



MINUTES OF 40th MEETING OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS

Date	18.07.2023 at 12.15 PM
Venue	NIT Goa Conference Hall Hybrid Mode

**Minutes of BoG
40th Meeting, 18th July, 2023**

The 40th meeting of BoG, NIT Goa, was held on 18th July 2023 (Tuesday) at 12.15 PM at NIT Goa Conference Hall in hybrid mode.

The following members were present in the meeting:

Prof. Omprakash Jaiswal, Director, National Institute of Technology, Goa	:	Director & Chairman
Ms. Veena Dunga, Joint Secretary NIT's, Department of Higher Education, MoE, New Delhi	:	Member
Shri. Anil Kumar, Director (IFD), Department of Higher Education, MoE, New Delhi.	:	Member
Prof. B. G. Fernandes, Professor & Head of Department of Electrical Engineering : IIT Bombay.	:	Member
Dr. Venkatesh Ganesh Prabhu Desai, Chairman, Chandranath Education Society, Asolda, Quepem, Goa	:	Member
Dr. Mahesh Dhavalikar, Professor, Department of Mechanical Engineering, Goa Engineering College, Farmagudi, Ponda, Goa	:	Member
Dr. Suresh Mikkili, Associate Professor, Department of EEE	:	Member
Dr. Lalat Indu Giri, Assistant Professor, Department of ECE	:	Member
Dr. Shashidhar K. Kudari, Registrar, NIT Goa	:	Member Secretary

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The Finance committee meeting started with a welcome address by the Director and Chairman BoG Prof. Omprakash Jaiswal.

ITEM No. BoG. 40.1	Confirmation of minutes of the meeting of 39th BoG meeting held on 19.06.2023.
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The Minutes of 39th Meeting of the BoG held on 19.06.2023 were circulated among its members. No comments were received from the members.

The minutes are placed for confirmation by BoG.

Resolution: BoG noted and confirmed the minutes of the 39th BoG meeting

ITEM No. BoG.40.2	To receive information regarding Action Taken Report (ATR) on decisions in the 39th BoG held on 19.06.2023.
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The action taken report of all the agenda points of 39th BoG held on 19.06.2023 were presented to the Board of Governors.

FC is requested to confirm the action report of 30th FC.

Resolution: BoG members noted the action taken report on decisions in 39th BoG meeting and confirmed the same.

ITEM No.BoG.40.3	Consider and confirm 32nd Finance Committee (FC) meeting items of NIT Goa held on 18.07.2023.
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ITEM No.BoG.40.3.1: FC-32.3: BWC.7.4: To approve the request for additional funds over and above the approved cost regarding the construction of the permanent campus of NIT Goa

Reference is made to 07th BWC meeting item BWC 7.4

As per the DPR approved by SFC, the total cost of the permanent campus of NIT Goa is 496.63 Cr with the following detail:

Sl. No.	Description	Total Cost (in Crores)
1	Cost of Construction (Civil & Electrical work)	304.33
2	Equipment and furniture	58.30
3	Recurring Expenditure	134.00
	Total Budget	496.63

Due to various additional works mentioned in agenda item BWC 7.3, additional funds are required for the timely completion of the project. In the 06th BWC meeting, it was suggested

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that additional funds amounting to 20 % of the cost of Civil and Electrical works 304.33 Cr i.e., $0.2 \times 304.33 = 60.86$ Cr could be requested from MoE. It was also resolved that additional funds amounting to 20% of the cost of equipment and furniture, i.e., $0.2 \times 58.3 = 11.63$ Cr can be requested as and when required.

However, as per the detailed discussion during the committee's meeting, CPWD has informed that this project needs at least 86.5 Cr for timely completion, including the safety against slope instability of hilly terrain and drainage system for monsoon water flow. The item-wise break up of Rs. 86.5 Cr requirement is as follows:

Sl.No.	Item Description	Cost (in Crores)
1	Change in Built-up area	24.50
2.	Change in external developmental work	25.00
3	Item not included in DPR but required for completion of the project	11.50
4	Increase in GST	13.50
5	Safety against slope instability and drainage system for monsoon water	12.00
	Total	86.5

Further, it is important to note that CPWD has informed NIT Goa that there is an urgent need for funds as the contractor has already started shifting about 50% of the manpower and machinery from the site due to a prolonged delay in the payment. The letters from CPWD and the contractor are placed before BWC. It is also relevant to note that the date of completion and inauguration of this project is marked as 2nd October 2023.

Further, NIT Goa also needs additional funds of Rs.12.82 Cr for furniture and equipment to ensure the smooth functioning of the campus. So, a detailed proposal is for 99.32 Cr.

The BWC is requested to deliberate and approve the proposal to request an additional fund of Rs 99.32 Cr, which is 20% of the total project cost of Rs 496.63 Cr, from MoE.

Resolution of BWC: *BWC noted that 50% of the workforce and machinery are already shifted from the project site and recorded the notice received from CPWD and the contractor (B. G. Shirke Construction Technology Pvt. Ltd.). Further, BWC discussed this matter and the proposal for additional funds. It is agreed that additional funds are required to complete the campus construction. So, it is resolved that a sum of Rs 86.5 Cr shall be requested from MoE for the timely completion of Civil, Electrical, safety, and other developmental works. Regarding furniture and equipment, it was suggested that the procurement process within the available funds may be initiated at the earliest to start the academic activity on the permanent campus.*

It is resolved that a revised proposal for Rs 86.5 Cr, as recommended by the committee, shall be submitted to MoE after the approval of FC and BoG.

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As per the resolution of BWC the Finance Committee is requested to accord approval for revised proposal for 86.5 Cr. to be submitted to MoE. It is to be noted that the amount 86.5 Cr. is within 20% of total cost of the project of 496.63 Cr. ($0.2 \times 496.63 = 99.32$ Cr.)

Resolution of FC: As per the recommendation of BWC, FC has accorded the approval for the revised proposal of Rs. 86.5 Cr to be submitted to MoE for Sanction of additional funds to logically complete the construction of New Campus at Conculium.

FC took a serious note of the BWC Observation, that the Institute failed to bring such deviation in the built- up area into the notice of BWC, as no BWC meeting was conducted by institute in the last 4 years. And it was not brought to the Notice of FC or BoG also, despite regular meetings of FC and BoG held during this period. It is recommended that Institute should be more careful in future and bring any deviation from the planned activity to the notice of appropriate authority viz. BWC/FC/BoG well on time

Decision of the BoG: Board approved the same.

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ITEM No.BoG.40.3.2: FC-32.3: BWC.7.5: Internet connection for the permanent campus of NIT Goa

Reference is made to 07th BWC meeting item **BWC 7.5**

The construction of the permanent campus is about 86% completed. NIT Goa plans to shift some servers to the permanent campus to test the functionality of certain services like CCTV, WiFi, ipPhone, etc., and also the network communication between various buildings in the permanent campus. Therefore, an internet connection is required to check the functionality of the campus. Further, based on the students capacity and the requirement of the institute, two internet service connections are required for the permanent campus as below.

1. An optical fiber line with 1 Gbps capacity can be obtained through BSNL from the nearest point of the campus to the server room.
2. As a secondary standby line, an optical fiber connection with 200 MBps capacity can be obtained through a private vendor from the nearest point of the campus to the server room.

Regarding the BSNL internet service, a new connection is requested under the special NMEICT project for the Cuncolim campus in addition to the BSNL internet service



subscribed under the NMEICT project at the Farmagudi campus. The existing service at the Farmagudi campus shall be disconnected after shifting to the Cuncolim campus to keep up the functionality of the campuses. The estimation of the subscription fee is about 5 lakhs per year at a 75% subsidized rate.

Concerning the internet service through the private vendor, the subscription fee estimate is about 12 lakhs per year. However, it can be obtained through tendering process as per the norms of GFR 2017.

The BWC is requested to consider and approve the proposal.

Resolution of BWC: BWC agreed that two internet connections are required for the function of the permanent campus. The proposal was accepted and approved by the BWC. It was suggested that the BSNL service can be obtained as per the norms, and the vendor for the private internet service should be obtained through a tendering process.

As per the resolution of BWC the Finance Committee is requested to consider and approve.

Resolution of FC: As per the recommendation of BWC, FC has accorded the approval for the internet connection of the permanent campus of NIT Goa from the BSNL services as per the norms and the secondary standby internet connection with 200 MBps capacity from Private vender as per GFR norms.

Decision of the BoG: Board approved the same.

ITEM No.BoG.40.3.3: FC-32.4: C 22.4: Approval for sanctioning UG/PG project grant from Institute Fund

Reference is made to Senate Item C 22.4

Resolution of the Senate: The Senate approved the proposal as below:

- *Upon deliberations, the senate approved an amount with an upper limit of Rs. 75,000/- (Seventy five thousand only) per department where only undergraduate programme is offered and a total amount with an upper limit of Rs. 1,50,000/- (One Lakh fifty thousand only) per department where undergraduate and postgraduate programmes are offered. This fund shall be utilized by the respective departments for carrying out UG and PG Projects as applicable.*
- *Each department can receive the proposed academic project details and budget requirements from the UG project Batches/PG Students at the start of the project. Department level evaluation may be carried out and based on the projects experimental requirements, the fund is to be distributed in a fair and transparent manner. No stationary items will be reimbursed under this fund.*
- *The Senate also advised all the departments to apply for DST-FIST scheme, which will help in developing laboratory infrastructure.*

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The Senate resolution is placed before FC for approval

Resolution of FC: FC approved the recommendation of Senate for sanctioning of UG/PG project grant for each department from Institute funds under OH 31.

Decision of the BoG: Board approved the same.

ITEM No.BoG.40.3.3: FC-32.5: Repayment of HEFA loan interest amount of Rs. 2,62,67,148/- Q1 for FY 2023-24.

During the FY 2023-24, a demand notice No. REF: HEFA/INTDND/186/2023-24 dated 01.07.2023 has been received from HEFA regarding the payment of interest amount of Rs 2,62,67,148/- to Escrow Account-4 within 30/07/2023. In this regard, Institute has sent a request letter to MoE for sanction of interest component of Rs. 2,62,67,148/-. The said amount will be deposited to escrow account after institute receives the funds by MoE.

The same is placed before FC for approval

Resolution: FC opined that the payment for HEFA loan interest is specifically granted by MoE. Hence, such items may be brought for ratification and information.

ITEM No. BoG. 40.4	Confirmation of Minutes of the 07th BWC Meeting
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The minutes of 07th Building & Works Committee (BWC) Meeting is placed before Board for approval and confirmation.

Board may approve and confirm the same.

Resolution: The minutes of 07th BWC held on 06th July 2023 are discussed point by point and all are approved. The Board also approved the report of the committee formed by 06th BWC, which was placed in Item BWC. 7.3. The Board suggested that the minutes of the BWC and Committee report should be submitted to MoE along with the request for additional funds Rs. 86.5 Cr.

ITEM No. BoG. 40.5	Confirmation of Minutes of the 22nd Senate Meeting
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The minutes of 22nd Senate Meeting is placed before Board for approval and confirmation.

Board may approve and confirm the same.

Resolution: Board approved and Confirmed the 22nd Senate meeting minutes





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ITEM No. BoG. 40.6	CAG Inspection Report of financial year 2021-22 for information of the BoG
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CAG conducted the Institute transaction audit for the period of 01st April 2021 to 31st March 2022 from 06th March 2023 to 28th March 2023. After the audit the Institute is in receipt of Inspection Report vide their letter No. DGA (C)/(C&AB)/CH -SAR/NITGoa /171 dated 01-05-2023 from CAG.

Placed for kind information of the Board.

Resolution: Board noted the CAG observations given in Inspection Report (IR) further Board advised that a suitable reply in response to the Inspection Report to be send to CAG and a copy of the same has to be forwarded to MoE for the information.

ITEM No. BoG.40.7	Additional items, if any, with the permission of the Chair.
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There were no additional items

The meeting concluded at 01.15 PM with a vote of thanks to the Chairman and the respected members


Secretary


Chairman

