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INDIAN INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY DHARWAD

MINUTES

OF

THE TWENTIETH(20th) MEETING OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS (BoG)

VENUE:- Board Room, Director's Office, Administration
Block, Permanent Campus, IIT DHARWAD

MODE :- HYBRID MODE

DATE :- 17th December 2024 [Tuesday]

TIME :- 3:30 PM

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20th MEETING OF THE BoG HELD ON 17TH DECEMBER 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. Punekar	Dean Academic Programs and Member	Present
Prof. Ramjee Repaka	Dean Students Welfare and Member	Present
Shri. Sandeep Pareek	Officiating Registrar and Secretary	Present
Prof. Pratyasa Bhui	Dean R&D and Special Invitee	Present
Shri Sundeep P	Executive Engineer IPS and Special Invitee	Present

*The institute did not receive comments for the agenda items 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. 20.1: Confirmation of the Minutes of the Nineteenth (19th) Meeting of The Board of Governors held on 8th October 2024.

- i) The Board **NOTED** the minutes of the 19th Meeting of the Board of Governors were held on 8th October 2024.
- ii) The Board **RESOLVED** to **CONFIRM** the minutes of the 19th Meeting of the Board of Governors held on 8th October 2024.

R.1/20.1/24

Item No. 20.2: Report of the action taken on certain items of Minutes of the 19th BoG meeting.

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

SECTION B: ITEMS CONSIDERED FOR APPROVAL

ITEMS FROM THE SENATE:

Item No. 20.3: Update on Academic Programs

1. M.Tech. Program Through Common Offer Acceptance Portal (COAP)
2. To Consider for Approval of the Proposed 2-Year Master of Science (M.Sc.) Program Through JAM (Joint Admission For Masters)
3. To Consider for Approval of Proposal for B.Tech. Program Through JEE (Joint Entrance Exam) Advanced.

The BoG **NOTED** the Updates on Academic Programs and **RESOLVED TO APPROVE** the same as per the recommendations of the Senate.

RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE FINANCE COMMITTEE:

Item No. 20.4: The 16th Finance Committee meeting was scheduled on 16th December 2024 [Monday] at 3:30 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 16th Finance Committee as per minutes given in Appendix-A. Some of the major recommendations and suggestions are detailed below.

1. FC Item No. 16.4 - To Consider Purchase of Ambulance for the Wellness Centre.

The Integrated Finance Division (IFD) of the Ministry of Education (MoE), through their letter No. F. No. 1-1/2018-IFD dated 16-12-2024, has mentioned that the agenda item be considered in accordance with the Ministry of Finance OM dated 1-9-2022. The Finance Committee (FC) observed that while the OM dated 1-9-2022 specifically addresses the procurement of staff cars, the IFD does not have any objections to the procurement of an ambulance for the Wellness Center, in consideration of the needs of IIT DHARWAD, provided that it complies with the relevant guidelines outlined in the Staff Car Rules.

The FC **REVIEWED** and **RECOMMENDED** the proposal to the Board for approval.

R.2/20.4.1/24

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

2. FC Item No. 16.5 - To Consider the Recommendations of the 15th Building & Works Committee (BWC).

The 15th meeting of the Building and Works Committee (BWC), held on 2nd December 2024, discussed additional items related to the development of the Permanent Campus. The IFD of the MoE provided comments for consideration.

The Finance Committee **REVIEWED** the proposal and **RECOMMENDED** the same for the approval of the Board of Governors (BoG).

R.3/20.4.2/24

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

3. FC Item No. 16.6 - To Consider the Proposal for the “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 IFD of the MoE commented that there are no approved guidelines from the MoE on this policy and suggested considering funding from the Institute's Internal Revenue. They further mentioned that if the funding is from Grant-In-Aid (GIA), a detailed proposal should be sent to the Technical Section of the MoE.

After discussion, the FC concluded that the expenditure is proposed to be met from GIA. Therefore, a self-contained proposal, including the financial implications, needs to be prepared and sent to the Technical Section of the MoE for approval.

The Finance Committee **REVIEWED** the proposal and **RECOMMENDED** the same to the Board of Governors (BoG).

R.4/20.4.3/24

The Board **CONSIDERED** the recommendation of the FC and **APPROVED** the same with the following points:

- The BoG members felt that this increase in the grant is desirable to attract good and potential candidates for faculty positions at IIT DHARWAD.
- BoG in principle approved the proposal and suggested to communicate to IIT Bureau of MoE for funding support from GIA.
- The Board also felt that the grants could be increased to ₹ 25 Lakhs instead of ₹ 20 Lakhs.
- The Board mandated that the new faculty members who have been granted funds under NFRIG scheme must and should publish a Journal Paper/Publication or get a patent filed or granted.

- The Journal Paper/Publication must be published in a reputed journal having good impact factor within a period of 4 years from the date of release of grants.

4. FC Item No. 16.7 - To Consider the Proposal for the 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 IFD of the MoE commented that the policy should be considered if it aligns with the guidelines followed by other established IITs. After a careful study, This policy has been found to be in line with the other IITs.

The Finance Committee **REVIEWED** the proposal and **RECOMMENDED** the same for the approval of the Board of Governors (BoG).

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

- If the institute has to attract more consultancy projects from the Industry/Companies/PSUs etc., then the overhead charges must be reduced to some optimum percentage.
- Once the quality of consultancy project is good and a brand on IIT DHARWAD consultancy is built, the institute can impose higher charges, as proposed.
- The Board members felt that due to higher overhead charges currently [which could possibly be a main reason], the institute has less number of consultancy projects.

Finally, The Board **DISCUSSED** in detail and **CONCLUDED** that the charges can be set at **15%** for all the categories and also **MANDATED** to achieve a target of ₹ 10 crores worth consultancy projects in the next 3 years. After 3 years, the overhead charges can be increased to the amounts as proposed in agenda item.

5. FC Item No. 16.8 - To Consider the Transfer of IRG (Internal Revenue Generated) Amount in the Corpus Fund of the Institute.

The Finance Committee **REVIEWED** the proposal and **RECOMMENDED** the same for the approval of the Board of Governors (BoG).

The Board **CONSIDERED** the recommendation of the FC and **APPROVED** the same.

OTHER ITEMS:

Item No. 20.5: To Consider [for the 2nd time] the Proposal for an Increase in the Faculty and Staff Strength

R.5/20.5/24

The BoG **CONSIDERED** the proposal and **RESOLVED TO APPROVE** the same.

Members of the BoG strongly felt the need for increase in the faculty and staff strength in accordance with the increasing students strength following the roaster system strictly. BoG members extended their continued support and strongly recommended to the MoE for necessary action on this Item, at its earliest convenience.

Few other items as listed below were also discussed:

- a) Progress of the MoUs to be reported to the Board. Also, the existing MoUs need to be energized.
- b) Updates on Joint Research, Faculty and Student exchange have to be presented.
- c) Progress in the Research & Development (R&D) is to be reported in the next BoG meeting.
- d) Steps taken in improving the National Institutional Ranking Framework (NIRF) to be updated.
- e) Members suggested to take help or consult other 3G IITs in improving the NIRF rankings.
- f) Members suggested to establish strong Public Relations (PR) team and strengthening of the Social Media handles.
- g) Updates of the institute in terms of R&D, Talks, Symposiums, Conferences, other Events etc., to be posted in all the social media platforms such as LinkedIn, Facebook, Instagram, X etc., which can properly brand IIT DHARWAD.
- h) Invited Lectures to be organized by IIT DHARWAD inviting Internationally reputed Professors/other Experts or Industrialists for ensuring recognition globally.
- i) Request support from Ministry of New and Renewable Energy (MNRE) for funding in Clean Energy to achieve Net Zero in Water, Energy and Waste.
- j) Honorary Doctorate from IIT DHARWAD to be initiated soon.

SECTION C: ITEMS FOR RATIFICATION

Item No. 20.6: BY THE OFFICIATING CHAIRMAN CUM DIRECTOR:

- i) The Board **NOTED** and **RATIFIED** the following actions approved by the Officiating Chairman cum Director:
 - a. Appointment of a New Faculty member.
 - b. Processing of shortlisted internal faculty candidates for probable selection and movement to the next higher position;
 - c. Appointment of Visiting Faculty (VF), Professor of Practice (PoP) and Adjunct Faculty;
 - d. Conversion of Eligible Assistant Professors from Grade 2 (G2) to Grade 1 (G1);
 - e. Relieving of a Faculty Member;
 - f. Relieving of Visiting Professor/Professor of Practice/ Adjunct Professor;
 - g. Service Confirmation of Faculty Members;
 - h. Appointment of Staff member;
 - i. Service Confirmation of Staff Members;
 - j. Relieving of Staff members;
 - k. Implementation of Amendments in GFR 2017;
 - l. Renaming of existing Global Centres of Excellence (GCoE) to Centres of Excellence (CoE);
 - m. Appointments of Research Associates (RAs).

SECTION E: ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

Item No. 20.7: The Board **NOTED the following information item:**

- 1. Minutes of the 24th Senate Meeting [Held on 30.09.2024]

SUPPLEMENTARY ITEM [S]:

- N I L -

ANY OTHER ITEM[S] WITH THE PERMISSION OF THE CHAIR

- N I L -

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

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**OFFICIATING
REGISTRAR**

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DIRECTOR

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**OFFICIATING
CHAIRPERSON**