao, Director, NITW	Deferred to the next meeting
ITEMS FOR RATIFICATION		
17/4.1	To consider the application of Dr. R. Sudhesh, Lecturer in the Department of Mathematics, submitting resignation to his post w.e.f. 13.10.2009.	Noted
2	To consider the application of Dr. Nanda Kishore, Lecturer in the Department of Chemical Engg. submitting resignation to his post w.e.f. 12.12.2009	Noted
17/5	To consider the confirmation of services of the faculty members who have completed their probation period.	To be done as per rules
17/6	To consider the Appeal against penalty imposed to Sri G. Balasubramanyam, Senior Assistant in the Department of Chemistry, vide order dated 28.11.2008.	Pending Will be dealt with by a Sub-committees.
17/7	Submission of Committee (Internal & External) reports in the case of Mr. Rahul Kumar Naik, a student of B.Tech., R.No.6837	To be discussed in the next meeting.
17/8	To review/present the progress on constructional activities of the Institute - Presentation by Prof. C.B. Kameswara Rao, Dean (FA)	This subject will be dealt with by a Sub-committee.
17/9	To present the progress of R & D activities of the Institute Presentation by Prof. M. Sydulu, Dean (R&C)	Deferred to the next meeting
17/10	To present the strategic plan of the Institute Presentation by Prof. L. Krishnanand, Dean (P&D)	Deferred to the next meeting.
17/11	Payment of Non-Productivity Linked Bonus to Daily Wage workers against rules for the periods 2003, 2004 & 2005	Resolved that matter may be referred to MHRD and seek clarifications of the provisions.

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ITEM -17/T.1 to 17/T.3 (Tabled)

In regard to the Tabled agenda containing 17/T.1 to 17/T.3, the Board decided to defer the items to next meeting, in view of the short notice of circulation of the agenda and as these items required time to peruse.

Item 17/T.4. to approve the minutes of the 12th meeting of of Finance Committee held at MHRD, New Delhi on 26/3/10 at 2.30 PM.,

The Chairman apprised the BOG on the proceedings of the above FC Meeting in which it was decided that all the items placed in the agenda from 12/1 to 12/6 of the Finance Committee be deferred and taken up in the next meeting except items under 12/3.1 to 12/3.4, which were related to ratification of action on grant of Revised DA, etc, in accordance with the notifications and circulars of MHRD.

The Chairman also briefed that under item 12/2 on the action taken report on the decisions of the 11th meeting, of finance committee held on 11.07.2009 under item no. 5 to consider and approve the Annual Report of the institute for 2008 - 09, there was certain contradictions in the reporting of the facts. It was stated by the chairman that while the CAG auditors have raised many audit queries and objections in the annual/audit report 2008 - 09. the Director NIT Warangal had concealed the fact. The chairman briefed the committee that the objections of the audit are in several paras referring to deviations in financial and building works payments in the Audit Report and (ii) the replies by NITW that the BOG has approved the excess percentage in the civil works. There is also an authentication for the replies by Dr.Y.V.Rao, Director in that document. Thus the Chairman observed that there are many areas where there is suppression of the facts and major contradictions and hence all these issues need to be examined in detail, including Annual Report for 2008 - 09 and approval of Budget for 2010 - 11. The Chairman informed the finance committee that under the circumstances, the committee had resolved to peruse all the items as stated above in the next meeting. The committee however till the next meeting approved to make provisions for the routine expenditures such as payment of Salaries and other urgent and minor working expenditures till next meeting of the FC.

The Chairman BOG gave a report on the major complaints received since Oct'09 with necessary documents. After considerable discussions, the Board considered that all these allegations on the financial and administrative irregularities committed by the Director since October' 05 were of serious in nature. Particularly the CAG audit's objections and queries refer to deviations in financial and building works payments in the Audit Report and the misleading and non factual replies given to the CAG that the BOG has approved the excess percentage in the civil works.

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Considering the seriousness of the allegations the Board authorized the Chairman to immediately constitute three separate enquiry committees to enquire into the alleged irregularities committed by the Director NIT Warangal pertaining to:

- a. Construction and Civil works
- b. Administrative matters and admission of students.
- c. Financial matters.

The Board was of the view, the matter needs to be enquired into thoroughly to clear the position and hence enquiry committees may go into the details of all the records pertaining to the complaints and give its reports. Further for fair conducting of the enquiry without any interference, the BOG further resolved that Prof Y V Rao, the Director, NIT Warangal should immediately go on leave till the completion of the enquiry.

The Board also decided the following:

- a) NITW should also give emphasis on extramural consultancy/research projects.
- b) NITW should hold quarterly meetings with the staff and student unions and to address the issues.
- c) Each department in NITW should have review by at least two experts in two years to suggest improvements.
- d) The present practice of the students having a single answer book for a subject/ semester to be discontinued and earlier practice, of writing the answers in Booklets supplied by the Examination section during the exam, to be restored.
- e) Before faculty selections/promotions, the excel sheet containing the details of all the applicants, the criteria for short listing and list of candidates called for the interviews to be made available in the web site. A copy to be given to the Board well in advance.
- f) The problems faced by the students were discussed at length. While the BOG appreciated the implementation of 50% extra intake under OBC, the corresponding facilities also should be augmented. Chairman along with few board members and concerned authorities of NITW will visit NITW assess the situation and suggest solutions (short term/long term). These should be implemented on priority basis.
- g) In view of the many complaints received on civil works, BOG decided that atleast one of the two members (if not both) Dr.K.M.Reddy (BOG nominee) and Mr.Renga samy (expert) should be present in every BWC meeting.


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