

MINUTES OF THE
20TH BOG
IIIT GUWAHATI

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

Present:

Mr. S. Ramadorai, Chairman (through video conferencing)
Dr. K. Kesavasamy (through video conferencing)
Prof. Gautam Biswas (through video conferencing)
Mr. Ranjit Barthakur (through video conferencing)
Prof. Bhabesh Goswami
Mr. Subrata Ghosh (representing Mr. Hemant Kanoria, Srei Finance Infrastructure)
Prof. A. Srinivasan
Mr. Bedanta Prasad Sarma
Prof. Gautam Barua
Dr. B. N. RayChoudhury

Leave of Absence: Prof. Shivaji Bandyopadhyay, Dr. S. S. Sandhu, Prof. M. G. P. Prasad, and Mr. Maninder Singh were unable to attend, and were granted leave of absence.

Item 1 Minutes of Nineteenth Meeting of the Board.

Resolution 20.1: The Minutes of the Nineteenth meeting of the Board held on 3 September 2018 were approved.

Item 2 Action Taken Report.

The Action Taken Report was noted by the Board.

Item No. 3 Funds Situation

The Board noted the funds situation. The Board noted that the funds situation was very tight, but efforts were on to get funds released from Govt. of Assam, Oil India Ltd, and Srei Infrastructure Finance. Further, it noted that students will be paying fees in the first week of January. The Board also noted that the Institute has made a request for release of Rs. 2.5 crores from Govt. of India from the Faculty Development Programme fund of the IIITs in PPP mode.

Item 4 Plan of Action

The Board agreed that the current student strength has to be increased in order for the Institute to become self-sufficient in revenue expenditure. The plan of keeping the

B.Tech intake at 200 was agreed to. The Board also agreed that in order to make this increase, more hostel space was required. The Institute's proposal to house two students in single rooms with double-decker beds was agreed to. It was also noted that more hostel space will be required from the 2020 session. It was agreed that 250 more seats for boys and 50 more seats for girls will need to be added. The Board noted that this construction can be viewed as an extension of the current phase since the investment will be relatively small, and so the existing PMC and Architect can continue. The Board noted that more funds will be required to build the extra hostel space and to add some sports facilities which were included in the revised estimate approved by MHRD. The Board authorised the Institute to apply for a loan of Rs. 23 crores, first through HEFA, and if that is not approved, then to apply to a Scheduled Commercial Bank.

Resolution 20.4 The Board gave its approval to the following:

1. The B.Tech intake in July 2019 is to be at least at the current level of 200. Extra seats are to be created by putting two students in a single room using double-decker beds.
2. Estimates for the construction of a 250 seater Boys' hostel and for the extension of the Girls' hostel by 70 seats, may be prepared, through the services of the existing PMC and Architect. Estimates for Sports Facilities are also to be prepared.
3. The Institute may apply for a loan of Rs. 23 crores from HEFA. If this does not work out, then a loan may be sought from a Scheduled Commercial Bank. The scheme of repayment of the loan is to be examined and vetted by a third party to be engaged by the Institute. The Board will take into account the views of the third party while approving any loan that is granted.

Item 5 Faculty Status

The Board noted that two faculty members are leaving the Institute in December 2018. The Board also noted that there will be 40 regular faculty members when the next semester begins in January 2019. The Board also agreed that more faculty will have to be hired in April 2019 keeping in mind the resignations and the increase in student strength in July 2019 by about 170 students.

Item 6 Pay Fixation Due to Anomalies

The Board noted that during fixation of salaries of faculty upgraded to Assistant Professor Grade I by different selection committees, anomalies arose in the case of some faculty members who should have been given one increment based on their experience, but were inadvertently not done so. The Board had approved the cases of two faculty in its last meeting. Two more cases emerged and the Board agreed that there were anomalies, and that the two should be given one increment.

Resolution 19.6: The Board APPROVED that the pay of the following faculty placed as Assistant Professor Grade I, be fixed as shown with effect from July 1 2018:

1. Surajit Panja, ECE Rs. 1,04,500.00
2. Shovan Barma, ECE Rs. 1,04,500.00

Item 7 Minutes of the First Finance Committee

The Minutes of the First meeting of the Finance Committee was noted by the Board.

Item 8 Minutes of the Eleventh Senate Meeting

The Minutes of the Eleventh meeting of the Senate was noted by the Board.

Item No. 9 (Additional Item 1) TEQIP Phase III Project: Report for March to December 2018

The Board examined and noted the progress of the TEQIP project.

Item No. 10 (Additional Item 2) Administrative Approval for Campus Earth filling and minor road work through State PWD

The Board agreed that filling of land for Sports Facilities is required and that it should be done during this dry season.

Resolution 20.10 The Board accorded administrative approval of Rs. 50 lakhs for earth filling of land for Sports Facilities, for improvement in a portion of the road network, and for minor earth filling around the Boys' hostel and Faculty quarters. The Board also approved the cancellation of administrative approval of the work of earth filling for 2nd phase faculty residences, of Rs. 20 lakhs.

Item No. 11 (Additional Item 3) Minutes of the Twelfth Meeting of the Senate

The Minutes of the Twelfth meeting of the Senate was noted by the Board.

(Gautam Barua)

Director, IIIT Guwahati and
Secretary to the Board.

Approved

(S. Ramadorai)
Chairman Board of Governors
IIIT Guwahati