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INDIAN INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY MANDI

Minutes of 33rd Meeting of the Board of Governors organized through video conferencing (VC) held on 16th September, 2021 from 02:30 P.M. in the Conference Room, C. V. Raman Guest House, IIT Mandi.

The following were present:

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| 1) | Prof. Prem Vrat
Chairperson, BoG IIT(ISM) Dhanbad
Retired Professor, IIT Delhi | Chairperson | |
| 2) | Prof. Ajit K. Chaturvedi
Director, IIT Mandi | Member | |
| 3) | Shri Hemant Sood
Managing Director & Promoter
Findoc Financial Services Group, Ludhiana | Member | |
| 4) | Shri Krishan Chandra Sharma
Site Head & Sr. Vice President
LUPIN Pharma Limited, Raisen, M.P. | Member | |
| 5) | Prof. S. C. Jain
Emeritus Professor
School of Engineering, IIT Mandi | Member | |
| 6) | Prof. Prem Felix Siril
Professor & Dean (Faculty)
School of Basic Sciences, IIT Mandi | Member | |
| 7) | Prof. Rahul Vaish
Professor & Dean (Academics)
School of Engineering, IIT Mandi | Special Invitee | For item no. 33.3.1 |
| 8) | Dr. Vishal Singh Chauhan
Associate Professor & Dean (F & A)
School of Engineering, IIT Mandi | Special Invitee | For item no. 33.3.2,
33.3.3 & 33.3.10(1) |
| 9) | Prof. Bharat Singh Rajpurohit
Professor & Dean (I & S)
School of Computing & Electrical Engineering,
IIT Mandi | Special Invitee | For item no. 33.3.5,
33.3.6, 33.3.7 &
33.3.8 |
| 10) | Dr. Viswanath Balakrishnan
Associate Professor & Chair
School of Engineering, IIT Mandi &
Chair, Internal Fact Finding Committee | Special Invitee | For item no. 33.3.9 |
| 11) | Shri K. K. Bajre
Registrar, IIT Mandi | Secretary | |

The Chairperson welcomed all present at the meeting including all the special invitees. Thereafter, the Director welcomed all present at the meeting including all the special invitees. Leave of absence was granted to the Principal Secretary (TE), Govt. of H.P. and Dr. Pradeep Kumar (Agrawal), Scientist-Directorate of Special Projects (DRDO) Hyderabad, members of the Board.

The Board took cognizance of comments of the Additional Secretary, MoE and Member, Board received vide letter no.16-8/2020-TS-I dated 14.09.2021, through email.

Thereafter, the agenda items were taken up as follows:

**Item No.: To confirm the minutes of the 32nd meeting of the Board of
BoG-33.1.1 Governors held on 31/03/2021.**

It was noted that the minutes have been circulated and no comments have been received. Therefore, the minutes of 32nd Board of Governors (BoG) meeting held on 31/03/2021 were confirmed, as circulated.

**Item No.: Action Taken Report (ATR) on the minutes of previous meetings
BoG-33.1.2 of the Board of Governors (BoG).**

Prof. Bharat Singh Rajpurohit, Dean (I & S) gave a detailed presentation on the ongoing works along with likely date of completion. The Board complemented the efforts of infrastructure team in completion of projects.

While discussion, the Board advised the following:

In every Board meeting, one of the School Chairs / Centre Heads may present a report on the progress of last five years with future plans.

Thereafter, the ATR was noted.

**Item No.: To ratify the decisions / actions taken by the Chairperson, Board
BoG-33.2.1 of Governors on the recommendations of the
Director/designated Committee, on behalf of the Board of
Governors:**

The Board ratified the decision/actions taken by the Chairperson, BoG on behalf of the Board including the approval given on 07.09.2021 for signing the annual MoU with MoE and thanked him for timely decisions and approvals.

Item No.: To note other developments at the Institute.

BoG-33.2.2

1. To report status of filling up of backlog vacancies in teaching cadre.

The Ministry of Education, Department of Higher Education has intimated all the IITs to implement Central Educational Institutional (Reservation in Teacher's Cadre) Act 2019. Further, the Ministry vide DO Letter No.33-2/2021-TS-III (Pt.I) dated August 24, 2021 has instructed all IITs to fill the backlog vacancies in a mission mode within a period of one year starting from 05.09.2021 and to:

- i. Include a separate chapter in the annual reports,
- ii. Include an agenda item in every FC/BoG meeting and
- iii. Submit a monthly report to Secretary (HE) on the status of action taken.

The Dean (Faculty) and Member-BoG intimated the Committee that the Institute is making all efforts to fill backlog vacancies. The Institute Standing Committee has decided to advertise faculty positions every six months in addition to standing advertisement.

He further informed about many faculty interviews which have been recently held and the interviews scheduled in near future. The current status of Faculty recruitment is given below:

Sanctioned positions (10:1 Student: Faculty ratio)	186
Faculty in position on regular pay scale	113
Vacancy	73

Thereafter, the other matters as reported vide agenda item no. 33.2.2 were noted by the BoG.

Item No.: To review the process for award of academic degrees and honors.

BoG-33.3.1

The Dean (Academics), special invitee presented the item. After deliberation, the Board resolved to follow the statutory provision and decided that the Senate should approve the criteria for the award of academic degree and honors and approve each individual award, in compliance of the Statutes of IIT Mandi.

Item No.: To consider revision of guidelines for the utilization of the CPDA.

BoG-33.3.2

The Dean (F & A), special Invitee presented the item before the Board and briefed the proposal.

The Board considered the recommendations of the Finance Committee (FC) and the Institute Standing Committee and noted that the proposed guidelines are in compliance with relevant orders of the MoE and the proposal is meant to facilitate efficient and fruitful utilization of the CPDA.

After detailed deliberation, the Board resolved to approve the guidelines with modifications as suggested by the FC i.e. at serial no. 11 about long leave, not entitled for CPDA be revised to 90 days. Further, the carry forward of CPDA is permitted for two blocks (at serial no. 14).

Item No.: To consider the Budget Estimates for the financial year 2021-22.
BoG-33.3.3

The Dean (F & A), special Invitee presented the item before the Board and briefed the proposal.

The Board noted the budget estimates for the F.Y. 2021-22, as under:

S.No.	Object Heads	Particulars	Budget Estimates submitted to MoE (Amount in Crores)	Budget allocation made by MoE (Amount in Crores)	Remarks
1.	OH-31	General Expenses	80.00	35.76	
2.	OH-31	Repayment of HEFA loan principal and interest	49.23	49.23	75% amount of repayment of principal and 100% amount of interest on HEFA loan on actual demand note of HEFA (MoE grant)
3.	OH-36	Salaries	57.98	39.15	
4.	OH-35	Capital Expenditure (Lab equipments, furniture & fixtures and e-journals excluding construction)	52.00	12.00	

HEFA LOAN				
Estimates of utilization of unspent HEFA loan already sanctioned for the F.Y. 2021-22				
1.	OH-35	Capital Expenditure (Construction of buildings provision for which has been made under the HEFA loan for ongoing works)	110.00	Out of total loan sanctioned for the civil construction i.e., 275.00+38.00 = 313.00 crore, 193.00 crore has been utilized and Rs. 110.00 crore is planned to be utilized during the F.Y. 2021-22. Remaining will be utilized as per actual requirement.
2.	OH-35	Capital Expenditure (for purchase of scientific & laboratory equipments already sanctioned under HEFA loan)	23.86	Rs. 23.86 crore term loan has been sanctioned for the purchase of laboratory & scientific equipments. Out of this loan an amount of Rs. 13.86 crore has already been planned during the F.Y., 2020-21 and balance Rs. 10.00 crores will be utilized during the F.Y. 2021-22

The above budget allocation does not include 25% liability of repayment of HEFA term loan, principal amount of which is to be borne by the Institute out of internal revenue generation which is amounting to Rs.8.50 crore per annum during the F.Y. 2021-22.

The Board considered the recommendations of the Finance Committee on the proposed budget estimates. After detailed deliberation, the Board resolved to approve the budget estimates **(Annexure-1; Page No. 13 to 17)**, subject to availability of funds.

Item No.: **To consider the matter related to unwillingness to accept the Offer of Appointment as Associate Professor in respect of Dr. Manu V. Devadevan, AP, SHSS.**
BoG-33.3.4

The Dean (Faculty) and Member-BoG presented the item. He apprised the status to the Board.

The Board noted that there is no provision to consider advance increments where the Selection Committee has not made such a recommendation.

After detailed deliberation, the Board resolved to inform Dr. Manu V. Devadevan, that “his request is regretted as such a provision does not exist”.

Item No.: **To consider the proposal for Enhancement of Power of various Functionaries of IIT Mandi for works (construction).**
BoG-33.3.5

The Dean (I & S), special Invitee presented the item before the Board and briefed the proposal.

The Board considered the recommendations of the Finance Committee on the proposal and resolved to approve the following enhancement of Power of various Functionaries of IIT Mandi for works (construction):

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| (a) Director | Upto Rs. 200 lakhs
(For all kinds of works) |
| (b) Building & Works Committee | Upto Rs. 400 lakhs
(For all kinds of works) |
| (c) The Board of Governors | Full powers |

Item No.: **To consider allocation of Space to EWOK for installation of an Oil Distillation Unit at IIT Mandi campus.**
BoG-33.3.6

The Dean (I & S), special Invitee presented the item before the Board and briefed the proposal.

While considering the item, the Board noted that EWOK is akin to corporate social responsibility. The Board advised that a detailed report to be worked out on how we can commercialize the products generated under the umbrella of EWOK, for resource generation in future.

After detailed deliberation, the Board resolved to approve the allocation of Space to EWOK for installation of an Oil Distillation Unit at IIT Mandi campus, as proposed. The allocation of space be coterminous with the MoU between EWOK and IIT Mandi.

Item No.: To consider the proposal for construction of Boundary of the Institute.
BoG-33.3.7

The Dean (I & S), special Invitee presented the item before the Board and briefed the proposal.

The Board considered the recommendations of the Finance Committee (FC) and the Building and Works Committee for construction of Boundary of the Institute.

The Board also noted revised estimated cost for precast concrete panel in non-forest land and chain link fencing in forest land, by the B&WC as under:

Sr. No	Type of boundary	Total length in meters (approx.)	Cost of precast panel including erection/Cost of each pole including erection in Rs.	Amount in Rs.	Remarks
1.	Precast concrete panel	4000	9843 for 2.1 mtrs length	1,87,48,571	Rate as per analysis.
2.	Boundary pillar (400 Nos. of pillars)	4000	2,553 for each pole	10,21,200	Pillars @ 10 mtrs C/C of height 5 feet has been taken.
3.	Chain link fabric fencing of 6 feet height	7800	6950 per running meter	5,42,10,000	Rate as per DSR 2021.
4.	Total	15800		7,39,79,771	
5.	Carriage of pre-cast concrete panel/boundary pillar on head load average distance involved 500 mtrs. In a length of about 4 km. including clearance of bushes etc.			15,00,000	Cost has been taken as lump sum basis.
6.	G.Total			7,54,79,771	

After detailed deliberation, the Board resolved to approve the recommendations of the Finance Committee at the cost of Rs.7,54,79,771/-. The work may be under taken in phases/land parcels, subject to availability of funds.

Item No.: To consider the proposal for construction of Building for
BoG-33.3.8 Construction Material Laboratory (GF/FF) in LP-3 area of North campus.

The Dean (I & S), special Invitee presented the item before the Board and briefed the proposal.

The Board noted that the proposed laboratory is recommended by the B&WC and is necessary for imparting quality education in the newly started Masters program in Civil Engg.

The Board considered the recommendations of the Finance Committee on the proposal. After detailed deliberation, the Board resolved to approve the proposal for construction of a building for Construction Material Laboratory at an estimated cost of Rs.2,49,18,760/-. The work may be under taken in a phased manner, subject to availability of funds.

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Additional agenda placed on the table with the permission of the Chairman.

Item No.: To assign authority to execute financial instruments.
BoG-33.3.10

- (i) Consequent upon the joining of a new Deputy Registrar who has been assigned the responsibility of Finance and

Accounts, there is a need to assign authority to DR (F&A) to execute Financial instruments i.e. Cheque/NEFT/Bank transfer etc. It is proposed that he be assigned authority to execute all Financial instruments at par with the Finance and Accounts Officer.

- (ii) As per the instructions of Ministry of Education, Treasury Single Account (TSA) system through RBI account has been implemented. The responsibility of approving (in TSA system) and executing the payments (online transactions) using the Digital Signature Certificate (DSC) may be assigned to Deputy Registrar (F&A) in addition to the Finance and Accounts Officer (FAO), after the approval of the competent authority.

The Board considered the recommendations of the Finance Committee and resolved to approve the proposal.

**Item No.: To amend the guidelines for appointing Professor / Associate
BoG-33.3.11 Professor of Practice.**

The Dean (Faculty) and Member-BoG presented the item. He apprised that the Board in its 32nd meeting held on 31st March, 2021 has approved the guidelines for appointment of Professor/Associate Professor of Practice. The approved guidelines have provision of contractual appointment on regular pay scale, depending upon experience. However, the same does not have any provision for appointing these positions on a *per diem* basis.

Now, it is proposed to have such a provision to attract eminent persons from industry who may not be willing to relocate to IIT Mandi for long years, however may be interested to contribute intermittently. The guidelines may be matched with the already approved category of Adjunct Faculty.

Proposed provisions:

Professor /Associate Professor of Practice

- ✓ Rs. 3000/- to 6000/- per diem
- ✓ Travel allowance for approved visits
- ✓ Local hospitality at IIT Mandi during visits to the campus.

Professor /Associate Professor of Practice	Candidates should have at least 15 years of managerial or professional experience and should have worked in senior management position such as CEO/CTO/UP/Director for at least 5 years. They should have at least a Master's degree in Engineering/ Sciences/ Humanities or a related field. PhD is desirable but not essential. However, a lack of Ph.D. must be offset by demonstrated domain knowledge, obtained from deep experience in the 'field'.	Contractual appointment on regular scale depending on experience. Initial appointment will be for three years, which may be extended based on performance.	Faculty Research Grant from School. Un-furnished accommodation on payment of standard license fee based on availability. Relocation allowances as per the regular faculty members, if the assignment is for 3 years or more.
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After deliberation, the Board resolved to call such appointees as Adjunct Professor of Practice and approved the above proposal.

In his concluding remarks, the Chairperson advised to analyse a low rank of the Institute in the recently released NIRF-2021 Rankings. He further advised to devise an internal mechanism to improve the Institute rank in future by identifying the gap areas and reviewing the data presentation/uploaded for Institute Ranking.

Thereafter, the meeting concluded with a vote of thanks to the Chair.

K. K. Bajre
13/9/21

K. K. Bajre
Registrar & Secretary, BoG

Ajit K. Chaturvedi
13/10/21

Prof. Ajit K. Chaturvedi
Director, IIT Mandi

Chairperson

Chairperson, Board of Governors