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**INDIAN INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY DHARWAD**

**MINUTES OF**  
**THE SEVENTEENTH (17<sup>th</sup>) MEETING OF**  
**THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS (BoG)**

**VENUE :- Board Room, Permanent Campus,  
IIT DHARWAD (IITdh)**

**MODE :- Hybrid**

**DATE :- 20<sup>th</sup> June 2024 [Thursday]**

**TIME :- 4:30 PM**

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**MINUTES OF THE SEVENTEENTH (17<sup>TH</sup>) MEETING OF BoG**

**HELD ON 20<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2024 [THURSDAY]**

The following were present for the meeting: -

<b>Prof. Venkappayya R. dEsai</b>	<b>Officiating BoG Chairperson and Director</b>	<b>Present</b>
<b>Ms. Saumya Gupta, IAS</b>	<b>Member</b>	<b>Leave of Absence*</b>
<b>Shri. Srikar M.S., IAS</b>	<b>Member</b>	<b>Waiting for confirmation of GoKA nominee</b>
<b>Prof. S. S. Murthy</b>	<b>Member</b>	<b>Present [Online]</b>
<b>Prof. Bhavin Kothari</b>	<b>Member</b>	<b>Present [Online]</b>
<b>Dr. Shamasundar S.</b>	<b>Member</b>	<b>Present [Online]</b>
<b>Shri. Sandeep Pareek</b>	<b>Secretary</b>	<b>Present</b>
<b>Prof. Narayan S. Punekar</b>	<b>Special Invitee</b>	<b>Present</b>
<b>Dr. Dhiraj V. Patil</b>	<b>Special Invitee</b>	<b>Present</b>
<b>Dr. Amarnath Hegde</b>	<b>Special Invitee</b>	<b>Present</b>
<b>Dr. D. Lakshmanan</b>	<b>Special Invitee</b>	<b>Present</b>

\*The institute did not receive comments for the agenda item circulated from MoE's (Ministry of Education) Technical Section.

At the outset, the Officiating Chairperson - Prof. Venkappayya R. dEsai extended a warm welcome to all the members and the invitees present in the meeting.

#### **SECTION -A: CONFIRMATION ITEMS**

<b>Item No. 17.1</b>  <b>R1.17.2024</b>	<b>Confirmation of the Minutes of the Sixteenth (16th) Meeting of The Board of Governors Held on 18th March 2024</b>  - The Board <b>NOTED</b> and <b>RESOLVED</b> to <b>CONFIRM</b> the minutes of the Sixteenth (16th) Meeting of The Board of Governors held on 18th March 2024.
<b>Item No. 17.2</b>	<b>Action Taken Report</b>  - The Board <b>NOTED</b> and <b>APPROVED</b> the Action Taken Report.

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#### **SECTION -B: ITEMS FOR APPROVAL**

<b>Item No. 17.3</b>	<b>The recommendations of Buildings and Works Committee (BWC)</b>  - The agenda item for consideration through circulation were sent to the BWC on 8 <sup>th</sup> June 2024. However, the minutes of the BWC meeting could not be finalized. These agenda items along with the Minutes of the Meeting will be proposed in the next FC and BoG meetings.  - The Board <b>NOTED</b> the same.	
<b>Item No. 17.4</b>	<b>The recommendations of 14th Finance Committee (FC) meeting</b>  The following recommendations of the 14th Finance Committee meeting held on 20 <sup>th</sup> June 2024 were placed before the Board for approval:	
	<b>FC Agenda Item No.</b>	14.4
	<b>FC Item</b>	To consider and to recommend the Audit Report and the Revised Annual Accounts for F.Y. 2022-23.

<b>R2.17.2024</b>	<b>FC Recommendations</b>	Recommended for approval of the BoG. FC highlighted that Annual Accounts for FY 2023-24 need to be duly submitted as per the MoE timelines.
	- The Board <b>CONSIDERED</b> and <b>APPROVED</b> the proposal as per the recommendations of the FC.	
	<b>FC Agenda Item No.</b>	14.5
	<b>FC Item</b>	To consider the transfer of IRG (Internal Revenue Generation) funds of FY 2022-23 to the Corpus Fund of the Institute.
	<b>FC Recommendations</b>	Recommended for approval of BoG.
<b>R3.17.2024</b>	- The Board <b>CONSIDERED</b> and <b>APPROVED</b> the proposal as per the recommendations of the FC.	
	<b>FC Agenda Item No.</b>	14.6
	<b>FC Item</b>	The recommendations of Buildings and Works Committee (BWC)
	<b>FC Recommendations</b>	The agenda items for consideration through circulation were sent to the BWC on 8 <sup>th</sup> June 2024. However, the minutes of the BWC meeting could not be finalized. These agenda items along with the Minutes of the Meeting will be proposed in the next FC and BoG meetings. The FC noted this information item.
	- The BoG <b>NOTED</b> the same.	
	<b>FC Agenda Item No.</b>	14.7
	<b>FC Item</b>	To consider the Enhancement in the Allowance of Wardenship.

<b>R4.17.2024</b>	<b>FC Recommendations</b>	IFD (Integrated Finance Division) representative present in the IITdh FC meeting clarified that IFD had no objection if such allowances are being met from IRG funds. In case, IITdh desires to meet such allowance from the MoE grants, IITdh needs to send the proposal and seek approval from the Technical Section of MoE.
	- The Board <b>CONSIDERED</b> and <b>APPROVED</b> the proposal as per the recommendations of the FC.	
	<b>FC Agenda Item No.</b>	14.8
	<b>FC Item</b>	To Consider Payment of Allowance to Associate Deans.
<b>R5.17.2024</b>	<b>FC Recommendations</b>	IFD representative present in the IITdh FC meeting clarified the IFD comment sent that the IFD had no objection if such allowances are being met from IRG funds. In case, IITdh desires to meet such allowance from the MoE grants, IITdh needs to send the proposal and seek approval from the Technical Section of MoE.
	- The Board <b>CONSIDERED</b> and <b>APPROVED</b> the proposal as per recommendations of the FC.	
	<b>FC Agenda Item No.</b>	14.9
	<b>FC Item</b>	Creation of IIT DHARWAD Students' Benevolent Fund Scheme
<b>R6.17.2024</b>	<b>FC Recommendations</b>	Recommended for approval of BoG.
	- The Board <b>CONSIDERED</b> and <b>APPROVED</b> the proposal as per recommendations of the FC.	
<b>Item No. 17.5</b>	<b>Requesting approval to convert unfilled EWS Category Faculty Positions to GEN Category Faculty Positions.</b>	
<b>R7.17.2024</b>	- The Board <b>CONSIDERED</b> and <b>APPROVED</b> the proposal.	

<p><b>Item No. 17.6</b></p> <p><b>R8.17.2024</b></p>	<p><b>Revised list of experts for the Selection committee Meetings in the Department of Chemical Engineering and the Department of Physics.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The Board <b>CONSIDERED</b> and <b>APPROVED</b> the proposal with a comment that the Subject Matter Experts from all IITs, IISc, Central Labs and other premier institutes should be included in such lists especially Experts from the 1<sup>st</sup> Generation IITs.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Item No. 17.7</b></p> <p><b>R9.17.2024</b></p>	<p><b>Requesting approval to increase Faculty and Staff strength at IIT DHARWAD</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The Board <b>CONSIDERED</b> and <b>APPROVED</b> the proposal.</li> <li>- The Board further recommended that the ratio for Faculty:Student should be proposed as 1:8, similar to that of Top-tier Global institutes like Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT), California Institute of Technology (CalTech), etc. The Board intends and wishes ensure that IITs compete on a global level and the Institute should excel both on quality education and research with sufficient Faculty strength.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Item No. 17.8</b></p> <p><b>R10.17.2024</b></p>	<p><b>Appointment of Professor Shrinivas R. Kulkarni [George Ellery Hale Professor of Astronomy, California Institute of Technology, USA] as Distinguished Honorary Professor at IIT DHARWAD</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The Board <b>CONSIDERED</b> and <b>APPROVED</b> the proposal with a comment that such appointments should not be ceremonial in nature and the Institute should plan ahead to optimize and utilize the full services from such associations/ appointments.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Item No. 17.9</b></p> <p><b>R11.17.2024</b></p>	<p><b>Nomination for Member in the Finance committee by the BoG</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The Board <b>CONSIDERED</b> and <b>APPROVED</b> the proposal for nominating Prof Amarnath Hegde as a Board Nominee Member in the Finance committee of IIT DHARWAD.</li> <li>- The Board also commented that increase in Full Professor Strength should be primary focus during the faculty recruitments and should be done on a war-footing. Also, the approval for the List of Visitor</li> </ul>

	Nominees for all departments needs to be sought on a priority basis from the MoE.
<b>Item No. 17.10</b>  <b>R12.17.2024</b>	<b>Conversion of the vacant positions earmarked for Promotion to be filled through Direct Recruitment</b> - The Board <b>CONSIDERED</b> and <b>APPROVED</b> the proposal.
<b>Item No. 17.11</b>  <b>R13.17.2024</b>	<b>Names the Building/facilities after the Indian Great personalities as well as potential sponsors</b> - The Board <b>CONSIDERED</b> and <b>APPROVED</b> the proposal for naming the existing buildings. - The Board also <b>INSTRUCTED</b> that the universally accepted terms, norms and literature should be used when naming these Buildings and a short Biography along with Photograph of the Great Indian Personalities should be displayed at prominent locations of those Buildings/ facilities. Few other names like Kanada, Kapila may be considered instead of Kalabhairava. - The Board <b>INSTRUCTED</b> to formulate a policy for naming of Buildings. This needs to include setting a minimum reserve Amount Limit and other terms so as to streamline the donation and naming process. The Building/ facility names based on the sponsors need to be duly approved by the BoG before proceeding.

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### SECTION -C: ITEMS FOR RATIFICATION

Item No. 17.12:	<p><b><u>BY THE CHAIRMAN:</u></b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Approval for the selection committee reports of Faculty recruitment in various departments.</li> <li>- The Board <b>NOTED</b> the same.</li>   <li>2. Approval for the selection committee reports of Staff recruitment in Group 'A' positions.</li> <li>- The Board <b>NOTED</b> the same.</li>   <li>3. Appointment of New Faculty Members</li> <li>- The Board <b>NOTED</b> and <b>RATIFIED</b> the above ratification item.</li>   <li>4. Probation Extension of Staff Member</li> <li>- The Board <b>NOTED</b> and <b>RATIFIED</b> the above ratification item.</li> </ol>
Item No. 17.13:	<p><b><u>BY THE DIRECTOR:</u></b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Appointment of Visiting Faculty (VF)/ Professor of Practice (PoP)/ Adjunct Faculty</li> <li>- The Board <b>NOTED</b> the same.</li>   <li>2. Conversion of Eligible Assistant Professors from Grade II to Grade I</li> <li>- The Board <b>NOTED</b> the same.</li>   <li>3. Appointment of New-Staff Members</li> <li>- The Board <b>NOTED</b> and <b>RATIFIED</b> the above ratification item.</li>   <li>4. Service Confirmation of Faculty Members</li> <li>- The Board <b>NOTED</b> and <b>RATIFIED</b> the above ratification item.</li>   <li>5. Service Confirmation of Staff Members</li> <li>- The Board <b>NOTED</b> and <b>RATIFIED</b> the above ratification item.</li>   <li>6. Relieving of Visiting Professor/Professor of Practice/Adjunct Professor</li> <li>- The Board <b>NOTED</b> the same.</li>   <li>7. Relieving of Faculty Members</li> <li>- The Board <b>NOTED</b> and <b>RATIFIED</b> the above ratification item.</li> </ol>



	8. Relieving of Staff Members - The Board <b>NOTED</b> the same.
Item No. 17.14  <b>R14.17.2024</b>	<b>For the Approval Sought Through Circulation:</b> The Action Taken Report for the BoG agenda items sent for approval through circulation to the BoG members on 26.04.2024 - The Board <b>NOTED</b> and <b>RATIFIED</b> the above ratification item.

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#### **SECTION -D: ITEMS FOR INFORMATION**

Item No. 17.15:	1. <b>Appointment of Full Deans at IIT DHARWAD</b> - The Board <b>NOTED</b> the same.
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#### **SUPPLEMENTARY ITEMS**

Item No. 17.16:  <b>R15.17.2024</b>	<b><u>ITEMS FOR RATIFICATION BY THE CHAIRMAN</u></b> 1. <b>Approval for Appointment of Assistant Registrar [MMD] as Authorized Representative for Indian Customs Electronic Gateway (ICEGATE) Portal</b> - The Board <b>NOTED</b> and <b>RATIFIED</b> the above ratification item.
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**ANY OTHER ITEM(S) WITH PERMISSION OF THE CHAIR**

2. Prof. S. S. Murthy suggested to initiate collaboration with Singapore Institute of Technology (SIT), since these collaborations will benefit IITdh and bring funding to kick start several Smart Village Projects [under IEEE] in and around Dharwad.
3. Prof. S. S. Murthy also suggested partnering up with NITK Surathkal for an upcoming International Conference to increase visibility and presence of IIT DHARWAD.
4. Dean AP took the opportunity to invite the BoG members to IIT DHARWAD's 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Convocation scheduled on 22.07.2024 (Monday). Dr. Shamasundar S., along with other Board members suggested playing the recorded chanting of Taittiriya Upanishad statements during the event to enhance the ambience and increase the solemnity among the graduating students. The same may also be considered for printing and preparing the brochure for the forthcoming convocation [the Printed convocation Brochure should also contain composition of BoG, Senate, List of Graduates, etc.]

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The meeting ended with a vote of thanks from the Officiating Chairperson.

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CHAIRPERSON**