

NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY MEGHALAYA
Minutes of XVIIth Meeting of the Board of Governors held on 27.10.2017

The XVIIth meeting of the Board of Governors of NIT Meghalaya was held on 27th October, 2017 at 10.30 am in the Conference Room of NIT Meghalaya, Laitumkhrah in the presence of the following members:

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| 1. Professor Bibhuti Bhusan Biswal
Director, NIT Meghalaya | Chairman |
| 2. Prof. Gautam Biswas
Director, IIT Guwahati | Member |
| 3. Shri Wallamphang Roy
Meghalaya Power Carriers (Pvt.) Ltd.
Shillong | Member |
| 4. Shri Roderick D. Shira
Director(Retd.), BRPL | Member |
| 5. Shri K.Rajan
Under Secretary (TE), MHRD | MHRD Nominee |
| 6. Dr. Diptendu Sinha Roy
Associate Professor, Dept. of Computer Science & Engg. | Senate Nominee |
| 7. Dr. Ayon Bhattacharjee
Registrar(i/c) | Secretary |

Prof. Gautam Biswas attended the meeting through video conferencing.

At the outset, the Director, NIT Meghalaya & the Acting Chairman welcomed the members to the XVIIth meeting and the agenda of the day was then taken up.

BoG-XVII(2017)-1: Confirmation of the minutes of the XVIth meeting of the Board of Governors of NIT Meghalaya held on 14.08.2017

The XVIth meeting of the Board of Governors of NIT Meghalaya was held on 14.08.2017 in the Conference Room of NIT Meghalaya. The minutes of the meeting were circulated amongst the members of the Committee for their comments/ observations. Remarks were received from the Director of the Institute.

The Board noted the remarks and decided to confirm the minutes as circulated.

BOG-XVII(2017)-R1: The Board RESOLVED to CONFIRM the Minutes of the XVIth Meeting of the Board of Governors of NIT Meghalaya held on 14th August, 2017 as circulated.

BoG-XVII(2017)-2: ATR of the decisions of the XVIth Meeting of the Board of Governors, NIT Meghalaya

The actions taken on the resolutions of the Board for its XVIth meeting were circulated as part of the agenda items. The Director elaborated these in the meeting.

BOG-XVII(2017)- R2: The Board NOTED the actions taken on the resolutions of the Board for its XVIth meeting. Further the Board recommended that Dr. Sanjoy Debbarma, Assistant Professor, Dept. of Electrical Engineering, Dr. Vinay Kumar, Assistant Professor, Dept. of Electronics & Communication Engineering and Dr. Prabir Kumar Saha, Assistant Professor, Dept. of Electronics & Communication Engineering be regularized at Rs.6000/- AGP from the date of obtaining the PhD degree.

BoG-XVII(2017)-3: Adoption of the recommendations of Anomaly committee report on new recruitment rules for Faculty of NITs and IEST

The Board discussed the recommendations of Anomaly committee report on new recruitment rules for Faculty of NITs and IEST and decided to adopt the same.

BOG-XVII(2017)- R3: The Board RESOLVED to ADOPT the recommendations of Anomaly committee report on new recruitment rules for Faculty of NITs and IEST.

BoG-XVII (2017)-4: Recruitment

a) Registrar

Applications for the post of Registrar was called through print media vide advertisement nos. NITMGH/REC/REG/2017/553 dated: 08.06.2017. Copy of the advertisements was also uploaded in the website. There were 149 applications received by the specified last date (24.07.2017). A screening committee was constituted vide Order No. NITMGH/REC/NF/REG/Vol-II/2017-18/1094 dated: 08.06.2017.

Following were the members.

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| a) Prof. B.B.Biswal, Director, NIT Meghalaya | - Chairman |
| b) Prof. B.K. Roy, Department of Electrical Engineering, NIT Silchar | - Member |
| c) Prof. K. Sengupta, Dean (Academics), IIM Shillong | - Member |

The committee shortlisted 14 candidates to be called for interview. The selection committee met on 21.09.2017 at 09.30 am in the Conference room of NIT Meghalaya with the following as members.

- 1) Prof.S.K.Patra, Director, IIIT Vadodara
- 2) Prof. Rajat Gupta, Director, NIT Mizoram
- 3) Prof. Mani K Paswan, Dept. of Mechanical Engineering, NIT Jamshedpur
- 4) Mr. U.C.Das, Registrar, IIT Guwahati

6 (six) candidates appeared for the interview. The Selection Committee recommended the following candidate for appointment:

Sl. No.	Name	Pay Scale
1.	Mr. Bijaya Nanda Choudhury	PB4, GP- Rs. 10,000/-

BOG-XVII(2017)- R4(a): The Board RESOLVED to ACCEPT the recommendations of the Selection Committee for appointment to the post of Registrar.

- b) Non – faculty position - Assistant Registrar

Applications for the post of Assistant Registrar (1-UR and 1-OBC) was called through print media vide advertisement nos. NITMGH/REC/NF/2016/4623 dated: 08.08.2017 and NITMGH/REC/NF/2017/554 dated: 08.06.2017. Copies of the advertisements were also uploaded in the website. Last dates of receipt of applications were 20.09.2016 and 24.07.2017 respectively. A total of 343 nos of applications were received against the advertisement.

A screening committee consisting of the following members was constituted by the Authority.

- a) Dr. Gayadhar Panda, Associate Professor, Department of Electrical Engineering
- b) Dr. Subhendu Maity, Assistant Professor, Dept. of Mechanical Engineering
- c) Dr. Paresh Nath Chatterjee, Assistant Professor, Dept. of Chemistry

The screening committee shortlisted 147 candidates to be called for the written test which was held on 08.10.2017. Out of 147 candidates, 74 nos were present during the written test.

19 (nineteen) candidates were shortlisted to appear for an interview which was held on 09.10.2017. A selection committee consisting of the following members was constituted by the authority.

- 1) Prof. Mani K Paswan, Dept. of Mechanical Engineering, NIT Jamshedpur
- 2) Dr. J.N. Nayak, Registrar, NEHU
- 3) Mr. B. Doley, Registrar, NIT Nagaland
- 4) Director, NIT Meghalaya
- 5) Registrar, NIT Meghalaya

All the 19(nineteen) candidates appeared for the interview. The Selection Committee recommendations were as follows:

Sl. No.	Candidate recommended for appointment	Pay Scale
1.	Ms. Ambika Rai	PB4, GP- Rs. 5,400/-

The following candidate is waitlisted.

Sl. No.	Name
1.	Mr. Deep Narayan Srivastava

The Board considered the recommendations subject to a legal opinion. The Selection Committee comprised of 5 members as listed above. However, some members of the Board pointed out that as per the Statutes of NITs, the committee should have comprised of 4 members. Therefore, it was decided that a opinion be sought in the matter and the matter may be presented in the next meeting of the Board.

BOG-XVII(2017)- R4(b): The Board RESOLVED to ACCEPT the recommendations of the Selection Committee for appointment to the post of Assistant Registrar subject to a legal clearance.

BoG-XVII(2017)-5: Placement of Faculty under consolidated pay to regular pay on completion of PhD

The Board discussed the matter of placing the following faculty members under consolidated pay to regular pay.

Name of the faculty	Resolution of Board	Date of completion of PhD
Dr Smrutirekha Sahoo Department of Civil Engineering	At AGP Rs. 6000/- on completion of PhD vide BoG resolution No. R7a/BoG/XIII/2016 dated 30.06.2016	13.06.2017

Dr Ansuman Bhattacharya Department of Computer Science and Engineering	Consolidated pay of Rs.50,000/- pm (with residential accommodation) or Rs. 55,000/- without residential accommodation). To be placed in scale of AGP of Rs. 6000/- with increments as per norm after PhD.	22.11.2016
Dr Debabrata Podder Department of Civil Engineering	At AGP Rs. 6000/- on completion of BoG vide resolution No.R7a/BoG/XIII/2016 dated 30.06.2016	08.06.2016

BOG-XVII(2017)-5: The Board RESOLVED to REJECT to place Dr.Smrutirekha Sahoo, Department of Civil Engineering, Dr. Ansuman Bhattacharya, Department of Computer Science & Engineering and Dr. Debabrata Podder, Department of Civil Engineering into a regular pay scale, as they are on purely temporary position.

BoG-XVII(2017)-6: Placement of Faculty under consolidated pay to regular pay on availability of sanctioned position

The Board discussed the matter of placing Dr. Amit Kumar Paul, Assistant Professor, Dept. of Chemistry to a regular pay scale on availability of sanctioned positions.

BOG-XVII(2017)-6: The Board RESOLVED to REJECT to place Dr. Amit Kumar Paul, Assistant Professor, Dept. of Chemistry into a regular pay scale as he is on a purely temporary position.

BoG-XVII(2017) -7 : Regularization of service of faculty member

NIT Meghalaya has recruited several faculty members under 3-tier system of whom 2(two) faculty members are still serving under 3-tier system as per details provided below:-

Sl no.	Name	Date of joining	Designation	Present AGP	Staus of PhD	Remarks
1.	Dr. Biswajit Halder	23.07.2012	Asst. Prof.	PB3 AGP 6000/-	Awarded	Their services may be confirmed in AGP 7000/-
2.	Dr.B. Pushpa Devi	03.01.2013	Asst. Prof.	PB3 AGP 6000/-	Awarded	

BOG-XVII(2017)-7: The Board RESOLVED to consider to place Dr. Biswajit Halder, Assistant Professor, Dept. of Electrical Engineering and Dr.B. Pushpa Devi, Assistant Professor, Dept. of Electronics & Communication Engineering with AGP 6000/- from the dates of their obtaining the PhD degree as per the conditions of 3-tier Recruitment Rules.

BoG-XVII(2017) -8: Representation from faculty

The Board discussed the following representations received from two faculty members.

1. Dr Manideepa Saha, Assistant Professor, Department of Mathematics, submitted a representation on 16/06/2017. She claimed that whereas the services of many faculty members were regularized and they were placed in AGP 7000 subsequent to reviving PhD degree, her services were not confirmed under similar circumstances and she was kept at an AGP of 6000, even though it was stated in her appointment letter that "on completion of PhD you would be placed in a regular position".

2 Dr. Tikaram Subedi, Assistant Professor, Department of Mathematics, submitted a representation on 18/09/2017. Dr. Subedi joined NIT Meghalaya on 01/06/2012 under the three tier system. He completed his PhD on 15/07/2014 and was kept at AGP 6000 without regularization. Moreover he was given increments at the joining scale whereas some others were given increments at the current scale. This has led to a situation that being at the same scale at the present date, Dr Subedi is receiving a lower salary compared to some of his juniors.

BOG-XVII(2017)-8: The Board resolved to suggest that the agenda item listed above would be brought in a systematic and consolidated form alongwith any other similar case in a future meeting of Board.

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BoG-XVII(2017)–10: Extra ordinary leave application of Mr. Mridupawan Sonowal, Assistant Professor, Dept. of Electronics & Communication Engineering

An application dated: 22.09.2017 was received from Mr. Mridupawan Sonowal, Assistant Professor, Department of ECE. He has been working with NIT Meghalaya since 07.08.2013. As per his appointment letter he had to complete his PhD within 5 (five) years from his date of appointment. In this connection, he has requested the Institute to grant him with study leave for a duration of one and a half semester (October 2017 to July 2018) so that he can complete his PhD within the stipulated time.

The Board discussed the matter and decided that extra – ordinary leave may not be sanctioned. However, Mr. Sonowal may be given leave without pay for 9 months under 3- tier.

BOG-XVII(2017)- R10: The Board RESOLVED to REJECT the request of Mr. Mridupawan Sonowal, Assistant Professor, Dept. of Electronics & Communication Engineering. However, Mr. Sonowal can avail leave without pay for 9months under 3-tier.

BoG-XVII(2017) -11: Resignations

Faculty members			
Sl. No.	Name of the faculty member	Reason	Date of release
1.	Mr. Sanjay Pratihar Assistant Professor Dept. of Computer Science & Engineering	Resigned. Got appointed to the post of Asst. Professor (on contract) in Computer Science & Engineering/ Information Technology at IIT Kalyani	20.09.2017
2.	Mr. Naba Kumar Jana Assistant Professor Department of Mathematics	Resigned. Got appointed to the post of Assistant Professor, Dept. of Applied Mathematics, IIT(ISM) Dhanbad	To be released on 24.10.2017
3.	Dr. Partha Pratim De Associate Professor Department of Electronics & Communication Engineering	Resigned.	To be released on 20.10.2017

BOG-XVII(2017)-R11: The Board NOTED the resignations of faculty members as mentioned above.

BoG-XVII(2017)- 12: Recommendations of the XIIIth meeting of Senate

The XIIIth meeting of Senate of the Institute was held on 21.10.2017. Recommendations of the meeting were placed before the Board of Governors on the day of the meeting The Board approved the Revised Fee Structure which will be effective from Spring semester 2018. Other items were items to be noted.

BOG-XVII(2017)-R12: The Board RESOLVED to APPROVE the Revised Fee Structure which will be effective from Spring semester 2018.

BoG-XVII(2017)-13: Enhancement of Sitting fee

The Director as Chairman, Board of Governors of NIT Meghalaya approved for enhancement of sitting fee in respect of Non- officials of Committees/ Panels/ Boards etc as per letter received from Mr. K. Rajan, Under Secretary (NITs), MHRD. The Board discussed the matter and decided that the sitting fee will be Rs.5000/- in respect of Non-officials of Committees/Panels/ Board etc.

BOG-XVII(2017)-R13: The Board RESOLVED to APPROVE the sitting fee at Rs.5000/- in respect of Non-officials of Committees/Panels/ Board etc.

BoG-XVII(2017)-14: Appointment of Associate Dean

On completion of 2(two) year term, the following has been re-appointed as Associate Dean (Student Welfare).

Sl. No.	Office	Faculty Member	Period
1.	Associate Dean (Student Welfare)	Dr. Saikat Mukherjee, Assistant Professor, Dept. of Mathematics	w.e.f 23.10.2017 till 30.06.2018

BOG-XVII(2017)-R14: The Board NOTED appointment of Dr. Saikat Mukherjee, Assistant Professor, Dept. of Mathematics as Associate Dean (Student Welfare) w.e.f 23.10.2017.

BoG-XVII(2017)-15: Constitution of committees

Name of the Committee	Members with designation	New/ Re-constituted	Remarks
Board of Hostel Management	1)Director, Chairman 2)Dean (Students Welfare) 3)Dean (Planning & Development) 4)All wardens 5)Two students from respective hostel nominated by warden 6)Registrar	New	1 (year) w.e.f 29.08.2017
Examination committee	1)Dr. Tikaram Subedi, Asst. Professor, Dept. of Mathematics - Chairman 2)Dr. Ratan Sarmah, Asst. Professor, Dept. of Civil Engineering - Member 3)Dr. Vivek Kumar, Asst. Professor, Dept. of Physics - Member	Re-constituted	2 (years) w.e.f 07.09.2017

Accreditation and Ranking Committee	<p>1)Dr. Gayadhar Panda, Associate Professor, Dept. of Electrical Engineering – Chairman</p> <p>2)Dr. Vinay Kumar, Assistant Professor, Dept. of Electronics & Communication Engineering - Member</p> <p>3)Dr. Bidyasagar Kumbhakar, Assistant Professor, Dept. of Mathematics - Member</p> <p>4)Dr. Debabrata Podder, Assistant Professor, Dept. of Civil Engineering - Member</p>	New	1 (year) w.e.f 07.09.2017
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BOG-XVII(2017)-R15: The Board NOTED the constitution of the above mentioned committees.

BoG-XVII(2017)-16: Recommendations of the Finance Committee of held on 27.10.2017

The XVIIth meeting of the Board was preceded by the XIIth meeting of the Finance Committee of the Institute and the recommendations of the Finance Committee was placed before the Board for its consideration and approval.

Item	FC Resolution	BoG Resolution
Recommendations of the XIth meeting of the Buildings and Works Committee of NIT Meghalaya	<p><u>FC-XII-R2.1:</u> <i>The Finance Committee discussed the matter and recommended the following</i></p> <p>1) <i>To write to the Ministry for release of funds</i></p> <p>2) <i>Associate Dean (P&D) may be asked to contact DDF Consultants for expediting the process of final drawing for the changes/modifications of Auditorium Building, Guest House, and Director’s Bungalow considering optimal requirement and functioning.</i></p> <p><u>FC-XII-R2.2:</u> <i>The Finance Committee discussed the matter and advised that the estimated price may be worked out after escalation and</i></p>	<u>BOG-XVII(2017)-R16:</u> The Board RESOLVED to ACCEPT the recommendations of the Finance Committee.

	<p><i>presented in the next Finance Committee meeting.</i></p> <p><u>FC-XII-R2.3:</u> <i>The Finance Committee discussed the matter and advised that the Associate Dean (P&D), NIT Meghalaya may take up the matter with MePDCL and MePTCL to clarify the same.</i></p> <p><u>FC-XII-R2.4:</u> <i>The Finance Committee discussed the matter and advised a detailed report be presented on the change of estimated price from `7,09,05,800/- to `5,46,96,832/- and the same may be presented in the next Finance Committee meeting.</i></p>	

As there was no other item, the meeting ended with thanks from and to the Chair.

Dr. Ayon Bhattacharjee
Registrar(i/c)
NIT Meghalaya