

**MINUTES OF THE ELEVENTH MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF GOVERNORS HELD ON 06th FEBRUARY 2013.**

The Eleventh Meeting of the Board of Governors of the Indian Institute of Technology, Hyderabad was held at 11.00 hours on Wednesday the 06th February 2013, in the Conference Room of the Institute at its Temporary Campus in the Ordnance Factory Estate, Yeddumailaram.

The following were present:

Shri BVR Mohan Reddy, Chairman
Shri Suresh Rajpal
Dr. GV Prasad
Ms Reema Gupta
Shri Ajay Mishra
Shri RP Sisodia
Prof UB Desai, Director
Prof V Eswaran
Prof FA Khan
Shri N Jayaram, Registrar

Leave of absence was granted to Shri TV Mohandas Pai.

The Chairman welcomed the members. A brief introduction of all the Members was carried out.

Prof Desai recollected the various suggestions of immense value made by Shri Ajai Chowdhry, ex-Chairman and Dr K Mohandas and Shri Mammen Mathew, Ms. Kiran Mazumdar Shaw ex-Members, their untiring willingness to spare valuable time for the benefit of the Institute, and thanked them. He made a special mention of their industrial and educational experiences that immensely benefitted IITH in many ways.

The Chairman and BoG thanked the outgoing Chairman and outgoing BoG members for their valuable contribution to IIT Hyderabad.

Item No.1: CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE TENTH MEETING OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS HELD ON OCTOBER 04, 2012.

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

Prof Vinayak Eswaran spoke about the matter relating to placement of Prof FA Khan in HAG scale (Agenda Item No.7 (1) **Placement of Prof FA Khan in HAG scale**). The Board considered the matter in detail and approved that 1.6 should be rounded off to 2. Considering,

however, that the Board in its Tenth Meeting had decided that IITH may seek clarification from MHRD, the Board stated that the Institute may do so at the earliest.

Shri R P Sisodia stated that he would get the matter expedited in MHRD.

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: Report on commencement of construction of the permanent campus.

Prof Desai made a presentation of the progress so far made by the Institute in construction of Permanent Campus. The BoG members appreciated the progress. The Chairman suggested that a team of Advocates may be engaged by the Institute on retainer basis to minimise adverse impact of litigations that may crop up. In regard to a few litigations, pertaining to land, that have already commenced, he along with Shri Ajay Mishra suggested that the Institute may take necessary steps and in doing so may also enlist the help of Government of Andhra Pradesh. The Director accepted the suggestions for further necessary action at the Institute.

Item No.5: Delegation of Powers.

This matter was discussed in detail. Shri RP Sisodia suggested that for Sl.No.4, 5, 6, 8, 10, 11, and 12 of Annexure 12 of the 7th Meeting of the Buildings & Works Committee, the Institute may prepare a detailed documentation containing rule position; precedents, if any at other IITs; justification for deviations, if any so that the matter can be appropriately be considered by the Board. The suggestions were accepted for further necessary action at the Institute.

The Board approved:

- Sl.No.1 – To accord Administrative Approval and expenditure sanction;
- Sl.No.2 – Petty works, repairs, addition & alteration to buildings;
- Sl.No.3 – Acceptance of lowest tender with or without negotiations - with the modification that the phrase 'Full powers' against "Director with prior approval of BWC' be replaced with 100%);
- Sl.No.7 – Accord of technical sanction to detailed estimates (Civil and Electrical Works); and
- Sl.No.9 – Powers to modify contract conditions - with the modification that the phrase 'Full powers' against "BOG' be replaced with 100%).

Item No.6: Recruitment of Faculty commensurate to the strength of students.

Prof Desai, Director explained that as per the prescriptions of MHRD the strength of Students: Faculty is 10:1. The current student strength of the Institute is 1081 and the Institute is likely to have student strength of about 1300 in August 2013. In the light of the ratio of 10:1, the Institute would like to continue the process of recruitment of Faculty upto 130.

Ms. Reema Gupta sought to know whether the recruitment process will be on-going year after year and whether the Board will be approached every time. Prof Desai clarified that the recruitment process will be on-going year after year in the ratio of student: faculty 10:1. The Board will be approached in case a proactive step is required for high projected student strength.

The Board approved this item.

Item No.7: (a) Establishment of 'Counseling facilities – appointment of Psychological Counselor.

Prof Desai briefed the need for counseling facilities in the backdrop of the Report of the Committee headed by Dr M Anandakrishnan.

Shri Suresh Rajpal and Ms Reema Gupta suggested that IITH may collect some information on the Students-Counselors ratio for future action. Prof Desai agreed to the suggestion.

The Board approved this item.

Item No. 7(b): Appointment of one Deputy Registrar (Academics), and two Deputy Registrars (Administration).

Prof Desai explained the need for having adequate support systems in place for the functioning of the Institute. Shri Sisodia suggested that the Institute may have ratio of Assistant Registrars and Deputy Registrars vis-à-vis students' strength and inform MHRD of this and get their consent for recruitment. Prof Desai accepted the suggestions for future recruitments.

The Board approved this item.

Item No.8: Presentation on IITH by the Director.

Prof Desai made a presentation of the happenings since the First Year 2008. He explained the growth in student strength and projections for future; appointment of Architects for Master Plan and building plans; appointment of PMC and BSNL as Project Advisory Committee; award of work to L&T and progress made in construction since November 2011;

appointment of Faculty; development of research labs, sponsored projects, consultancy projects, industry interactions, innovations in academics and other developments at IIT Hyderabad.

Prof. Desai mentioned that the Institute has 212 Ph.D. students, giving on average 2 Ph.D. students per faculty. Moreover, there were large number of sponsored research projects and a significant number of consultancy projects.

He added that the ratio of UG:PG students is almost 1:1. The Members appreciated the special efforts made by the Institute in this direction.

He made a mention of collaboration with Japan for many of the buildings that will come up with funding from Japan. To a query from Shri Suresh Rajpal, the Chairman explained that Japan is keen on having significant academic collaboration with India as part of a large engagement with India. To show their commitment, they are funding part of campus development through ODA loan, and research collaboration through grants.

Shri Sisodia suggested that the Research Park proposed by IITH may have PPP model as in the case of IIT Madras. Prof Desai explained that the structure with furniture and certain other facilities will be funded by Japan.

Prof Desai profusely thanked the esteemed MHRD for its wholehearted support for construction of permanent campus of IITH.

Item No.9: Any other item with the approval of the Chair.

Prof Desai suggested that the next Convocation may be held on August -07, 2013. The Board agreed to this.

Prof Desai mentioned that Foundation Day function of the Institute will be held on March 02, 2013 and the Honorable Minister of HRD, Dr. Pallam Raju will be the Chief Guest. He extended a warm invitation to all the BoG members to participate in the Foundation Day Celebrations.

The Chairman suggested that in the ensuing meetings there may be an elaborate discussion on one or two topics of importance to the Institute. Prof Desai agreed to this.

The Chairman suggested that the meetings of the Board may be held during the months of February, May, August, and November and that the Institute may notify the dates in advance. Prof Desai agreed to this suggestion for action at the Institute.

The Meeting ended with thanks to the Chair.
