



INDIAN INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY BOMBAY

MINUTES OF

THE 251ST MEETING

OF THE

BOARD OF GOVERNORS

HELD ON

JULY 3RD, 2020 (FRIDAY)

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JULY 03, 2020 (FRIDAY)
AT 10:30 AM.**

**AT
BOARD ROOM, FIRST FLOOR, MAIN BUILDING
INDIAN INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY BOMBAY**

The Meeting Number 251 of Board of Governors of Indian Institute of Technology Bombay was held on July 03, 2020 (Friday) at 10.30 AM at Board Room, First Floor, Main Building, IIT Bombay. The VC meeting was held through Webex.

MEMBER PRESENT AT THE MEETING

1. Prof. Subhasis Chaudhuri : Chairman, BoG & Director
2. Shri Sharad Kumar Saraf : Member (through Webex)
3. Prof. A.B. Pandit : Member (through Webex)
4. Prof. Paresh K. Joshi : Member (through Webex)
5. Shri Saurabh Vijay : Member (through Webex)
6. Prof. P.V. Balaji : Member (through Webex)
7. Prof. S.C. Patwardhan : Member
8. Dr. R. Premkumar : Secretary

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

1. Administrator, : Member
U.T. of Dadra and Nagar Haveli
2. Dr. S.S. Sandhu : Member

INVITEE

1. Prof. A.K. Suresh : Deputy Director (Academic & Infrastructural Affairs)
2. Prof. Prasanna Mujumdar : Deputy Director (Finance & External Affairs)
3. Prof. S. Sudarshan : Deputy Director (Academic & Infrastructural Affairs)
Designate

At the outset, the Director extended a warm welcome to all members and the invitees present in the meeting. The Director introduced Prof. S. Sudarshan, Department of Computer Science and Engineering who will be taking over as Deputy Director (Academic & Infrastructural Affairs) of the Institute when the term of Prof. A.K. Suresh gets over in July 2020. The Board welcomed Prof. S. Sudarshan and thanked Prof. A.K. Suresh for his valuable services during his tenure as Deputy Director (Academic & Infrastructural Affairs).

The comments received from MHRD vide letters no. F.No.1-8/2019-T.S.-I dated 01.07.2020 on the agenda and additional agenda were placed before the Board for consideration. The Board **NOTED** the comments received from MHRD.

Item No. 1:

CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE TWO HUNDRED AND FIFTIETH (250TH) MEETING OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS HELD ON 28TH FEBRUARY, 2020

- i) The Board **NOTED** that the Minutes of the Two hundred and fiftieth (250th) BoG meeting were circulated.
- ii) The Board **RESOLVED to CONFIRM** the minutes of the Two hundred and fiftieth (250th) meeting of the Board of Governors held on 28th February, 2020.

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Item No. 2:

REPORT OF ACTIONS TAKEN ON CERTAIN ITEMS OF MINUTES OF THE TWO HUNDRED AND FIFTIETH & PREVIOUS MEETINGS OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS

- i) The Board **NOTED** the actions taken on the Minutes of the Two hundred and fiftieth (250th) and previous meetings of the Board of Governors.
- ii) The Board **DIRECTED** the Institute to pursue the matter through Ministry as well as directly with SAMEER to vacate the Institute premises.
- iii) The Board **NOTED** the two deceased employees' families benefitted from the Group Term Insurance Policy of the Institute during the month of May 2020.
- iv) The Board **NOTED** that few faculty and staff members represented to make the Group Term Insurance Policy as optional and **DIRECTED** the Institute to explore the possibility of making the Group Term Insurance Policy of the Institute optional to the employees who are members of earlier Group Staff Life Insurance Scheme (GSLIS) from next year i.e. 2021.
- v) The Board **NOTED** about Institute's intimation to MHRD detailing the repercussions of adopting EPC mode of contract, pointed out by Building and Works Committee in its meeting held on 19.06.2019.

Item No. 3:

**TO NOTE THE PROGRESS REPORT FOR THE PERIOD FROM
1st JANUARY, 2020 TO 30TH APRIL, 2020**

- i) The Board **PERUSED** the Progress Report of the Institute for the period from 1st January, 2020 to 30th April, 2020.
- ii) The Deputy Director (AIA) made a presentation on IIT Bombay's response to the challenge posed by the novel coronavirus pandemic. The report of Deputy Director (AIA) was **NOTED** by the Board.
- iii) The Board also **NOTED** IIT Bombay's closure of Semesters and Academic Year, 2019 – 20.
- iv) Shri Saurabh Vijay, BoG Member, suggested that appropriate online mode of teaching can be adopted after assessment is carried out for net connectivity, Laptop, power, etc. According to Maharashtra State Government's assessment, 11% of the students' population needs such support. He also suggested that while imparting the digital mode of teaching, to take care of emotional/ psychological factors of the students, so that the stress level is minimized.
- v) The Board **NOTED** the progress made by the Institute during the above period as given in the Agenda Item No. 3 and expressed satisfaction.
- vi) The Director informed the Board that more than half of the amount planned to collect for the students to get laptops/ smart phones, net access, etc., will be sponsored by IIT Bombay Heritage Fund (IITBHF). A press release was also planned on the evening of 3rd July, 2020.
- vii) The Director informed the Board that due to the pandemic situation, IIT Bombay is planning to hold Convocation virtually. The Board welcomed the initiative of the Institute. Prof. A.B. Pandit, BoG Member, mentioned that depending on the success of IIT Bombay's e-Convocation, the Institute of Chemical Technology (ICT), Mumbai, would also like to go for e-Convocation.

Item No. 4:

TO CONSIDER THE PROPOSAL FOR REVISION OF CONSOLIDATED SALARIES AND OTHER TERMS & CONDITIONS FOR THE PROJECT STAFF

- i) The Board **CONSIDERED** the proposal for Revision of Consolidated Salaries and other terms and conditions for the Project Staff.
- ii) The Board **ACCORDED its APPROVAL** for Revision of Consolidated Salaries, medical benefits, TA/DA and leave for Project Staff w.e.f. 01.06.2020 as per the Annexure-4.1 to the agenda item.

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Item No. 5:

TO CONSIDER THE PROPOSAL FOR APPROVAL FOR ESTABLISHING TECHNOLOGY INNOVATION HUB (TIH) AS A SECTION 8 COMPANY OF IIT BOMBAY UNDER NATIONAL MISSION ON INTERDISCIPLINARY CYBER PHYSICAL SYSTEMS (NM-ICPS)

- i) The Board **CONSIDERED** the proposal for establishing Technology Innovation Hub (TIH) as a Section 8 Company of IIT Bombay under National Mission on Interdisciplinary Cyber Physical Systems (NM-ICPS).
- ii) Prof. Leena Vachhani, Associate Professor, Systems and Control Engineering, the Project Investigator for this Project, made a brief presentation on the proposal.
- iii) The Board **ACCORDED its APPROVAL** for establishing Technology Innovation Hub (TIH) as a Section 8 Company of IIT Bombay under National Mission on Interdisciplinary Cyber Physical Systems (NM-ICPS).
- iv) The Board appreciated the Institute to have such a Hub under NM-ICPS at IIT Bombay.

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Item No. 6:

TO CONSIDER THE PROPOSAL FOR THE CREATION OF FIRE AND SAFETY SECTION (FSS)

- i) The Board **CONSIDERED** the proposal for the Creation of Fire and Safety Section (FSS) at IIT Bombay.
- ii) The Board **ACCORDED its APPROVAL** for the Creation of Fire and Safety Section (FSS) at IIT Bombay.

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- iii) The Board **DIRECTED** the Institute to inculcate the safety culture with orientation programmes on Safety norms, practices and relevant legal compliances, etc., amongst the new Faculty, Students and Staff.
- iv) The Board also **DIRECTED** the Institute to conduct Refresher Courses, Certification Programmes for Faculty, Students and Staff on various safety related issues.

Item No. 7:

TO NOTE THE REPORT OF SIGNING OF MEMORANDA OF UNDERSTANDING (MoUs)

- i) The Board **NOTED** the signing of following Memoranda of Understanding (MoU):
 - a) University of Genoa, Italy
 - b) University of Malaya, Malaysia
 - c) University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, USA
 - d) United Arab Emirates University, UAE
 - e) University of Alberta, Canada
 - f) Ekal Vidyalaya
 - g) IIT Bombay Alumni Association
 - h) Mr. RohinKhera
 - i) Dr. Mayur Datar
 - j) MAHLE Engineering Services India Private Limited
 - k) Tata Consulting Engineers Limited
 - l) Mr. Shamkant and Mrs. Sucheta Sarkar
 - m) Alumni Batch of 1993
 - n) Alumni Batch of 1994

Item No. 8:

TO NOTE THE REPORT OF VARIOUS AWARDS / DISTINCTIONS AND FELLOWSHIPS RECEIVED BY INSTITUTE / FACULTY MEMBERS

- i) The Board **NOTED** the information relating to various awards / distinctions and fellowships received by faculty members.

- ii) The Board recorded its **APPRECIATION** for the work carried out by the faculty members and congratulated them on their achievements. The Board further desired that a “**Letter of Appreciation**” in this regard by Director / Dean (Faculty Affairs) may be sent to these faculty members.

Item No.9:

TO CONSIDER RATIFICATION OF PURCHASE OF EQUIPMENT FOR THE PERIOD 1STJANUARY, 2020 TO 30TH APRIL, 2020 IN RESPECT OF VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS / PROJECTS

- i) The Board **CONSIDERED** the ratification of Purchase of Equipments for the period 1st January, 2020 to 30th April, 2020, in respect of various Departments / Projects.
- ii) The Board **CONSIDERED** and **RESOLVED** to accord approval to the purchase of the equipments, computers and spare parts from 1st January, 2020 to 30th April, 2020, as given in Annexure-9.1 of the Agenda Item No. 9.

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Item No.10:

ITEMS APPROVED BY THE CHAIRMAN

- i) The Board **NOTED** and **RATIFIED** the actions taken by the Chairman as given in the Agenda, Item No.10:
 - a) Approval of Detailed Project Reports (DPRs) for Institute of Eminence Institutions
 - b) Extension of Summer Vacation
 - c) Appointment of next Deputy Director (Academic & Infrastructure Affairs)
 - d) Appointment of next Dean (Administrative Affairs)

Item No. 11:

ITEMS APPROVED BY THE DIRECTOR

- i) The Board **NOTED** and **RATIFIED** the actions taken by the Director in approving certain matters as authorized by the Board.
- ii) The Board **RESOLVED** that the actions taken by the Director relating to the following items as given in the Agenda Item No.11, be approved:
 - a) Survey Committee Reports

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SUPPLEMENTARY ITEMS

Item No.12: TO CONSIDER THE PROPOSAL FOR REVISED NORMS FOR UTILIZING THE CPDA (CUMULATIVE PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT ALLOWANCE) FUNDS FOR THE BLOCK PERIOD 2019-2022

- i) The item no. 12 was **deferred**.

Item No.13: TO CONSIDER THE ORDER OF MUNICIPAL CORPORATION OF GREATER MUMBAI MAKING WEARING OF MASKS COMPULSORY IN PUBLIC AND SPECIFYING THE PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION

- i) The Board **CONSIDERED** the order of Municipal Corporation of Greater Mumbai making wearing of Masks compulsory in Public and specifying the penalties for violation.
- ii) The Board **ACCORDED** its **APPROVAL** for adoption of the order no. MGC/A/3742 dated 29.06.2020 of Municipal Corporation of Greater Mumbai making wearing of Masks compulsory in IIT Bombay campus and imposing specified penalties for violation.
- iii) The Board **DIRECTED** the Institute to consult with Local Authorities of the Government of Maharashtra about the utilization of penalty amount while imposition of penalty by IIT Bombay.

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Item No.14: TO CONSIDER THE INCLUSION OF "GRADUATION TRANSCRIPT FEE" IN ALL FEE STRUCTURES FOR THE MASTERS' PROGRAMME 2020-21

- i) The item no. 14 was **deferred**.

ANY OTHER ITEM WITH THE PERMISSION OF THE CHAIR

Item No.15: TO CONSIDER THE PROPOSAL FOR ADDITIONAL LOAN REQUEST OF INR 1.5 CRORE BY IWREA (IITB-WUSTL RESEARCH AND EDUCATIONAL ACADEMY)

- i) The Board **CONSIDERED** the proposal for additional Loan request of INR 1.5 Crore by IWREA (IITB-WUSTL Research and Educational Academy).

ii) The Deputy Director (Finance and External Affairs) made a detailed presentation.

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ii) The Board **ACCORDED its APPROVAL in principle** for additional Loan request of INR 1.5 Crore by IWREA (IITB-WUSTL Research and Educational Academy).

The Director briefed the Board members regarding the issues faced by IIT Bombay from various associations of Alumni both domestic and abroad. These Alumni Associations are using the IIT Bombay name and logo for fund collection and other activities without the concurrence from IIT Bombay and the Committee decided that as per the earlier decision of Deans Committee (13.05.2020) that IIT Alumni Associations and Council may be advised through a legally drafted document from Patent Attorney informing the Alumni Associations not to use the logo and name of IIT Bombay without written confirmation from IIT Bombay.

The Director also informed that a policy to be evolved by the Standing Committee of the IIT Council (SCIC), as most of the Directors of other IITs are also facing similar issues.

The Meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair.



**DIRECTOR
&
MEMBER-IN-CHAIR**