

INDIAN INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY INDORE

Minutes of the thirty fifth (35th) meeting of the Finance Committee and thirty ninth (39th) Meeting of the Board of Governors held at 15.30 Hrs. (Saturday) on October 17, 2020 in Board Room, Kendriya Vidyalaya Building, IITI.

Present:

1. Professor Deepak B. Phatak Prof. (Retd), Department of CSE, IIT Bombay (Through VC)

Chairman FC and BoG

Professor Neelesh Kumar Jain Director (Officiating), IIT Indore

Member FC and BoG

3. Shri. Rakesh Ranjan
Additional Secretary (TE), MHRD, New Delhi
(Comments received vide e-mail Dated: October 16, 2020

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Member FC and BoG

Professor Umakant Dash
 Professor and Head,
 Department of Humanities and Social Sciences,
 IIT Madras (Through VC)

Member, FC

5. Professor Neelesh Kumar Jain Professor, Department of Mechanical Engineering, IIT Indore

Member, FC

6. Prof. Yogesh M. Joshi Professor, Department of Chemical Engineering IIT Kanpur (Through VC)

Member, BoG

Prof. Dhananjay V. Bhatt
Prof. (Retd.) & Chairman CCE,
 V. National Institute of Technology, Surat.
(Through VC)

Member, BoG

8. Mr. P. Narhari Commissioner (TE), Bhopal Represented Mrs. C. K. Deshmukh Principal Secretary, (TE), Bhopal (Through VC)

Member, BoG

9. Prof. Krushna R. Mavani Professor & Head, Physics, IIT Indore (Through VC)

Member, BoG

10. Prof. Anand Parey Dean, Resources Generation, IIT Indore (Through VC) Member, BoG

11. Dr. Devendra D. Deshmukh Dean, Academic Affairs, IIT Indore

Special Invitee

Dr. Pritee Sharma
 Dean, Administration, IIT Indore (Through VC)

Special Invitee

 Mr. Pradeep Agarwal
 Joint Registrar (Finance, Infrastructure Development, Resources Generation, IIT Indore)
 Special Invitee

14. Mr. S. P. Hota Registrar(I/c), IIT Indore Secretary, FC and BoG

Leave of absence:

1. Ms. Darshana M. Dabral, JS & FA, MHRD

Member FC

Mr. Manoj Kohli
 Executive Chairman,
 SB Energy (Soft Bank Group), New Delhi

Member, BoG

1. Welcome and opening remarks by the Chairman, Finance Committee and Board of Governors, IIT Indore.

Chairman welcomed all the members and advised the Secretary to start the proceeding as per the agenda.

Comments from MHRD (TE): "May be noted."

2. Observations of Director, IIT Indore (for meetings of FC and BOG)

Prof. Neelesh Kumar Jain, informed the FC and BoG about the developments in the institutes during the intervening period after the 38th meeting of Board of Governors held on August 7, 2020 and the current meeting. The institute has made considerable progress in the academic activities as the teaching classes were conducted online and the examinations were also conducted through Technology Enabled Examination (TEE) mode and evaluation was completed efficiently. The graduated students will be conferred with Degrees, awards and medals during the 8th convocation of the institute which is scheduled on 19th of October, 2020.

The institute has provided 4 windows for research scholars and Masters Students to return back to campus on voluntary basis to enable them to conduct their experimental research and other research activities so that they complete their academic program and submit their theses. The institute faculty members submitted many project proposals and other administrative activities continued.

On the construction front the institute continued progress in completion of nine new buildings and five facilities in the year 2020. This include Vikram Sarabhai Hostel, Devi Ahilya Hostel, CV Raman Hostel, Nursery School and Creche Facility, Vindhyanchal Guest House, Learning Resources Centre (LRC), Vikramshila Seminar Hall Complex, Takshshila Lecture Hall Complex, Abhinandan Bhavan, (name of the administration building), Executive Dining Hall. Whereas Facilities include Parking Shades in the Narmada Residential Complex, POD Area, Fencing of the KV Building, Opening of the Post Office and Amul Parlour, two vegetable and fruit shops, etc. Five buildings (namely KV Building, Computer and Information Technology Centre, Central Workshop, Abhinandan Bhavan, Takshshila LHC) are being inaugurated by the Honourable Minister of Education on 19th Oct 2020. The joint measurement of the Phase1(A) activities are in progress to quantify the balance work as advised by the Board.

Recruitment of the Faculty Members under the Special Drive which was started from 4th March 2020 and was suspended from 17th March 2020, was resumed from 17th Aug 2020 and it has been completed on 2nd Sep 2020 for the all the Department. Nine faculty from OBC-NC and four faculty from SC category were recruited under the SRD. Of these, 10 ten faculty member have already joined the Institute.

The annual audit of institute accounts for the FY 23019-20 has been done by the CAG team of Gwalior in online mode. IITI being the first institute to be audited online and the reports are awaited.

Opening of Kendriya Vidyalaya has been sanctioned in Sep 2020 and the admission process is almost complete with all seats from the Std I to V.

The Outreach activities of the institute are in full swing with the proposal for opening a medicine centre under the PMBJP programme. Similarly, the institute has extended a platform for the local tribal artisans and other NGOs to sale their products under part of the Atmanirbhar Bharat programme on 2nd Oct 2020 while celebrating completion of 150 years of Mahatma Gandhi. This was supported by the CRDT of the institute.

The COVID19 situation is on recovery path. During the September 2020, there were 8 new cases reported but all the patients have recovered with the medical support of the institute Health Center. The students in campus are taken due care for their safety and no case has been reported from the student side.





Prof. Jain invited all the members of the FC and BoG to attend 8th Convocation of the Institute online/in-person.

Board and the members of the FC noted the report and appreciate the initiatives of the institute.

- 3. Taking up the agenda items of 35th meeting of the Finance Committee for deliberation:
- To confirm the minutes of the thirty fourth (34th) meeting of Finance Committee held 35.1: on August 7, 2020.

Comments from MoE (TS-I): "This Ministry has not received the minutes of the 35th FC meeting held on 7.8.2020. May be considered as per MoE's comments conveyed vide letter dated 6.8.2020."

The Minutes of 34th meeting of the Finance Committee held on August 7, 2020 were circulated amongst the members and no comments were received.

On the MoE comments, FC clarified that the Minutes of the 34th FC circulated to all the members on August 13, 2020.

The Finance Committee confirmed the Minutes.

35.2: To consider the Action Taken Report (ATR) on the minutes of the thirty fourth (34th) meeting of Finance Committee meeting.

FC noted the ATR with satisfaction with the following suggestion that Institute, can now initiate a new mechanism for extended master plan in view of the experience gained in last 11 years and as per the needs of IITI for its expansion and its activities.

35.3: To consider and approve the Budget Estimates (BE) for 2021-22 along with the Revised Estimates (RE) for 2020-21.

Comments from MoE (TS-I): "RE 2020-21 and BE 2021-22 will be considered based on the GIA received from Deptt. of Economic Affairs."

FC considered the Budget Estimates (BE) for 2021-22 along with the Revised Estimates (RE) for 2020-21 and noted that the same has been sent to MHRD.

35.4: To consider the policy on Guidelines for Continuing Education Program (CEP) / Faculty Development Program (FDP) / Executive Development Program (EDP) / Short



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Term Course (STC), Tailor-Made Short-Term Course, Conference, Workshop through digitally online mode.

Comments from MoE (TS-I): "May be considered in line with extant rules/ guidelines."

FC recommended to the Board to approve the above guidelines with the suggestion that these programs should not only be self-sufficient but also must generate revenue to the Institute.

35.5: Proposal to consider seed funding rule and part of existing CIE.

<u>Comments from MoE (TS-I):</u> "Institute has not furnished the financial implication and source of funding for this purpose. Statutes (29) regarding 'Promotion of Entrepreneurial Initiative' of IIT Indore stipulates-

- (1) The Institute may promote faculty and students' participation in Entrepreneurial and similar activities.
- (2) The Board may frame suitable rules providing flexibility for such promotional activities. IRG of the institute may be utilized for this purpose. IRG of the Institute may be utilized for the said purpose for faculty and students only."

FC deliberated the proposal and inputs provided by one of the BOG members. It was also advised that the statutory bodies role is to encourage such activities. Therefore, the Committee, in principle, agreed with the proposal and noted that the funding should not be from IRG as well. The FC advised to re-examine the proposal and submit a refined version.

35.6: To consider proposal for opening dedicated outlet of "Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Janaushadhi Kendra (PMBJP Kendra) inside the Institute campus.

Comments from MoE (TS-I):"May be considered."

The proposal was deliberated by the FC and decided to recommend to the Board for approval.

35.7: Reporting items:

<u>Comments from MoE (TS-I)</u>: "For Sl No.(1) & (2) - May be noted. For Sl No.(3) - May be considered as per GFR rules."

1. To report the latest position of grant-in-aid received from MoE, GOI and its utilization.

FC noted the same.

2. To report the latest status of Loan from HEFA.



FC noted the same.

- 3. To report high value procurement items for the Institute.
 - (i) Procurement of Desktop Computer for Learning Resource Center (Cyber Zone) (Indent no. 211/20-21).

 Item reported
 - (ii) Procurement of RFID for Central Library (Indent no. 909/19-20)
 Item reported
 - (iii) Proposal for End to End Cleaning and Sanitation Solutions (Indent no. 979): Item reported. This proposal of Rs.3.76 cr is for existing buildings. Another service proposal is already executed.
 - (iv) Procurement of LCD/DLP Laser Projector & Digital Podium for Lecture Hall Complex (Indent no. 01 & 02/20-21)
 Item reported
 - (v) Procurement of Seating Arrangement for Lecture Hall Complex seminar halls (Indent no. 212/20-21)
 Item reported
 - (vi) Procurement of Audio-Visual equipment for Lecture Hall Complex (Indent no. 238,239,240 & 241/20-21)
 Item reported
 - (vii) Proposal for Dining and Catering Services (Indent no. 1001/19-20)
 Item reported
- 35.8: Any other agenda with the permission of Chair.

Nil





- 4. Taking up Agenda items for the 39th meeting of the Board of Governors for deliberation:
- 39.1: To confirm minutes of the thirty eighth (38th) meeting of Board of Governors held on August 7, 2020.

<u>Comments from MoE (TS-I)</u>: "Institute has stated that Minutes of the 38th BoG meeting were circulated to all the members. No comments were received from any member. However, comments of the Ministry were conveyed to the Institute vide letter dated 20-8-2020. Institute may incorporate the same in the Minutes of the said meeting."

The minutes of thirty eighth (38th) meeting of Board of Governors held on August 7, 2020 were circulated amongst the members and no comments were received.

On the MoE comments, Board clarified that the Minutes of the 38th BoG were circulated to all the members on August 13, 2020.

The Board confirmed the Minutes.

39.2: To consider and take note of the Action Taken Report (ATR) on the minutes of thirty eighth (38th) meeting of Board of Governors.

Comments from MoE (TS-I):"May be noted."

The Board noted the ATR with satisfaction.

39.3: To consider the recommendations of 25th meeting of the Senate held on October 17, 2020.

Comments from MoE (TS-I): "May be considered in line with extant guidelines and rules."

1. <u>Senate/ 25.4:</u> Additional list of students who have completed all the prescribed requirements for the award of degree in the 8th Convocation after the 24th meeting of Senate held on July 17, 2020.

The Senate has noted that BoG has approved additional list of 28 students (2 M.Sc. 21 M.Tech. and 5 Ph.D.) who have completed all the prescribed requirement for the award of degree in between the date of 24th meeting of Senate (i.e. July 17, 2020) and 38th meeting of BOG (i.e. August 7, 2020) which were recommended by the DOAA and Senate Chairman to the BoG in its 38th meeting held on 7 Aug 2020.

The Senate recommended the additional list of the 12 graduating students (6 MS (Research) and 6 Ph.D.) to the BOG for its approval, who have completed all the

prescribed requirement for the award of degree in between of 38th meeting of BOG and 25th meeting of Senate (i.e. August 7, 2020 to October 17, 2020).

Board considered the recommendation of the Senate and approved the additional list of 12 graduating students for the award of degree.

2. <u>Senate/25.5:</u> Consideration of the additional list of recipients of medals and awards for 2020-Convocation.

The Senate noted the recipients of President of India Gold Medal, Institute Silver Medals (UG Programs) and Buti Foundation Gold Medal approved by the BOG in the 38th meeting held on August 7, 2020 with recommendations of the Senate Chairman.

Further, Senate recommends the recipients of Institute Silver Medals (PG Programs) and award of the Best B.Tech. Project to the BOG for its approval.

Observation was raised by the General Secretary, Student Gymkhana regarding the Institute Silver Medal for the Institute Best All-Rounder. The Chairman clarified that the committee constituted to evaluate nominations for the Best All-Rounder was not approved by the Competent Authority, moreover the parameter set for evaluation were not defined properly to provide level playing field for UG, PG and Ph.D. students. Hence, the Institute Best All-Rounder award is not announced. The same will be discussed and after fixation of the procedure and approval of the Senate, the medal may be awarded on some other occasion.

Board approved the recipients of Institute Silver Medals (PG Programs) and award of the Best B.Tech. Project as recommended by the Senate.

3. <u>Senate/25.7:</u> Proposal to establish a "Center for Indic Knowledge Systems" at IIT Indore.

Very detailed discussion took place on this agenda item in the Senate. The Senate members supported the proposal in principle and recommend to the BoG for its approval for establishing the "Centre for Indian Scientific Knowledge System (CISKS)" instead of the proposed name. It will be a multi-lingual and multi-disciplinary center to study Indian scientific knowledge systems at IIT Indore.

A core committee of the internal and External experts will be constituted with Prof. G. S. Murthy being the Coordinator of the CISKS. The committee will formulate vision, mission, objectives, working mechanism and other details of the CISKS in the next meeting of the Senate.

The Board approved establishment of Centre for Indian Scientific Knowledge System (CISKS).

4. <u>Senate/25.8:</u> MOU between IIT Indore and DBT and subsequently creation of supernumerary seats in M.Sc., M.Sc.+Ph.D. Biotechnology.

The Senate discussed the proposal in detail and it was emphasized that the course curriculum of M.Sc. in Biotechnology should be modified to take care concerns of the DBT but without compromising the Institute philosophy of assigning equal weightage to the course work and research work in its PG programs by ensuring no coursework in the 3rd semester of a PG program.

The Senate approved the proposal 'in Principle' and recommend to the FC and BoG for approval for signing of MoU with DBT. Dean, Academic Affairs, has been nominated to execute the MoU on behalf of the Institute.

Board accorded its approval to the recommendations of the Senate.

5. <u>Senate/25.10:</u> Request for M.Tech. vacancies for the Armed Forces Officers under Post-Graduate Training Scheme w.e.f. 2021-23.

Senate recommended the proposal to Board for approval as discussed and also that in view of the ongoing funding crunch due to COVID 19, it was informed that in the very first year of any new MTech program, only Non-TA category students [i.e. FA, Industry sponsored (SW), Defense Forces (DF), College Teachers (CT), QIP] will be admitted and TA category students will be added when the funding situation improves.

Board accorded its approval to the recommendations of the Senate.

39.4: To consider the recommendations of the 35th meeting of the Finance Committee held on October 17, 2020.

<u>Comments from MoE (TS-I)</u>: "May be considered as per MOE's comments furnished on FC agenda."

1. <u>FC/35.3:</u> To consider and approve the Budget Estimates (BE) for 2021-22 along with the Revised Estimates (RE) for 2020-21.

Board approved the Budget Estimates (BE) for 2021-22 along with the Revised Estimates (RE) for 2020-21 as recommended by the FC and noted that the same has been sent to MHRD.



2. <u>FC/35.4:</u> To consider the policy on Guidelines for Continuing Education Program (CEP) / Faculty Development Program (FDP) / Executive Development Program (EDP) / Short Term Course (STC), Tailor-Made Short-Term Course, Conference, Workshop through digitally online mode.

Board approved the guidelines with the suggestion that these programs should not only be self-sufficient but also must generate revenue to the Institute.

3. <u>FC/35.5:</u> Proposal to consider seed funding rule as part of existing CIE.

Board has approved the proposal in principle with condition that the funding should not be from the IRG. Therefore, the Board asked for refinement of the funding part of the proposal to explore funding by the agencies such as MSME (both GOI and the State Government), DBT, DST, and other funding agencies and financial institutions so that the Institute role is to encourage such activities and enable the new ventures in terms of legal and financial parameters.

4. <u>FC/35.6</u>: To consider proposal for opening dedicated outlet of "Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Janaushadhi Kendra (PMBJP Kendra) inside the Institute campus.

Board approved the proposal and complements the Institute for the outreach initiatives to the neighbouring villages.

39.5: To consider the appointment of a faculty member of IIT Indore as Adjunct Faculty member at another Institute/University.

<u>Comments from MOE (TS-I)</u>: "May be considered in line with extant guidelines and rules."

Board approved the proposal with observation that the condition of interdisciplinary research work should be a preferable one rather being mandatory.

39.6: To consider delegation of administrative and financial powers to Dean of Faculty Affairs (DOFA) towards Non-Air India flight bookings and through un-authorized agents for attending interviews by the applicants for faculty positions.

<u>Comments from MOE (TS-I)</u>: "Guidelines issued by GoI for non-Air India flight and bookings of tickets from authorized agents or through Air-India website may be strictly followed."

The Board noted that the Director of the Institute was authorised to approve the proposal for considering travel by non-Air India flights. It was further informed that the Director, IITI had delegated the powers to the Dean of Administration. The present

proposal is just an authorisation to Dean, Faculty Affairs for the faculty applicants attending the faculty selection interviews.

39.7 To consider the procedure for appointment of Dean.

<u>Comments from MOE (TS-I)</u>: "May be considered as per IT Act, 1961 and the Statutes of IIT Indore."

Board approved the proposed procedure for appointment of a Dean.

39.8: To consider the transaction limits for the Authorized Signatories of IIT Indore.

Comments from MOE (TS-I): "May be considered in line with extant guidelines and rules."

The Board approved the limit ceiling up to INR 20 crore only.

39.9: To consider the policy on Guidelines for Usage and Sharing of Equipment and Facilities.

Comments from MOE (TS-I): "May be considered in line with extant guidelines and rules."

The Board approved the proposed policy.

39.10 The issue regarding the gaps in the boundary wall of IIT Indore.

<u>Comments from MOE (TS-I)</u>: "Institute may liaise with the local administration, if requires may take up with the matter with the Chief Secretary, State Government of Madhya Pradesh for speedy decision in the matter."

The Board took up the issue and requested Mr. P. Narhari to be the adviser of the coordination committee with Institute and village representatives.

39.11 Items for Ratification.

Comments from MOE (TS-I): "May be noted."

- 1. To ratify the Signed MoU.
 - (i) With IIM Indore signed on 14th Sep 2020
 - (ii) With Department of Industrial Policy and Investment Promotion, MP Govt. signed on 21st Sep 2020.

(iii) Collaboration Agreement for a Research Project Called "GCRF Minorities on campus: Discrimination, equality, and politics of nationalism in Indian HE", Coventry University England for 2 years, singed on 27th July 2020.

The BoG ratified the above MoU.

- To ratify the list of faculty / staff members who have joined/ offer letter sent /confirmed/ relieved the Institute since last meeting.
 Item ratified.
- To ratify the appointment of Dean/Associate Dean/Head.
 Item ratified.
- To ratify lien of one year to Dr. Shard Gupta to join JNU New Delhi.
 Item ratified.
- 39.12: Items for Reporting.

Comments from MOE (TS-I): "May be noted."

- To report acceptance of the proposal for National Mission on Interdisciplinary Cyber Physical System (NM-ICPS) Implementation mechanism - Technology Innovation Hubs (TIH) and submission of the DPR on 5th Oct 2020.
 Item reported.
- To report the disciplinary case against the non-teaching staff member.Item reported.
- To report on opening of the KV at IIT Indore.Item reported.
- 4. To report the case of Mr. Neeraj Kumar, Ex-Administrative officer, IITI Item reported.
- 39.13: Any other item with permission of the Chair.

अध्यक्ष के प्रति आभार के साथ बैठक का समापन हुआ।

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

(Professor Neelesh K. Jain)

Director (Officiating), IIT Indore

(S. P. Hota)

Registrar I/c and Secretary, **Finance Committee and** Board of Governors, IIT Indore

Deepak

Digitally signed by Deepak Bhaskar Phatak

> (Professor Deepak B. Phatak) Chairman, Finance Committee and Board of Governors, IIT Indore

Appendix - I

F. No. 15-13/2014-TS.I
Government of India
Ministry of Education
Department of Higher Education
Technical Section-I

Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi Dated: 16th October, 2020

То

The Registrar,

Indian Institute of Technology, Indore.

Subject: 35th meeting of Finance Committee and 39th meeting of BoG of IIT Indore scheduled to be held on 17.10.2020 from 15.00 hrs onwards at Board Room, IIT Indore.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to agenda of the 35th FC and 39th BoG meetings of IIT Indore to be held on 17.10.2020 and to forward the following comments of the Ministry for necessary action and incorporation in the Minutes of the said meeting.

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FC/ 35.3	RE 2020-21 and BE 2021-22 will be considered based on the GIA received from Deptt. of Economic Affairs.
FC/ 35.4	May be considered in line with extant rules/ guidelines.
FC/ 35.5	Institute has not furnished the financial implication and source of funding for this purpose. Statutes (29) regarding 'Promotion of Entreprenurial Initiative' of IIT Indore stipulates- (1) The Institute may promote faculty and students' participation in Entrepreneurial and similar activities. (2) The Board may frame suitable rules providing flexibility for such promotional activities.IRG of the institute may be utilized for this purpose. IRG of the Institute may be utilized for the said purpose for faculty and students only.
FC/ 35.6	May be considered.
FC/ 35.7	For SI No.(1) & (2) - May be noted. For SI No.(3) – May be considered as per GFR rules.
4	BoG meeting
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	may incorporate the same in the Minutes of the said meeting.
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39.10	matter with the Chief Secretary, State Government of Madhya Pradesh for speedy
	decision in the matter.
BOG/	May be noted.
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BOG/	May be noted.
39.12	

2. This issues with the approval of Additional Secretary(TE), Ministry of Education, in his capacity as a Member of Finance Committee of IIT Indore.

Yours faithfully,

(P.J. Soundararajan) Under Secretary to the Government of India

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Copy to Director (Finance), IFD, Ministry of Education.