# NORTH EASTERN REGIONAL INSTITUTE OF SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY NIRJULI :: ITANAGAR :: ARUNACHAL PRADESH

(Deemed University)

## **MINUTES**

#### FOR

## 85 TH MEETING OF THE BOARD OF MANAGEMENT

DATE :: 1.12.2015

TIME :: 2.00 P.M.

VENUE :: BOARD MEETING ROOM NERIST, ITANAGAR

### The following were present:

1) Air Marshal (Retd.) Pranab Kumar Barbora Chairman, BoM, NERIST. Chairman

Prof.T.Mibang,
 Vice Chancellor,
 Rajiv Gandhi University.

Member

3) Shri Aching Kumar, US(T) Nominee of Joint Secretary (TEL),-MHRD, Govt. of India.

Member

 Sri K.Lal Nghinlova The Commissioner & Secretary, Higher & Technical Education, Govt. of Mizoram.

Member

 Shri D.K.Pradhan, Addl. Secretary and Director(HE), HRDD, Govt. of Sikkim.

Member

 Shri G P Wallang Commissioner, Higher and Technical Education, Govt. of Meghalaya.

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- 7) Shri Jagdish Singh
   The Secretary (Higher and Technical Education),
   Govt. of Tripura.
- Dr.V.N. Sharma, SLO, NSS
   Nominee of The Commissioner (Higher and Technical Education), Member Govt. of Arunachal Pradesh.
- 9) Dr.L.Joyprakash Singh, Associate Professor, Member Department of EC, NEHU
- 10) Prof.P.K.Das, Director, Member NERIST, Nirjuli.
- 11) Prof.P.K.Tripathy, Dean (Academic) Member NERI\$T, Nirjuli.
- 12) Prof.Md. Anwar Hassain, Dean (P&D), Member NERIST, Nirjuli.
- 13) Prof.Binay Singh, Dean (SA) Member NERIST, Nirjuli.
- 14) Dr.S.K.Shrivastava, Associate Professor, Member Department of Agril Engg., NERIST, Nirjuli.
- 15) Ms.M. Kathing, Department of CSE, NERIST. Member
- 16) Dr.R.P.Bhattacharjee, Registrar, NERIST Non-Member Secretary

The Chairman, BoM granted leave of absence to the following members:-

- 1. The Joint Secretary & FA, IFD, MHRD, Govt. of India, New Delhi.
- 2. The Secretary, Higher and Technical Education, Govt. of Nagaland, Kohima.
- 3. The Secretary (Higher and Technical Education), Govt. of Manipur.
- 4. The Secretary, Higher and Technical Education, Govt. of Assam.
- 5. Prof.Gautam Barua, Mentor Director, IIIT, Guwahati.

At the outset, Air Marshal (Retd.) Pranab Kumar Barbora, Chairman, Board of Management welcomed all the members attending the meeting.

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The following agenda items were taken up one by one for discussion.

Item No. 85.01: To confirm the Minutes of the 84th Meeting of the Board of Management held on 28.07.2015.

(Chairman, BoM requested the members to go through the minutes of the last BOM held on 28.7.2015 and give their comments. The same were circulated to all the members and no comments were received. As no member had any comment on the minutes of the 84th BoM, the house may decide to confirm it).

Resolution: The minutes of the 84th Board of Management meeting held on 28.07.2015 was confirmed.

Item No. 85.02:: Action Taken Report (ATR).

The action taken report was seen by the members and one member raised the issue of reservation of few seats in admission for the wards of NERIST employees. During discussion it was agreed to refer the issue to the MHRD for final decision, for which a letter may be drafted and sent to MHRD with a copy to Chairman, BoM for pursuing the matter at MHRD at his level.)

Resolution: Action taken report was noted and approved except the issue of reservation for the wards of NERIST employees. It was decided to draft a one page letter to be sent to the MHRD with a copy to Chairman, BoM for pursuing the matter at his level.

Item No 85.03:: To consider the minutes of the 44th FC meeting to be held on 01.12,2015.

(Chairman, BoM requested the members to go through the 44<sup>th</sup> FC meeting and sought their comments of the members. As no member had any comment on the minutes of 44<sup>th</sup> FC, the minutes was considered for confirmation.)

Resolution: The minutes of the 44th Finance Committee meeting held on 01.12.2015 was confirmed with minor modification. It was also agreed to send a letter to the MHRD for consideration of some scholarships for the Non-NET Ph.D. students at NERI\$T at par with other Institutes like Rajiv Gandhi University in order to attract more Ph.D students.

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Item No 85.04:: To decide action for non-completion of degree/ award under QIP.

(Some members said that once a bond /agreement is made between the faculty and the institute, the amount as due should be returned to the institute in case of discontinuance and failure of the programme under QIP. After discussion, it was decided to seek the rule position in operation by other institutions like IITs, NITs and other Central Institutions on this matter.)

Resolution: The BoM resolved to seek the rules being followed by other institutions on this matter like IITs, NITs and Central Universities etc. and act accordingly.

Item No 85.05: Introduction of Higher Grade pay at Professor level.

(Director, NERIST requested the house that stage (5) as proposed in the UGC rule may be extended to the faculty at NERIST after completion of 10 years of service in the Professor cadre satisfying the required eligibility condition.. Members said that it may be implemented for the eligible faculty as per the UGC rule and there is no need to come to the BoM for this.)

Resolution: The Board of Management approved to implement the Higher Grade pay at Professor Level as per the UGC Rule notified from time to time.

Item No 85.06: To consider amended UGC regulation(s) - reg.

(The Director, NERIST informed the house that UGC regulations 2010 were approved in the 71st BoM and so far the same rules are being followed by the NERIST. But later in 2013, the UGC amended the rules and regulations and the modifications are placed at annexure – V p.22 -34 for perusal and a decision. Members went through the amended rules and said that there is no need for separate approval from the Board of such amendment. NERIST should follow the UGC Regulation along with the amendments from time to time.)

Resolution: The Board of Management approved the implementation of the amended UGC regulations from time to time.

Item No 85.07: Refund of the NEQIP grant received from AICTE.

(Director informed the members that two projects (TEQIP and NEQIP) were sanctioned to NERIST by the Govt. of India and recently a letter was received from the AICTE to refund the grant received under NEQIP as no technical



educational institution can have both TEQIP and NEQIP schemes. Accordingly, NERIST has already decided to refund the grant under NEQIP. However, some amount under the NEQIP scheme has already been spent for the development of the Institute. So he sought opinion of the house to write a letter to AICTE for a special permission to refund the unspent balance. The Commissioner of Education, Mizoram opined that he is a member of AICTE and he will plead for write off of expenditure incurred till date.)

**Resolution**: The Board of Management approved the refund the NEQIP grant limited to the extent of unspent balance to the AICTE along with a letter to permit the amount already spent by the Institute before receiving the letter from the AICTE as a special grant.

Item No 85.08: Change of Designation of Laboratory Assistant.

(The Members suggested to refer this matter to the MHRD for a suitable decision.)

Resolution: The Board of Management resolved that NERIST may take up this matter with the MHRD for a decision.

Item No 85.09: Reporting Item

Item No 85.09.01: List of pending Court case.

(Registrar read out the list of pending cases one by one in the house as listed and the members noted.)

Resolution: Noted.

Any other item with the permission of the Chairman. Item No 85.10:

- > On the issue of tightening of security at NERIST by deploying CRPF / any other Central Security raised by an internal member, Chairman, BoM replied that lot of amount is being paid to the existing security every month and the existing security should be instructed to take necessary steps to strengthen the security throughout the campus. suggested to go for re-tendering if the present security performance is not satisfactory.
- > Regarding non signing of the APARs by the former Director, it was decided to send all APAR form to the former Director's Address for necessary action. Semilariz

- > Regarding keeping Deputy Registrar's interview in abeyance by the MHRD as was scheduled to be held on 28.11.2015 at NERIST on the basis of a complaint by some faculty, Chairman expressed serious concern on the cancellation. He said that there are no officers in NERIST. Out of three Deputy Registrar posts, only one Deputy Registrar is in existence. Chairman said that the recrultment process was going on after getting approval from the BoM based on the decision of the 50th BOM in which the Ministry members were also present. He asked the Ministry member on what basis the interview for the post of Deputy Registrar was cancelled. The Ministry member replied that it was not cancelled but kept in abeyance and if the NERIST authority gives its reply on the complaints received by the MHRD, the Ministry will lift the abeyance. Chairman, BOM also requested the MHRD representative to look into the matter for lifting the abeyance as early as possible after receiving the reply from NERIST. After discussion it was decided to give a suitable reply to the MHRD against the letter received from the MHRD vide letter No.F,9-20/2015-TS,VII dated 26th November,2015 which was received on 27th November, 2015 directing to keep the interview in abeyance and wait for the reply of MHRD to reschedule it.
- > On the question raised by the Director, NERIST regarding Faculty recruitment and CAS interviews, the Chairman, BoM said that there is no relationship with the abeyance order of Deputy Registrar interviews and other routine works of the Institute like issue of the Faculty CAS interviews. advertisement and conducting of advertisement should be issued by the institute otherwise departments would suffer and CAS interviews for the faculty should also be conducted as early as possible.

The meeting ended with vote of thanks to the chair.

(Dr.R.P. Bhattacharjee) & non-member % Registrar & non-member Secretary(BoM)