



INDIAN INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY BOMBAY

MINUTES OF

THE 254TH MEETING

OF THE

BOARD OF GOVERNORS

HELD ON

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

The Meeting Number 254 of Board of Governors of Indian Institute of Technology Bombay was held on October 16, 2020 (Friday) at 10.30 a.m. 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. Prof. P.V. Balaji : Member (through Webex)
6. Shri Rajiv Jalota : 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. Shri Rakesh Ranjan : Member

INVITEE

1. Prof. Prasanna Mujumdar : Deputy Director (Finance & External Affairs)
2. Prof. S. Sudarshan : Deputy Director (Academic & Infrastructural Affairs)

At the outset, the Director extended a warm welcome to all members and the invitees present in the meeting.

The comments received from Ministry of Education vide letter no. F.No.1-8/2019-T.S.-I (Pt1) dated 13.10.2020 on the BoG agenda were placed before the Board for consideration. The Board **NOTED** the comments received from Ministry.

Item No. 1: CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE

- **TWO HUNDRED AND FIFTY-SECOND (252nd) MEETING OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS HELD ON 21ST AUGUST, 2020**
- **TWO HUNDRED AND FIFTY-THIRD (253rd) MEETING OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS BY CIRCULATION**

- i) The Board **NOTED** that the Minutes of the Two hundred and fifty-second (252nd) and Two hundred and fifty-third (253rd) meetings of the Board of Governors held on 21st August, 2020 (by Circulation) respectively, were circulated.
- ii) The Board **RESOLVED to CONFIRM** the minutes of the Two hundred and fifty second (252nd) and Two hundred and fifty-third (253rd) meetings of the Board of Governors.

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Item No. 2: REPORT OF ACTIONS TAKEN ON CERTAIN ITEMS OF MINUTES OF THE TWO HUNDRED AND FIFTY-THIRD & PREVIOUS MEETINGS OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS

- i) The Board **NOTED** the actions taken on the Minutes of the Two hundred and fifty-third (253rd) and previous meetings of the Board of Governors.

Item No. 3: TO CONSIDER THE STATUS OF ERP PROJECT IN IIT BOMBAY

- i) A brief background regarding ERP project in the Institute, including its genesis, Wave-wise implementation plan in terms of Wave 1 & Wave 2 deliverables as per PO placed with the vendor M/s Atos India Ltd and the summary of status was explained by the Director and Deputy Director (FEA).
- ii) The Dean (Administrative Affairs) made a detailed presentation on the current status of ERP implementation project, the delays in project implementation by the vendor, especially in the non-delivery of Wave 2 components of the PO due to unilateral stoppage of implementation work of Wave 2 by the vendor, the way forward options, including termination of the contract as per terms and conditions therein on one hand, or descoping the contract by way of modification on the other, considering the state of

progress of the project and the continuously evolving requirements in academic module due to dynamic academic scenario, over the period of time since the PO was placed and in the near future. The Dean (AA) also explained to the Board about the Deans Committee deliberations and recommended option of descoping of contract to exclude Wave 2 deliverables, along with applying penalty as per contract and exercising the right to recovery of cost of investment as included in the contract, as being in the best interests of the Institute. Dean AA also apprised the Board of the alternative plan already in place to take care of all academic and other operations which are part of ERP Wave 2, so that the Institute activities can be continued smoothly if Wave 2 deliverables are descoped from the present contract with Atos.

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- iii) The Board members discussed the issues in detail. The Board agreed with the option recommended by the Deans Committee of descoping the contract with the vendor by way of modification of the contract to exclude Wave 2 deliverables on account of unilateral stopping of implementation and non-delivery of the Wave 2 components, as well as no benefit accruing to the Institute by continuing the contract as is. Various issues to be considered while working out the modifications to the existing contract were deliberated. After much deliberations, the Board observed as under, while considering the descoping of Wave 2 activities from the present contract:
- a) The Wave 1 should be completed in all respect by Atos as per the contract.
 - b) Any expenditure incurred towards Wave 2 activities shall be recovered from Atos.
 - c) No payment for any unutilized Services and Licenses shall be made and the unusable License may be surrendered to SAP, to avoid unnecessary recurring expenditure.
 - d) The Wave 1 AMS activities can be availed from M/s. Atos at the proportionate charges in order to carry on the Institute's ERP activities without any breakdown.

- e) The Board noted that the ERP-EC (ERP Empowered Committee) constituted by the Director, which has been looking into the issues connected with the implementation of the project, may finalise the modified agreement (in line with the above observations) to be entered with M/s. Atos.
- f) In case if Atos does not agree with the descoping as per the terms & conditions set by the Institute, the contract with Atos may be terminated forthwith and all applicable remedies under the contract be applied to protect the interests of the Institute, including blacklisting M/s. Atos India Ltd. Institute may explore other possibilities to run the ERP system through other sources, in case of such an eventuality.

Item No. 4:

TO CONSIDER THE CHAIR PROFESSOR'S COMMITTEE REPORT

- i) The Board **CONSIDERED** the Chair Processor's Committee Report.
- ii) The Deputy Director (AIA) explained the background of the proposal and the points considered by the Committee to the Board.
- iii) BoG Members, welcomed the proposal.
- iv) The Board **APPROVED** to the Chair Professor's Committee Report along with the key changes suggested by the Deans Committee as well as IFAC (Institute Faculty Affairs Committee), as mentioned below:
 - 1. Reduction in the number of institute chairs from 20% to 15% of the number of full Professors.
 - 2. Introduction of 10 chairs for Assistant and Associate Professors together.
 - 3. Performance in the previous 5 years (including outside IIT B) preceding the nomination will be considered in respect of Assistant/ Associate Professor Chairs.

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4. In the event of two applicants (one incumbent and the other a fresh applicant) come up for selection, preference will be given to the latter, provided the academic and professional credentials (all parameters of assessment) are equal.
5. Deans Committee recommended that "Consistent good teaching evaluation record should also be one of the criteria for awarding Chair Professorship.

**Item No. 5: CONSIDERATION OF ANNUAL REPORT OF THE INSTITUTE
FOR THE YEAR 2019-20**

- i) The Board **CONSIDERED** the draft Annual Report of the Institute for the year 2019-20.
- ii) The Board **ACCORDED its APPROVAL** for the draft Annual Report of the Institute for the Year 2019-20 and authorised the Institute to send the final Annual Report to the Ministry of Education for placing before both the Houses of Parliament.

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Item No. 6: ITEMS APPROVED BY THE CHAIRMAN

- i) The Board **NOTED** and **RATIFIED** the following actions approved by the Chairman as given in the Agenda, Item No.6:
 - a) Lowering of Penalty for violation of wearing of Mask norms in Campus in line with MCGM rate of penalty

Item No. 7 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.

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- ii) The Board **RESOLVED** that the actions taken by the Director relating to the following items as given in the Agenda Item No.7, be approved:
- a) Revision/Modification in the usual practice of inviting students' applications for MCM Scholarship/Free-Messing/Remission of fees [AY 2020-21]
 - b) Adoption of Government of India Orders pertaining to Absence during COVID-19 Lockdown period, Protection of pay to Central Government Servant, Mobility of personnel working under Pensionable establishments

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



**DIRECTOR
&
MEMBER-IN-CHAIR**