
Indian Institute of Technology Hyderabad
Board of Governors Meeting

MINUTES
of Fourth Meeting

17 December 2010 (Friday)
10:30 - 13:00 Hours
IIT Hyderabad Conference Hall

MINUTES OF THE FOURTH MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF GOVERNORS HELD ON 17TH DECEMBER 2010

The Fourth Meeting of the Board of Governors of the Indian Institute of technology, Hyderabad was held at 10.30 hours Friday the 17th December 2010, in the Conference Room of the Institute at its Temporary Campus in the Ordnance Factory Estate, Yeddumailaram. The following were present:

Shri Ajay Chowdhry, Chairman

Dr K Mohandas

Shri M Mathew

Shri CR Biswal

Prof UB Desai, Director

Dr Anjan Kumar Giri

Dr MV Pandu Ranga Rao

Shri N Jayaram, Registrar

Leave of absence was granted to Dr Kiran Mazumdar Shaw and Shri Sunil Kumar.

Shri N Jayaram Registrar acted as Secretary to the Board at the meeting.

1. CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE THIRD MEETING OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS HELD ON 11TH SEPTEMBER 2010.

The Board considered the Minutes of the Third Meeting of the Board held on 11th September 2010 that has already been circulated to the members and CONFIRMED the minutes as circulated.

2. CONSIDERATION OF THE REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN ON THE MINUTES OF THE THIRD MEETING HELD ON 11TH SEPTEMBER 2010.

The Board considered the 'Report of Action' taken on the minutes of the Third meeting held on 11th September 2010.

3. APPROVAL OF THE ACTION TAKEN ON THE MINUTES OF THE THIRD MEETING OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS HELD ON 11TH SEPTEMBER 2010

3.1 The Board noted the "Report of Action' taken on various observations/suggestions and decisions as recorded in the Minutes of the Third Meeting held on 11th September 2010 and approved the 'Report' with the following observations/suggestions.

3.2 **Flexible Education system:** Prof Desai stated that interaction with Dr Raj Reddy has commenced and the matter will be taken to its logical conclusion.

The Chairman suggested that the while Postgraduate students do substantial work relating to research and development (R&D), Institute may orient Undergraduate students to do R&D work.

Prof Desai stated that this matter will be discussed in the ensuing meeting of the Senate, and a small committee of Senate members will be constituted to take this further.

3.3 Advisory Council: Prof Desai stated that 16 Members have confirmed their availability and efforts are on to get confirmation from the rest of the Members.

Dr Mohandas suggested inclusion of Dr BS Bhupaneswar of Sree Chitra Tirunal Institute for Medical Sciences and Technology to enable valuable inputs to the idea of Medical School proposed by the Institute.

The Chairman suggested inclusion of one Member each from Civil and Mechanical engineering, Media and Space (preferably from ISRO).

3.4 Indo-Japan Collaboration: Prof Desai stated that he is in contact with the Japanese side for expediting release of funds. The Chairman suggested that a weekly review of the progress through video-conference will be of immense help to ensure expediting release of funds. Prof Desai welcomed this suggestion and stated that he will endeavour to implement this suggestion.

4. APPROVAL for adoption of various orders of Govt. of India in respect of pay and allowances, retirement benefits and medical facilities.

The matter was discussed, Board approved that the Director is at liberty to implement the instructions relating to various service conditions as prescribed by Govt. of India from time to time without the need for approval of the Board. Approval of the Board may be sought only in cases of deviations from the instructions of Govt. of India.

5. TO CONSIDER INTRODUCTION OF B Tech. in Chemical Engg. and M Sc in Physics programs from the academic year 2011-12.

The Board approved this item after a detailed discussion.

6. TO CONSIDER permitting the faculty for longer period of special casual leave for the current wide range of academic activities.

Academic activities like attending conference/seminar/workshop, meeting sponsors attending project review meetings, etc. are official purposes for which grant of special casual leave is not required. Therefore, this Agenda Item was withdrawn.

7. TO CONSIDER introduction of HAG scale for the Professors of the Institute as part of pay revision.

Prof Desai explained the instructions of Govt. of India and the Board approved this item and in doing so noted that hereinafter approval of the Board will not be needed for following instructions of Govt. of India except in cases of deviation as mentioned against Agenda Item No.4.

8. TO CONSIDER provision of the monthly payment of allowance to warden of hostels of the Institute.

Prof Desai explained the instructions of Govt. of India and the Board approved this item and in doing so noted that hereinafter approval of the Board will not be needed for following instructions of Govt. of India except in cases of deviation as mentioned against Agenda Item No.4.

9. TO CONSIDER DISTRIBUTION of the overhead charges from sponsored projects and earning from consultancy activities for various purposes of the Institute.

Prof Desai explained the underlying philosophy of the proposal with emphasis on the need for providing for future development of the Departments and providing incentive to faculty members to take up more projects. The Board approved this item.

10. TO CONSIDER approval of the Audit Report of the accounts of the Institute for the year 2009-10.

Prof Desai explained that the Institute has successfully endeavored to get the accounts audited and the Institute has replied to all the queries/observations of audit.

Dr Mohandas and Shri Mathew drew attention to the observation of Principal Account General relating to internal audit.

Prof Desai stated that the Institute will attempt recruitment of one Internal Auditor at the earliest possible, institute a six monthly reporting by Internal Audit to the Board, and intimate the Board of action taken in the next meeting.

11. TO CONSIDER THE REPORT OF PURCHASES made by the institute from time to time for teaching, research, housing and for administrative purposes.

The Board approved this Agenda Item. Dr Mohandas suggested that hereinafter the Board may be informed of major purchases leaving out rest of the purchases. This suggestion was agreed to by the Board.

12. TO APPROVE SELECTION OF ARCHITECTS to design and plan the new campus of IIT Hyderabad.

Prof Desai explained in detail the various processes that finally resulted in preparation of panel of 4 architects. He explained that the first three architects have shown interest in different structures and based on the assessment of the concept proposed by them work of different structures will be assigned to them. He further explained that M/s Arcop Associates private Limited, besides designing some buildings on the permanent campus, will also be looking after the matter of Landscaping and Detailing of the Approved Master Plan and co-ordination with other architects.

The Chairman suggested that adequate care may be taken by the Institute in the matter of fee of the architects. To this suggestion, Prof Desai explained that the fee will be in accordance with the guidelines laid down by the Council of Architecture established by Govt. of India under the Architects Act, 1972 enacted by Parliament of India.

The Board suggested that the guidelines of the Council relating to fee as downloaded from the website of the Council may be circulated to the Members (including Chairman) of the Board.

13. Progress Report.

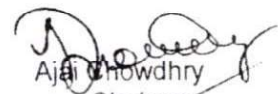
The Board noted with satisfaction report of various activities and accomplishments of the Institute.

14. ANY OTHER ITEM with the permission of the Chair.

The Chairman stressed the importance of collaboration between the Institute and the Industries. He suggested that the Institute may identify one faculty members who will exclusively undertake this matter to ensure that at least 2 to 3 collaborations are signed by the end of next quarter. Prof Desai agreed to implement this suggestion.

The Chairman drew attention to the vision of the Institute that had been presented to the Board in its earlier meeting and suggested that the Institute may hereinafter make presentations to the Board of the objectives that have been accomplished. Prof Desai agreed with this suggestion.

The meeting ended with vote of thanks to the Chair.


Ajaib Chowdhry
Chairman