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INDIAN INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY MANDI

Minutes of 40th Meeting of the Board of Governors held on January 05, 2024, from 14:30 hrs in the Conference Room, C. V. Raman Guest House, IIT Mandi.

The following were present:

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| 1. Lt. Gen Kanwal Jeet Singh Dhillon (Retd.)
Chairperson, BoG IIT Mandi | Chairperson |
| 2. Prof. Laxmidhar Behera
Director, IIT Mandi | Member |
| 3. Dr. Pradeep Kumar Agrawal
Scientist, Research Centre Imarat (RCI)
D.R.D.O. Hyderabad | Member |
| 4. Shri Krishan Chandra Sharma
Site Head & Sr. Vice President
LUPIN Pharma Limited, Raisen, M.P. | Member |
| 5. Prof. Manoj Thakur
Professor, SMSS, IIT Mandi | Member |
| 6. Prof. Satinder Kumar Sharma
Dean (Faculty), IIT Mandi | Member |
| 7. Prof. Rajeev Kumar
Dean (I&S), IIT Mandi | Special Invitee for
Agenda 40.1.2, 40.4.2,
40.4.4, and 40.4.5 |
| 8. Dr. Viswanath Balakrishnan
Dean (F&A), IIT Mandi | Special Invitee for
Agenda 40.4.3 and
40.4.10(1) |
| 9. Dr. Shyam Kumar Masakapalli
Chairperson, SBB, IIT Mandi | Special Invitee for
Agenda 40.4.1 |
| 10. Dr. Parmod Kumar
Assistant Professor, SMME, IIT Mandi | Special Invitee for
Agenda 40.4.7 |
| 11. Dr. Kumar Sambhav Pandey
Registrar, IIT Mandi | Secretary |

Leave of absence was granted to the following:

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| 1. Shri Hemant Sood
Managing Director & Promoter
Findoc Financial Services Group, Ludhiana | Special Invitee |
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| 2. Additional Secretary (TE)/Joint Secretary
(Ex-Officio) Ministry of Education
Government of India | Member |
| 3. The Secretary (TE)
Government of Himachal Pradesh | Member |

The Chairperson welcomed all present at the meeting including special invitees. The Chairperson extended his New Year greetings to all the BoG members, faculty members, staff, and students of the institute.

The Director also welcomed all the members present at the meeting including special invitees.

BoG-40.1.0

PROCEDURAL

BoG-40.1.1

To confirm the minutes of the 39th meeting of the Board of Governors held on October 11, 2023.

It was noted that the minutes of the 39th meeting of the Board of Governors held on October 11, 2023, were circulated and no comments have been received. Therefore, the minutes of the 39th meeting of the Board of Governors held on October 11, 2023, were confirmed, as circulated.

BoG-40.1.2

To note the Action Taken Report (ATR) on the minutes of previous meetings of the Board of Governors (BoG) for Infrastructure related matters.

Prof. Rajeev Kumar, Dean (Infrastructure & Services) gave a presentation on the ongoing works along with the likely completion date. The Chairperson advised the following:

- i. ATR should have an additional column specifying the source of funds, CFA, date of sanction, and availability of funds.
- ii. IRG should be utilized primarily for academic excellence involving smaller projects and repayment of HEFA loans. Major construction and infrastructure development should be done generally from HEFA.
- iii. The tender should be floated and work be awarded as per GFR and GoI norms.
- iv. Regarding ATR of Item 38.3.5, Purchase of buses for the institute, the Board expressed its concurrence with the FC.

With the above suggestions, the BoG noted the ATR.

BoG-40.1.3

To note the Action Taken Report (ATR) on the minutes of previous meetings of the Board of Governors (BoG) for other matters.

The Registrar presented the ATR of previous meetings of the Board of Governors (BoG).

The agenda item was noted by the Board.

- BoG-40.2.0** **ROUTINE MATTERS**
- BoG-40.2.1** **To ratify the decisions / actions taken by the Chairperson, Board of Governors on the recommendations of the Director / designated Committee, on behalf of the Board of Governors:**
Nil.
- BoG-40.2.2** **To note other developments at the Institute.**
- (i) To report the status of filling up of backlog vacancies in the teaching cadre.**
Prof. Satinder Kumar Sharma, Dean (Faculty) briefed the board about the status of filing up of backlog vacancies in the teaching cadre.
After discussions, the Board directed to keep the agenda in abeyance for further deliberations and desired that the same be presented subsequently.
- (ii) Details regarding Global Tender Enquiry (GTE) Proposals.**
The Board noted the GTE proposals.
- BoG-40.3.0** **MATTERS DISCUSSED / RECOMMENDED BY THE STATUTORY BODIES / COMMITTEES/FUNCTIONARIES**
- BoG-40.3.1** **34th meeting of the Finance Committee held on July 29, 2023.**
The agenda item was noted by the Board.
- BoG-40.3.2** **40th meeting of the Building & Works Committee (B&WC) held on June 22, 2023.**
The agenda item was noted by the Board.
- BoG-40.3.3** **Recovery of interest on Mobilization advance from CPWD.**
The Board expressed its concurrence with the recommendations of the Finance Committee (FC) on the matter. The Board also advised that the CPWD be requested to furnish a certificate along with a copy of the MRO regarding depositing the amount in the Revenue Head of Gol. Based on that, the Ministry of Education, Govt. of India be informed that the CPWD has already deposited the amount in the Revenue Head of the Gol. Only after confirmation from the Ministry of Education, Govt. of India, the account books of IIT Mandi be reconciled accordingly.
- BoG-40.3.4** **Faculty/Staff members who have joined the Institute.**
The agenda item was noted by the Board.

BoG-40.3.5 Faculty members who have resigned/relieved after the last BoG meeting till 19.12.2023.

The agenda item was noted by the Board.

BoG-40.3.6 Regular Staff members who have joined after the last BoG meeting till 19.12.2023.

The agenda item was noted by the Board.

BoG-40.3.7 Temporary/Consolidated/Consultant Staff members who have joined after the last BoG meeting till 19.12.2023.

The agenda item was noted by the Board.

BoG-40.3.8 Staff members who have resigned/relieved after the last BoG meeting till 19.12.2023.

The agenda item was noted by the Board.

BoG-40.4.0 AGENDA ITEMS

BoG-40.4.1 Presentation by the School of Biosciences and Bioengineering (SBB).

Dr. Shyam K Masakapalli, Chairperson of SBB gave a presentation on the research highlights and plans of the School of Biosciences and Bioengineering (SBB). He was joined by the following other faculty members of the School:

1. Dr. Prosenjit Mondal
2. Dr. Ekta Makhija
3. Dr. Bhaskar Bhaktavachalu
4. Dr. Triyanbak Basak
5. Dr. Sumit Murab
6. Dr. Prasad Kasturi

The Board appreciated the efforts and achievements of the school.

BoG-40.4.2 To consider the damages of IIT Mandi due to recent heavy rains and proposed protection measures for the future.

Prof. Rajeev Kumar, Dean (Infrastructure & Services) presented the agenda to the Board.

After the deliberations, the Board expressed its concurrence with the recommendations of the Finance Committee (FC) on the matter. The Board also advised onward communication to the MoE for expediting the required financial support, as this involves safety hazards to human lives and infrastructure.

BoG-40.4.3

To consider the resolving GST rate to settle the bills with NBCC, PMC of IIT Mandi.

Dr. Viswanath Balakrishnan, Dean (Finance and Accounts) presented the agenda to the Board.

After the deliberations, the Board expressed its concurrence with the recommendations of the Finance Committee (FC) on the matter. The Board also noted the comments of the IFD, Ministry of Education, Govt. of India that these are statutory levies. Since the amount is already deposited with the Government treasury and cannot be recovered back, it is advised to communicate the same to the Ministry of Education, Govt. of India. Only after confirmation from the Ministry of Education, Govt. of India, the account books of IIT Mandi be reconciled accordingly.

BoG-40.4.4

To consider the funds' source for married research scholar cum project employees' hostel.

Prof. Rajeev Kumar, Dean (I&S) presented the agenda to the Board.

After the deliberations, the Board expressed its concurrence with the recommendations of the Finance Committee (FC) on the matter.

It was informed that HEFA Term Loan III included hostel facilities for 2134 students (634 for EWS and 1500 for others) at a cost of ₹ 230.13 crores. It was also informed that the tendering process for accommodating 1377 students out of 1500 has already been initiated and the process for 634 EWS students' accommodations is at the planning stage. It was recommended by the FC that due to the prevailing demand of married students from all categories, the scope of the project be changed to 2091 student hostel accommodation (634 for EWS, 80 for married scholars of all categories, and 1377 for others) with no financial impact on the overall sanctioned budget.

The Board recommended that the case be taken up with the Ministry of Education, Govt. of India for changing the scope of the project from 2134 (634 for EWS and 1500 for others) to 2091 (634 for EWS, 80 for married scholars of all categories and 1377 for others) with no financial impact on the overall sanctioned budget.

BoG-40.4.5

To consider the works for the development of new assets and infrastructure to be constructed at IIT Mandi.

Prof. Rajeev Kumar, Dean (I&S) presented the agenda to the Board.

After the deliberations, the Board expressed its concurrence with the recommendations of the Finance Committee (FC) on the

matter. The Board noted the disapproval of the agenda by the FC and further reiterated that CPWD will remain as the executing agency as approved in the earlier BoG meeting.

BoG-40.4.6

To assess and deliberate on the existing Special Travel Facilities for Faculty and Staff, prompted by concerns raised in the recent Audit Report.

The Registrar presented the agenda to the Board.

After the deliberations, the Board expressed its concurrence with the recommendations of the Finance Committee (FC) on the matter. The Board noted the withdrawal of the agenda as the validity of the travel concession earlier available is already over and the Ministry of Education, Govt. of India is also not in favor of extending such a facility for non-medical purposes.

BoG-40.4.7

To consider the revised proposal for Group Health Insurance.

Dr. Parmod Kumar represented Dr. Atul Dhar who was entrusted with the presentation to the Board.

After the deliberations, the Board took note of the revised Group Health Insurance Policy following the recommendations of the Finance Committee (FC) on the matter. The Board suggested that the proposed policy be revised with the following directions:

1. Only Govt. agencies/PSUs be selected.
2. 60% of the premium in the case of Group A employees and 40% in the case of other employees is to be paid by the employees and the balance contribution should be payable by the Institute.
3. The additional coverage be allocated a maximum @ ₹ 2.00 Lakh per employee (not applicable for dependents) at the discretion of the Director, IIT Mandi. This benefit can be availed only once in a lifetime.
4. The policy should be voluntary and not mandatory.
5. The policy is applicable only to the regular employees of the Institute and not others like temporary employees or retired employees of the Institute (including in the future).

Based on this, the policy be revised and brought for consideration by the Board in its next meeting.

BoG-40.4.8

To discuss the Separate Audit Report (SAR) on the final accounts of IIT Mandi for the FY 2022-23.

The Registrar presented the agenda and it was noted by the Board.

BoG-40.4.9

To consider the case of Mr. Kumar Kirsh (B20295) for relaxation in fees.

The Registrar presented the case of Mr. Kumar Kirsh to the Board.

After the deliberations, the Board expressed its concurrence with the recommendations of the Finance Committee (FC) on the matter. The Board made the following observations in favor of Mr. Kumar Kirsh (B20295):

1. He has done his both 10th and 12th schooling in India.
2. His mother is granted Indian nationality.
3. He is a bright and meritorious student with a CGPA of 8.17.
4. IIT Mandi is ready to bear the additional financial implications arising out of his fee change due to the category change from FN to GEN.
5. As per (Business Rules 2020 for Joint Seat Allocation) his seat may be considered at par with Indian National based on the following reasons:

“(B) For Foreign Citizens

(i) For IITs

Candidates who are not Indian Nationals but who have studied 10+2 level or equivalent in India will be assigned category tag GEN for seat allocation to IITs. These candidates are not eligible for benefits of any kind of reservation (e.g. Gen-EWS, OBC-NCL, SC, ST, or PwD)”.

The Board directed to take up the case with the Ministry of Education, Govt. of India for approval as a special one-time relaxation and shall not form any precedence in similar cases, if any. No other relaxation/benefit consequent or otherwise is to be allowed in the instant case.

BoG-40.4.10

Additional agenda placed on the table with the permission of the Chairperson, if any.

- 1. Regarding approval of HEFA term loan of ₹ 326.00 crore under window II instead of window III:**

Dr. Viswanath Balakrishnan, Dean (Finance and Accounts) presented the additional agenda to the Board.

After the deliberations, the Board expressed its concurrence with the recommendations of the Finance Committee (FC) on the matter.

The MoE vide its letter no. F.No. 16-13/2022-TS.1 dated 13-12-2023 informed the institute to apply for the loan under window II (75:25 scheme) as per the institute's loan-paying capacity. In view of the above, the Board directed to apply for

the approval of the loan of ₹ 326.00 crore under window II (75:25 scheme) instead of window III (90:10).

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

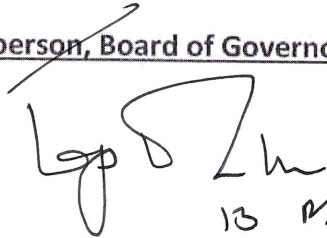


Prof. Laxmidhar Behera
Director, IIT Mandi



Dr. Kumar Sambhav Pandey
Registrar & Secretary, BoG

Chairperson, Board of Governors



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