Indian Institute of Technology Hyderabad Board of Governors Meeting

MINUTES of Third Meeting

11 September 2010 (Saturday) 10:30 - 13:00 Hours IIT Hyderabad Conference Hall

INDIAN INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY HYDERABAD

The Third Meeting of the Board of Governors of the Institute was held at 11.30.AM on Saturday, the 11^{th} September,2010, in the Conference Room of the Institute at its Temporary Campus in the Ordnance Factory Estate, Yeddumailaram. The following were present-

Shri. Ajai Chowdhry (Chairman)

Dr. K. Mohandas

Dr. M Mathew

Prof. U B Desai (Director)

Dr. Anjan Kumar Giri

Dr. M V Pandu Ranga Rao

Leave of absences were granted to Dr. Kiran Mazumdar- Shaw, Shri C.R Biswal and Shri Sunil Kumar.

Dr. A.K. Giri acted as Secretary to the Board at the meeting.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF THE SECOND MEETING OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS HELD ON THE 27th APRIL, 2010

- 1.(1) The Board CONSIDERED the Minutes of the second meeting of the Board held on the 27^{th} April, 2010 which was already circulated to the Members.
 - (2) The Board CONFIRMED the Minutes of the first meeting, as circulated.

While discussing the confirming the Minutes, Dr Mohandas suggested that in relation to the proposal for establishment of the Medical School that was discussed earlier, it is desirable to have a connection with some of the top Medical Institutions located in Hyderabad, preferably a Hospital. Prof. Desai, however, clarified, that the requirement of an attached Hospital may not be compulsory if the proposed School is for PG and high end Research. He mentioned that IIT Kharagpur is seriously pursuing the establishment of a Medical School including the issue relating to MCI which when settled, would be guideline for us.

(3) In this connection, Prof. Desai mentioned that it would also be advantageous if Prof. Guha, who has superannuated from the IIT, Delhi, and is currently attached to IIT Kanpur, is also involved with IIT H as one of the Members of the Medical School Advisory Board. Prof. Guha has done pioneering work in the area of Bio-Medical Engineering and it is felt that his association will be useful to us.

APPROVAL OF THE ACTIONS TAKEN ON THE MINUTES OF THE SECOND MEETING OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS HELD ON 27th APRIL, 2010

- 2 (1) The Board CONSIDERED the Report of Actions taken on the various observations/suggestions and decisions as recorded in the Minutes of the second meeting held on the 27^{th} April, 2010.
 - (2) While considering the Report, the Board discussed the following matters
 - i. Flexible Education System: Prof. Desai mentioned that he is working on the Flexible education system and will present a Report to the Board in the next meeting. He informed the Board that Dr. Raj Reddy (a pioneer academician) has agreed to help us in this regard who is presently working on the draft to change the UG studies at Carnegi-Mellon University and that he shared his interesting ideas with Prof. Desai on the flexible education system.
 - ii. **Advisory Council**: Prof. Desai mentioned that for the proposed Advisory Council of the Institute, he has prepared a list of persons which, besides the Director as an ex-officio Member, is as follows –
 - 1. Shri Ajai Chowdhry, Chairman, BOG

...Chairman

- 2.Dr. K Mohandas
- 3.Mr. M. Mathew
- 4.Dr. Kiran Mazumdar-Shaw
- 5.Dr. Raj Reddy
- 6. Dr. Rama Bijapurkar
- 7.Mr. Mani Ratnam
- 8 Mr. Prannoy Roy
- 9.Mr. Aamir Khan, Chetan Bhagat/ Raju Hirani
- 10. Dr Edward Riberio
- 11.Mr. Mohit Gujral

- 12. Mr. Charles Correa
- 13. Dr. D. Balasubramaniam.
- 14. Prof. Goverdhan Mehta
- 15. Mr. Arjun Malhotra
- 16.Dr. Anji Reddy
- 17. Dr. Ajit Rangnekar
- 18. Mr. Deepak Parekh
- 19. Prof. M.G.K. Menon
- 20. Mr. Raj Mashruwalla
- 21.Dr. Nagraj Huilgol
- 22. Dr. Vijay Raghvan
- 23. Dr.M.Vijayan.

The Board felt that the size of the Council should be of about 30 members so that at least 10-15 members are able to attend roughly one meeting a year. Prof. Desai mentioned that he would now write to the above persons to accept the membership of the Council.

(iii) **Honorary Professorship**: Honorary Professorship has been offered to Prof. M. Vidyasagar and Prof. P R Kumar who have since accepted our invitation and also delivered lectures in the Institute. Prof. Desai mentioned that a proposal is under consideration to offer fractional credit courses by the Vsiting Professors. Prof. Vidyasagar would be requested to spend some time during next semester at our Institute to offer some fractional credit course(s).

iv.Indo-Japan Collaboration:

a. The Director mentioned that a Salient Project Report on the IIT Hyderabad-Japan Collaboration was prepared and sent to MHRD and the Government of Japan through its JICA office at New Delhi. He also mentioned that keeping the suggestion of the Board in view, Mr. D.K. Ghosh (Ex-Registrar, IIT Bombay) has been appointed as the Coordinator of the IITH-Japan Collaboration, with the approval of the Chairman,

b. The Collaboration is making steady progress. An updated progress Report has been slated under agenda item No. 11 of this meeting to apprise the Board about the progress. Briefly, in response to the Salient Progress Report, a Team visited the Institute on the 18th August, 2010, which inter-alia, expressed satisfaction to take the collaboration forward. More visits of Japanese faculty and officials will take place this month including that of Prof. Toshifumi ISE, a member of the IITH-Japan Collaboration, fixed for the 14th September, 2010 when besides other things, collaboration in the area of Materials Science and Nanotechnology would be explored. Prof. Desai mentioned that of the Rs.650 crores proposed under ODA loan, Rs.300 cores would be for six infrastructure buildings of common utility, namely, Central Library, Guest House, Students Activity Center, Convention Center, Auditorium and Incubation Center/ Science & Technology Park. Subject to the MHRD's formal permission, these buildings would be planned and constructed by the Japanese side. The remaining Rs.300 crores would be for high end research equipment. For preparation of lists of equipment, several discussions have taken place and would be finalized as soon as some more senior faculty join the Institute.

The Chairman felt that the formal approval to the project should be expedited so that implementation could start soon. In that context, Prof. Desai mentioned that he would be visiting Japan at the end of this month.

- c. The Chairman desired that to keep up the name of IITH as the first for many things among the new IITs, planning should be so done that the first phase of the campus development is ready at the earliest.
- v. **Administration:** The Director informed the Board that the interviews for the posts of Registrar and Deputy Registrar will take place next month to finalize the appointments.
- vi.**Composition of Senate**: A modified composition of the provisional Senate has been proposed and it is expected that the first meeting of the Senate would soon be convened.
- vii. **Ajunct Professor:** The Director informed the Board that both Dr. S Seshadri (an expert on Database system) and Dr. Rajamani (an expert of the Software systems engineering) have accepted the invitation of the IITH to be our Adjunct Professors.
- viii. Visiting Professor: The Director informed the Board that Dr. Pratap S. Vanka (UIUC) has accepted the invitation of the IITH to be our Visiting Professor. His visit will be for 3-4 months every year when he would interact and collaborate with many faculty at the Institute besides his other invaluable help in the area of Computational Fluid Dynamics.

(2) The Board, with the above observations and suggestions, APPROVED the Report of Actions on the Minutes of the second meeting of the Board.

APPROVAL OF THE ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS FROM TIME TO TIME SINCE THE LAST MEETING

- 3.(1) The Board CONSIDERED the Actions taken in various Matters from time to time since the last meeting of the Board.
- (2) The Board APPROVED the Actions taken by the Chairman as reported in the agenda item.

NOMINATION OF TWO PERSONS ON THE FINANCE COMMITTEE OF THE INSTITUTE

- 4.(1) The Board NOTED that Shri L. Ramachandra Reddy, Commissioner (TE), Govt of Andhra Pradesh who was earlier nominated on the Finance Committee, has since been transferred and in his place Shri K. Lakshminarayana has taken over as the Commissioner(TE).
- (2) The Board NOMINATED Shri K.Lakshminarayana as a member of the Finance Committee in place of Shri L Premchandra Reddy.

RECONSTITUTION OF THE BUILDINGS & WORKS COMMITTEE OF THE INSTITUTE

- 5 (1) The Board NOTED that the term of the members of the first Buildings & Works Committee has expired on the 31^{st} August, 2010.
- (2) The Board DECIDED to reconstitute the Buildings & Works Committee with effect from the 1^{st} September,2010 for a period of two years, as follows
 - 1. The Director

Chairman (ex-officio)

- 2. Mr. DVS Sarma
- 3. Mr. T. Baburaj
- 4. Mr. M Narasimhulu
- 5.Mrs. Pratima Dikshit (MHRD)
- 6.Prof. K.V.L. Subramaniam(IIT H)

The Board also DECIDED that the Director be authorized to invite Prof. S.R.Gandhi (IITM) as a Special Invitee at the meetings.

SANCTION TO ACQUIRE 50 ACRES OF INTER-LOCKED LAND AS PART OF THE NEW CAMPUS OF THE INSTITUTE

- 6. (1) The Board CONSIDERED the proposal to acquire 50 acres of inter-locked land as part of the permanent Campus of the Institute for which the Government of Andhra Pradesh has earlier handed over 531 acres of land to the Institute, as detailed in the agenda item.
- (2) The Board NOTED that the land in question belongs to various private parties and the Collector, Medak, has negotiated with them to sell the land to the Institute. The Collector has informed that that Rs 6.00 crores would be cost of the 50 acres of land.
- (3) The Board also NOTED that-(a) the MHRD has agreed to bear the cost subject to the condition that the Government of Andhra Pradesh expresses its inability to bear the cost. and (b) the State Government has formally communicated its inability in this regard.
- (4) The Board keeping the above facts in view, sanctioned payment of Rs.6.00 crores to acquire the land.
- (5) The Board also noted that as the amount is required to be deposited with the Collector immediately, the Institute may pay the amount from its funds and request the MHRD to reimburse the amount.

RECONSTITUTION OF THE SENATE (ACADEMIC COUNCIL) OF THE INSTITUTE

- 7. (1) The Board CONSIDERED the proposal for reconstitution of the provisional Senate(Academic Council as given in the agenda item.
- (2) The Board APPROVED reconstitution of the provisional Senate (Academic Council) of the Institute, as mentioned in the agenda item.

APPROVAL TO LUMP SUM PAYMENT OF RELOCATION ALLWANCE TO THE NEW FACULTY JOINING THE INSTITUTE.

- 8. (1) The Board CONSIDERED the proposal of a lump sum payment to the new faculty as relocation cost to enable them to move with lock, stock and barrel to join the Institute.
 - (2) The Board NOTED that similar incentive is given by other IITs including older IITs.
 - (3) The Board APPROVED payment of a lump sum amount to cover the actual charges for relocation of the faculty to join the Institute subject to a ceiling of Rs.1 lakh.
 - (4) The Board also DECIDED that the incentive be effective from the $1^{\rm st}$ May, 2010.

APPROVAL TO THE PURCHASES MADE BY THE INSTITUTE FROM TIME TO TIME FOR VARIOUS PURPOSES

- 9. (1) The Board CONSIDERED the details of various purchases made by the Institute from time to time for Teaching, Research, Housing and for Administrative purposes.
- (2) The Board APPROVED the various purchases made from time to time as mentioned in the agenda item.

APPROVAL TO THE PAYMENT OF HOUSE RENT ALLOWANCE TO THE EMPLOYEES OF THE INSTITUTE

- 10 (1) The Board CONSIDERED the proposal to the payment of HRA to the employees of the Institute who reside outside the present Campus of the Institute, on the analogy of the basis of payment @ 30%, as approved by the Ministry of Defense to the employees of the Ordnance Factory, Medak, where the IITH is presently located.
- (2) The Board APPROVED the proposal to pay @ 30% of pay to the employees of the Institute who are residing outside the campus of the Institute from the date of joining the Institute.

UPDATED REPORT RELATING TO THE IIT HYDERABAD-JAPAN COLLABORATION

- 11. (1) The Board CONSIDERED the Salient Project Report relating to the IIT Hyderabad-Japan Collaboration, a copy of which was made available to the Members.
- (2) The Board NOTED and APPROVED the Salient Project Report and expressed its happiness of the progress made in this regard.

APPROVAL TO MAKING FINANCIAL PROVISION FOR INCENTIVES TO FACULTY FOR INTERNATIONAL EXPOSURES

- 12. (1) The Board CONSIDERED the proposal to make an annual financial provision to provide incentives to the faculty for international exposures for Research/various academic developments etc. much needed in the context of the competitive environment, in particular to those faculty who have done their Ph.D in India.
- (2) The Board, APPRECIATING the far reaching impact of the proposal APPROVED to make an annual provision of Rs.30.00 lakhs including for the current year 2010-11 for about 10 faculty members @ of Rs.3.00 lakhs.

APPROVAL OF THE UNAUDITED ANNUAL ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR 2009-10

- 13. (1) The Board CONSIDERED the unaudited Accounts of the Institute for the financial year 2009-10, placed before it.
- (2) The Board NOTED that the audit of accounts by the Principal Accountant General, Hyderabad, is in progress.
 - (3) The Board APPROVED the unaudited Accounts for the year 2009-10, as placed before it and as circulated with the agenda item.

CREATION OF A POST OF OFFICER-ON-DUTY FOR DEVELOPMENT OF THE CAMPUS

- 14. (1) The Board CONSIDERED the proposal to create a temporary post of Officer-On-Duty for development of the permanent campus of the Institute.
- (2) The Board, recognizing the need to appoint a sufficiently senior person to lead the development of the permanent Campus of the Institute, APPROVED creation of a post of Officer-On-Duty for two-three years on such terms and conditions that may be decided at the time of appointment keeping in view the background and expertise of the person.

MAKING/ AMENDING THE STATUTES AND PROVIDING RAISED AGE OF RETIREMENT OF VARIOUS CATEGORIES OF STAFF INCLUDING OF THE DIRECTOR

15. (1) The Board CONSIDERED the letter (do.No.20-3/2010-TS.1 dated 20.7.2010) from the Additional Secretary, MHRD informing that the Visitor has approved the amendment of the

Statute revising the age of retirement of the Director, faculty and non-faculty staff of the IITs, as given in the Annexure 1 and suggesting to place the amendments before the Board for adoption.

(2) The Board APPROVED and ADOPTED the amendments in the relevant Statutes, given in the Annexure 1.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF IMPLEMENTATIN OF THE PROVISION OF HIGHER ACADEMIC GRADE PAY TO SELECTED PROFESSORS

- 16. (1) The Board NOTED that the Ministry of Human Resource Development has communicated that the selected 40% of Professors at any given point could be given the higher AGP of Rs.12,000 from Rs.10500 pm, shall be effective from the issue of orders and not from 1.1.2006
- (2) The Board APPROVED the contents of the communications for implementation in the Institute.

The Meeting ended with a Vote of Thanks to the Chair.

(Aja Olowdhay)