

MINUTES OF THE FIFTH MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF GOVERNORS HELD ON 21st APRIL 2011

The Fifth Meeting of the Board of Governors of the Indian Institute of technology, Hyderabad was held at 10.30 hours Thursday the 21st April 2011, 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 Kiran Mazumdar Shaw
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 and Shri Sunil Kumar.

1. CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE THIRD MEETING OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS HELD ON 17TH DECEMBER 2010.

The Board considered the Minutes of the Fourth Meeting of the Board held on 17th December 2011 that has already been circulated to the members and CONFIRMED the minutes as circulated with rectification of typographical error in the name from Dr BS Bhubaneswar to Dr GS Bhuvaneshwar in para 3.3.

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 Fourth meeting held on 17th December 2010.

3. APPROVAL OF THE ACTION TAKEN ON THE MINUTES OF THE FOURTH MEETING OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS HELD ON 17TH DECEMBER 2010

The Board noted the 'Report of Action' taken on various observations/suggestions and decisions as recorded in the Minutes of the Fourth Meeting held on 17th December 2010 and approved the 'Report'.

4. APPROVAL for payment of foreign service contributions by IITH.

The contents of MHRD letter No.F.No.11-12/2011-TS.1 dated 20.04.2011 on this agenda item was brought to the notice of the Board. It was explained to the Board that this agenda item deals only with discharge of foreign service contributions (pension and leave salary contributions) by IITH in respect of faculty and staff who join IITH on foreign service or deputation terms in accordance with the instructions of Govt. of India as contained in Fundamental Rules and there is no deviation from the instructions of Govt. of India. Thereafter, the Board approved the matter. The Board recommended MHRD for early implementation of long-term deputation.

5. DEPRECIATION of assets of the Institute.

The Board approved this item after discussion.

6. TO CONSIDER report on the major purchases made by the Institute during December 2010 and 31.03.2011.

The contents of MHRD letter No.F.No.11-12/2011-TS.1 dated 20.04.2011 on this agenda item was brought to the notice of the Board. In view of this, the agenda item stands withdrawn from this meeting.

7. Medical facilities and reimbursement.

The contents of MHRD letter No.F.No.11-12/2011-TS.1 dated 20.04.2011 on this agenda item was brought to the notice of the Board. In view of this, the agenda item stands withdrawn from this meeting.

8. APPOINTMENT of Prof UB Desai, director as a part-time non-official Director on the Board of Tata Communications Ltd. (TCL).

The Board noted the matter with a high degree of appreciation of the capabilities and expertise of Prof Desai.

9. MEMORANDUM of Understanding with CR Rao Advanced Institute of Mathematics, Statistics and Computer Science, for a joint M Tech Program in "Information Security" jointly by AIMSCS and IITH.

Prof Desai explained the proposed program. The Chairman and Members expressed happiness that a very important matter is getting properly addressed and that IITH may take a futuristic view of things likely to happen and take the matter further so that information security becomes a reality. The Board noted this item.

10. PROGRESS REPORT for the period from December 01, 2011 to 31.03.2011.

Prof Desai explained the progress made by the Institute in various spheres. The Chairman and Members expressed happiness over the significant progress made. The Chairman particularly expressed satisfaction over the funding received by the Institute from GoI, Department of Information Technology (DIT) on "Innovation Hub on Cyber-Physical Systems". Prof Desai briefed the outlines of the project and the aims and objectives of the project. The Chairman suggested that a progress report of the outcome of the project be tendered to the Board in its 7th Meeting. Director accepted the suggestion.

The Board expressed happiness over the progress made on the IITH-Japan Collaboration.

11. Industry Collaboration Report

The Board was briefed of the Industry Collaboration. The Chairman and Members expressed happiness over the significant steps taken by the Institute and urged the Institute to take it further.

12. Master schedule.

The Master Schedule of new campus was noted by the Board. There was a general discussion of the master plan, vision and activities of the Institute. During discussions on this item, the Board suggested that the Institute:

- a. May approach Metro Rail and MMTS authorities to extend connectivity to the new campus so that the new campus gets well connected and becomes a hub of activities.
- b. May consider allocating significant area of land to incubation/technology park so that future expansions are well provided. The Board gave example of a few institutions abroad that have become a busy hub of activities and are generating high revenue and thus ensuring self-sustenance.
- c. Provide utmost importance to applied engineering particularly relating to bio-medical devices and high end diagnostics so that attempts of home based medical support is created.
- d. Provide attention to nano-technology in collaboration with IICT and CCMB to enable better drug delivery.
- e. Putting in place well laid down document for governance of all conceivable activity at the Institute so that uncertainties are removed.

The Chairman and Dr Kiran Mazumdar Shaw jointly stressed the importance of laser optics and imaging for medical care, bring together medical practitioners and technologists at IITH. A great significance was laid on imagining the picture 30 years hence and working backwards to the present day so that activities could be suitably tailored to accomplish the future. The Institute may attempt providing a degree in Intellectual Property Rights (IPR) so that development and maintenance of IPR gets much needed boost. The Institute may aim at higher number of patents and its management so that revenues are maximised.

The Chairman laid importance on research and development activities of the Institute leading to products. He suggested that a matrix may be developed for review of the projects to enable ascertaining the benefits like development of technology for the benefit of industry, product development, patent, etc.

Shri C.R. Biswal sought information whether the architecture of individual buildings have been finalized. Prof Desai explained that Faculty of the concerned Department and Architects are working in tandem and the architecture would be finalized at the earliest and that the Institute hoped to move to new campus by July 2013 with completion of first phase by that time. Dr Kiran Mazumdar Shaw suggested that the Institute may request Govt. Of AP to provide a single window for all the required clearances so that valuable tie may be saved.

The Chairman and Dr Kiran Mazumdar Shaw stressed that as per avowed declaration of the Government, IITH will be of international standards. The new campus is located in area where the summer temperatures go upto 45 + degrees and Hyderabad, as such, is all summer station. Keeping with the avowed declaration of creating international standard institution, the student hostels should have air-conditioning.

The Board strongly recommended air-conditioning in student hostels as an integral part of international standard institution.

13. Presentation of vision and strategy for Departments at IITH.

After the review of the progress report, there was a presentation by Dr Mohammad Zafar Alikhan of Electrical Engineering Department of the ongoing and planned activities of the Department. The Board expressed happiness over the activities and urged maximising patents and its management with a view to enhancing returns.

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

None.

The meeting ended with vote of thanks to the Chair.
