

## **Minutes of The Sixteenth Meeting Of The IIT Hyderabad Board Of Governors Held On August 08, 2014.**

The Sixteenth meeting of the Board of Governors of the Indian Institute of Technology Hyderabad was held at 11.00 Hours on Friday the 8<sup>th</sup> August 2014 at its Temporary Campus in the Ordnance Factory Estate, Yeddumailaram. The following were present:

Shri BVR Mohan Reddy, Chairman  
Shri GV Prasad  
Shri Suresh Rajpal  
Prof V Eswaran  
Prof KVL Subramaniam  
Prof UB Desai, Director  
Shri N Jayaram, Registrar

Leave of absence was granted to Shri TV Mohandas Pai, Ms Reema Gupta, and Principal Secretary (Higher Education) of Government of Andhra Pradesh. Government of Telangana has not yet communicated the name of its nominee.

The Chairman welcomed the Members.

### **Item No.1: Confirmation of the Minutes of the Fifteenth Meeting of the Board held on May 15, 2014.**

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

The second sentence of Item No.8c under Item No.2: To Consider report of actions taken on the Minutes of the Thirteenth Meeting of the Board of Governors – to be read as “After discussion, the Chairman suggested that the Senate Manual may be prepared at the earliest, preferably by 15<sup>th</sup> August 2014, with built-in flexibility so that the Manual will be an enabler and will facilitate innovations in academic.”

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

The Board noted actions taken on Agenda Items as also action taken on the suggestions made during the Meeting.

Discussions took place on the following items:

Item No.4 Report on the date of Convocation: The Director extended profound thanks to the Chairman for arranging consent of the Chief Guest and also for encouraging holding of the Convocation in the Permanent Campus.

Item No.5 Report on the External Review in August 2014: The Director clarified to the Board of the scheduling of the Review process. The Chairman suggested that he would try to interact with the Review Committee may like to take a look at a few Departments.

Item No.11 a. Vision document: The Chairman and Shri GV Prasad suggested that the Institute may engage external consultants who would render services in preparation and finalization of the document in a professional manner.

Item No.11 b. Code of Conduct for faculty and students: The Director stated that code of conduct for students is under consideration and will be notified as early as possible. The Chairman took note of the conduct rules for faculty and staff contained in the Statutes and suggested that detailed guidelines that are in conformity with the conduct rules may be framed.

Item No.11 c. Leadership development: The Director stated that this matter is still being explored and the Board decided to keep this item open.

Carry forward ItemNo.01: The Director briefed about the discussions with UT Austin and stated that discussions are on with University of Tokyo and Texas A&M University. The Chairman and Shri GV Prasad suggested that research programs of the Institute may be highly industry oriented and interaction programs with a high degree of industry interaction may be attempted.

Carry forward Item No.19 (new): The Director stated that some discussions have already taken place with JICA and Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) of Government of India has been briefed of the discussions and the matter will be followed up.

Carry forward Item No.22 (new): The Director briefed that three Faculty members have received training in i-School concept.

**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.

During the course of discussions the Chairman suggested that the Institute may attempt a Faculty Exchange program with Japanese institutions. Shri Suresh Rajpal suggested that the Vision Statement of the Institute may incorporate plan of interaction and the goal to be achieved. The Director accepted the suggestions.

To a query from Shri GV Prasad regarding i-School, Prof Desai explained that i-School encourages entrepreneurship and development of innovative ideas. The Chairman added that i-School provides necessary exposure and brings visibility to individuals with path-breaking ideas so that funding and actualization becomes a reality.

**Item No.4: Conferment of B Tech, M Tech, M Sc, M Phil, and Ph D degree.**

Prof Desai briefly explained that the percentage of female students who are in the current B.Tech. batch (July 2014) is about 25%. The Board appreciated this.

During the course of discussions of this item, The Chairman stated that the guidelines relating to transportation of female employees stipulates that one employee should be there in the vehicle apart from the Driver and on these lines, the Institute may stipulate that there should be at least two students in vehicles and that no single girl student should be permitted to travel. The Director accepted the suggestion and stated that fitting of cameras in the vehicles that will be monitored in the Institute will be tried.

**Item No.5: Any other item with the approval of the Chair.**

**None.**

The Meeting ended with thanks to the Chair.