

**Minutes of the Thirty Second meeting of the
Board of Governors of IIT Hyderabad held on 10th August 2019**

The Thirty Second Meeting of the Board of Governors of the Indian Institute of Technology Hyderabad was held on Saturday the 10th of August 2019 in Conference Room No.211 in the Permanent Campus of IIT Hyderabad located in Kandi, Sangareddy District.

The following were present:

Shri BVR Mohan Reddy, Chairman
Prof Vinod Krishnan, Member
Prof M Lakshmi Kantam, Member
Dr B Janardhan Reddy, Principal Secretary of Higher Edn., Telangana, Member
Prof Anjan Kumar Giri, Member
Prof Ch Subrahmanyam, Officiating Director and Member
Shri N Jayaram, Registrar and Secretary

Leave of absence was granted to Dr Prema Ramachandran and Additional Secretary, MHRD.

The Chairman extended a warm welcome to Dr B Janardhan Reddy, Member and thanked the Members for making it convenient to attend the Meeting.

The Chairman briefly listed out various accomplishments of IIT Hyderabad in its 11 years of existence. To a query from Dr B Janardhan Reddy, Prof Ch Subrahmanyam, Officiating Director stated provision of two compulsory courses relating to Liberal Arts and Fractal Courses that makes all-round development of minds possible. He further stated that there are almost 900 scholars pursuing PhD and IITH has already conferred 126 PhD Degrees till date which is a very significant achievement to a budding Institute.

Item No.1: To consider Confirmation of the Minutes of the Thirty First Meeting of the Board held on 24th May 2019.

No comments have been received on the Minutes as circulated. The Board confirmed the Minutes as circulated.

Item No.2: To consider the Report of the actions Taken on the Minutes of the Thirty First Meeting of the Board of Governors held on 24th May 2019.

The Board noted the action taken.

The Annual Accounts as approved by the Board [Agenda Item No.8 b of 31st Meeting] was tendered to CAG for audit. Pursuant to the suggestions/observations

of audit team, amendments were made to the Annual Accounts, and the amended Annual Accounts was placed before the Board in its 32nd Meeting. The Chairman sought clarifications on the suggestions/observations and the amendments made as also amendments not made, to which the Registrar made brief submissions. The Board approved the amended Annual Accounts as placed before it.

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 by the Chairman and ratified the action taken by the Chairman.

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

Prof Ch Subrahmanyam, Officiating Director presented list of students who have been recommended award of various Degrees by the Senate of the Institute after fulfilment of all the requisite formalities.

To a query from Dr B Janardhan Reddy regarding retention of talent and adoption of nearby localities, Prof Ch Subrahmanyam stated that few students wish to pursue MS degree/higher education abroad and the trend of B Tech Graduates going abroad for jobs is undergoing a reverse trend. The Chairman also stated that increase in number of opportunities within the country is helping reversal of trend of B Tech Graduates seeking job abroad. Prof Ch Subrahmanyam further added that NSS students of IITH have been very active in rendering various services in nearby localities.

The Board approved award of Degrees as recommended by the Senate.

Item No.5: Creation of non-faculty posts.

The Board noted the details of posts proposed to be created. To a query from the Chairman regarding Multi Skill Assistants, the Registrar clarified that these posts are being created to meet the requirements of the Departments.

After noting the financial implication of about Rs.2.05 crores per annum, the Board approved creation of posts as proposed in Annexure 2 to this Agenda Item with the stipulation that on the date of advertisement the number of posts advertised will be commensurate with the ratio prescribed by MHRD.

Item No.6: Counting of service rendered by Shri DV Subramanyam in Grade Pay of Rs.4600 and its equivalent for promotion to next higher post.

The Registrar briefly explained the circumstances that requires relaxation to enable consideration for promotion to next higher posts.

The Board approved one time relaxation as proposed.

Item No.7: Teaching Assistance to Woosong University.

The Chairman sought clarifications on the following points:

- a. IITH's assistance to Woosong University is likely to link brand of IITH and whether this is likely to be affected?
- b. Whether IITH has spare capacity?
- c. Whether IITH can effectively handle the additional load?

Prof Ch Subrahmanyam, Officiating Director and Dr S Surya Kumar, Associate Professor provided clarification, as stated below:

a. Woosong University is fairly well established in non-Engineering field and is very keen to enter field of Engineering, and the University is ready to build necessary infrastructure. In the light of these, brand name of IITH is not likely to be affected. IITH considers this opportunity as a window to enter international arena and build its reputation.

b. and c. The teaching assistance is more like consultancy services. Woosong University will tender their requests for various courses to be taught there every semester. After seeking volunteers with capability and capacity from IITH, courses will be finalised after mutual discussions. This teaching load at Woosong will be over and above the teaching load at IITH and assistance will be extended without compromising the teaching load at IITH. After considering all the above, the courses to be taught at Woosong University will be agreed upon by HOD and approved by the Director.

Requirement of Faculty will be at the beginning and at the end of each Semester/course. Voluntary Ph D scholars of IITH will do the rest of the teaching without compromising their own course and other requirements at IITH.

The Chairman sought opinion from Members on this proposal.

Dr B Janardhan Reddy said that no negatives are apparent. This initiative will add global perspective to faculty and Ph.D students. He felt that the proposal was in-order.

Prof Vinod Krishan and Prof. Lakshmi Kantam stated that the additional load is not unduly high and as such the proposal is acceptable.

After the above discussion, the Board approved the proposal to provide Teaching Assistance to Woosong University”.

Item No.8: Any other item with the approval of the Chair. - None.

The Meeting with thanks to the Chair.
