

**NORTH EASTERN REGIONAL INSTITUTE OF SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY**  
**NIRJULI :: ITANAGAR :: ARUNACHAL PRADESH**  
**(Deemed University)**

**MINUTES**

For

## **82<sup>nd</sup> Meeting of the Board of Management**

**Date :: 30.01.2015**

**Time :: 11.00 A.M.**

**Venue :: Administrative Staff College of India  
C-24, Institutional Area,  
New Delhi - 110 016**

The following were present:

- |  |   |                         |
|--|---|-------------------------|
| 1. Air Marshal (Retd.) Pranab Kumar Barbora  | - | Chairman                |
| 2. Prof. P.K. Das, Director, NERIST  | - | Member                  |
| 3. Lt. Gen (Dr.) D.D.S. Sandhu, VC, KU   | - | Member                  |
| 4. Shri Dalip Kapur, Dy. Secretary (T), MHRD   | - | Member                  |
| 5. Shri Alex P. Thomas, AFA, IFD, MHRD   | - | Member                  |
| 6. Shri E.P. Kharbih, Secretary (Education), Meghalaya                                       | - | Member                  |
| 7. Smti. Achola Those, Secretary (HTE), Govt. of Nagaland                                    | - | Member                  |
| 8. Dr. T. Padu, Director (HTE), Govt. of Arunachal Pradesh (Nominee of Secretary, Education) | - | Member                  |
| 9. Dr. L.J.P. Singh, Associate Prof. (ECE), NEHU & Alumni                                    | - | Member                  |
| 10. Prof. P.R. Alapati, Dean (SA), NERIST  | - | Member                  |
| 11. Prof. M. Muralidhar, Dean (P&D), NERIST  | - | Member                  |
| 12. Prof. P.K. Tripathy, Dean (Acad), NERIST   | - | Member                  |
| 13. Dr. S.K. Shrivastava, Associate Prof., NERIST  | - | Member                  |
| 14. Ms. Margaret Kathing, Asst. Prof., NERIST  | - | Member                  |
| 15. Dr. R.P. Bhattacharjee, Registrar, NERIST  | - | Non-Member<br>Secretary |

**Air Marshal (Retd.) Pranab Kumar Barbora, Chairman, welcomed all the members. He proposed that the meeting of BoM may be held at least once in Delhi during every financial year and other meetings in all North Eastern States by rotation. The members also agreed to this proposal. He granted leave to the following members:-**

1. Prof. Gautam Barua, Mentor Director, IIIT, Guwahati
2. Secretary, Education, Govt. of Assam
3. Secretary, Education, Govt. of Tripura
4. Secretary, Education, Govt. of Manipur
5. Secretary, Education, Govt. of Mizoram
6. Secretary, Education, Govt. of Sikkim

The Chairman requested the Registrar, NERIST to present the agenda items.

**Item No. 82.01:: To confirm the Minutes of the 81<sup>st</sup> Meeting of the Board of Management held on 12.09.2014.**

[Note: Minutes of the 81<sup>st</sup> meeting of the Board of Management were circulated to all Members vide letter No. RR-19(81)BoM/2014 dated 15.09.2014. No Comment/observation has been received from Hon'ble Members.

Submitted for deliberation and confirmation.]

The Registrar informed that comments from the internal members were received and he read out the comments with the permission of the Chairman. It was mentioned that the Agenda Item No. 81.01 (Emergency) was not presented as an agenda in the 81<sup>st</sup> Board meeting. Therefore, it should not have been appeared in the minutes of 81<sup>st</sup> BoM with distorted resolution. Further, the minutes should not have been put in public domain until comments from the members were received as categorically directed by the Ex-Chairman during 76<sup>th</sup> meeting of the BoM. The arguments of the members during agitation period were to address and sort out all possible demands/allegations raised by NEA through a process of dialogue/discussion. Also the minutes contained distorted reporting along with names of internal members which was misleading and might have aggravated the prevailing situation at NERIST. There was no need for authorizing the Director for any disciplinary action against the employees for which he is already empowered. The members also commented on Agenda Item No. 81.04 mentioning that the decision regarding on GPF-cum-Pension Scheme for NERIST vis-à-vis the letters to be written to NE States was not correctly reported.

**Resolution:** The minutes of 81<sup>st</sup> meeting of the Board of Management were confirmed along with the note of the internal members' comments above. It was decided that the Agenda Items of the meeting of BoM should be sent to the members at least 10-15 days before the meeting.

**Item No. 82.02:: Action Taken Report (ATR).**

[The BoM may like to review the action taken reports on 81<sup>st</sup> BOM and consider for approval.]

**Resolution:** The ATR taken on the resolutions of the minutes of 81<sup>st</sup> BoM were noted along with the detailed discussion on the following items:

**Agenda Item No. 81.04: To consider the proposal for implementation of GPF-cum-Pension Scheme in the NERIST, Itanagar**

Elaborate discussion held on the matter and letter written by the Director to the Hon'ble Minister of HRD on 07.01.2015 against the letter received from MHRD vide F.No. 11-4/2002-TS.VII(Pt-II) dated 22<sup>nd</sup> December, 2014 related to GPF-cum-Pension Scheme at NERIST. The Board was of the opinion that the GPF-cum-Pension Scheme for eligible employees is genuine and resolved to request the MHRD once again to reconsider the proposal.

**Agenda Item No. 81.05: To consider the report on CAS proposed during 80th BoM meeting held on 30.05.2014 at IIT, Guwahati, Assam.**

The report and recommendations submitted by Prof. Gautam Barua in the report on CAS anomalies was received by the Institute on 16.01.2015 and was placed on the table. The Chairman mentioned that this has been a long pending issue and several other papers are also there to take a decision. Hence, the Chairman was authorized to take appropriate decision on the matter during his visit to the Institute in February, 2015.

**Agenda Item No. 81.06: To consider Financial up gradation under MACP Scheme on 'Promotional hierarchy' reconsideration of 80th BoM decision - reg.**

During the discussion the representative of MHRD stated that the Institute should have obtained proper interpretation of the judgment dated 05.01.2015 before taking any action on the matter. However, the BoM suggested to seek legal advice and send a copy for comments of the MHRD.

**Item No 82.03:: To consider the minutes of the 42<sup>nd</sup> FC meeting to be held on 29.01.2015**

[The minutes of the 42<sup>nd</sup> FC meeting, scheduled to be held on 29.01.2014 at New Delhi, will be placed on the table of the house for consideration of the members.]

**Resolution: The minutes of the 42<sup>nd</sup> meeting of Finance Committee held on 29.01.2015 were placed and approved.**

**Item No. 82.04:: Status of Achievement of different targets provided in Result Framework Document**

[A letter received from Shri Praveen Prakash, IAS, Joint Secretary & Mission Director (NMEICT), where it was directed to place an agenda item on the following:

- (i) Status of achievement of different targets provided in Result Framework Document.
- (ii) Expenditure made in both Plan and Non-Plan Heads, since last Board meeting,
- (iii) The release of plan and Non-Plan fund from the Ministry against the allocation.
- (iv) Status of filling up of vacant post since last Board meeting.]

To be placed on the table of the House].

**Resolution: The report (not in RFD format) was discussed by the members and noted. The Institute was advised to place the report in the RFD format from next meeting onwards.**

**Item No. 82.05:: To consider Amendment of MoA Rules of the Institutions**

[A letter received from University Grants Commission vide No. F. No. 6-1(ii)/2006 (CPP-1/DU0 dated 05.08.2014) to modify of MoA of all the Institutions Deemed to be Universities vide the UGC (Institutions Deemed to be Universities) Regulations, 2010.

In this regard, the 73<sup>rd</sup> BoM meeting held on 01.10.2012 considered revision of MoA of the Institute as per UGC (Deemed to be University) Regulation, 2010 and was placed for approval. The Board approved the draft MoA and Rules of the Institute. This is pending with MHRD for approval. Now, the present modification proposed by UGC may be considered by the members.

Submitted for decision please.]

**Resolution: It was suggested that the details of changes in the modified MoA submitted earlier as per UGC guideline along with a comparative statement vis-à-vis the existing MoA may be communicated to MHRD for their consideration. The Board decided to follow the existing MoA till approval is received from MHRD on modified MoA and its amendment.**

**Item No. 82.06:: To consider delegation of powers leading to decentralization of NERIST administrative responsibilities**

[Delegation of power to different officers of the Institute was last resolved during 50<sup>th</sup> BoM meeting held on 04.05.2001 vide agenda No. 50.10. With passage of time, it is necessitated to revise the domain of "Delegation of Power and decentralization in NERIST". In this regard a committee is constituted vide No. EST.166/2/01/2364-78 dated 09.01.2015. The report of the committee will be placed on the table for deliberation and consideration please.]

**Resolution: The agenda item was withdrawn.**

**Item No. 82.07:: To consider filling up of the vacant seats by the wards of NERIST employees**

[The proposal was placed in 78<sup>th</sup> BoM meeting and BoM resolved that a detailed proposal may be sent to the MHRD for consideration.

Dean (Academic) informed that many seats remain vacant in different departments as observed after completion of the total admission process during the last two years. The Academic Council resolved to fill such vacant seats, after exhausting all the wait listed candidates, by the wards of NERIST employees on the basis of merit in the Entrance Examination of the same year. Therefore, a proposal is submitted to fill up the vacant seats left after admission into different modules every year by the wards of NERIST employees. If any seat is vacant after completion of the total admission process including the waitlists as well as extended waitlist then that seat may be filled by the wards of NERIST employees

only if he/she had qualified in the entrance examination of that year. This will not disturb the admission procedure of the NERIST.

Submitted for deliberation and decision please.]

**Resolution: The Board resolved to send a detail proposal to the MHRD for their consideration.**

**Item No. 82.08:: To consider scholarship to Non-GATE/NET students**

[Agenda Item No. AC 19.14(2) regarding scholarship to non-GATE/NET students was discussed in the Academic Council on 22.11.2014. This was also placed during 68<sup>th</sup> BoM and 78<sup>th</sup> BoM. The 68<sup>th</sup> BoM deliberated the issue of fellowship to non-GATE/NET students. The same was placed again during 78<sup>th</sup> BoM vide agenda item No. 78.08.

The 78<sup>th</sup> BoM resolved that the matter may be pursued with MHRD with a request to consider the matter on special circumstances giving a reference to the decision of the 68<sup>th</sup> Board of Management. The matter was pursued with the MHRD and the Ministry requested vide letter No. 9-10/2013-TS.VII dated 10.09.2013 to send a copy of the Institute letter No. Acad./Instt.Schol/Ph.D(FT)2009-10/285 dated 28<sup>th</sup> June, 2010. Accordingly, the copy of the same was dispatched on 26/09/2013 followed by reminder no.5 on 06.02.2014. But no reply has so far been received by the Institute from MHRD. The 19<sup>th</sup> Academic Council held on 22.11.2014 again resolved to offer scholarship to non-GATE/NET students, as per the practice in SLIET, vide agenda item AC. 19.15(2).

The Board may re-consider the proposal.]

**Resolution: The matter was discussed and decided to send a separate proposal mentioning such scholarship facility in other Universities and CFTIs to MHRD for their consideration.**

**Item No. 82.09:: To consider the proposal of Agenda Item of Academic Council vide No. AC 19.04 to create 2 seats under supernumerary Quota for students of Jammu & Kashmir**

[A letter vide letter No. D.O. No. F.1-1/2012 (SA-II) dated 15.09.2014 received from UGC asking for creation of two seats under supernumerary quota for students from Jammu & Kashmir on the decision of Inter-Ministerial Committee of the MHRD as a part of Special Scholarship Scheme for Jammu and Kashmir.

The matter was placed 19<sup>th</sup> Academic Council meeting which was held on 22.11.2014 and the Academic Council approved the agenda item subject to seeking of clarification from UGC by writing a letter on admission procedure of the two candidates from Jammu and Kashmir that whether the names of students are to be sent by the UGC directly or they would be asked to sit in the NERIST Entrance Examination. The letter to the UGC was sent by the Academic Section in this regard vide No. Acad/UGC/2010/311 on 29.12.14.

The Board may consider the proposal.]

**Resolution: Approved.**

**Item No 82.10:: To consider non-completion of APARs/ACRs for the Calendar Years 2012 & 2013**

[The ACR/APAR for most of the employees of NERIST for the calendar years 2012 and 2013 were kept pending by the then Director, Dr. Dipankar Pal, who is the Accepting Authority. Submitted for guidance/advice of the Board regarding their completion.]

**Resolution: The Board decided to send a detail report to MHRD for their guidance.**

**Item No 82.11:: To consider the change of assessment period of APARs/ACR from Calendar year to Financial year**

[It has been observed that most of the government offices are maintaining Financial Year as the assessment period of ACR/APARs for their employees. It is, therefore, proposed to change the assessment period of APARs/ACR for the employees of NERIST from Calendar Year to Financial Year with effect from the current financial year i.e. 2014-15 onwards by extending the current period from January, 2014 to March, 2015.]

The Board may deliberate/consider the proposal.]

**Resolution: It was decided to maintain the *status quo* and for change of assessment period, details may be sent to MHRD for consideration.**

**Item No 82.12:: Implementation of the new RSS to facilitate the promotional avenues through DPC for the non-teaching staff of NERIST**

[The new RSS was approved by the BoM in its 72<sup>nd</sup> meeting held on 30.05.2012 vide agenda item no 72.04 and subsequently a letter was sent to MHRD with request for approval of the revised RSS vide letter no.RR-41/2011-12 dated 09.07.2012, RR-41/2011-12/Vol-II dated 19.02.2013 and RR-41/2011-12/Vol-II dated 15.03.2013. Institute is yet to receive approval from MHRD. Since many of the employees are holding same posts for last several years, it is, therefore, proposed that the Institute may be allowed to implement new RSS for the non-teaching staff of the Institute for DPC, etc. This will not only enhance the promotional prospects of non-teaching employees but also enhance proper utilization of their services for the Institute.

The Board may deliberate and consider the proposal.]

**Resolution: This agenda item was withdrawn.**

**Item No 82.13:: Reporting Item**

**Item No. 82.13.01:: To consider the Draft Annual Report 2013-14.**

[In view of the time constraint, the draft Annual Report 2013-14 was approved by the Chairman, BoM, on 08.01.2015 which is being reported to the members. It will be submitted to MHRD soon for placing it to Parliament in due course.

**Resolution: Noted.**

**Item No 82.14:: Any other item with permission of the Chair.**

**Item No. 82.14.01:: To report the conditions of Type-I (108) quarters.**

[A note received from Estate Office regarding the Eviction of Type-I 108 quarters which are not viable for accommodation. On the basis of the Expert Committee Report and with the approval of the Competent Authority, the Estate Officer had issued Vacation Notice vide Order No. EO/05/2005 dated 06.07.2012 to all the occupant of Type-I (108) quarters.

As per the Expert Committee Report, the quality of the construction was not good and there is high probability that the building may collapse in case of strong earthquake. There is seepage which is causing health hazards to the occupants.

The matter is placed for deliberation and decision.]

**Resolution: The occupants of the quarters may be provided alternative accommodation if available or they may be given HRA as per rules. Legal action may be taken in case of resistance.**

**Item No. 82.14.02:: To report approval of an amount of Rs. 407.00 lakh towards procurement of Laboratory Equipments for various department of this Institute against TEQIP-II Project.**

[A note received from TEQIP, Coordinator, TEQIP-II World Bank informing extension of the project upto October 2016 vide e-mail from NPIU dated 31.10.2014. In view of the non-compliance of procurement strictly through PMSS, a fresh requisition was requested from HoDs of all Engineering Branches and Central Academic Facilities (ET Cell). The Chairman, BoM, NERIST had approved an amount of Rs. 407.00 lakh.

This is to report to the house.]

**Resolution: Noted.**

**Item No. 82.14.03:: To report the minutes of 19<sup>th</sup> Academic Council of NERIST**

**Resolution: The Board noted the following –**

- (a) The consideration of 4-Year Grade Card to the students combining Diploma and Degree period.**
- (b) To introduce cut off marks at all NERIST Entrance Examination.**
- (c) Adoption of 10 point CGPA.**

**Item No. 82.14.04:: To report on Recruitment of Faculty Members of NERIST held during December, 2014.**

**Resolution: The Director presented the details of the recruitment of faculty members held during December, 2014. The Board noted.**

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