

**Minutes of the Fifteenth Meeting of the Board of Governors of Indian Institute of Information Technology Guwahati.**

**Present:**

Mr. S. Ramadorai, Chairman (through video conferencing)  
Prof. Bhabesh Goswami  
Dr. K. Kesavasamy (through video conferencing)  
Mr. Ajay Tewari  
Mr. Praveer Saxena (through video conferencing) (representing MHRD)  
Mr. Subrata Ghosh (representing Mr. Hemant Kanoria, Srei Infrastructure)  
Mr. Bedanta Prasad Sarma  
Prof. Rajat Gupta  
Prof. M. G. P. Prasad  
Prof. Gautam Barua  
Dr. B. N. RayChoudhury

**Leave of Absence:** Prof. Gautam Biswas and Prof. Pinakeswar Mahanta were unable to attend, and were granted leave of absence.

**Item 1 Minutes of the Fourteenth Meeting of the Board.**

**Resolution 13.1:** The Minutes of the Fourteenth meeting of the Board held on 22 June 2017 were approved.

**Item 2 Action Taken Report.**

The Action Taken Report was noted by the Board.

**Item No. 3 IIIT (Public-Private Partnership) Act 2017 Notified**

The Board noted that the IIIT (Public-Private Partnership) Act 2017 has been passed by Parliament, and has been notified in the Gazette of India on 9 August 2017. With this notification, IIIT Guwahati is now an Institute of National Importance and has the powers to award degrees for its academic programmes.

**Item No. 4 Follow up Action on the IIIT (Public-Private Partnership) Act 2017**

**4(a) The First Statutes of the Institute**

The Board examined the draft statutes that have been prepared. The Board noted that the first Statutes are to be approved by the Board with prior approval of the Visitor. The Board advised the Institute to go ahead and seek the Visitor's approval through MHRD for the draft Statutes placed before it.

#### **4(b) Constitution of the First Senate under the Act**

The Board noted that the First Senate under the Act has to be constituted by the Board. The Board agreed to the proposal for the composition as per the provisions of the Act. The Board also agreed that, since there is no regular Professor in the Institute (one faculty on contract and the Director are the only Professors), all faculty in the posts of Assistant Professor and above may be special invitees to the Senate till the Institute has a reasonable number of Professors.

**Resolution 15.4B:** The Board resolved to constitute the first Senate of the Institute under the Act as follows:

- (a) The Director of the Institute who shall be the ex officio Chairperson of the Senate;
- (b) All Deans, ex-officio (currently NIL)
- (c) Heads of all departments, faculties or schools, ex officio, as the case may be, of the Institute;
- (d) All full-time professors other than the Deans or heads of the Departments;
- (e) Three persons from amongst educationists of repute or persons from another field related to the activities of the Institute who are not in service of the Institute, nominated by the Board:
  - 1. Prof. Amarjyoti Chowdhury, Ex Pro Vice-Chancellor, Tezpur University
  - 2. Prof. Dilip Kumar Saikia, Tezpur University
  - 3. Prof. Prabin Kumar Bora, IIT Guwahati
- (f) Three persons who are not members of teaching staff co-opted by the Senate for their specialised knowledge:
  - 1. Prof. M. G. P. Prasad, IIT Guwahati
  - 2. Prof. Madhurya Bezbarua, Gauhati University
- (g) Registrar of the Institute, ex officio Secretary.

#### **4(c) Reconstitution of the Board**

The Board noted that the first Board will be reconstituted by MHRD. So, the Board opined that no action is required right now, and the Institute is to await communication from MHRD in this matter.

#### **4(d) Formation of the First Finance Committee of the Institute under the Act**

The Board noted that as per the Act, the composition of the Finance Committee is:

20. (1) The Finance Committee of each Institute shall consist of the following persons, namely:—

- (a) The Chairperson of the Board shall be the ex officio Chairperson of the Committee;
- (b) One representative of the Government of India, Ministry of Human Resource Development, Department of Higher Education handling the matters relating to finance, ex officio;
- (c) One representative of the State Government in which the Institute is located, ex officio;

- (d) One representative of the industry partners chosen from amongst themselves;
- (e) The Director, ex officio; and
- (f) The officer in-charge of finance and accounts of the Institute, ex officio Secretary

The Board noted that the representative of the Govt. of India will be the Joint Secretary and Finance Advisor, MHRD. The Board members from the industry agreed that a nominee of Srei Finance Infrastructure be the representative of the industry partners in the Finance Committee. The Board also noted that since the Registrar is in overall charge of Finance in the Institute, the Registrar may be the ex officio Secretary. The Board further advised the Institute to write to the Govt. of Assam, and to Srei Infrastructure Finance Ltd to nominate a member each to the Institute's Finance Committee. The Finance Committee will be formed by the Board once all nominations are received.

### **Other Actions**

Regarding other actions, the Board noted that the following actions are needed to be taken by the Senate:

1. Formation of the First Ordinances of the Institute by the Senate, to be accepted by the Board. -
2. Nomination of two faculty to the Board by the Senate.

Regarding the matter of holding the first convocation, and the issue of degrees to the first batch of B.Tech students, the Board decided that the first and second convocation are to be combined and held sometime in May 2018. This was decided keeping in view the small number of students who have graduated (54) and the chances of very few of them attending a convocation if it is held this year. The Board further decided that in the meantime, degree certificates are to be issued to the first batch students who have completed the B.Tech programme. The format of the degree certificate is to be approved by the Board through circulation.

Regarding the Director of the Institute, the Board opined that in view of the fact that there is no clause to the contrary in the Act, the current Director may continue as Director of the Institute under the Act.

### **Item No. 5 Annual Report for the Year 2016-17**

The Board approved in principle the Annual Report of the Institute for 2016-17. However, since the Annual Report can be finalised only after the Annual Accounts are adopted by the Board, it was decided that members may provide suggestions for changes to the Report if any, till the next meeting of the Board when the Annual Report will be approved. In the meantime the Institute may get the Hindi translation done, and get a print version ready.

### **Item 6 Construction of Boundary Wall**

The Board agreed that the Boundary Wall needs to be constructed before students start residing on campus. The Board agreed with the proposal for floating a tender for construction of the Boundary Wall. The Board noted that administrative approval for Rs. 4 crores has

already been granted by the Board.

**Item 7 Status of Admissions in July-August 2017**

The Board noted that out of a sanctioned intake of 80, 79 students have been admitted to the B. Tech programme of the Institute in 2017. The Board also noted that out of a proposed intake of 18, 15 students have been admitted into the PhD programme in 2017. With this, the Board noted that the total strength of the students now stands at 292 (B.Tech 255, PhD 37).

**Item No. 8 Review of Pay of Prof. Malay Dutta**

**Resolution 15.8:** The Board resolved to increase the salary of Prof. Malay Dutta to Rs. 1,05,000.00 consolidated, with effect from September 2017. All other terms of his appointment will remain the same.

**Item No. 9 Appointment of the Head of Science and Mathematics**

**Resolution 15.9:** The Board resolved to approve the appointment of Dr. Gautam Kalita as Head of the Department of Science and Mathematics for a term of three years from the date he takes charge.

**Item No. 10 Extension of the Term of the Registrar by One Year**

The Board noted that the term of the Registrar is till 31/12/2017, on his reaching the age of 65 years. The Board noted that the Institute is planning to shift to the campus in the first half of 2018 and agreed that it will be in the interest of the Institute if the current incumbent remains as the Registrar during the transition. The Board decided that advertisement for the Registrar's post be done in the middle of 2018 so that a new appointee can take charge at the end of 2018.

**Resolution 15.10:** The Board resolved to extend the term of the Registrar, Dr. B., N. RayChoudhury, till 31.12.2018. The Board further resolved that the Institute will advertise for the post of Registrar in the middle of 2018.

**Item No 11 Acceptance of the Revised PhD Ordinances of the Institute**

The Board noted that the PhD Ordinances were revised by the Senate in two phases in the last year, before the Act came into effect. The Board examined the revisions and decided to accept the revised Ordinances.

**Resolution 15.11:** The Board resolved to accept the Revised PhD Ordinances as revised by the Senate and as attached in the Annexure to these Minutes.

**Item 12: No Objection to a B.Tech Student Shifting to IIIT Lucknow on Medical Grounds**

The Board examined the case of the student Suryansh Agrawal who fell ill in April 2017 and had to leave for Delhi for an operation. He has not joined the Institute this semester. A letter has been received from MHRD seeking the Institute's opinion on a transfer request by the

student to another IIIT. The Board was of the opinion that there is no objection to the transfer of the student on Medical grounds.

**Resolution 15.12:** The Board resolved to agree to the transfer of the student Suryansh Agrawal to another Institute on medical grounds. The Board advised the Institute to increase the intake by one next year due to this vacancy.

(Gautam Barua)

Director, IIIT Guwahati and  
Secretary to the Board.

Approved

(S. Ramadorai)  
Chairman Board of Governors  
IIIT Guwahati