

Minutes of the 16th Meeting of the Finance Committee

Date and time: 16th September 2022 at 15:00 Hours

Venue: Board Room, IIT Hyderabad, Kandi 502 284, Sanga Reddy District.

Members present:

Dr. B.V.R. Mohan Reddy	Chairman
Shri. Rakesh Ranjan, IAS	Additional Secretary, MoE, Member (Official comments received vide F.No.11-9/2018-T.S.-1 dated 15.09.2022).
Prof. B.S. Murty	Director, IITH, Member
Ms. Leena Johri, IAS	Additional Secretary and Financial Advisor, MoE. Member (Official comments received vide F.No.1-11/2011-IFD dated 20.09.2022) _____.
Prof. KVL Subramaniam	Dean (Planning), IITH, Member
Prof. Chandrashekhar Sharma	Dean (R&D), IITH, Member
Comde Manohar Nambiar (Retd)	Registrar, IITH and Secretary

At the outset, the Director, IIT Hyderabad (IITH) welcomed the Chairman and Members of the Finance Committee to its 16th Meeting.

Item No. 16.1: Confirmation of the Minutes of the 15th Meeting of the Finance Committee

The Director stated that the Fifteenth Meeting of the Finance Committee of the Institute was held on 14th June 2022, and a copy of the Minutes of the Meeting has already been circulated to the Members.

Comments of AS(TE), MoE: May be considered.

Comments of AS&FA, MoE: May be considered as per deliberations and recommendations.

Resolution: The minutes of 15th Finance Committee meeting of IITH held on 14th June 2022 are confirmed.

Item No. 16.2.1: Proposal to permit the Institute to nominate staff members for the classes under the Hindi Teaching Scheme, Dept. of Official Language, MHA

The Director stated that, the Department of Official Language, Ministry of Home Affairs vide its letter No. ही शि यो 6/2022/1644 dated 31.5.2022 gave a mandatory call to all the Government organizations under Government of India and Autonomous Organizations etc. to facilitate its employees with four levels of Hindi training courses named प्रबोध (Prabodh), प्रवीण (Praveen), प्रज्ञा (Pragya) and पारंगत (Parangat) as per their eligibility through respective Hindi Training Centers across India. However, considering the functional requirement of the staff, the Institute would restrict the staff to undertake this training program upto प्रज्ञा (Pragya).

The duration of course is 06 months (July to Nov) & (Dec to June) @ 1 or 1 ½ hr every day and the Rajbhasha - Hindi Training Centre, Hyderabad would train our staff on turn basis. He further elaborated the details of onetime incentive to the employees basing on their performance in each course as proposed by the Government of India.

The total financial implication including all three courses is ₹ 10,11,600/- for the staff of 281(as on date) considering the percentage of >60% but < 70% > i.e., for the course Prabodh is ₹ 2,24,800/- (281 * ₹ 800 = ₹ 2,24,800/-), Praveen is ₹ 3,37,200/- (281 * ₹ 1200 = ₹ 3,37,200/-) and Pragya is ₹ 4,49,600/- (281 * ₹ 1600 = ₹ 4,49,600/-).

Nomination of the Staff members for the said training program will be done phase wise based on their eligibility to a particular program.

Further, personal pay equal to the amount of one increment for a period of 12 months is granted to the Central Government officers/employees on passing the Hindi Pragya course or whichever has been prescribed as a final course of study for the trainee.

Comments of AS(TE), MoE: May be considered in line with guidelines mentioned in the MHAs OM.

Comments of AS&FA, MoE: May be considered.

Resolution: *The Committee approves the proposal to permit the Institute to nominate staff members for the classes under the Hindi Teaching Scheme, Dept. of Official Language, MHA, and the budget proposed for the activity.*

Item No. 16.2.2: Revised proposal for setting up of IITH-LVPEI Eye Care and Research Centre on the campus

The Director stated that, in partnership with IITH, L V Prasad Eye Institute (LVPEI) has proposed to collaborate to establish an Eye care and Research Centre, for promoting patient care, research & technology development in the fields related to eye care. The objectives are as follows:

- a) To facilitate clinical, research and academic partnership between the Faculty of IITH and LVPEI for research and innovation in Eye Care technologies.
- b) To enable accessibility, availability and affordability of high-quality eye care and use anonymized data in the field of eye care for research to be carried out by the faculty of IITH and LVPEI.
- c) To develop academic programs that can generate competent human resources and build capacity in the fields related to eye care.
- d) To enable outpatient services to around 20,000 patients and perform 2,000 surgeries per annum and provide the data (anonymized) for research by IITH and LVPEI.

Thereafter the draft MoU was discussed. Further, it is proposed to name the centre as “L V Prasad Eye Institute Hymavathi Rama Rao Eye Care and Research Centre (LVPEI HECRC)”.

He also stated that, there are no financial implications involved and no land of IITH will be disposed or transferred for setting up of the eye care and research centre. The proposed land lies within the boundaries of IITH and the ownership of the proposed centre will remain with IITH.

Comments of AS(TE), MoE: It is mentioned that IITH will make provision for two acres of land for setting up of the Eye Care facility. As per Institute of Technology Act 1961, Clause 6 (2), Institute shall not dispose of in any manner any immovable property without the prior approval of the Visitor. This aspect is not clear from the agenda details. Moreover, since this agenda has financial implications, this should be first brought to FC.

Comments of AS&FA, MoE: As per para 6.1, 6.2 of the MoU, resources for HRECRC (Research Centre) will be contributed by LVPEI (Private party) for infrastructure and operations. Institute shall contribute support by providing identified two acres of land on its campus for establishment of HRECRC, share computing facilities, labs, working spaces, meeting rooms etc., and nominated its faculty, students, staff for collaborative research projects. Subject to ownership of provided 2 acres land for establishment of HRECRC lies within IITH, the proposal may be considered.

Resolution: The Committee accords its approval to the proposal for setting up of L V Prasad Eye Institute: Hymavathi Rama Rao Eye Care and Research Centre (LVPEI HECRC) at IITH”.

Item No. 16.3.1: Action Taken report on the Minutes of the 15th Meeting of the Finance Committee

The Director presented the following action taken report against the agenda items 15.2.1, and 15.2.3 as per the resolution passed in the meeting:

- 1) **Agenda item – 15.2.1** - Proposal for sanction of 100 new non-teaching posts - In accordance with the comments of IFD against a detailed proposal is forwarded to the Ministry on 03.08.2022 for examination and onward submission to the DoE. Reply in this regard is awaited.
- 2) **Agenda Item - 15.2.3** - Proposal for establishing Greenko School of Sustainable Science and Technology at IITH - In accordance with the resolution passed in the BoG meeting, the revised MoU incorporating the suggestions has been circulated with the BoG members on 27.06.2022 for approval and the same has been obtained by 28.06.2022. The MoU has been signed in presence of Honourable Minister of Education, Shri Dharmendra Pradhan, on July 2, 2022. No action is pending.

He further stated that no action is pending against the other agenda points.

Comments of AS(TE), MoE: Action taken may be noted.

Comments of AS&FA, MoE: May be considered, if ATR is as per recommendations and extent rules.

Resolution: The Committee ratifies the actions taken on the resolutions of 15th FC meeting of IITH held on 14th June 2022.

Item No. 16.3.2: Annual Accounts for the Financial Year 2021-22

The Director stated that the Annual Accounts of the Institute for the F.Y. 2021-22 have been prepared in the format prescribed by Government of India and the Annual Accounts have been submitted for Audit with the approval of the Chairman, FC.

Comments of AS(TE), MoE: May be considered. Views of JS & FA may also be taken into consideration.

Comments of AS&FA, MoE: May be ratified. Annual Accounts 2021-22 have been submitted to CAG.

Resolution: The Committee ratifies the Annual Accounts approved by the Chairman, Finance Committee and submitted to the CAG.

Item No. 16.3.3: To ratify report on Major Purchases

A Report on Major Purchases of value Rs. 20 lakhs and above made by the Institute during the period 23.05.2022 to 22.08.2022 was presented by the Director for the ratification of the committee. The Director stated that in accordance with the approval of the Finance Committee in its third meeting held on 03 Jan 2014, the purchases of the order of Rs. 20 lakhs and above is to be reported to the committee. He further clarified that the relevant provisions of GFR 2017 were fully followed in all these purchases.

Comments of AS(TE), MoE: FC may ensure all the purchases have been made in compliance with GFR 2017 and procurement policy of India.

Comments of AS&FA, MoE: May be ratified.

Resolution: The Committee ratifies the report on major purchases as presented.

Item No. 16.4.1: Report on Campus Development Project

(a) Report on campus development works of IITH Phase-I and Phase II [HEFA]

The Dean (Planning) stated that, Government of India vide letter No. 34-1/2016 -TS-I dated 08.07.2016 accorded revised sanction for the detailed project report (DPR) for an amount of Rs.2075 Crore, wherein a provision of Rs. 1042 Cr is allocated for the Construction of Permanent Campus of IITH. An additional Rs 510.5 Cr was approved under HEFA Window II for the completion of the Campus development work. Against this amount, Rs. 275 Cr was sanctioned by HEFA on 31/07/2018. The expenditure incurred in completing the Phase I works was **Rs. 119.56 Cr**, which was booked against the HEFA loan. Additionally, costs incurred in the operationalization of the campus was Rs. 30 Cr, which was booked against the HEFA loan. An amount of **Rs 139.50 Cr** was also spent against this sanction for the MoE components of Phase 2 works under the packages 3A and 3B.

The Dean (Planning) further stated that, an additional HEFA loan of Rs. 150 Cr has been approved vide no. SAN/IITH/142/21-22/ dated 02/07/2021 against the sanctioned amount of Rs. 510.5 Cr for completing the infrastructure works required for Phase II campus development. The infrastructure works worth of Rs. 125 Cr and electro-mechanical equipment worth of Rs. 25 Cr are proposed for the HEFA loan under Window II.

The Dean (Planning) also informed the Committee that, an expenditure of **Rs. 997.36 Crore**, as on 31/08/2022 had been incurred against the revised sanction on all construction related activities. These include buildings under Phase-1, expenditure on consultancy services, payment to local bodies for obtaining bulk services like water and power besides development of few facilities such as sports fields, project student hostels, workshops, etc. The expenditure also covers the infrastructure development works under the ongoing construction contracts for Phase 2 works clubbed with the JICA assisted works of campus development. All these works amounting to Rs 464.07 Cr have been budgeted under HEFA loan within the scope of the revised DPR as approved by Government of India.

(b) Report on campus development works of IITH Phase-II: (IITH-JICA collaboration project)

The Dean (Planning) stated that the Construction activities have attained momentum gradually in the recent past after the impact of the 2nd wave of COVID 19 between March & June 2021. Apart from disruptions in supply chain and availability of materials, the major problem that continues to affect the progress of civil works is the mobilisation of manpower.

All these troublesome issues have now eased out and the progress of works has picked up the required momentum. However, there have been heavy rains in this region and the external development activities are severely impacted.

Thereafter, the Dean (Planning) stated that as it is well known to the BWC members, the Infrastructure Development at IITH was divided in two different packages 3A and 3B and discussed the progress of each package separately.

Package 3A: As approved in 12th BWC meeting (item No. 6), the Contract for the Construction of Permanent Campus of IITH at Kandi (Package-3A) was awarded to M/s. Larson & Toubro Ltd. (L&T) for **Rs. 864,45,75,374/-**. The Contractor had started the work on 25/03/2019. As on **31-08-2022**, an expenditure of **Rs. 587.59 Cr** has been incurred. He further presented the breakup of the expenditure among the sub-heads as shown below:

Particulars	JICA	HEFA	TRP
Mobilization Advance	₹39,88,09,908.00	₹7,44,13,277.00	-₹6,60,60,811.00
Value of Work	₹400,56,53,508.00	₹77,60,46,243.00	₹57,89,56,483.00
Secured Advance	₹10,95,52,588.00	-₹11,01,150.00	-₹4,07,648.00
Total	₹451,40,16,004.00	₹84,93,58,370.00	₹51,24,88,024.00
		Grand Total	₹587,58,62,398.00

He further stated that during the period under report TRP, TIP, RCC and Chemistry buildings were inaugurated.

Package 3B: As approved in 12th BWC meeting (item No. 7), the Contract for the Construction of Permanent Campus of IITH at Kandi (Package-3B) was awarded to M/s. Shapoorji Pallonji & Company Pvt. Ltd. (SPCPL), for **Rs. 820,96,51,369/-**. The Contractor had started the work on 01/08/2019. As on **31-08-2022**, an expenditure of **Rs. 435.33 Cr** has been incurred. The Dean (Planning) further presented the breakup of the expenditure among the sub-heads as shown below:

Particulars	JICA	HEFA
Mobilization Advance	₹57,07,23,816.00	₹7,69,04,203.00
Value of Work	₹3,12,46,26,550.00	₹44,74,86,184.00
Secured Advance	₹11,21,51,752.00	₹2,13,62,242.00
Total	₹380,75,02,118.00	₹54,57,52,629.00
	Grand Total	₹435,32,54,747.00

The Dean (Planning) further stated that, during the period under report, MSH and HCF buildings were inaugurated and occupied. One hostel building has been completed and occupied.

Comments of AS(TE), MoE: The timeline to complete work in all respect is 30.10.2022. Institute may ensure timely completion of activities.

Comments of AS&FA, MoE: May be reported and timelines set may be adhered to.

Resolution: The Committee noted the report on campus development works of IITH.

Item No. 16.4.2: Report of items approved to be procured through global tender enquiry (GTE)

The Director stated that out of the 11 proposals submitted amounting to Rs.4.237 Crores, the Ministry has conveyed in-principle approval for all the proposals.

Comments of AS(TE), MoE: May be noted.

Comments of AS&FA, MoE: May be reported.

Resolution: The Committee noted the report of items approved to be procured through global tender enquiry (GTE).

Item No. 16.5: Any other item with the approval of the Chair of the Chair

Item No. 16.5.1: Proposal for appointment of Professors of Practice (PoP)

The Director stated that, a proposal for the appointment of Professors of Practice (PoP) in IITH was discussed by the HODs and Deans. It received broad support from the Deans and HoDs and it was suggested to be taken forward. The following points were presented to the members in this regard:

- PoP positions be reserved for exceptional practitioners with diverse expertise in industry, business and public service with a mission of fostering excellence in academics and technology development through mentoring.
- PoP are intended to play an active role in practice-based pedagogical modules/courses and new programs to make our future graduates' industry ready.
- The PoP from established industry, R&D organizations would help in bridging the gap between industry and academia.

He further presented the objectives & goals, roles & responsibilities, eligibility & selection process, remuneration & governing rules of PoP (Annexure- 1) to the members.

Resolution: The Committee approved the proposal to recruit Professors of Practice.

There being no other points, the meeting ended with thanks to the chair.

PROPOSAL FOR APPOINTMENT OF PROFESSOR OF PRACTICE (POP):

Objectives and Goals:

- a) To strengthen academic programs with breadth of skills necessary for professional engineers in the modern world.
- b) Train and develop the in-house expertise through collaborations and interactions with PoP.
- c) Build a strong research base by strengthening ties between the faculty and industry.
- d) To enrol industry-sponsored joint doctoral students with the PoP and IITH faculty.
- e) Enlarge the base of industry-sponsored projects.
- f) Enable semester-long industry internships and thesis projects through industry relations.

Roles and Responsibilities of PoP:

- Design and teach core/elective courses to bring practice-based credits to meet the evolving requirements and expectations of the industry from time to time.
- Supervise UG/PG projects and Co-supervise research scholars along with faculty of IITH.
- Initiate R&D activities in line with the needs of the country and industry and be a co-investigator for joint projects with faculty of IITH.
- Setting up research collaborations and promoting industry-institute linkages.
- Leading and attracting consulting assignments, entrepreneurship-related activities.
- Helping in placement-related activities and other institutional initiatives with industry.
- Supporting CSR funding and helping in setting up of CoEs, Chair Professorships, etc.

Eligibility and Selection Process:

- The candidates for PoP shall have a minimum of 15 years of professional experience and possess professional degrees relevant to the department for which he/she is being selected.
- The eligibility criteria and the necessary qualifications will be based on the needs of a particular department or program for which such faculty is being hired.
- Holding a PhD degree is not an essential criterion for PoP.
- Each department would prepare a document specifying the areas and domains in which they would like to have PoP and eligibility criteria. Exceptional candidates, who are outside the areas specified by the department can also be selected.
- The title 'PoP' will be for a period of 3 years or shorter durations and may be full-time or part-time based on the tasks and responsibilities assigned by the relevant department.

- The PoP will be selected from applications/nominations by a selection committee having external members, Head of the department, Dean (Faculty) and Chaired by the Director.
- The screening criteria will be based on the strong and unique contributions by the applicant/nominee to the relevant area and years of industry/business experience.

Remuneration:

- **Option 1** (Full time engagement): Honorarium of up to a max. of Rs. 2 Lakhs per month for the total contract period, based on experience.
- **Option 2** (Part time engagement): Engagement based on an annual package up to a max. of Rs. 6 Lakhs (at least one week of engagement per month)

Governing Rules:

- Suitable candidates will be offered the PoP position for 3 years. Initial appointment will be for one year and can be extended after the annual appraisal by HoD, Dean and Director.
- Reappointment of PoP may be considered based on the performance and need of departments, through a review process.
- Number of PoP would typically not exceed 10% of the total Departmental faculty strength.
