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INDIAN INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY DHARWAD

MINUTES

OF

THE NINETEENTH(19th) MEETING OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS

**VENUE :- Boardroom, Director's Office
Permanent Campus, IIT DHARWAD**

MODE :- HYBRID MODE

DATE :- 8th October 2024 [Tuesday]

TIME :- 4:15 PM

INDIAN INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY DHARWAD
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OF
19th MEETING OF THE BoG HELD ON 8TH OCTOBER 2024

The following members were present: -

Prof. VenkappayyA R. dEsAi	Officiating BoG Chairperson and Director	Present
Ms. Saumya Gupta, IAS	Member	Leave of Absence*
Shri. Srikar M.S., IAS	Member	Leave of Absence
Prof. S. S. Murthy	Member	Present (Online)
Prof. Bhavin Kothari	Member	Present (Online)
Dr. Shamasundar S	Member	Present (Online)
Prof. Narayan S. Puneekar	Member	Leave of Absence
Prof. Ramjee Repaka	Member	Present
Shri. Sandeep Pareek	Secretary	Present
Prof. Dhiraj V Patil	Special Invitee	Present
Prof. Sangamesh Deepak	Special Invitee	Present

*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 invitees present in the meeting.

SECTION A: CONFIRMATION ITEMS

Item No. 19.1: Confirmation of the minutes of the 17th and 18th Meeting of the Board of Governors held on 20th June 2024 and 22nd July 2024 respectively

- i) The Board **NOTED** the minutes of the 17th and 18th Meeting of the Board of Governors were held on 20th June 2024 and 22nd July 2024 respectively.
- ii) The Board **RESOLVED to CONFIRM** the minutes of the 17th and 18th Meeting of the Board of Governors held on 20th June 2024 and 22nd July 2024 respectively

Item No. 19.2: Report of the action taken on certain items of Minutes of the 17th and 18th BoG meeting.

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

SECTION B: ITEMS CONSIDERED FOR APPROVAL

RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE SENATE:

Item No. 19.3: - NIL -

RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE BWC Meeting:

Item No. 19.4: The recommendations from the 14th BWC meeting held on 12th August 2024 were routed through the Finance committee (FC)

RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE FINANCE COMMITTEE:

Item No. 19.5: The 15th Finance Committee meeting was scheduled on 8th October 2024 at 2:30 PM through Hybrid Mode. The following items were recommended from the Finance committee (FC) and the Board made a note of all the recommendations of the 15th Finance Committee as per minutes given in Appendix-A. Some of

the major recommendations and suggestions are as detailed below.

1. FC Item No. 15.4 - The recommendations of Building & Works Committee (BWC)

The 14th BWC held on 12th August 2024 proposed few additional items related to the development of the Permanent Campus in the following areas:

- A. Within the sanctioned Budget under OH -35
- B. With an additional budget sanctioned under OH -35
- C. Minor works within the sanctioned budget under OH -31
- D. Annual Maintenance Contracts (AMCs) under OH -31 budget for FY 2024- 25

The FC **REVIEWED** the proposal and **RECOMMENDED** the following:

The FC recommendation mentioned in the Minutes [final version] have been reproduced here.

R.2/19.5.1/24

The Board **CONSIDERED** the recommendations of FC and **RESOLVED** to **APPROVE** the same.

2. FC Item No. 15.5 - To Consider Payment of Allowance to Associate Deans through Institute Funds

A proposal for payment of ₹ 3000/- per month as an allowance to the Faculty Members who are serving as Associate Deans at the Institute from the grants of the Ministry was proposed.

The FC recommendation mentioned in the Minutes ([final version] have been reproduced here.

R.3/19.5.2/24

The Board **CONSIDERED** the recommendations of the FC and **RESOLVED** to **APPROVE** the same.

3. FC Item No. 15.6 - To consider The Enhancement in the Allowance of Wardens through Institute Funds

A proposal for enhancement of allowance of ₹ 2000/- to ₹ 3000/- per month to the Faculty Members who are serving as Wardens of the Hostels at the Institute from the grants of the Ministry was proposed.

The FC recommendation mentioned in the Minutes [final version] have been reproduced here.

R.4/19.5.3/24

The Board **CONSIDERED** the recommendation of the FC and **RESOLVED** to **APPROVE** the same.

4. FC Item No. 15.7 - To consider the Proposal for “New Faculty Research Initiation Grant (NFRIG)” Scheme

A proposal for introducing “New Faculty Research Initiation Grant (NFRIG)” in place of “Seed Grant Networking Fund (SGNF)” was proposed in the FC Meeting.

The FC recommendation mentioned in the Minutes [final version] have been reproduced here.

The Board **NOTED** and sought few data from the Dean R&D section:

- The details of the sanctioned of the SGNF funding to the existing Faculty Members and their utilization.
- The Board also sought information about the drawbacks of the current SGNF, new features in the proposed NFRIG and also a detailed comparison of the draft NFRIG with other IITs, source of funding for NFRIG, proposed outcomes of the NFRIG etc.

Finally, The Board **DISCUSSED** and **INSTRUCTED** that this proposal needs to be analyzed thoroughly and presented internally and then present the same with all the queries addressed to the BoG in its next meeting.

5. FC Item No. 15.8 - To consider the Proposal for Approval of the Revision of the Consultancy Project Overhead Policy of the Institute

A proposal for revision of the consultancy project overhead policy of the Institute was proposed in the FC Meeting.

The FC recommendation mentioned in the Minutes [final version] have been reproduced here.

The Board **NOTED** the same and suggested the following points:

- If possible, enhance the overhead charges of the Institute more or to a considerable extent.
- In the Agenda, the details of the comparison with other IITs can be provided in more clear way along with the justification for that and the same can be deliberated in the next BoG Meeting.
- The Board also sought information about the drawbacks of the current consultancy policy and the new features which are proposed to be incorporated in the revised policy etc.
- The Board also enquired as to what are the policy terms and conditions for Sponsored Projects, Externally Funded projects etc. Also, the Board enquired about the Institute overhead policy, in case of sponsored projects.

Finally, The Board **DISCUSSED** and **INSTRUCTED** that this proposal needs to be discussed and analyzed thoroughly and presented internally and then the same with all the queries be satisfactorily addressed in the next BoG meeting.

6. FC Item No. 15.9 - To consider the Proposal for Approval of Maintenance fees for facilities provided by Ekalavya dhyAnchand Indoor Common Facility (EdICF)

The FC has **REVIEWED** this proposal and recommended it to the BoG for approval.

The Board **NOTED** the same and **OPINED** that such items of less importance must be approved at the Director's level and not to be brought to the Board for Approval. Board **INSTRUCTED** that such items can be approved by the Director and can be put as an item for information for formal ratification from the Board.

Board **SUGGESTED** to keep the Finance Committee (FC) meeting one or two days prior to BoG so that the recommendations of the FC may be presented with all the details to the BoG.

7. FC Item No. 15.10 - To consider the Proposal for Allocation of Funds for Establishing a Kendriya Vidyalaya (KV) in IIT DHARWAD Permanent Campus under Project Mode.

The FC recommendation mentioned in the Minutes [final version] have been reproduced here.

The Board **NOTED** the same and welcomed the proposal of establishment of KV in IIT DHARWAD Permanent campus and **OPINED** that this must be widely circulated and the investment made in establishing the KV must yield good results with high quality facilities, highly qualified faculties in terms of teaching and good infrastructure.

Additionally, Board also **SUGGESTED** that the Faculty members and their families must invest their time and effort to teach there and add their expertise for the improvement of the school.

8. FC Item No. 15.11 - To Consider and to recommend the Proposal for Purchase of an Electric Vehicle (i.e., Car).

The FC has **REVIEWED** this proposal and recommended it to the Board for approval.

R.5/19.5.8/24

The Board **NOTED** the recommendations of the FC and **RESOLVED TO APPROVE** the same with few suggestions:

The Board **SUGGESTED** to seek support from the Ministry of New and Renewable Energy for procuring vehicles utilizing Green Energy in the form of donation.

Also, the Board **SUGGESTED** to give more preference to procure Indian made vehicles, rather than vehicles manufactured in the other countries. This needs to be the policy for all the items and equipments.

Additionally, Students must be encouraged to use bicycles or electric bicycles. Also, all the stakeholders must be encouraged to use electric or green energy vehicles.

OTHER ITEMS:

Item No. 19.6: To Consider the Proposal and Approval of Rules & Regulations of the Knowledge Resource Centre (i.e., Library)

Members of the BoG **OPINED** that these are Administrative and trivial issues and hence they need not to be brought before BoG for Approval and all such items must be approved at the Director's level itself.

Board **SUGGESTED** such items can be approved by the Director and can be put as an item for information for formal ratification from the Board.

Board **SUGGESTED** that Library Rules are generally a set of standard rules followed in almost all the IITs and the same need to be followed in IIT DHARWAD also. Encouragement should be given to e-library usage. Also, it was **INFORMED** that, firstly the proposal needs to be approved by the Senate and then it can be put up to the Board for approval.

Item No. 19.7: To Consider the Proposal for Approval of Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) for Faculty Member's Pay Level Upgradation, Grade Conversion, and Movement.

R.6/19.7/24

The BoG **CONSIDERED** the proposal and **RESOLVED TO APPROVE** with following suggestions:

- Stringent norms must be revised to simpler norms in line with the norms followed in other IITs.
- These Norms must provide the faculty members with freedom while simultaneously ensuring more accountability, particularly for Assistant Professors.
- Every Year proper and transparent assessment must be made in 4 verticals such as Teaching, Research, Outreach and Administration.

SECTION C: ITEMS FOR RATIFICATION

Item No. 19.8: BY THE CHAIRMAN CUM DIRECTOR:

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

- a. Appointment of a New Faculty member.
- b. Approval of the Minutes of the 1st Urgent BoG Meeting [Held on 11.6.2024]
- c. Approval of the Minutes of the 2nd Urgent BoG Meeting [Held on 8.7.2024]
- d. Approval of the Minutes of the 3rd Urgent BoG Meeting [Held on 29.8.2024]

Item No. 19.9:

- 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) Service Confirmation of Faculty Members
- f) Confirmation of Staff Members
- g) Relieving of Staff members

SECTION E: ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

Item No. 19.10: The Board **NOTED** the following information items:

- 1. Minutes of the 14th Building & Works Committee (BWC) Meeting [Dt. 12.8.2024 (Monday)]

SUPPLEMENTARY ITEM (S):

Item No. 19.11: To Consider the Proposal for Minimum Days of Vacation for the Faculty - Revised

- The Board **SUGGESTED** to follow the norms of other IITs in this regard.
- The Board **OPINED** that this matter is purely administrative in nature and hence it must be approved at the Director's Level.
- The Board **SUGGESTED** that all such minor administrative and trivial decisions be taken by the director and reported to BoG under Section - E as Items for Information.

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