

**Minutes of Twenty fifth Meeting of the IIT Hyderabad
Board of Governors held on 20th June 2017**

The Twenty fifth Meeting of the Board of Governors of the Indian Institute of Technology Hyderabad was held on Tuesday the 20th June 2017 in the premises of the Chairman located in Cyient Limited, Manikonda Campus, Hyderabad. The following were present:

Shri BVR Mohan Reddy, Chairman.
Dr Prema Ramachandran, Member.
Prof M Lakshmi Kantam, Member.
Shri R Subramanyam, Member – through Conference call.
Prof Anjan Kumar Giri, Member.
Prof UB Desai, Director.
Shri N Jayaram, Registrar.

Leave of absence was granted to Dr Vinod Krishnan, Smt Ranjeev R Acharya, and Prof K V L Subramaniam.

Item No.1: Confirmation of the Minutes of the Twenty fourth Meeting of the Board held on 23rd March 2017.

The Board confirmed the Minutes as circulated.

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

The Board noted actions taken on Agenda items.

During the course of discussion on this item, the Chairman suggested that Institute may like to consider Executive M Tech program in Artificial Intelligence, Manufacturing, etc.

Dr Prema Ramachandran suggested that the earnings from Executive M Tech courses may be utilised towards incentives to Faculty and support staff and build corpus.

The Chairman suggested that the Board Members may also follow dress code during Convocation.

Owing to pre-occupation of Members, the Board decided that the next meeting of the Board may be held on 02nd August 2017 instead of the usual practice of the day of Convocation scheduled for 05th August 2017.

Item No.3: Report relating to Actions Taken by the Chairman, Board of Governors, from time to time since last meeting.

The Board noted the action taken.

In regard to encouraging more female students to join the Institute, the Director briefed of the Board of steps initiated by the Institute to provide information to the parents and the students about various facilities available in IITH. Further, the Director mentioned that as approved by the IIT Council, up to 20% supernumerary seats will be available in the IITs from next academic year to accommodate girl students.

Item No.4: Report on land matters.

The Board was briefed of the status of land related matters and the Board noted this.

Item No.5: Tabling of the Minutes of the 6th Meeting of the Finance Committee.

The Board noted the Agenda and the Minutes of the 6th Meeting of the Finance Committee.

Item No.6: Appointment of Prof UB Desai as an Independent Director on the Board of Tata Communications Payment Solutions Limited (TCPSL).

The Board took note of the details and approved the item.

Item No.7: Nominees of the Board on Selection Committees.

The Board took note of the details and accorded approval.

Item No.8: Any other item with the permission of the Chair.

1. **Higher Degrees by Research Programs with Swinburne University of Technology:** The Director mentioned that a joint degree program for Ph D or Masters by Research Program with Swinburne University of Technology, Australia is being instituted where students will spend 4 years in IIT Hyderabad and 1 year in Swinburne University and there will be two guides – one each from both the Institutes. He further explained the financial

arrangements that will provide some finances to IITH to enable students and Faculty to meet travel expenses, etc.

Dr Lakshmi Kantam mentioned of similar arrangements with some of the Universities in Australia and emphasised that such arrangements may lead to projects funded by Australian organisations.

The Board was of appreciative of the program and accorded approval to proceed ahead with the program.

2. Expenditure from Research Development Fund (RDF) after retirement:

The Director mentioned that the Board had accorded approval to the proposal of the Institute to automatically accord the status of 'Emeritus Professor' to the Professors of the Institute on their retirement and also provide space in Department for professional work.

He stated that sums get accumulated in RDF of individual Professors from share of overheads and other heads in various projects and consultancy works undertaken by them. RDF is available for various professional activities like travel, membership fee of professional societies, purchase of equipments, etc.

On retirement, professional activity of the Emeritus Professors continues for many years and towards enabling this, unspent balance in RDF of the individual Emeritus Professor accumulated while in service as Professor may be made available for the purposes for which it may be spent while in service and the entitlements will continue to be same as while in service.

Dr Prema Ramachandran and Dr Lakshmi Kantam appreciated the proposal stating that it will support professional activities during productive period after retirement, will render dignity to the individuals, and will provide strong impetus to individuals to take up projects even during the last phases of service.

The Chairman suggested that the scheme may be operated on reimbursement basis only and no advances may be given.

The Board approved the proposal that unspent balance of RDF may be expended by Emeritus Professors for the same purposes as available to those while in service, the entitlements will be same as at the time of retirement, and the scheme will be operated on reimbursement basis with no advances being given by the Institute.

The meeting ended with thanks to the Chair.
