

भारतीय प्रौद्योगिकी संस्थान इन्दौर Indian Institute of Technology Indore

Minutes of joint 45th meeting of the Finance Committee and 49th Meeting of the Board of Governors held at 11.00 hrs (Thursday) on February 16, 2023 in the Board Room, Abhinandan Bhavan.

Present:

- Professor Deepak B. Phatak Chairperson, FC and BoG Professor Emeritus, Department of CSE, IIT Bombay
- 2. Professor Suhas S. Joshi Director, IIT Indore

Member (ex-officio) FC and BoG

- 3. Shri Sanjog Kapoor Member, FC JSFA (IFD), MoF, New Delhi (Comments received vide e-mail Dated: February 15, 2023 *Appendix-I*)
- Shri. Rakesh Ranjan Member, FC and BoG Additional Secretary (TE), MoE, New Delhi (Comments received vide e-mail Dated: February 16, 2023
 Appendix-II)
- 5. Professor Umakant Dash Member, FC Director, Institute of Rural Management (IRMA), Anand (Through Online)
- 6. Professor Neelesh Kumar Jain Member, FC
 Department of Mechanical Engineering, IIT Indore
- 7. Shri. Manu Srivastava Member, BoG
 Principle Secretary (TE), Govt. of M. P. Bhopal
 (Through: Online)
- 8. Prof. Yogesh M. Joshi Member, BoG
 Department of Chemical Engineering, IIT Kanpur
 (Through: Online)
- Prof. Dhananjay V. Bhatt
 Prof. (Retd.) & Chairman CCE,
 S. V. National Institute of Technology, Surat
 (Through: Online)

Member, BoG



10. Prof. Manish Kumar Goyal Dean, Infrastructure Development, IIT Indore	Special Invitee (For FC and BoG)
11. Prof. Devendra Deshmukh Dean, Academic Affairs, IIT Indore	Special Invitee (For FC and BoG)
12. Prof. Pritee Sharma Dean, Administration	Special Invitee (For FC and BoG)
13. Prof. I. A. Palani Dean, Research & Development, IIT Indore	Special Invitee (For FC and BoG)
14. Prof. Anand Parey Dean, ACR, IIT Indore	Special Invitee (For FC and BoG)
15. Prof. Sandeep Chaudhary Professor, Civil Engineering, IIT Indore	Special Invitee (For FC and BoG)
16. Mr. Pradeep Agarwal Joint Registrar (Finance and Accounts and ACR), IIT Indore	Special Invitee (For FC and BoG)
17. Mr. S. P. Hota Registrar, IIT Indore	Secretary, FC and BoG

Leave of absence:

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

Agenda items of 45th meeting of the Finance Committee

45.1: Opening remarks by the Chairperson, Finance Committee.

Comments from MOE (TE): "No comments."

Chairperson welcomed all the members and specially two newly joined Institute Professors as BoG members in capacity of Senate Nominee (i) Prof. Preeti A. Bhobe and (ii) Prof. Prabhat Kumar Upadhyay and permitted Registrar to initiate the meeting as per the agenda after verifying the required quorum.

45.2:

To confirm the minutes of the forty third (43rd) meeting of Finance Committee held on December 14, 2022.

<u>Comments from MOE (IFD):</u> "May be confirmed. However, as to agenda item 43.8, the students & faculty ratio of 10:1 doesn't authorise to increase sanctioned strength automatically. For additional faculty positions w.e.f. 1.7.2020, the proposal needs approval of Administrative Ministry & Ministry of Finance."

<u>Comments from MOE (TE):</u> "Agenda item 43.4: In respect of Satellite campus of llT Indore at Ujjain, the matter is still under consideration. For other agenda items, minutes may be considered."

The Minutes of forty third (43rd) meeting of the FC held on December 14, 2022 were circulated to the members and no comments were received.

The FC confirmed the Minutes.

45.3:

To confirm the minutes of the forty fourth (44th) meeting of Finance Committee held on January 23, 2023.

Comments from MOE (IFD): "May be confirmed as per the recommendations & Rules."

Comments from MOE (TE): "No comments could be furnished. Minutes may be considered."

The Minutes of forty fourth (44th) meeting of the FC held on January 23, 2023 were circulated to the members and no comments were received.

The FC confirmed the Minutes.

45.4

To consider the Action Taken Report (ATR) on 43rd meeting of Finance Committee held on December 14, 2022.

<u>Comments from MOE (IFD):</u> "May be confirmed. However, as to agenda item 43.8, the students & faculty ratio of 10:1 doesn't authorise to increase sanctioned strength automatically. For additional faculty positions w.e.f. 1.7.2020, the proposal needs approval of Administrative Ministry & Ministry of Finance."

Comments from MOE (TE): "May be considered."

Action Taken Report on the minutes were circulated amongst the FC members in advance to update them about the same. The FC noted the ATR with satisfaction.

45.5

To consider the Action Taken Report (ATR) on 44th meeting of Finance Committee held on January 23, 2023.

<u>Comments from MOE (IFD):</u> "May be confirmed as per the recommendations & Rules." <u>Comments from MOE (TE):</u> "May be considered."

Action Taken Report on the minutes were circulated amongst the FC members in advance to update them about the same. The FC noted the ATR with satisfaction.

45.6

To consider the recommendations of the 32nd Senate meeting held on December 29, 2022.

<u>Comments from MOE (IFD):</u> "May be considered. However, items having financial implications may be discussed separately."

Comments from MOE (TE): "May be considered."

1. Senate 32.8: Introduction of merit-based scholarship for girl students admitting to the B.Tech. program.

The FC appreciated the initiative of the Institute to reward meritorious girls students. Shri Manu Shrivastava apprised the FC about the merit scholarship extended by the Govt. of M.P. to students at B.Tech level. It was apprised that the students of IITI are availing the Mukhya Mantri Medhavi (MMV) Scheme and placed its appreciation. The Committee recommended the proposal of giving merit scholarship Rs. 12000/- per annum to the top 20% of girl students of each branch of B Tech courses to the Board for approval.

2. Senate 32.9: Proposal for revision of fee for Sponsored Category (SW), College Teacher (CT) and Defense Force (DF) students in all programs.

The Committee recommended the revised fee schedule for SE and DF categories @ Rs. 36,000/- per semester for PhD Program and Rs. 35,000/- per semester for the PG program from the new academic session i.e. 2023-24. FC appreciated the fact that College Teachers are exempted from any fees. This will particularly help the teachers of Govt. Engineering Colleges of M.P. as no separate leave is required since the programme will be during vacation.

The Chairman advised to place a mechanism of gathering feedback from industries to make it more comprehensive.

The decision may be reviewed after analysis of the outcome of the same in the future.

45.7

Progress of works under Phase 1A (a) - Part A awarded to M/s B. R. Goyal Infrastructure Limited.

Comments from MOE (IFD): "May be presented & reported."

<u>Comments from MOE (TE):</u> "Details will be presented during meeting. No comments at this stage."

The Committee was apprised that the work of M/s BRG has been completed by December 31, 2022. The Committee congratulated the Institute for its continuous efforts to complete the project and finally for submitting Project Completion Report to Ministry. This way, this way the process of phase III can be expedited. Institute has already submitted proposals for Phase-III Constructions.

45.8

To consider high value procurement item for the Institute for approval.

(i) Outsourcing Service for Contract Manpower at IIT Indore (Indent No. 110)

Comments from MOE (IFD): "160 contract staff is on higher side. Existing guidelines of D/o Expenditure advocates for restricting expenditure under OH-31. Since the expenditure on contract manpower is met from OH-31, institute should curtail the numbers & expenditure to the minimum required. Efforts should also be made to fill vacant regular posts."

<u>Comments from MOE (TE):</u> "May be considered in-line with comments of JS&FA, M/o Education in this regard."

The proposal was deliberated, and it was clarified to the Finance Committee that this manpower hiring is not on direct contract with the individuals, rather it is a contract with the Agency providing manpower on an outsourcing basis. It was also apprised to the Committee that as per the advice of the IFD, the Institute is making efforts to reduce the outsourced manpower and has made a comprehensive plan for filling the regular vacancy positions through direct recruitment which is in progress. In last 10 months starting from May 2022, the Institute filled 20 non-teaching positions and the new appointees are receiving offers of appointments during the monthly Rozgar Mela. Also, another 27 positions are advertised. Once the regular positions are filled, the manpower on Outsourced contract will be reviewed regularly and the numbers will be rationalized.

As per above, AA&ES of Rs. 6.76 Cr. was recommended to the Board for approval.

45.9

Reporting items:

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

Comments from MOE (IFD): "May be reported."

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

Comments from MOE (IFD): "May be reported."

Committee took note of the financial position of the Institute. It was informed to the committee that the Ministry, by considering the request of the Institute, released a grant of Rs. 18 Cr under OH 35 in the month of January 2023, which will be very useful for the Institute's infrastructural and research laboratories.

Committee expressed its sincere appreciation to Ministry for this grant for the Institutional development.

3. To report high value procurement items for the Institute.

<u>Comments from MOE (IFD):</u> "May be reported if the procurement was made complying GFR-2017 and GTE guidelines issued from time to time."

- (i) Tender for High-Speed Camera with Accessories from Project funded:
- (ii) Equipment Procurement from DST Project (Indent No. 99, 104, 115 &110) through GeM:
- (iii) Tender for Supply, Installation, and Commissioning of B-Tech Lab Equipment through GeM (Indent No. 760):
- (iv) Tender for Supply, Installation, and Commissioning of Makers Space Lab through GeM (Indent No. 782):
- (v) Tender for Supply, Installation, and Commissioning of Electronic Workbench and Items through GeM (Indent No. 744):
- (vi) Tender for Supply, Installation, and Commissioning of Computer Server through GeM (Indent No. 679):
- 4. To report adoption of applicability of Payment of Gratuity Act 1972 to educational institutions under the Ministry of Education-reg.

Comments from MOE (IFD): "May be reported."

The Committee was informed that Institute, especially the Registrar has made lot of efforts for the implementation of Gratuity including writing a letter to the then Secretary, MOE during Covid. Finally, Institute is thankful to the Ministry for implementing the same.

FC noted that the Gratuity benefits were extended in two cases, one for retiring on superannuation and other for an unfortunate death of a young employee. FC appreciated and noted the same.

45.10 | Any other agenda with the permission of Chair.

The committee on a different note advised the Institute that all the high-value equipment be utilized at its best capability. To ensure and optimize the same, a half-yearly report on the utilization/usage of the major research facilities (of more than Rs. 50 lacs) may be placed before FC and BOG in future from the next financial year.

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Agenda items for the 49th meeting of the Board of Governors

49.1 Opening Remarks by the BoG Chairperson.

Comments from MOE (TE): "No comments."

The Chairperson, BoG welcomed all the members and advised the Secretary to start the meeting as per the agenda.

Report by the Director for joint 44th meeting of the FC and 48th meeting of BoG.

Comments from MOE (TE): "Presenting during the meeting. No comments at this stage."

Professor Suhas S. Joshi apprised the Board about the ongoing academic and other activities in the Institute.

The Institute has initiated new academic programmes from the coming academic years i.e., 2023-24 which includes 04 new B.Tech. Programme and 01 MTech programme. In addition to this, more proposals of new PG programme are being placed before the Senate. Also new part time academic programmes are under consideration to impart quality education to serving teachers, industry personnels and executives.

It was informed that the infrastructure development work under Phase 1 has been completed and the report has been submitted which is a matter of great satisfaction. The completion certificate is submitted to the Ministry ad a detailed proposal for Phase III infrastructure has been submitted.

One more round of recruitment of Faculty positions has been completed in February 2023 in progress and it is a matter of pride that 05 out of 11 new faculty positions are filled by Woman candidates in one round.

Two new Centres of excellence are being created with the support of Industries and one Industry has contributed Rs 50 lac as part support out of committed amount of Rs 02 Crore.

The Institute is organising various academic programmes, Seminars and Workshops with visit of eminent scholars as part of its Institute colloquium.

IIT Indore has won the Global Best m-Gov Award at the World Government Summit 2023 held during 13-15 February 2023 in Dubai. This award was given for the product "BlockBill" which is based on trust, transparent and accountable blockchain based digital transformation framework for billing and invoicing systems in FMCG, both for B2B and B2C. Dr. Gourinath Banda, Associate Professor, Department of CSE, IIT Indore and three

BTech students Bhoomil Sanjaykumar Gohel, Neel Kalpeshbhai Parikh and Niyati Totala won this award in a competition of 1000 participants.

As part of the GOI programme of Student and Youth exchange the Institute is paired with NIT, Manipur. The programme includes visit of a student's contingent to IIT Indore and also a team of students from the Institute will visit Manipur for cultural and academic exchange.

Board greatly appreciated the accomplishments and initiatives of the Institute and places its satisfaction on record.

To confirm minutes of the forty seventh (47th) meeting of Board of Governors held on December 14, 2022.

Comments from MOE (TE): "In respect of item 47.9.2 - "Enhancement of sanctioned faculty strength at IIT Indore". It may be routed through FC, IIT Indore and cognizance of comments of JS & FA, M/o Education on item 43.8 may be considered which states ban on creation of new posts as per M/o Finance OM dated 4-9- 2020. The proposal requires explicit approval of Ministry of Education as well as M/o Finance. For other agenda items, minutes may be considered."

The Minutes of forty seventh (47th) meeting of the BoG held on December 14, 2022 were circulated to the members and no comments were received.

This was clarified that the Institute is compiling the advisory issued vide the letter dated September 09, 2020 and the comments dated August 11, 2021.

The Board confirmed the Minutes.

To confirm minutes of the forty eighth (48th) meeting of Board of Governors held on January 23, 2023.

Comments from MOE (TE): "No comments could be furnished. Minutes may be considered."

The Minutes of forty eighth (48th) meeting of the BoG held on January 23, 2023 were circulated to the members and no comments were received.

The Board confirmed the Minutes.

To consider the Action Taken Report (ATR) on the Minutes of 47th meeting of the Board of Governors.

Comments from MOE (TE): "May be considered."



Action Taken Report on the minutes were circulated amongst the Board members in advance to update them about the same. The Board noted the ATR with satisfaction.

49.6

To consider the Action Taken Report (ATR) on the Minutes of 48th meeting of the Board of Governors.

Comments from MOE (TE): "May be considered."

Action Taken Report on the minutes were circulated amongst the Board members in advance to update them about the same. The Board noted the ATR with satisfaction.

49.7

To ratify the items approved by the BoG Chairperson.

Comments from MOE (TE): "Item no. 49.7.2, 49.7.6 & 49.7.7: May be routed through FC first. Other items may be considered."

- 49.7.1: To ratify Undertaking External Peer Review of the Academic Activities of the Institute.

 Item ratified.
- 49.7.2: To ratify Proposal for Extension of Contract Period of Comprehensive Security Services at IITI.

 Item ratified.
- 49.7.3: To ratify Recruitment of Non-Teaching Position for Group A Officers. Item ratified.
- 49.7.4: To ratify Recruitment of Non-Teaching positions Junior Attendant (Multi Skilled). Item ratified.
- 49.7.5: To ratify Advertisement for position against lien Vacancies. Item ratified.
- 49.7.6: To ratify Delegation of recruitment of Human Resources Powers to Dean, Administration.

 Item ratified.
- 49.7.7: To ratify the Endorsement letter and financial approval for IIT Indore share of 25% of the total budget of the "SUPREME-DST".

 Item ratified.
- 49.7.8: To ratify the new appointed external experts for the recruitment of faculty positions.

 Item ratified.

49.7.9: The following faculty members offered Conversion APG II to APG I: Item ratified.

49.8 To ratify the agenda items approved by the Director.

<u>Comments from MOE (TE):</u> "Item no. 49.8.1: MoUs which have some financial implication on the part of IIT Indore may be routed through FC first. Other items may be considered."

49.8.1 To ratify the Signed MoU with different foreign Institutions during the period of November - December, 2022.

It was clarified that there is no additional financial implication to the Institute. Also the legal aspects have been checked.

Board ratified the signed of 02 International and 03 National MoUs as presented.

The Chairman, BoG advised for a periodic review of the MoUs so that the purpose of signing an MoU can be achieved and it will help the faculty members to submit a progress report.

- 49.8.2: To ratify the appointment of Deans and Associate Deans:

 Board ratified the new appointments and extended tenure details.
- 49.8.3. To ratify the list of faculty members who have confirmed and offered revision of pay since last meeting.
 - (i) The six (06) faculty members have been confirmed on completion of probation. Board ratified the details.
 - (ii) The four (04) faculty members have been given to Revision of Pay. Board ratified the details.
- 49.8.4. To ratify the list of staff members who have appointed /confirmed/resigned/ since last meeting.

Comments from MOE (TE): "No comments."

- (i) The four (04) staff members have been appointed. Board ratified the details.
- (ii) The one (01) staff members have been confirmed on completion of probation. Board ratified the details.
- (iii) The two (02) Staff members have been relieved. Board ratified the details.



49.9

To consider the recommendations of the 45th meeting of the Finance Committee to be held on February 16, 2023.

Comments from MOE (TE): "May be considered as per comments furnished for FC agenda items."

- 1. FC/45.6: To consider the recommendations of the 32nd Senate meeting held on December 29, 2022.
 - (i) Senate 32.8: Introduction of merit-based scholarship for girl students admitting to the B.Tech. program.

The Board appreciated the initiative of the Institute to reward meritorious girls' students. Shri Manu Shrivastava apprised the FC about the merit scholarship extended by the Govt. of M.P. to students at B.Tech level. It was apprised that the students of IITI are availing the Mukhya Mantri Medhavi (MMV) Scheme and placed its appreciation. The Committee recommended the proposal of giving merit scholarship Rs. 12000/- per annum to the top 20% of girl students of each branch of B.Tech courses to the Board for approval.

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The Board approved the proposal as recommended by the FC for the revised fee schedule for SE and DF categories @ Rs. 36,000/- per semester for PhD Program and Rs. 35,000/- per semester for the PG program from the new academic session i.e. 2023-24. This will particularly help the teachers of Govt. Engineering Colleges of M.P. as no separate leave is required since the programme will be during vacation.

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- 2. FC/45.8: To consider high value procurement item for the Institute for approval.
 - (i) Outsourcing Service for Contract Manpower at IIT Indore (Indent No. 110):

The proposal was deliberated, and it was clarified to the Board that this manpower hiring is not on direct contract with the individuals rather it is contract with the Agency providing manpower on an outsourcing basis. It was also apprised to the Committee that as per the advice of the IFD, the Institute is making efforts to reduce the outsourced manpower and has made a comprehensive plan for filling the regular vacancy positions through direct recruitment which is in progress.

The Board approve the AA&ES of Rs. 6.76 crores as recommended by the FC.

Reporting item:

3. FC/45.7: Progress of works under Phase 1A (a) - Part A awarded to M/s B. R. Goyal Infrastructure Limited.

Board was apprised that the work of M/s BRG has been completed by December 31, 2022. Board congratulated the Institute for its continuous efforts to complete the project and finally for submitting Project Completion Report to Ministry, so the process of phase III can be expedited. Board placed its appreciation for the support received from the Ministry and the members of BWC, FC and Board during the Phase I & II of infrastructure development. It urges the Ministry to expedite the approval on the proposals for Phase-III in the larger interest of the Institute to scale up its academic, research and outreach activities.

The Board noted the same.

49.10

To consider establishment of Industrial Research and Technology development Council at the Institute.

Comments from MOE (TE): "No mention of financial implications. May be considered."

It was deliberated during the meeting. This council is an advisory body with an industrialist which can advise the Institute to deepen its industry link and thereby orienting its research activities which will benefit both the Institute and industries at large.

49.11

To consider proposal for opening of Centres at IIT Indore.

Comments from MOE (TE): "May be considered."

(i) Centre for Industrial Research and Outreach (CIRO)

The details of the proposal were presented before the Board. The centre will be an interface with the industries till the new proposed Industrial Research Park is realised.

Board approved the industry driven proposal.

(ii) Centre for Translational Research (CTR)

The proposal details were presented which will formalise the translation research ecosystem and extend the commercialisation of technology from research to product stage. The proposal includes the continuation of Research Scholars for a period of one year after submission of their Ph.D. thesis so that their technology can be converted to prototype stage. The Institute may notify 10-15 such positions for TRL level 05 and beyond with an annual ceiling of Rs. 01 Crore.



49.12	Items for reporting:

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

- 1. To report joining of Members, Board of Governors, IITI as Senate Nominee. Item reported.
- 2. To report Status of non-teaching recruitment. Item reported.

49.13	Any other item with permission of the Chair.	
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- 49.13.1: The ratify the foreign visit of Director, IITI

 Board ratified the details of foreign visit of Director, IITI during March, 2023.
- 49.13.2: To ratify the recruitment advertisement for the Post of Superintendent Engineer.

 Board ratified the recruitment advertisement for the post of Superintendent Engineer.
- 49.13.3: The consider deputation request of Mr. Pradeep Agarwal, Joint Registrar, IITI.

 Board approved the proposal for deputation for 05 years to join as Finance Officer at Central University, Rajasthan.
- 49.13.4: The report the constitution of committee to review the RPN 2018 of IIT Indore.

 Board noted the details and also, it was advised to consider the proposal for careful examination of requests for deputation / lien so that the administrative function is not adversely affected. This will be part of the RPN-2018 review exercise.
- 49.13.5: Ratification of extension of tenure of 05 Deans as per the below mentioned list:

SL	Designation	Name of faculty member	Tenure completion	Extended up to
1	Dean of Academic Affairs	Prof. Devendra L. Deshmukh	December 31, 2022	June 30, 2023
2	Associate Dean, Academic Affairs (UG Programs)	Prof. Ram Vilas Pachori	December 31, 2022	June 30, 2023
2	Dean of Administration	Prof. Pritee Sharma	December 31, 2022	February 23, 2023
3	Dean of Administration	Prof. Sandeep Chaudhary	February 23, 2023 to February 22,2026	
4	Dean of Resource Generation	Prof. Anand Parey	December 31, 2022	June 30, 2023
5	Dean of Research and Development	Prof. I.A. Palani	February 11, 2023	February 10, 2024

Board ratified the same.



49.13.6: Board Ratified the appointment of Prof. Somnath Bharadwaj, Department of Physics, IIT Kharagpur as external experts for recruitment of Faculty positions.

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

(Professor Suhas S. Joshi)

Director, IIT Indore

(S. P. Hota)

Registrar and Secretary,

Finance Committee and

BoG of Governors IIT Indore

(Professor Deepak B. Phatak)
Chairperson, Finance Committee and BoG of Governors
IIT Indore

