

**Minutes of The Fifteenth Meeting Of The IIT Hyderabad  
Board Of Governors Held On May 15, 2014.**

The Fifteenth meeting of the Board of Governors of the Indian Institute of technology Hyderabad was held at 10.00 Hours on Thursday the 15<sup>th</sup> May 2014 at its Temporary Campus in the Ordnance Factory Estate, Yeddumailaram. The following were present:

Shri BVR Mohan Reddy, Chairman  
Dr GV Prasad  
Shri TV Mohandas Pai  
Shri Suresh Rajpal  
Shri Ajay Mishra  
Ms Reema Gupta  
Prof V Eswaran  
Prof UB Desai, Director  
Shri N Jayaram, Registrar

Leave of absence was granted to Prof KVL Subramaniam.

The Chairman welcomed the Members. The Chairman welcomed Prof V Eswaran, Nominee of the Senate. The Chairman also mentioned that Prof. U B Desai has been appointed for the second term as Director IIT Hyderabad.

**Item No.1: Confirmation of the Minutes of the Fourteenth Meeting of the Board held on January 07, 2014.**

The Board confirmed the minutes as circulated with the following modification:

'The Senate Manual should be speedily presented to the Board; in place of 'Prof V Eswaran mentioned that Senate Manual will be presented to the Board and the Board noted this under Item No.8 Any other item with the approval of the Chair.

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

The Board noted actions taken on Agenda Items.

Discussions took place on the following items:

Item No.8 b: the Chairman suggested that a standard format for reporting compliance by the Departments/Sections may be prepared and a summary report may be presented to the Board.

Item No.8 c: Prof Eswaran tendered a copy of the Senate Manual of IIT Delhi and explained the importance of Senate both in terms of the Institutes of technology Act and the Statutes. After discussion, the Chairman suggested that the Senate Manual may be prepared at the earliest with built-in flexibility so that the Manual will be an enabler and will facilitate innovations in academic.

**Carry forward items and suggestions made during the meeting:**

**SI. 01:** *Look at possible academic programs wherein our students spend one semester at US/Japan Universities and their students spend one semester at IITH:*

Prof Desai explained that the high tuition fee in Universities/ Institutions abroad is acting as deterrent in sending students of IITH abroad. Dr GV Prasad suggested that IITH may examine feasibility of proposal where students may pay the fees themselves. The Chairman emphasized that international ranking being based on existence of foreign faculty and students, IITH may prepare a white Paper on expenditure required to enhance international standing. Shri Mohandas Pai suggested that IITH may explore possibilities of a) funding from Japan for one full semester in Japan and b) having a Centre for Japanese Studies in IITH.

Prof Eswaran stated that stipend for Ph D scholars was fixed some years ago and considering the value of money at present, this amount is too low to attract talents. He suggested that the amount may be increased in tune with the cost of living. Prof. Desai mentioned that this has already being taken up by the Directors and brought to the notice of MHRD.

**SI. 02:** *Develop a strategy for having overseas faculty and overseas students:*

Prof Desai explained that discussions are on-going for having foreign faculty and IITH is enthusiastic about it. The members suggested that having research collaborations could be another step in this direction. They further suggested that IIT Council may like to take up a 'Faculty Exchange' program to further this.

Shri Mohandas Pai suggested that IITH may strive towards internationalization with a dedicated individual taking up this matter. IITH may have an overseas campus built and operated by outside funding and IITH will provide Faculty.

**SI. 05:** *IITH may give adequate publicity to its expertise so that industry will get attracted to the Institute and also that the Institute may have its representatives present a paper in meets organized by CII, FICCI and the like:*

The Chairman offered assistance to IITH in this matter.

**SI. 06:** *IITH have a committee to review inventions/discoveries to ascertain their commercial viability before going ahead with patenting:*

Dr Prasad suggested that the Institute may have a guide to look into this matter and periodical reviews may be conducted to ascertain the value of inventions/discoveries so that appropriate decision may be taken. The Chairman suggested that a strong process of evaluation may be put in place. The Director agreed to look into this.

**SI. 07:** *Strategy and a plan as to in 20 years' time how IITH will be number one in the country and in the top 10 in the world:*

The Members suggested that IITH may like to get in touch with global consultants to bring in new ideas. Shri Suresh Rajpal offered his expertise in the form of seminar and workshop. Shri Mohandas Pai suggested that IITH may set target like being in the top 10 institutions in any two fields, get a place in the top 100 Universities, have 2 Nobel Laureate, and the like and strive towards the goal.

Prof Desai stated that IITH is already into promising fields like Cyber Physical Systems and IoT, Digital Fabrication, Sensor Technology, etc., and is working on a Centre for Sensors at IITH.

To a query whether randomness of ideas will add up to attainment of long term goal, Prof Desai explained that an academic institution like IITH necessarily needs random ideas to promote long term goals.

Dr Prasad suggested that IITH may have Grand Challenge program in essential areas like clean water, drones, etc.

The Chairman suggested that the Institute may put in place a Faculty Development program that will enable elevation of faculty to higher and higher levels.

**SI. 10:** *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 Chairman suggested that in addition to tie-up with nearby institutions, permission to attend evening classes and the like, the Institute may offer financial assistance. Prof Desai stated that the Institute will attempt this from Corpus.

**SI. 13:** *IITH may develop long term strategies for brand building and have a public relations and brand managers:*

The Chairman suggested that the Institute may seek assistance of Alumni in this matter. The Chairman along with Dr Prasad offered help in this matter as also raising Corpus. The members also suggested that each Department may have advisory board that will find ways and means of raising corpus.

**SI. 15:** *IITH may arrange grand challenge competitions with inputs from Shri Suresh Rajpal:*

The Board appreciated the effort and suggested that this may be widely extended so that academic burden on faculty gets reduced and thereby provides time for doing more research related work. Ms Reema Gupta stated that ISB may assist IITH in conducting baseline studies and also impact assessment. The Chairman emphasized that having taken the first initiative, the Department of Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering may take lead in this direction. Prof Eswaran agreed to this suggestion.

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

The Board noted the action taken.

**Item No.4: Convocation date.**

Prof Desai briefly explained that the Convocation is scheduled for August 6, 2014 and also the steps taken towards inviting a Chief Guest. The members suggested a few more names for Chief Guest in case the dignitaries in the present list are unavailable. Prof Desai accepted the suggestions.

**Item No.5: Report of the External Review in August 2014.**

The Board noted this and suggested that an eminent Professor from Japan may also be included in the list of special invitee. Prof. Desai accepted the suggestion.

**Item No.6: Charging licence fee for official accommodation.**

The Board approved this item.

**Item No.7: Depreciation of assets of the Institute.**

The Board approved the proposed modified rates for Sl.8 (Laboratory Equipment, 13 (Computer Network), 14 (Computers/Printers/Computer Peripherals and Air Conditioners), 15 (Motor Vehicles/Buses), and 16 (Vehicles other than Motor Buses) item as proposed. The Board approved that Sl.13 may also include laptops, i-pad, tablet PC, and routers.

In addition, the Board approved modified rates of depreciation for the following items:

Sl.	Type of asset	Existing rate	Modified rate
4.	Library Books & Tech. Journal	10%	20%
10.	Workshop Machinery	5%	20%
17.	Other fixed assets	10%	20%

**Item No.8: Modified overheads for Sponsored and Consultancy projects:**

The Board approved this item.

**Item No.9: Tabling of the Minutes.**

The Board took on record the tabled documents.

**Item No.10: Delegation of Financial Powers.**

Prof Eswaran suggested that the phrase 'Permanent Campus' under foot note Under S No.1 and also S No.3 may be replaced with 'New Campus'. The Board agreed to this change.

The Board approved this item with the above stated modification.

**Item No.11: Any other item with the approval of the Chair.**

**Vision document:** Prof Desai explained the steps taken. The Board appreciated the steps and suggested that the document may be finalized on or before January 01, 2015.

**Code of conduct for faculty and students:** The Board suggested that the best practices across successful institutions may be looked into and a document may be prepared thereafter.

**Leadership development:** Prof Desai briefly explained the possibilities and the funds position. The Chairman suggested that IITH may decide on the institutions that may provide training to faculty in leadership and that the assistance of ISB may be sought in determining course content. Shri Ajay Mishra suggested that necessary resource persons may be invited to a single venue of training so that the training becomes cost effective and also gets well integrated. The Chairman suggested that the training may be arranged in hierarchical manner with first level training obtained in ISB and further levels abroad.

The Chairman also suggested that processes for various activities, with built-in flexibility, may be put in place.

The Board noted information of Prof UB Desai being Director of a) A3 Remote Monitoring Technologies Private Limited incubated in SINE, IIT-Bombay and b) Envirodyne Energy Systems.

The Meeting ended with thanks to the Chair.