

## **MINUTES OF THE TENTH MEETING OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS HELD ON 04<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2012**

The Tenth Meeting of the Board of Governors of the Indian Institute of technology, Hyderabad was held at 14.30 hours on Thursday the 04<sup>th</sup> October 2012, in the Conference Room of the Institute at its Temporary Campus in the Ordnance Factory Estate, Yeddumailaram. The following were present:

Shri Ajay Chowdhry, Chairman  
Dr K Mohandas  
Shri M Mathew  
Shri RP Sisodia  
Prof UB Desai, Director  
Prof V Eswaran  
Prof FA Khan  
Shri N Jayaram, Registrar

The Chairman welcomed the BoG members.

Leave of absence was granted to Dr Kiran Mazumdar Shaw and Principal Secretary to Government of AP.

### **Item No.1: CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE NINTH MEETING OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS HELD ON AUGUST 10, 2012.**

The Board considered the Minutes of the Ninth Meeting of the Board that has already been circulated to the members and CONFIRMED the minutes as circulated.

Prof Desai informed that tenders for construction of Permanent Campus were opened on October 01, 2012 and tentatively the lowest quote was by M/s L&T for Rs.644 crores. A detailed analysis of the quotations is being made and the Institute is likely to place order during second-third week of October 2012.

The following suggestions emerged during the course of discussions of the Minutes:

1. To a mention by Prof Desai that students have accorded rating of 4.1 to the Faculty, the Board suggested that IITH may aim at achieving a rating of 4.5.
2. The Institute may inform MHRD of the probable cost of construction of Permanent Campus along with the month-wise cash flow requirement.

### **Item No.2: To consider report of actions taken on the Minutes of the Seventh and the Eighth Meeting of the Board of Governors.**

The Board noted the action taken report.

**Item No.3: Report relating to action taken by the Chairman from time to time.**

The Board noted this item.

**Item No.4: Enhancement of Per Diem to the Faculty members for participation in International Conference.**

Prof Desai made a brief mention of the cost escalation that occurred. After discussions, the Board approved this item.

**Item No.5: Creation of Design Innovation Centre.**

Prof V Eswaran made a presentation of the concept of the Centre with emphasis that the concept is in primary stages and will be shaped up in due course.

Elaborate discussions were held on the subject and the following suggestions were made. The Institute will tender a detailed proposal to the Board in the next meeting after suitably incorporating the suggestions made by the Board.

1. Shri Mammen Mathew suggested that the Institute may aim at Green design and take into account rural technology.
2. The Chairman stressed the need (a) to speed up establishment of Incubation Centre by December 01, 2012; (b) for enhancing Consultation activities with a senior Faculty as being in-charge to speed up the activities; and (c) paying greater attention to FPGA.
3. The Chairman stated that Government of India is likely to build 'Electronics Development Fund' that will fund projects in electronics and nano-technology. IITH may prepare a proposal to obtain funds from this source for one product.
4. The Chairman suggested that IITH may add a course on Industrial Design limiting the number of themes so that in-depth study becomes possible and in doing so eco-friendly technology may be aimed that will also consume lesser amount of power.
5. Dr Mohandas suggested that IITH may try to obtain patent before releasing the products.

The Board approved this item.

**Item No.6: Appointment of Prof UB Desai on the Advisory Board of i) Virtual & Global Services Hub, and ii) Talentsprint.**

The Board approved this item.

**Item No.7: Any other item with the approval of the Chair.**

- 1. Placement of Prof FA Khan in HAG scale:** In terms of MHRD letter No.F.No.23-1/2008-TS.II dated 18.09.2008 read with letter dated 15.09.2010, upto 40% of the Professors at any given point of time will be eligible for HAG scale Rs.67000-79000 subject to performance evaluation based on research publication, Ph D supervision, teaching and consultancy services, etc.

Prof Khan has completed 6 years service as Professor. Based on evaluation of performance and the recognitions accorded to him by various agencies, the Board approved placement of Prof Khan in HAG scale of Rs.67000-79000 at IITH with effect from August 01, 2012.

The present strength of Professors at IITH is 4 and 40% of this works out to 1.6. The Institute has already one Professor in HAG scale. Considering the general practice that 1.6 will be rounded off to 2, the Board suggested that the Institute may seek clarification from MHRD before placing Prof Khan in HAG scale.

- 2. Tenure of the present Chairman and nominated Members comes to end during October 2012.** In this context, the Chairman made a special mention that the team at IITH headed by Prof Desai has created a new vision for the Institute and worked hard to make it a reality, congratulated the team for their efforts, and wished that the team continues its relentless efforts. Dr Mohandas and Shri Mammen Mathew joined the Chairman in their praise for the Institute.

Prof Desai recollected the various suggestions of immense value made by the Chairman and Members, their untiring willingness to spare valuable time for the benefit of the Institute, and thanked them. Prof Eswaran joined the Director in thanking the Chairman and the Members.

The meeting ended with vote of thanks to the Chair.