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Minutes of the twentieth (20th) meeting of the Board of Governors (BoG) of Indian Institute of Technology Indore held at 11.00 a.m. on Saturday, May 7, 2016 at Board Room, School Building, IIT Indore, Simrol – 453552

Following members of Board of Governors were present:

1	Dr. Pradeep Mathur (Director, IIT Indore and Ex-officio member)	Chairman
2	Mr. Aman Kumar Singh (Attended through Video Conferencing from Raipur)	Member
3	Mr. Ashok Jaipuria	Member
4	Mr. Prakash V. Deshmukh	Member
5	Dr. William Selvamurthy (Attended through Audio Conferencing from Noida)	Member
6	Dr. Somaditya Sen	Member
7	Dr. Siddharth Malu	Member
8	CMA Dr. A. R. Subramanian	Secretary

The following were granted leave of absence due to their pre-occupation:

1	Mrs. Kalpana Shrivastava	Member
2	Mr. Som Mittal	Member

The following have participated in the deliberations of the relevant items as Special Invitees during the course of meeting for specific agenda items, enlisted therein:

1. Dr. Pritee Sharma, Dean, Administration –for item no. 20.3 (for presenting the draft of Statutes).
2. Dr. Somaditya Sen, Acting Dean, Planning-I - for item no. 20.8 (Building & Works Matters).
3. Dr. Nirmala Menon, Assistant Professor, Department of Humanities and Social Sciences (HSS) – for item no. 20.9.12.1: MoU with Ubiquity Press – Network Membership Agreement.

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PART – I

Item 20.1: Welcome and opening remarks by the Chairman, Board of Governors.

Chairman extended a warm welcome to all members, initiated the discussions with his opening remarks and briefed the members about the tenure of the Chairman having been completed, the Ministry of HRD has requested Director to discharge the functions of the Chairman till such time that a new Chairman is appointed. Appreciation by all members of the services of outgoing Chairman, Mr. Ajay Piramal were placed on record. Accordingly, the meeting was chaired by the Director of the Institute.

Item 20.2: To confirm minutes of the nineteenth (19th) meeting of Board of Governors held on December 8, 2015.

As there were no comments, the minutes of nineteenth (19th) meeting of BoG were confirmed.

Item 20.3: To consider and take note of the Action Taken Report (ATR) on the

Minutes of the Previous Meetings.

As part of the ATR, the modified version of the Statutes was presented by Dr. Pritee Sharma, Dean of Administration.

While deliberating the modified version of the First Statutes of the Institute, the Board suggested the following to be undertaken:

i. The final draft of the Statutes to be kept as simple as possible, keeping in view the need for flexibility to meet the global and national changing scenario, emerging changes in education and research sector, dynamic needs of the Institute in a more systematic manner and evolutionary dimensions of the Institute.
ii. A comparative documentation with column-wise report of the Original version, highlighting modifications made and the justification for the proposed changes may be made and circulated among the members.
iii. Other suggestions of the members include the following :
   - To consider inclusion of LLP along with section 25 Companies under the Companies Act under clause 28.1 of the Statutes.
   - "Interest of the institute" be substituted with "public interest" wherever feasible,
   - How rules are framed under the Statutes could be examined in depth,
   - "Board members, other than ex-officio members shall not be appointed for more than 2 terms" could be incorporated suitably.

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Item 20.4: **To take note of the interim appointment of Chairperson of the Board of Governors by MHRD till further orders as per the Statutes of IIT Bombay.**

Noted.

Item 20.5: **Report of Director, IIT Indore.**

The Report of the Director was taken note of and the foreign tours by the faculty and research scholars were ratified (Annexure 20.4(C) of the agenda).

Item 20.6: **Academic and Research Activities**

20.6.1: **To consider the Report on Research and Development Activities of the Institute.**

Research Spectrum, the first issue of a comprehensive document of research activities in all research groups was appreciated and taken on record.

20.6.2: **To consider and approve the following proposal submitted to MHRD.**

Proposal for Tinkering Lab.:

Considered and ratified the proposal submitted to MHRD in response to their request for establishing a Tinkering Lab. which will be a part of the proposed Innovation Lab.

20.6.3: **To consider increase in intake of B.Tech. program in CSE, EE and ME from 40 to 60 in each discipline from AY 2016-17.**

In Computer Science and Engineering, Electrical Engineering and Mechanical Engineering, the proposal to increase student intake at the B Tech. level from the existing 40 to 60 in each Discipline stated above was considered and accepted by the Senate was approved.

20.6.4: **To consider start of B.Tech. program in Civil Engineering (CE) and Metallurgy Engineering and Material Science (MEMS) with intake of 40 in each discipline from AY 2016-17.**

As discussed and accepted by the Senate, the proposal to start two B Tech. programmes, in Civil Engineering and in Metallurgy Engineering and Material Science, with a student intake of 40 in each of the two disciplines, was approved.

20.6.5: **Revision of tuition fee for undergraduate (U.G.) programmes :**

The Board took note of the decision of the Council of IITs to revise the tuition fees for implementation from the academic session 2016-17. Other components of the fees to meet the expenses will be reviewed and placed before the Board for further consideration.

Item 20.7: Finance & Administration Matters:

20.7.1: Notification under section 80 G of the Income Tax Act for the Institute.

The Board took note of the notification issued under section 80 G 2 (a) (iiif) of the Income Tax Act, 1961 under which the donations made would be fully exempt from tax.

20.7.2: To consider up-gradation of a non – teaching position.

The Board considered and approved the proposal for upgradation of the position of "Corporate Communication and Liasioning Officer" from the existing pay band 3 with Grade Pay of Rs. 5,400 to pay band 4 with Grade Pay of Rs. 8,700, in view of the justification given in the Agenda.

20.7.3: Consideration of appointment of Professor S.L. Narayanamurthy as Advisor(or any other equivalent Designation).

The Board considered and approved the appointment of Prof. S. L. Narayanamurthy as Advisor to guide the Institute on various matters suggested in the Agenda initially for a period of one year. Director was authorised to fix a suitable honorarium.

20.7.4: Creation of new position of Librarian.

The Board considered and approved the creation of a new position of Librarian in the pay band 4 with Grade Pay of Rs. 10,000/-.

Accordingly, creation of a new position of Librarian was approved for further action from the Institute.

20.7.5: To consider and approve disposal through auction of old transport vehicles of the Institute.

After considering the proposal, the Board resolved that the old vehicles of the Institute may be disposed of by adopting the standard procedure prescribed in GFR in a phased manner keeping in view the needs of the Institute.

In so far as the requirement of other needs such as tractor, tanker and other tools for landscaping and disposal of garbage and others, in a modern and smart campus, the required capital equipment and tools may be assessed and procured by adopting the standard purchase procedure as prescribed and the same reported to the Board.

20.7.6: Creation of Corpus Fund out of the Internal Revenue Generation of the Institute.

The proposal for creation of Corpus Fund out of the Internal Revenue Generation of the Institute was considered and approved.

MHRD, vide their letter dated May 9, 2016, concurs that Corpus Fund can be created. A copy of the letter is in Appendix 20.1 for record.

20.7.7: To consider and adopt the Annual Financial Statements (AFS) for the financial year 2015-16.

The Board considered the Annual Financial Statement for the financial year 2015-16 submitted and duly authenticated by the internal auditors of the Institute, M/s Pankaj Ghadiali & Co.

The representative of the internal auditors made a presentation with their views, a copy of which is placed as Appendix-20.2.

Resolved that the Annual Financial Statement for the financial year 2015-16 duly authenticated by the internal auditors of the Institute be adopted for onward transmission to the CAGs Office for commencing the Statutory Audit.

20.7.8: MHRD's Memorandum for discontinuation of interviews for junior level posts (i.e. Group C and Group B Non-gazetted) to all IITs.

MHRD vide letter dated April 13, 2016 (Appendix-20.3) had asked for the post-wise details for which exemption from the provisions of the DoPTs letter dated December 29, 2015 was sought for. In response, the Institute, vide letter dated May 2, 2016 (Copy enclosed as Appendix-20.4) has submitted to MHRD the details of the posts for which exemption from the provisions was prescribed by DoPT.

The Board considered the matter and approved in-principle the need for holding interviews in addition to written tests for Group C and Group B non-gazetted posts in the Institute.

20.7.9: Separate Audit Report (SAR) of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India on the Accounts of the IIT Indore for the year ended March 31, 2015.

SAR of the C&AG on the Annual Accounts for the year ended March 31, 2015 was taken on record.

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Item 20.8: Building & Works Matters:

20.8.1: To take note of the Progress on Development of Permanent Campus at Simrol.

Progress in the campus construction work, Phase 1 Aa was reported by Dean (Acting), Planning, Dr. Somaditya Sen.

1. The 20 month period for completion of the said phase of construction ended on February 29, 2016. As per estimates given by the PMC, the project is at least 3-4 months behind schedule.
2. Notwithstanding the delay in construction work, all administrative and academic functions of the institute shifted to the permanent Simrol Campus by January 1, 2016. It is to be noted that Director's office, Estate Section and some laboratories have been functioning from Simrol since July, 2014. As a result of closing of all of its temporary administrative and academic campuses, the institute is now saving approximately Rs. 28 lakhs per month it was paying as rent for the temporary campus at IET and PACL, plus some reduced expenses on transport.
3. A major cause of the delay, (note: a major, not only) is the following:
   The contractor for the major portion of the phase M/s Simplex Infrastructures Pvt. Ltd. has repeatedly requested for introducing some flexibility into the payment schedule. The present payment schedule, based on 'milestones', as per the contract, it is seen, is inadequate to cover the actual work done. As per the recommendations of the Advisory Committee, formed to assess the situation, M/s Simplex Infrastructures Pvt. Ltd. have invested approximately Rs. 154 crores in the project thus far, but have received payments of approximately Rs.109 crores. The shortfall of approximately Rs.45 crores between worth of actual work done and payment made is contributing to the slowdown of the overall construction work.
4. M/s Simplex Infrastructures Pvt. Ltd. have also stated that due to severe financial crises and a general global slowdown in the infrastructure sector, contrary to earlier expectations, the company is unable to mobilize funds from other sources.
5. Based on above, M/s Simplex have requested for Rs.25 crores as unsecured advance to facilitate procurement of material and make payments to labour. This would allow speeding up the project.
6. The institute has not acceded to the request of M/s Simplex Infrastructures Pvt. Ltd. to release Rs. 25 crores as unsecured advance. The matter is placed before the Board.

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20.8.2: **Ratify the recommendations of the Advisory Committee's decision to extend the on account payment to M/s Simplex Infrastructure Ltd. for site management and to meet other vendor commitments and amendment in Clause No. 11.1 in MoU.**

The Board of Governors deliberated the recommendations of the Advisory Committee on the whole issue in presence of the experts. The experts opined that in the present scenario the following options are available to IIT Indore:-

(A) The contract / Project Date of Completion (PDC) is already over on February 29, 2016 and the work is still not complete. Hence IITI may terminate the contract and get the balance work executed at the risk and cost of M/s Simplex Infrastructures Ltd. through other agency that will be willing to do the work at the same rates and deliver the work in a given time.

OR

(B) M/s MECON Ltd., the Project Management Consultant of the Project will verify and value the actual measurement of the work executed at site, find out the blocked money of the contractor invested in the project vis-à-vis payment made to them till date. If the contractor's claim is found true then the blocked money can be released to the contractor by correcting the milestones so that contractor could get some funds to meet the cash flow / rotate the funds for the project leading to faster progress of work in the larger interest of IIT Indore.

After a lot of deliberation, the Board of Governors decided that Opinion-A above, i.e. termination of this contract and going for risk and cost contract for balance work may not be practical or possible at this stage, since it may take at least six months in making inventory of complete/incomplete items of work and tendering action. Apart from this, it may involve lot of legal complications, which may further delay the project as has been experienced in the past in similar situations. In the present scenario, when classes have already been moved to the IIT campus at Simrol, a lot of facilities are urgently required.

Moreover the contractor has not left the work site. More than 1000 strong labour is still working at site and the contractor is showing a clear intention to complete the work. The contractor is repeatedly assuring to complete the work in next six months if some assistance in the form of funds is made available. Under these circumstances, **the option of cancellation may be ruled out at this stage and an opportunity be given to the contractor, i.e M/s Simplex Infrastructure Ltd. in the larger interest of IIT Indore to complete the work in next 6 months.**

Under these circumstances, the Board found that Option B is the only practical solution. The Board of Governors agreed that the blocked money of contractor can be verified through M/s MECON Ltd., the PMC and can be released to the contractor on submission of bill as per actual work done against the RA billing by correcting the contractual milestones in the larger interest of IIT Indore. As per the PMC, approximately Rs.27 crores has been paid to the contractor as Mobilization and Secured Advances against material delivery. Therefore, against an estimated worth of work done of approximately Rs.154 crores, as per the PMC, an amount of Rs.109 crores plus Rs.27 crores (total = Rs.136 crores) has been paid to the contractor. As such, Board of Governors approves the release of the held-up sum of Rs. 18 crores, by correcting and redefining the milestones. It was also decided that the funds are to be released in such a way that they should be utilized in this project only by ensuring payment is made to vendors/subcontractors of this project by the contractor. Suitable modification in contract agreement, if required in this regard, should be made. The Board of Governors appreciated the efforts taken by experts and IIT in this regard and their dedicated efforts in ensuring early completion of work in the interest of the Institute.

The BOG approved the proposal of Option B, as above, and suggested that a suitable amendment to contract agreement, if required, be made in the form of addendum/corrigendum to avoid any legal dispute by contractor at a later stage.

The Board agrees with the Institute's decision and does not approve contractor's request to give interest bearing unsecured advance Rs. 25 crores, since IIT Indore is not a financial institution.

Item 20.9: Other matters for confirmation / ratification by the BoG:

20.9.1: To take on record the decisions of twenty third (23rd) and twenty fourth (24th) meeting of Building and Works Committee held on November 28, 2015 and January 18, 2016 respectively.

The Board took note of the decisions and recommendations forming part of the Minutes as a matter of record.

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20.9.2: To take on record the decisions of the Twelfth (12th) and Thirteenth (13th) meeting of the Finance Committee held on August 10, 2015 and December 8, 2015 respectively.

The Board took note of the decisions and recommendations forming part of the Minutes as a matter of record.

20.9.3 To take note of the appointment of a member to the Board of Governors.

The Board took note of the appointment of Dr. Somaditya Sen as a member of the Board through the Senate nomination.

20.9.4: To take note of the suggested list of members for the Board of Governors submitted to MHRD in response.

The Board took note of the suggested list of members to the Board of Governors of IITI.

20.9.5: To ratify appointment of faculty members (under Reserved Category).

The Board ratified following appointments of the faculty members under Reserved Category :

Sl. No.	Name of the Faculty Members	Discipline	Position offered	Date of Joining
1.	Dr. M. Ashok Kumar	Mathematics	Assistant Professor (Contractual)	30-12-2015
2.	Dr. Mukesh Kumar	Electrical Engineering	Assistant Professor (Regular)	30-12-2015
3.	Dr. Dipankar Debnath	Electrical Engineering	Assistant Professor (Contractual)	31-12-2015

20.9.6: Ratification of approvals given by Chairman, BoG.

Approvals given by the Chairman, BoG for the foreign visits of the Director on March 15 to April 6, 2016 and July 10 to July 25, 2016, were ratified.

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20.9.7: To ratify regularization of faculty members.

The Board ratified the regularization of following faculty members:

Sl. No.	Name of the Faculty Members	Discipline	Date of regularization (w.e.f.)
1.	Dr. Anirban Sengupta	Computer Science and Engineering	16-12-2015
2.	Dr. Surya Prakash	Computer Science and Engineering	28-02-2016

20.9.8: To ratify appointment / Offer of appointment of staff members.

The Board ratified the appointment of the following staff members.

Sl. No.	Name of the Staff / candidate	Designation	Date of Joining, if Joined	Remark
1.	Mr. Rajan Thomas	Section Officer (regular)	04-01-2016	NA
2.	Mr. Anurag Sharma	Officer, Corporate Communication and Liaisoning (regular))	Not Joined	Refused to Join
3.	Ms. Jaya Vakade	Manager	22-02-2016	NA
4.	Mr. Rakesh Jain	Dy. Manager	26-02-2016	NA
5.	Mr. Mayur Banger	Dy. Manager	26-02-2016	NA
6.	Mr. Neeraj Soni	Dy. Manager	26-02-2016	NA
7.	Mr. Swapnil Dasarath Sankhe	Dy. Manager (Accounts)	25-04-2016	He has been appointed under PWD category

20.9.9: To ratify appointment of following members as Board Nominees for conducting various interviews at IIT Indore.

The Board ratified the Chairman's approval for the listed members in the agenda item, as Board nominees for conducting various interviews at IIT Indore.

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20.9.10: To ratify Special (Extra Ordinary leave) Leave granted to Dr. Santhakumar Mohan, Assistant Professor in the Discipline of Mechanical Engineering to undertake award of Alexander van Humboldt Fellowship at RWTC Aachen.

The Board ratified the special EoL granted to Dr. Santhakumar Mohan, Assistant Professor, from June 1, 2016 to May 31, 2017, for pursuing the prestigious Humboldt Fellowship at Germany. During this period, he will not be paid any salary but the continuity of his service will be maintained.

20.9.11: To ratify the introduction of the status of HoDs to in-charges of SIC and Workshop.

The Board ratified the status of HoDs to the in-charges of SIC and Workshop.

20.9.12: To ratify the Memoranda of Understanding (MoUs) to be entered into between Organisations abroad by IIT Indore.

The Board ratified the MoUs as reported in Annexure 20.17.1 to 20.17. 5 of the agenda item.

20.9.12.1: MoU with Ubiquity Press – Network Membership Agreement.

After taking into account the presentation (placed as Appendix-20.5) and inputs of Dr. Nirmala Menon, a faculty member in the School of Humanities and Social Sciences, the Board, in-principle, approved the Network Membership Agreement with Ubiquity Press for a period of 3 years to start with. The impact and its utility thereof may be reviewed at the end of this period for assessing further needs and its continuity. It was also suggested that the sustainability in the long-run through own revenue through the mechanism envisaged for publishing in the Agreement should be explored.

Item 20.10: Items for information:

20.10.1: Report on awards to faculty, staff and students on Republic Day.

The Board noted the report on the awards.

20.10.2: To report latest position of grant-in-aid received and utilization progress of ongoing projects by the institute.

The Board took note of the latest position of grant-in-aid and the progress of on-going projects of the Institute.

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Part II (Confidential Section)

Item 20.11: Confidential Agenda, if any, will be tabled during the course of meeting.

Nil

Item 20.12: Any other item with permission of Chair.

20.12.1: Appointment of Visiting Faculty Member.

The Board considered and approved the appointment of Professor Umesh Chandra Chaube, a retired faculty member from Civil Engineering Discipline of IIT Roorkee as Visiting Faculty Member. Director was given the authority to decide on the remuneration to be made to Professor Chaube.

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to Chairman.

(CMA Dr. Arun Subramanian)
Registrar, IIT Indore

(Professor Pradeep Mathur)
Director, IIT Indore

(Professor Pradeep Mathur)
Chairman, Board of Governors
IIT Indore

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