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**26th OCTOBER, 2022** 



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# INDIAN INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY MANDI KAMAND, HIMACHAL PRADESH



# 36<sup>th</sup> MEETING OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2022

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Minutes of 36<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Board of Governors held on 26<sup>th</sup> October, 2022 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<br>Chairperson, BoG IIT Mandi  | Chairperson  |
| 2)   | Prof. Laxmidhar Behera<br>Director, IIT Mandi  | Member   |
| 3)   | Dr. Pradeep Kumar Agrawal<br>Scientist, Directorate of Special Projects,<br>D.R.D.O. Hyderabad | Member   |
| 4)   | Prof. Rahul Vaish<br>Professor & Dean (Academics)<br>School of Engineering, IIT Mandi          | Member   |
| 5)   | Prof. Suman Kalyan Pal<br>Professor & Chairperson<br>School of Basic Sciences, IIT Mandi       | Member   |
| 6)   | Prof. Rajeev Kumar<br>Dean (I & S), IIT Mandi  | Special Invitee For item no. 36.1.2, 36.3.3, 36.3.4 & 36.3.5 |
| 7)   | Dr. Venkata Krishnan<br>Dean (SRIC & IR), IIT Mandi  | Special Invitee For item no. 36.3.1                          |
| 8)   | Dr. Viswanath Balakrishnan<br>Dean (F&A), IIT Mandi  | Special Invitee For item no. 36.3.2                          |
| 9)   | Shri Parminder Jit<br>Assistant Registrar, Faculty Establishment &<br>Recruitment, IIT Mandi   | Special Invitee For item no. 36.3.9                          |
| 10)  | Prof. Chayan K. Nandi<br>Dean (DORA), IIT Mandi  | Special Invitee For item no. 36.3.10                         |
| 11)  | Dr. Puran Singh<br>Chairperson I/c, School of Management,<br>IIT Mandi                         | Special Invitee For item no. 36.3.12                         |
| 12)  | Dr. Samar Agnihotri<br>Chairperson, SCEE, IIT Mandi  | Special Invitee  |
| 13)  | Prof. Satinder K. Sharma<br>Registrar I/c and Dean (Faculty),                                  | Secretary  |

Leave of absence has been granted to the following:

1) Principal Secretary (TE) Govt. of H.P.

Member

 Shri Hemant Sood Managing Director & Promoter Findoc Financial Services Group Ludhiana Member

3) Shri Krishan Chandra Sharma Site Head & Sr. Vice President LUPIN Pharma Limited, Raisen, M.P. Member

The Chairperson welcomed all present at the meeting including the special invitees.

Thereafter, the Director welcomed all members including the special invitees.

The meeting started with the presentation of the School of Computing and Electrical Engineering (SCEE) presented by Dr. Samar Agnihotri, Chairperson – SCEE about the school providing a brief overview of the school, growth projections for the school for the next one year and the next five years, along with various initiatives that the school is undertaking to enhance its visibility and accelerate its growth. The Board appreciated the efforts and achievements of the school and suggested the following:

- Awards secured by Faculty may be quantified by numbers.
- Publications in the form of journals and conference proceedings details may be mentioned separately.
- The details of MS and Ph.D. scholars may be segregated.
- Monitoring of citation per faculty per year should be done.

Thereafter, the Director made a presentation on overall progress, development and new initiatives of the Institute including Young Graduate Meet and JTG/IEEE ITSoc summer school, School Camp on Robotics and Artificial Intelligence PRAYAS 1.0, IIT Mandi — Catalyst HST2022, KOICA funding, students intake and various MoUs signed by the Institute. Director also briefed the Board about his recent visit to the U. S. A. in August 2022. The U.S.A. visit opened up many new avenues of funding / donations for the Institute which are under process and would be completed soon. The Chairperson appreciated the initiatives and efforts taken by the Director.

#### BoG-36.1.0 PROCEDURAL

The Board took cognizance of comments of the Additional Secretary (Technical Education), MoE and Member, Board received vide letter no. 16-9/2018-TS.1 dated 26/10/2022, through email on the agenda items of 36<sup>th</sup> Board meeting and thereafter, the agenda items were taken up as follows:

Item No.: To confirm the minutes of the 35<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Board of Governors held on 14/06/2022.

It was noted that the minutes of 35<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Board of Governors (BoG) held on 14/06/2022 were circulated and no comments have been BoG | Page 5 of 10

received. Therefore, the minutes of 35<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Board of Governors (BoG) meeting held on 14/06/2022 were confirmed, as circulated.

# Item No. To note Action Taken Report (ATR) on the minutes of previous meetings of the Board of Governors (BoG).

Prof. Rajeev Kumar, Dean (I & S) presented the status of the ongoing works along with likely date of completion. The Board noted the concerns of the FC in delayed works and emphasized the need for levying penalty for delay, wherever applicable. Further, the suggestions of FC enclosed as **Annexure-A**; **Page No. 11** were also noted by the Board

With above observations, the Board noted the ATR.

#### **BoG-36.2.0 ROUTINE MATTERS**

# Item No.: 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:

The Board perused the decisions and approvals accorded by the Chairperson, BoG.

On the matter regarding withdrawal of offer for the post of Assistant Registrar in r/o of Mr. Mayank Sharma, the Chairperson, BoG advised to issue caution to the officials involved in the said recruitment process. Also, to avoid any reoccurrence of such incidents, the Chairperson emphasized to strengthen the proper checking mechanism before the selection of the candidate.

Further, the Board thanked the Chairperson, BoG for the decisions and approvals and ratified the same.

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

#### BoG-36.2.2

The Board noted the developments at the Institute and suggested the following:

(i) To report status of filling up of backlog vacancies in teaching cadre.

The Dean (Faculty) updated the Board about the status of filling up of backlog vacancies.

The Board noted the development and advised to expedite the recruitment process.

## (vii) Updates from Internal Complaints Committee (ICC).

The Board noted the updates from the ICC. The Board also advised to develop a mechanism for quick redressal of the Grievances of the employees.

With these suggestions, the other matters as reported vide agenda item no. 36.2.2 were noted by the BoG.

# BoG-36.3.0 MATTERS DISCUSSED / RECOMMENDED BY THE STATUTORY BODIES / COMMITTEES/FUNCTIONARIES

Item No.: To consider the policy for Intellectual Property Rights (IPR) and Entrepreneurship.

The Dean (SRIC & IR), special invitee presented the item before the Board and briefed the proposal.

The Board considered the recommendations of the Finance Committee (FC) and appreciated the proposed policies. After detailed deliberations, the Board approved the policy enclosed as **Annexure – B**; **Page No. 12 to 63**.

Item No.: To discuss the Separate Audit Report (SAR) on final accounts of IIT BoG-36.3.2 Mandi for the F.Y. 2021-22.

The Dean (F&A), special invitee presented the item before the Board.

The Board considered the recommendations of the FC and advised that the comments of the CAG should be complied. A procedure may be evolved to carry out the stock verification periodically so that the physical verification of stocks and assets including the library can be accomplished in a timely manner. Further, the internal audit mechanism should also be strengthened.

With these suggestions, the Board ratified / finalized the Separate Audit Report (SAR) on final accounts of IIT Mandi for the F.Y. 2021-22.

Item No.: To consider the proposal for creation of hostel for married research scholar cum project employees.

The Dean (I&S), special invitee presented the item before the Board.

The Board considered the recommendations of the FC. After detailed deliberations, the Board approved the creation of hostel for married research scholar cum project employees amounting to Rs. 10 Cr. from HEFA savings and to carry out the construction work through Construction Wing of IIT Mandi.

The Board further resolved to send the proposal to HEFA Board and Ministry of Education for approval, as per the advice of the Ministry.

Item No.: To consider the Proposal for construction of road connecting north and south campuses of IIT Mandi.

The Dean (I&S) special invitee presented the item before the Board,

The Board considered the recommendations of the FC and after detailed deliberations, the Board approved the estimate amounting to Rs. 30.82 crore and to take up construction through Construction Wing of IIT Mandi BoG | Page 7 of 10

by inviting separate tender for road and bridge work respectively. Funds of Rs. 29.5 crore is available under already sanctioned HEFA loan and balance can be arranged from IRG. As per the advice of the Ministry the proposal shall be sent to the HEFA board for approval.

#### Item No.: BoG-36.3.5

To consider the proposal for construction of undergraduate student hostel to accommodate future expansion.

The Dean (I&S) special invitee presented the item before the Board.

The Board noted the observations of the FC that IIT Mandi is left with no hostel facilities after the intake of new UG batch of 350 students. IIT Mandi is in an isolated location, hence new PG students have no option to stay outside the campus. Given the urgent situation, the Board approved the proposal amounting to Rs. 14.18 crore, as recommended by the FC.

# Item No.: BoG-36.3.6

To consider the proposal for re-organization of Academic Structure.

The Dean (Academics), presented the item before the Board and briefed the proposal.

The Board appreciated the proposal and after discussion the Board suggested minor changes and resolved to approve the re-organization of the Academic Structure. After incorporating suggested changes, the approved Academic Structure is attached as **Annexure** – **C**; **Page No. 64 to 65**.

### Item No.: BoG-36.3.7

To consider the inclusion of Director or his nominee in the existing committee composition for Faculty Performance Review Process.

The Dean (Faculty), presented the item before the Board and briefed the proposal.

Considering, the present number of full – time Professors at the Institute the Board resolved to defer the item with an advice to continue with the existing practice.

## Item No.: BoG-36.3.8

To consider the revision / inclusion of provision for per diem remuneration in approved guidelines for appointment of Honorary/ Visiting/ Adjunct/ Distinguished/ Emeritus/ Joint Practice Faculty Members.

The Dean (Faculty), presented the item before the Board and briefed the proposal.

After brief discussion, the Board resolved to defer the agenda item with the advice to route the proposal through the Finance Committee (FC).

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Item No.: BoG-36.3.10 To consider the appointment of Senior Executive Officer at the Office of Dean Resource Generation and Alumni Relations (DORA).

The Dean (DORA), special invitee presented the item before the Board,

After detailed deliberations, the Board approved the proposal as suggested by the FC, which is enclosed as **Annexure-E**; **Page No. 67**.

Item No.:

To consider the creation of a post of Law Officer in the Institute.

BoG-36.3.11

The Registrar i/c, presented the item before the Board.

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After detailed discussions, the Board approved to utilize the vacant position of Assistant Registrar. The candidate having Law degree and relevant experience in legal matters should be preferred, as recommended by the Finance Committee

Item No.:

To consider the creation of Senior Career and Placement (CnP) Cell

BoG-36.3.12

Executive/ Placement Officer (MBA program).

The Chairperson - School of Management i/c. special invitee presented the item before the Board

The Board recommended that an Institute level placement officer be recruited utilizing one of the approved position as per rules.

Item No.: BoG-36.3.13 Additional agenda placed on the table with the permission of the Chairman, if any.

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

Prof. Laxmidhar Behera Director, IIT Mandi Registrar I/c & Secretary, BoG

Prof Satinder K Sharma 22

Chairperson, Board of Governors