

**Minutes of the
Thirty-sixth Meeting of the
Board of Governors**

**Indian Institute of Information
Technology Guwahati
October 12 2022**

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Present:

Mr. S. Ramadorai, Chairman (via VC)
Dr. Indrajit Bhattacharya (via VC)
Prof. Ramesh Chandra Deka (via VC)
Mr. Subrata Ghosh (Via VC)
Prof. T. Punniyamurthy (Via VC)
Prof. Kanduru V. Krishna (Via VC)
Ms. Manmohan Kaur, Adviser (IITs/IIITs), MoE (via VC)
Prof. Gautam Barua, Director (via VC)
Mr. Uttam Chandra Das, Registrar (via VC)

Item No. 1 Minutes of the Thirty Fifth Meeting of the Board of Governors of the Institute held on 23/06/2022

Resolution 36.1: The Minutes of the Thirty-fourth meeting of the Board held on 23rd of June 2022, as given at Annexure 1, were approved.

Item No. 2 Action Taken Report

The Board noted the action taken report of decisions taken in earlier meetings of the Board. The Board also noted the comments from the Ministry of Education on the Agenda items as placed in Annexure 2.

Item No. 3 Director' Report

The Board noted the Director's Report.

Item No. 4 Progress of Works in the Institute

The Board noted the progress of Works in the Institute.

Item No. 5 Approval of the Annual Accounts of 2021-22

The Board noted that the Finance Committee has recommended approval of the Accounts. The Board also noted that the Finance Committee had examined and commented on the points contained in the Annexure of the SAR dealing with Internal Control system of the institute, and agreed with the views of the Finance Committee that many of the points do not apply to this Institute, given its size, and given that no cash is being handled by the Accounts section. The Board directed the Institute to

send at the earliest to the Ministry of Education, both an English and a Hindi version of the Accounts of 2021-22, along with the Separate Audit Report (SAR) submitted by the Statutory Auditors.

Resolution 36.5: The Board resolved to approve the Audited Annual Accounts of 2021-22.

Item No. 6 Pending Audit Paragraphs of the Inspection Audits of the Institute

The Finance Committee examined the paras contained in the Inspection report and discussed the replies to the paras submitted by the institute. The Finance Committee advised the institute to try and settle the outstanding audit paras as early as possible.

The Board noted the pending audit paragraphs and the Institute's responses them, and also the observations of the Finance Committee.

Item No. 7: Enhancement of Dearness Allowance (DA) from 31% to 38%

Resolution 36.7: The Board, RESOLVED to approve the DA enhancements from 31% to 38% with effect from 01.01.2022 and 01.07.2022 respectively.

Item No. 8 Status of Funds and Expenditure

The Finance Committee noted the status of funds and expenditure of the institute.

Item No. 9 Introduction of State Quota in Admissions to B.Tech Programmes

The Board noted that the only source of external funds, particularly Capital funds, is currently the Assam government. As per the provisions of the funding of IIITs in PPP mode, the central government is not going to provide any more funds for capital expenditure. The industry partners have stated that they will give their share only if the central government provides funds. The Assam government has allotted Rs. 10 crores in 2022-23. With the Chief Minister of the State suggesting a State quota in admissions, most members were in agreement to the proposal of having 20% of the seats in the B.Tech programme to be from applicants from Assam. The members also noted that this proposal will also allow funds to be obtained from the DONER Ministry of the Government of India, as they will fund only if there are students from Assam in the Institute. However, the representative of the Ministry of Education stated that the Ministry is not in favour such a quota, since it cannot be applied to only one IIIT (PPP). In their view, the provisions in the IIIT Act stating that

admissions are to be as per the CEI (reservation in admission) Act of 2006, and in that Act there is no provision for State quotas. Members pointed out that the CEI Act, while not mentioning State quotas, does not rule them out. Reservations for SC, ST, and OBC have been given and the same reservations will also apply to the State quota. It was also pointed out by some members that the NITs are following State quotas and the CEI Act.

In view of the objection from the Ministry of Education, it was decided that the Director will meet senior officials of the Ministry and try to convince them of just nature of the proposal. The matter is to be reported in the next meeting of the Board.

As there were no other matters, the meeting ended after thanking the Chair.

Approved

(Gautam Barua)
Director, IIIT Guwahati and
Secretary to the Board.

(S. Ramadorai)
Chairman Board of Governors, IIIT Guwahati