

**MINUTES OF THE THIRTEENTH MEETING OF THE  
BOARD OF GOVERNORS HELD ON 07<sup>th</sup> AUGUST 2013**

The Thirteenth Meeting of the Board of Governors of the Indian Institute of Technology, Hyderabad was held at 11.00 hours on Wednesday the 07<sup>th</sup> August 2013, at its Temporary Campus in the Ordnance Factory Estate, Yeddumailaram. The following were present:

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

Leave of absence was granted to Shri TV Mohandas Pai and Shri Suresh Rajpal.

The Chairman and the Director welcomed the BoG members.

**Item No.1: Confirmation of the Minutes of the Twelfth Meeting of the Board held on May 05, 2013.**

The Board confirmed the minutes as circulated with the deletion of the words 'i.e. those who did B Tech, M Tech, and Ph D in India' from the Minute pertaining to Agenda Item No.5. The modified minute will now read as below:

"Prof Desai explained that some of the Faculty have inadequate exposure to the international scenario in research. In order to provide an opportunity to such Faculty to get international exposure, the Institute proposes to support them for 2 month visits during summer vacations, with expenses borne by the Institute."

"After discussions, the Board approved a financial provision of Rs.50 lakhs (Rupees fifty lakhs) per annum towards meeting this expenditure. The Board also directed that a detailed matrix of stay and living expenses may be prepared by the Institute and be approved by the Chairman."

**Item No.2: To consider report of actions taken on the Minutes of the Twelfth Meeting of the Board of Governors.**

The discussions took place on the following items:

S. No.6 Girl student strength – The strength of girl students has increased and the Institute has created additional hostel accommodation for them.

S. No.8 Identification of Patent lawyers – Shri GV Prasad suggested that IITH have a committee to review inventions/discoveries to ascertain their commercial viability before going ahead with patenting. The suggestion was accepted by the Director.

S No.9 Novel Academic Program – Prof Desai explained the Fractal Academic Program. Prof Desai mentioned that the Institute also offers a basket of partial credit courses from which choices may be made by the students. He further explained that the Institute uses resource persons who are locally available so there is no need for recruiting additional faculty for such courses. This was appreciated by the Chairman.

S No.14 – 20 year plan for IITH will be number one in the country and in the top 10 in the world. The Chairman suggested that IITH prepare a draft document by November 2013 that may be discussed and revised from time to time. This was accepted by Prof Desai.

S No.16 – Matrix for money to be allocated for international exposure – The Board approved the matrix with the modification that absolute figures may replace the percentage, and directed that the figure for accommodation be the maximum reimbursement permissible and 100% reimbursement will be accorded if the actual expenses are less than or equal to this limit. (The modified matrix is attached with these minutes).

S No.17 – Life Insurance Policy for Faculty, staff and students. It was explained by the Registrar that employees of Government of India are not insured at the cost of the Government, and any such scheme by IITH will be contrary to the practices of the Government and other Autonomous Bodies. The Board suggested that a contributory scheme may be attempted in which part funding may come from the Institute from a corpus created from non-Government sources. This was accepted by the Director.

S No.18 – Plan for Executive Academic Programs of 2 to 4 weeks. The Chairman suggested that IITH prepare a draft document by November 2013 that may be discussed and revised from time to time. This was accepted by Prof Desai.

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

The Board noted this item.

**Item No.4: To consider and approve conferment of Degree to B Tech, M Tech, and M Sc students.**

The Board approved this item.

**Item No.5: Proposal for creation of non-faculty posts.**

Prof Desai presented the current status of non-faculty positions and the plan that has been prepared take care of present and future staff needs.

Shri GV Prasad suggested that IITH may adapt a 'No Dead End Jobs' concept in which all the lower level functionaries are given opportunities for advancement and assisted by the Institute to enroll for distance learning programs so that their knowledge level increases. The Chairman suggested that the Institute may create a white paper on this concept and present it to the Board for consideration.

The Board approved creation of 78 (seventy eight) non-faculty posts as proposed.

**Item No.6: Change of name of the Department of Mechanical Engineering to "The Department of Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering".**

Prof Desai explained the need for the change in view of the future requirements of the country and the present and future needs of several institutions in and around Hyderabad, and confirmed that the Senate had recommended the change of name of the Department.

The Board accorded approval for this item.

**Item No.7: Creation of the Department of Biomedical Engineering.**

Prof Desai explained that the activities related to Biotechnology and Biomedical Engineering being distinct and different, the creation of a separate department of Biomedical Engineering was recommended by the Senate.

The Board approved this item.

**Item No.8: Members of Selection Committee for the post of Professor, Associate Professor, and Assistant Professor and Nominees of the Board for non-faculty posts.**

The Board accorded post-facto approval for the list of experts.

**Item No.9: Information on the IIT Hyderabad-Japan Collaboration.**

Prof Desai briefed the Board on the developments concerning the IITH-Japan collaboration. The Board took note of the facts and expressed happiness at the developments.

**Item No.10: Any other item with the approval of the Chair.**

None.

The meeting ended with vote of thanks to the Chair.