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MINUTES

OF

THE FOURTEENTH(14th) MEETING OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS

VENUE   :-   Boardroom, IIT dhArwAD

MODE   :-   HYBRID

DATE   :-   5TH JUNE 2023 [Monday]

TIME   :-   4:00 PM

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14th MEETING OF THE BoG HELD ON

MONDAY, 5TH JUNE 2023

Thirteenth Meeting of the Board of Governors of the Indian Institute of Technology Dharwad was held on Monday, 5th June 2023 at 4:00 PM in Hybrid mode. The following were present: -

Shri Vinayak Chatterjee	:	**Chairperson**	**Present**
Prof. VenkappayyA R. dEsAi	:	**Member**	**Present**
Ms. Saumya Gupta	:	**Member***	**Present**
Shri. S. R. Umashankar**	:	**Member**	**Present**
Prof. S. S. Murthy	:	**Member**	**Present (Online)**
Prof. Bhavin Kothari	:	**Member**	**Present**
Dr. Shamasundar S	:	**Member**	**Present (Online)**
Prof. Nagesh R. Iyer	:	**Member**	**Present**
Prof. S. R. M. Prasanna	:	**Member**	**Present**
Dr. D. Lakshmanan	:	**Special Invitee**	**Present**
Prof. Rajesh M Hegde	:	**Special Invitee**	**Present**
Dr. S. Basavarajappa	:	**Secretary**	**Present**

* Received comments to the agenda (As enclosed in Appendix A).

** Shri. Narasimhappa, Joint Secretary, Dept. of Higher Education, Govt. of Karnataka represented the 14th BoG Meeting on behalf of Shri. S. R. Umashankar, ACS, Dept. of Higher Education, Government of Karnataka (State Government Nominee).

At the outset, the Chairman extended a warm welcome to all the members and the invitees present in the meeting.

SECTION A: CONFIRMATION ITEMS

Item No. 14.1: **Confirmation of the minutes of the 13th Meeting of the Board of Governors held on 28.02.2023.**

i) The Board **NOTED** that the Minutes of the 13th BoG meeting and all the comments were received and incorporated accordingly.

R.1/14.1/23

ii) The Board **RESOLVED to CONFIRM** the minutes of the 13th BoG meeting held on 28.02.2023.

Item No. 14.2: **Report of action taken on certain items of Minutes of the 13th BoG meeting.**

i) The Board **NOTED** and **APPROVED** the action taken report.

SECTION B: PROGRESS REPORT

Item No. 14.3: **To note the Progress Report for the period between 13th BoG to 14th BoG.**

i) Registrar made a brief presentation on the progress made by the Institute during the period. The progress presentation covered the following aspects:

- Admission of students to IIT dhArwAD.
- Placement details and statistics.
- Faculty & staff recruitment details, Status of Faculty position.
- Faculty R&D projects as well as technical publication details.
- Knowledge Park and Incubator activities, Energizing MoU, R&D outreach activities at IIT Dharwad
- Dharwad Research & Technology Incubator (DhaRTI) Foundation updates.

ii) The Board **COMMENDED** the Institute on various initiatives taken. The Board **APPRECIATED** the progress on diverse fronts and urged the Institute to keep up the good work and progress.

Few other points of discussion [Side Notes]:

- Placement Statistics for 2022-23 session was presented by Prof. Naveen M B, Faculty-in-charge of Career Development Cell. The Board **SUGGESTED** to talk to the companies about their requirements and prepare the student in that direction.

- With reference to the Faculty Welfare, the Board **SUGGESTED** that the Institute should now focus on recruiting more faculty in Professor and Associate Professor positions to maintain the ratio and quality of teaching.

- With reference to the Research and Development (R&D), The Board **SUGGESTED** to present the R&D items also in terms of patents applied, quality publications Impact factor wise and Citation, h-index and technology transfers etc.

- The Board was informed about the NIRF Ranking of IIT Dharwad which was announced on the day of BoG and the Board took serious note of the same and suggested to put more efforts for improving the ranking next year. The Board also **SUGGESTED** to have a special online meeting in this regard in about 30 days from now (5.6.2023) with a detailed presentation of all the parameters of NIRF. This should be presented by the NIRF coordinator of the Institute. The Board also **SUGGESTED** that necessary support will be provided for improvement in the rankings in the coming year.

Item No. 14.4:   **To note the Progress of Permanent Campus Construction.**

i) Dean (IPS) made a brief presentation on the progress of Permanent Campus construction during the period. The progress presentation covered the following aspects:

- Progress in construction between the period from 13th BoG to 14th BoG.

The Board **APPRECIATED** the efforts being put in by the Institute in this regard.

Few other points of discussion (Side Notes):

- The Board **APPRECIATED** the efforts put by the committee chairman Dr. Amar Gaonkar and Dean R&D for the activities of Knowledge Park and Incubation Centre in the temporary campus (WALMI Campus) towards setting up a world-class laboratory base for testing facilities; skill development; capacity building; industry interface activities; Research Park activities keeping in mind the development horizon of Hubli-Dharwad-Belgaum region. The Board also **SUGGESTED** to take up the activities at a faster pace and get in touch with the concerned officials/agencies for the needful action.

- The Board was keen to know about shifting of all the departments from WALMI Campus to the Permanent Campus. Director and Dean IPS apprized about the various stages of obtaining NOCs for lifts, escalators etc. and also obtaining Occupancy Certificate from the concerned statutory bodies. The Board **SUGGESTED** to prepare a time line for shifting to the Permanent Campus within 7 days and circulate the same among BoG members. The Board **INFORMED** the Director, Deans and Registrar to start/initiate shifting activities stage by stage. The Board SUGGESTED to prepare the action plan for shifting with time lines and circulate among the Board members.

SECTION C: ITEMS CONSIDERED FOR APPROVAL

RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE SENATE:

Item No. 14.5:   **To consider the proposal for rationalization of Department names**

R.2/14.5/23

    i)   The Board **CONSIDERED** and **RESOLVED to APPROVE** the Proposal for rationalization of department names as follows:

Sl. No.	Existing Department Name	Proposed Department Name
1.	Department of Electrical Engineering	Department of Electrical, Electronics and Communications Engineering.
2.	Department of Civil Engineering	Department of Civil and Infrastructure Engineering.

Item No. 14.6:   **To consider the proposal for starting a M.Tech Programme in Electrical Engineering**

R.3/14.6/23

    i)   The Board **CONSIDERED** and **RESOLVED to APPROVE** the Proposal for starting a M.Tech Programme in Electrical Engineering with following three specializations from August 2023.

- o Microelectronics and VLSI;
- o Power Electronics and Power Systems (PEPS); suggested to modify as Power Electronics, Energy & Power Systems (PEEPS).
- o Communication, Signal Processing and Machine Learning.

Item No. 14.7:   **RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE FINANCE COMMITTEE:**

R.4/14.7/23

    The Board made a note of all the recommendations of the 12th Finance Committee meeting held on 5th June, 2023 as per minutes given in **Appendix-A**. Some of the major recommendations are as detailed below.

Consideration and Approval of recommendation of 12th Finance Committee Meeting

1. **FC Item No. 12.4 - Information and approval of FC for payment of statutory fees to Forest Department for usage of 0.66 Ha of Forest land for transition and movement between two parts of campus.**

   The FC **REVIEWED** the proposal for payment of statutory fees to Forest Department for usage of 0.66 Ha of Forest land for transition and movement between two parts of campus and **RECOMMENDED** the proposal to the Board for the payment of ₹ 54.35 Lakhs and actual cost for felling trees

   The Board **CONSIDERED** and **RESOLVED to APPROVE** the same.

2. **FC Item No. 12.5 - To consider and to recommend for additional funds for procurement of Equipment and Furniture due to escalation in cost and increase in GST rate.**

   The FC **REVIEWED** the proposal for additional funds for procurement of Equipment and Furniture due to escalation in cost and increase in GST rate. The estimated GST burden on procurement of Equipment and Furniture due to increase in rate of GST is ₹ 20.30crores. Also, the estimated additional cost due to escalation in prices of Equipment and Furniture is ₹ 10.30 crores. The total estimated additional requirement of funds for procurement of DPR approved Equipment and Furniture's is ₹ 30.60crores (₹ 20.30+₹ 10.30).

   The BoG in its 13th meeting held on 28/02/2023, approved an additional outlay of ₹ 78.48 crores over and above the approved budget of ₹ 851.88cr. Therefore, total estimated additional requirement of funds is ₹ 109.08 crores which is 10.20% over and above the approved budget of ₹ 1062.83 crores for Development and Construction of permanent campus of IIT dhArwAD and **RECOMMENDED** the proposal to the Board.

   The Board **CONSIDERED** and **RESOLVED to APPROVE** the same.

3. **FC Item No. 12.6 - To consider and to recommend the proposal for payment of allowance for Associate Deans and Heads of Departments**

The FC **REVIEWED** the proposal for payment of allowance for Associate Deans and Heads of Departments of ₹ 2500 per month and **RECOMMENDED** the proposal to the Board.

The Board **RESOLVED to APPROVE** the allowance of ₹ 2500 per month to Associate Dean and Head of Department

RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE BUILDING & WORKS COMMITTEE:

Item No. 14.8: NIL

OTHER ITEMS:

Item No. 14.9: **To Consider the Proposal for minimum permissible days for availing vacation leave for the Faculty – Revised**

R.5/14.9/23

i) The Board **CONSIDERED** and **RESOLVED TO APPROVE** the proposal for minimum permissible days for availing vacation leave for the Faculty from 10 days to 5 days.

Item No. 14.10: **To Consider the Proposal for Appointment of Professor /Associate Professor of Practice**

R.6/14.10/23

i) The Board **CONSIDERED** and **RESOLVED to APPROVE** the Proposal for Appointment of Professor /Associate Professor of Practice

Item No. 14.11: **To Consider the Proposal for Renaming the Designation of Existing Professor of Practice**

R.7/14.11/23

i) The Board **CONSIDERED** and **RESOLVED to APPROVE** the Proposal for Renaming the Designation of Existing Professor of Practice

Item No. 14.13: **To Consider the Proposal for Approval for Signing of MoU's by IIT dhArwAD with various organizations and Institutions**

i) The Board **CONSIDERED** and **RESOLVED to APPROVE** the Proposal for Signing of MoU's by IIT dhArwAD with various organizations and Institutions given below:

R.9/14.13/23

- o The Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique
- o (CNRS), France
- o Dvara Solutions Private Limited (DSPL), Chennai – ON HOLD
- o University of Agder(UiA), Norway

SECTION D: ITEMS FOR RATIFICATION

Item No. 14.14: **BY THE CHAIRMAN:**

i) The Board **NOTED** and **RATIFIED** the following actions approved by the Chairman:

a. Note for Approval by Circulation – Vacating of Keeravani Hostel Building and handing it over to WALMI, dhArwAD

b. Appointment of Faculty & Non-faculty Members.

Item No. 14.15: **BY THE DIRECTOR:**

i) The Board **NOTED** and **RATIFIED** the following actions approved by the Director:

a) Appointment of Visiting Faculty (VF), Professor of Practice (PoP) and Adjunct Faculty

b) Conversion of eligible Assistant Professors from Grade 2 to Grade 1

c) Relieving of Faculty Members

d) Relieving of Visiting Professor/Professor of Practice/Adjunct Professor

e) Confirmation of Faculty Members

f) Confirmation of Staff Members

g) Approval for Leasing of space at permanent campus for operations of DhaRTI Foundation

SECTION E: ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

Item No. 14.16:

i) The Board **NOTED** the following information items:

1. To Consider the Idea of Starting New Inter-Disciplinary Department for Indian Knowledge Systems (IKS)

The Board discussed the matter in detail and **APPRECIATED** the move in this direction. However, The Board **SUGGESTED** to initially start a **Global Centre of Excellence in IKS** rather than a Department on the lines similar to the already existing Global Centre of Excellence in Affordable and Clean Energy. Also, the vision and objectives for this centre need to be properly defined. Experts need to be involved and invited (Director may be authorized to select these experts) and hold discussions about the plans, Long, medium and short term goals, Formalization of the Leadership matrix etc. After suitable assessment of the objectives defined and the progress achieved, the matter may be referred back to the Senate for careful study of the report submitted by the committee.

The Board **ADVISED** to circulate Prof. S S Murthy's article on IIT dhArwAD among all the members and comments can be incorporated suitably.
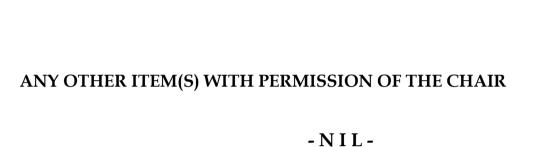
2. Minutes of 19th Senate Meeting [Dt. 8.5.2023]

3. Appointment of Prof. Rajesh M Hegde as Dean R&D.

4. Update on Arbitration matter between IIT dhArwAD and M/s S. Goel Associates, New Delhi.

5. Policy for New Identification Number for Faculty, Staff and Students

6. Progress in opening of Knowledge Park and Incubator at IIT Dharwad.

7. Signing of MoU's by IIT dhArwAD with IIT Bhubaneswar

8. Energizing MoU -- Financial Support to existing MoU

SUPPLEMENTARY ITEM (S):

Item No. 14.17: **1. STRING nominations and finalization**

o With reference to the constitution of STRING, The Board **SUGGESTED** to defer the formation of STRING.

ANY OTHER ITEM(S) WITH PERMISSION OF THE CHAIR

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

REGISTRAR   **DIRECTOR**   **CHAIRPERSON**