

Minutes of the

Thirty-Third Meeting of the

Board of Governors

**Indian Institute of Information
Technology Guwahati**

December 30, 2021

Minutes of the Thirty-third Meeting of the Board of Governors of Indian Institute of Information Technology Guwahati.

Present:

Mr. S. Ramadorai, Chairman (via VC)
Dr. K. Kesavasamy (via VC)
Prof. T. Punniyamurthy (Via VC)
Prof. T.G. Sitharam (via VC)
Prof. Bhabesh Ch. Goswami (via VC)
Mr. Subrata Ghosh (Via VC)
Mr. Ranjit Barthakur (Via VC)
Prof. Gautam Barua, Director (via VC)
Mr. Uttam Chandra Das, Registrar (via VC)

Item No. 1 Minutes of the Thirty-Second Meeting of the Board

Resolution 33.1: The Minutes of the Thirty-Second meeting of the Board held on 12th October 2021 as given at Annexure 1.1, 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 2.1

Item No. 3 Director's Report

The Board noted the Director's Report.

Item No. 4 Selection of a New Project Management Consultant

The Board noted that the Building and Works Committee had recommended that the tendering for the Works of a new Boys' hostel and the expansion of the Girls' hostel be done departmentally, instead of tendering for a new Project Management Consultant. There should be one tender for both the Works. The BWC justified its recommendation based on the relatively low value of the Works (estimated at Rs. 6.5 crores for both works together), and that time to complete the Works will be reduced by two to three months. The Board agreed with this recommendation. Part of the recommendation was to engage two junior engineers on an ad hoc basis only for the duration of the construction of these Works. They will assist the Superintending Engineer of the Institute in tender evaluation and Works monitoring and bill processing. The Board also noted that the recommendation was to continue with the existing Architect, M/S Mriduanjali and Associates for the Works. The Board noted that they have already completed the detailed drawings, and detailed estimates for the Works. They need to be engaged by the Institute now as the earlier engagement was made by the PMC on behalf of the Institute. The board agreed to all these recommendations.

Resolution 33.4: The Board resolved to approve the following:

1. The Institute is to take up the construction work of a 96 seater Boys' hostel and the expansion of the Girls' hostel by 30 seats, departmentally, in one tender.
2. The Institute is to engage the existing Architect consultant M/S Mriduanjali and Associates as the architects for this Work under the same terms and conditions as were for the earlier Works. In particular, the rate of payment will be 0.8% of the cost Works, plus GST.
3. The Institute is to hire two junior Engineers (one Civil and one Electrical) on an ad hoc basis as part of the expenditure for the construction of the Boys' and Girls' hostels. Their engagement will be on a consolidated salary of Rs. 50,000.00 per month. The duration of engagement will be till three months after the completion of the above mentioned Works. This is likely to be 15 months. Selections will be done by a Walk-in interview with announcement in local notice boards.

Item No. 5 Award of Work of Excavation of Lake Area to Assam PWD

The Board noted the recommendation of the BWC to take up excavation work to create a lake around the stream passing through the campus. The Board noted that this was a part of the Master Plan of the Institute, approved earlier by the Board. The Board also noted that this work is tied up with the construction of the hostels as some of the excavated soil will be used to fill up area around the Boys' hostel which is going to be built. Noting that all land filling work earlier have been done through Assam PWD due to the difficulty of building contractors to obtain soil from outside the campus, the Board agreed to award the work to Assam PWD at their estimated cost of Rs. 37.7 lakhs.

Resolution 33.5: The Board resolved to accord Administrative Approval for expenditure for Rs. 40 lakhs for excavation work to create a lake on campus. The Board also resolved to approve the allotment of this work to Assam PWD.

Item No. 6 Appointment of Faculty in the Department of CSE

The Board noted that selections of faculty in CSE had taken place on December 18 2021. The recommendations of the Selection Committee are enclosed in Annexure 6.1.

Resolution 33.6A: The Board resolved to approve post facto the names of Professor. Balaram Ravindran, Dept of CSE, IIT Madras, and Professor Pabitra Mitra, Dept of CSE, IIT Kharagpur, as Board's Nominees for selection committees to select faculty in the Department of CSE.

Resolution 33.6B: The Board resolved to approve the appointment of the following as Associate Professors in the Department of CSE of the Institute, as recommended by the Selection Committee:

1. Rakesh Matam
2. Subhasish Dhal

3. Moumita Roy

Resolution 33.6C: The Board resolved to ratify the decision of the Chairman to appoint the following as Assistant Professors of the Institute in the Department of CSE:

1. P. L. Thangkhiew, PhD from NIT Meghalaya (ST)
2. Parashjyoti Borah, PhD from NIT Arunachal Pradesh (OBC)
3. Subhrangshu Mandal, PhD from IIT Kharagpur (SC)
4. Aparajita Dutta, PhD from IIT Guwahati (Gen, female)

Waiting List for Assistant Professor

1. Panthadeep Bhattacharjee, PhD from IIT Guwahati (Gen)

Item No. 7 Promotion of Faculty as per Recruitment Rules

Resolution 33.7: The Board resolved to approve the promotion of the following faculty members to the Position of Assistant Professor Grade I as they fulfil the provisions of the Recruitment Rules for the position:

1. Srinibas Swain, Dept. of CSE
2. Sanjay Moulik, Dept. of CSE
3. Radhika Sukapuram, Dept. of CSE
4. Kaustuv Nag, Dept. of CSE
5. Ripudaman Singh, Dept. of ECE

Item No. 8 Formation of a Standing Committee for Writing-off Irrecoverable Losses

Resolution 33.8A: The Board resolved to approve the following Standing Committee for writing off Irrecoverable Losses of the Institute, as per the provisions of the Statute 16(5):

1. Dr. K. Kesavasamy, Chairman
2. Prof. T. Punniyamurthy
3. Dr. Rakesh Matam, Dept of CSE
4. Registrar, Convenor

Resolution 33.8B: The Board resolved to authorise the Director to write-off losses of up to Rs. 10 lakhs, based on recommendation of the Standing Committee.

Item No. 9 Appointment of Chief Vigilance Officer

Resolution 33.9: The Board resolved to approve the following panel names for appointment as Chief Vigilance Officer of the Institute, on a part-time basis:

1. Dr. G. Aruna, Assistant Professor Grade I, Dept. of ECE
2. Dr. Sounak Roy, Assistant Professor Grade I, Dept. of ECE
3. Dr. Kaveri Deb, Assistant Professor Grade I, Dept. of HSS

Item No. 10 Temporary Withdrawal from the Study in India Programme

The Board did not agree with the proposal to withdraw from the Study in India Programme. The Board was of the view, that getting international students into the Institute is of high priority, and if there are issues of housing such students, the Institute may hire flats outside the campus to house them.

Resolution 33.10: The Board resolved to continue with the Study in India Programme for admission of International students to the Institute, for 2022-23.

Item No. 11 Enhancement of DA Rates

The Board noted that an increase of the DA rate from 28% to 31% will increase the grossly monthly pay expenditure by ₹1,94,891 from the current year 2021-22. It was further noted that total additional financial impact in 2021-22 is likely to be ₹17,14,743 and the total additional impact annually is likely to be ₹17,95,758 an increase of 1.64%.

Resolution 32.11: The Board resolved to approve the enhancement of the DA rates of employees from 28% to 31% with effect from 1 July 2021.

Item No. 12 (additional Item 1) External Members to be Nominated to the Senate

Resolution 33.12: The Board resolved to renew the terms of the external members of the Senate by another two years. These nominations are as per the provisions of the Clause 18(1)(e) of the IIIT – PPP Act of 2017. The members are:

1. Prof. Samaren Dandapat, Dept of ECE, IIT Guwahati
2. Prof. Dhruva K. Bhattacharyya, Dept. of Computer Science, Tezpur University.
3. Prof. Pranab Jyoti Das, Ex- Professor, Dept. of Chemistry, Gauhati University

Item No. 13 Minutes of Seventeenth Meeting of the Building and Works Committee

The Board noted the Minutes of the seventeenth meeting of the Building and Works Committee held on December 23 2021.

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