

**Minutes Of The Twenty first Meeting Of The IIT Hyderabad  
Board Of Governors held on March 23, 2016.**

The Twenty first meeting of the Board of Governors of the Indian Institute of Technology Hyderabad was held at 11.00 Hours on Wednesday the 23rd of March 2016 at its Permanent Campus in Kandi, Medak District. The following were present:

Shri BVR Mohan Reddy, Chairman  
Shri TV Mohandas Pai - through Skype.  
Shri GV Prasad.  
Ms Reema Gupta.  
Prof V Eswaran.  
Prof KVL Subramaniam.  
Prof UB Desai, Director.  
Shri N Jayaram, Registrar

Leave of absence was granted to the Principal Secretary (Higher Education) of Government of Telangana.

The Chairman extended a hearty welcome to the Members and expressed happiness over the progress made by the Institute.

**Item No.1: Confirmation of the Minutes of the Twentieth Meeting of the Board held on August 08, 2015.**

The Board confirmed the minutes as circulated.

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

The Director briefed the Board of the various actions taken by the Institute. A copy of the recommendations of the Committee constituted to look into needs for change was noted by the Board. The Director mentioned that it may not be possible to implement all the recommendations of the Committee like verification of EPF credited to the account of every worker every month is not possible as individual accounts are password protected and it is not feasible to call each and every worker to the administration office to confirm the credit. The Board agreed to be pragmatic in the implementation of the recommendations.

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

**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.

**Item No.4: Remuneration to Faculty of IIT Hyderabad for mentoring IIT Bhilai.**

After deliberations, the Board approved this item.

**Item No.5: Establishing Center for Healthcare Entrepreneurship (CHE).**

The Chairman suggested that participation of industries in this Center may be explored. The Director agreed to look into this. To a query from Prof V Eswaran, it was clarified that IIT Hyderabad provides infrastructure for this initiative and no recurring expenditure will be met by the Institute.

The Board approved this item.

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

The Chairman suggested that once the Revised Cost Estimates for construction activities gets final approval, the Institute may approach MHRD for speedy release of funds. The Director agreed to this suggestion.

The Board noted the Agenda and the Minutes of the 5th Finance Committee.

**Item No.7: Annual Accounts for 2014-15.**

The Board ratified the approval accorded by the Chairman.

**Item No.8: Discontinuation of Interview at Junior Level Posts - amendment to existing Statutes.**

The Director briefly explained the instructions of MHRD that communicated that the Cabinet has decided that no interviews may be held for junior level posts, all the Ministries/Departments have been instructed to amend their recruitment rules to give effect to this decision, and the decision is applicable to IITs being Autonomous Bodies funded by Government of India.

The Board approved the amendment proposed to Statute 12 (10) and the amendment will apply to IITH.

**Item No.9: Any other item with the approval of the Chair.**

With the approval of the Chairman, the following two agenda items were submitted.

**1. Creation of promotional opportunities and sanction of additional posts:**

During the course of discussion, it was proposed that creation of one post of Superintending Engineer (Civil) may be taken up later and this was agreed to by the Board.

The Board, after deliberations, approved this item.

**2. Corporate Credit Card:**

The Board approved that the Institute may apply for corporate credit card and approved the draft resolution.

**3. Suggestions by Prof Vinayak Eswaran:**

- a) Prof Eswaran mentioned that the Senate of an IIT makes important policies relating to academics and also oversees its implementation through various Committees.

The director was requested to review the senate manual and was empowered to take necessary actions.

- b) Prof Eswaran stated that IITH has undertaken a revolutionary idea of implementing fractal courses leading to introduction of students to engineering in the first year itself. He suggested that a review of the Fractal program should be done.

The Director confirmed that one review of the Fractal program was done in the Senate and efforts are on to improve the Fractal program on a continual basis.

- c) Prof. Eswaran suggested that the election should be conducted by a properly appointed election officer.

The Director emphasized that process for the election is being strengthened.

The Director also mentioned that the philosophy and approach at IITH is to empower the Departments in the same way the IIT Council has empowered each IIT.

The Chairman profusely acknowledged the contributions of Prof Eswaran and will look forward to his contributions to IITH.

The Meeting ended with thanks to the Chair.

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