



INDIAN INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY BOMBAY

MINUTES OF

THE 257TH MEETING

OF THE

BOARD OF GOVERNORS

HELD ON

JUNE 4TH, 2021 (FRIDAY)

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AT 3.00 PM
THROUGH WEBEX

The Meeting Number 257 of Board of Governors of Indian Institute of Technology Bombay was held on June 4, 2021 (Friday) at 3.00 PM through Webex.

MEMBERS PRESENT AT THE MEETING

1. Dr. Pawan Goenka : Chairman (through Webex)
2. Prof. Subhasis Chaudhuri : Member (through Webex)
3. Shri Rakesh Ranjan : Member (through Webex)
4. Prof. A.B. Pandit : Member (through Webex)
5. Shri Sharad Kumar Saraf : Member (through Webex)
6. Prof. Paresh K. Joshi : Member (through Webex)
7. Shri Om Prakash Gupta : Member (through Webex)
8. Prof. P.V. Balaji : Member (through Webex)
9. Prof. S.C. Patwardhan : Member (through Webex)
10. Dr. R. Premkumar : Secretary (through Webex)

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

1. Administrator, : Member
U.T. of Dadra and Nagar Haveli

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 AS (TE), Ministry of Education (MoE) vide letter no. F. No. 1-9/2018-T.S.-I dated 02.06.2021, letter no. F.No.1-20/2017-IFD dated 3rd June, 2021 from Department of Higher Education (Integrated Finance Division) on the FC agenda and vide email dated 02.06.2021 from AS(TE), Ministry of Education, on 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-SIXTH (256TH) MEETING OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS HELD ON 27TH FEBRUARY, 2021

- i) The Board **NOTED** that the Minutes of the Two hundred and fifty-sixth (256th) meeting were circulated.
- ii) The Board **RESOLVED to CONFIRM** the minutes of the Two hundred and fifty-sixth (256th) meeting of the Board of Governors held on 27th February, 2021.

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Item No. 2:

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

- i) The Board **NOTED** the actions taken on the Minutes of the Two hundred and fifty-sixth (256th) and previous meetings of the Board of Governors.
 - a) A detailed Status of settlement of outstanding Audit-paras: The Chairman, BoG, **SUGGESTED** that "The Institute will notify the responsible person and target date to pursue and closure of audit observations and progress will be reported to the Management. After review of Management, the updated status will be informed to the Finance Committee".
 - b) A notification of the implementation of Modification of Policy Framework for Starting a Company and its related matters.
 - c) Initiation of the implementation of Academic Pre-Registration and Fee payments by students (as per their arrival)
 - d) The Board **NOTED** that in respect of admission to M.Des., as per directives, IDC had scheduled M.Des. interviews for admissions for 2021-22 from the 18th to 23rd of May, 2021. Mr. Prathmesh Pedamkar and Ms Swati Yadav attended the interviews.

Item No. 3:

TO NOTE THE PROGRESS REPORT FOR THE PERIOD FROM 1ST JANUARY, 2021 TO 31ST MARCH, 2021

- i) The Board **PERUSED** Progress Report of the Institute for the period from 1st January, 2021 to 31st March, 2021.
- ii) The Additional Secretary, Ministry of Education, BoG Member informed that there is a scheme introduced by Government of India to obtain Patents on fast track mode for IITs like Institutions and IIT Bombay may utilize this fast track route to obtain Patents.
- iii) The Board directed the Institute to check with all IITs about the trend in female students placements so that preference for women candidates by the industry in specific areas can be found out to decide on admission policy.

Item No. 4:

TO CONSIDER THE PROPOSAL FOR INTRODUCTION OF ACADEMIC PROGRAMMES / SPECIALISATIONS

- i) The Board **CONSIDERED** the proposal for Introduction of Academic Programmes/ Specialisations:
 1. Master of Technology in "Urban Systems".
 2. Introduction of Masters of Business Administration (MBA) for Dual degree (BTech.+MBA) IDDD Programme
 3. Introduction of M.Eng. Programme in "Innovation and Entrepreneurship" in DSSE
 4. UG LASE programme in Centre for Liberal Education
 5. Introduction of "Minor" degree in Health Informatics and M.Tech. degree in Health Informatics
 6. Specializations for MBA: Finance/Operations Management/ Marketing/Information System
- ii) The Board **RESOLVED to APPROVE** the Introduction of Academic Programmes/ Specialisations as approved by the Senate.
- iii) The Board **DIRECTED** the Institute to review and evaluate all the new courses and academic programmes after five years.

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Item No. 5:

**TO CONSIDER THE PROPOSAL FOR SETTING UP THE
'CENTRE FOR DIGITAL HEALTH' (CDH)**

- i) The Board **CONSIDERED** the proposal for setting up the Centre for Digital Health (CDH).
- ii) The Board **NOTED** and **APPRECIATED** the proposal and presentation made by Prof. Suhas Joshi, Dean (ACR).
- iii) The Board **ACCORDED ITS APPROVAL** for setting up the 'Centre for Digital Health' (CDH).
- iv) The Board **DIRECTED** to Institute that the Centre being the first of its kind, there should be a thorough review on Course Curriculum activities, Vision, etc., and instructed that the process of recruitment of faculty members should be as per Institute norms
- v) The Board also **DIRECTED** the Institute to review the activities, performance and contributions of the Centre after five years.

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Item No. 6:

**TO CONSIDER THE PROPOSAL FOR SETTING UP OF A
CENTRE FOR LIBERAL EDUCATION (CLE) IN IIT BOMBAY**

- i) The Board **CONSIDERED** the proposal for setting up of a Centre for Liberal Education (CLE) in IIT Bombay.
- ii) The Board **APPROVED IN PRINCIPLE** for setting up of a Centre for Liberal Education (CLE) in IIT Bombay.
- iii) The Board **DELIBERATED** and **DIRECTED** the Institute that manpower for the Centre to be managed from within the sanctioned manpower of the Institute.

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Item No. 7:

TO CONSIDER THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE SENATE FOR CONFERRING THE TITLE OF PROFESSOR EMERITUS OF THE INSTITUTE

- i) The Board **CONSIDERED** the recommendations of the Senate for conferring the title of Professor Emeritus of the Institute.
- ii) The Board **NOTED** with appreciation and gratitude and multi-faceted contributions of Prof. M.S.C. Bose, Department of Mechanical Engineering and Prof. Dinesh K. Sharma, Department of Electrical Engineering.
- iii) The Board **ACCORDED its APPROVAL** for conferring the title of 'Professor Emeritus' of the Institute on Prof. M.S.C. Bose, Department of Mechanical Engineering and Prof. Dinesh K. Sharma, Department of Electrical Engineering who retired from the service of IIT Bombay on superannuation.

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Item No. 8:

TO CONSIDER THE PROPOSAL FOR MOBILITY OF FACULTY ACROSS DEPARTMENTS AND CENTRES

- i) The Board **CONSIDERED** the proposal for mobility of faculty across Departments and Centres.
- ii) The Board after deliberations **ACCORDED its APPROVAL** for mobility of faculty between academic units after following due internal process to be put in place by the Institute and sent to Chairman, Board of Governors for approval by the Director with his recommendations.

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Item No.9

TO CONSIDER THE PROPOSAL FOR RECRUITMENT OF FACULTY IN CENTER FOR MACHINE INTELLIGENCE AND DATA SCIENCE (C-MINDS)

- i) The Board **CONSIDERED** the proposal for recruitment of faculty in Centre for Machine Intelligence and Data Science (C-MInDS).
- ii) The Board **ACCORDED ITS APPROVAL** for recruitment of faculty in Centre for Machine Intelligence and Data Science (C-MInDS) as per Institute norms.

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Item No.10:

TO CONSIDER THE PROPOSAL FOR SETTING UP THE 'TECHNOCRAFT CENTRE FOR APPLIED ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE (TCA2I)'

- i) The Board **CONSIDERED** the proposal for setting up the 'Technocraft Centre for Applied Artificial Intelligence (TCA2I)'.
- ii) The Board **NOTED** and **APPRECIATED** the proposal and presentation made by Prof. Suhas Joshi, Dean (ACR).

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- iii) The Board **ACCORDED ITS APPROVAL** for setting up the 'Technocraft Centre for Applied Artificial Intelligence (TCA2I)'
- iv) The Chairman, BoG, opined that the application of Artificial Intelligence in Agriculture Sector will be beneficial to country and requested Mr. Rakesh Ranjan, Additional Secretary (TE), BoG Member, to check with Ministry of Agriculture about the collaborative projects.

Item No.11:

TO CONSIDER THE APPROVAL OF THE BUDGET FOR THE IIT BOMBAY DEVELOPMENT AND RELATIONS FOUNDATION FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR APRIL 2021- MARCH 2022

- i) The Dean (ACR) presented the budget requirements of IIT Bombay Development and Relations Foundation (IITBDRF) for the year 2021 - 22.
- ii) The Board **CONSIDERED** the Budget for the IIT Bombay Development and Relations Foundation for the financial year April 2021 - March 2022.

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- iii) The Board **DELIBERATED** the proposal and **ACCORDED its APPROVAL** to incur the expenditure as per the requirement for the activities of DRF. Also, the Board **NOTED** the actual expenditure has come down drastically due to pandemic in the years 2019-20 and 2020-21.
- iv) The Board **DIRECTED** the DRF to review the budget for the year 2021-22 and to bring it down to realistic level on the basis of Activities and authorized the Director to approve the Final realistic Budget.
- v) The Board thanked the contributors and alumni who have donated the funds to IIT Bombay.

Item No. 12:

APPROVAL FOR CERTAIN EXCEPTIONAL CASES IN PROCUREMENT OF GOODS & SERVICES THROUGH GOVERNMENT E-MARKETPLACE (GeM)

- i) The Board **CONSIDERED** certain exceptional cases in Procurement of Goods & Services through Government E-Marketplace (GeM).
- ii) The Board after deliberations **ACCORDED ITS APPROVAL** for certain exceptional cases in Procurement of Goods & Services through Government E-Marketplace (GeM) subject to concurrence by the Ministry.

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Item No. 13:

TO EXTEND ADDITIONAL RELIEF ON DEATH/DISABILITY OF GOVERNMENT SERVANTS I.E. BENEFITS OF PENSION AND GRATUITY TO EMPLOYEES OF THE INSTITUTE COVERED BY THE NEW PENSION SCHEME

- i) The Finance Committee approved the matter and recommended to BoG subject to Ministry's (MoE-Ministry of Education) consent.
- ii) The Board **NOTED** with concern the absence of any additional relief to the Institute's employees covered under the New Pension Scheme in the unfortunate event of death or disability, while such a relief is available to other Government Servants.
- iii) The Board finally **OBSERVED** that the issue may be taken with the MoE to expedite the matter with Ministry of Finance. In case of delay in resolving the issue, IITs may be permitted to frame a policy on this issue, by MoE.

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Item No. 14:

TO CONSIDER EXTENSION OF LEAVE TO PROF. TANMAY BHATTACHARYA, ASSISTANT PROFESSOR, DEPARTMENT OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

- i) The Board **CONSIDERED** the extension of leave on medical ground to Prof. Tanmay Bhattacharya, Assistant Professor, Department of Humanities and Social Sciences.
- ii) The Board **NOTED** that Prof. Bhattacharya has still not recovered and is under medical care.
- iii) The Board **APPROVED** the extension of leave to Prof. Tanmay Bhattacharya, Assistant Professor, Department of Humanities and Social Sciences, for another five years from August 20, 2021 to August 19, 2026.

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Item No. 15:

TO CONSIDER THE MINUTES OF HUNDRED AND FORTY-FIFTH (145TH) MEETING OF THE BUILDING & WORKS COMMITTEE HELD ON 19TH MAY, 2021

- i) The Board **NOTED** that as per the provision of the Section 6(8) of the Statutes a copy of the minutes of the Hundred and forty-fifth (145th) Building & Works Committee meeting held on 19th May, 2021, was placed before the Board of Governors.
- ii) The Dean IPS briefed the Board on the important items deliberated in the Building & Works Committee.
- iii) The Board **DELIBERATED** on benefits of allowing constructions directly by Alumni of the Institute in the identified location and as per the specifications decided by the Institute. The Board welcomed such a model of development with appropriate contracts and MoUs to safeguard the interest of all the stakeholders and ensure timely completion of such projects.
- iv) The Board **APPROVED IN PRINCIPLE** recommendations of the Building & Works Committee meeting held on 19th May, 2021, as mentioned above.

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Item No. 16:

TO CONSIDER THE MINUTES OF NINETY- NINTH (99TH) MEETING OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE SCHEDULED ON 4TH JUNE, 2021

- i) The Board **NOTED** that as per the provision of the Section 5(7) of the Statute, a copy of the minutes of the (99th) Finance Committee meeting held on 4th June, 2021, were placed before the Board.
- ii) The Board **RESOLVED to APPROVE** the recommendations of the (99th) Finance Committee meeting held on 4th June, 2021.

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Item No. 17:

TO CONSIDER THE APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS OF THE INSTITUTE FOR THE YEAR 2020-21 IN RESPECT OF:

1. IIT BOMBAY MAIN ACCOUNT
2. IIT BOMBAY ENDOWMENT FUND ACCOUNT
3. IIT BOMBAY RETIREMENT BENEFIT FUND ACCOUNT

- i) The Board **CONSIDERED** the approval of Accounts of the Institute for the year 2020 – 21 in respect of:
 1. IIT BOMBAY MAIN ACCOUNT

2. IIT BOMBAY ENDOWMENT FUND ACCOUNT
3. IIT BOMBAY RETIREMENT BENEFIT FUND ACCOUNT

ii) The Board **APPROVED** the Annual Accounts of the Institute for the financial year 2020-21 i.e. (i) IIT Bombay Main Account, (ii) IIT Bombay Endowment Fund Account, (iii) IIT Bombay Retirement Benefit Fund Account.

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iii) The Board also **ACCORDED its APPROVAL** to submit the Annual Accounts of the Institute for the financial year 2020-21 to CAG for their audit and approval. Once the audit is completed by the CAG, the Board authorised the Institute to send the Audited Statement of Accounts along with Audit Certificate and Report to Ministry of HRD for placing before both the Houses of Parliament.

Item No. 18: TO CONSIDER THE PROGRESS OF IoE (INSTITUTION OF EMINENCE) PROJECTS

i) The item No. 18 was deferred.

Item No.19: TO NOTE THE REPORT OF SIGNING OF MEMORANDA OF UNDERSTANDING (MoUs)

i) The Board **NOTED** the signing of following Memoranda of Understanding (MoU):

- a) Adama Science and Technology, Ethiopia
- b) Tohoku University, Japan
- c) Sunway International Business School, Nepal
- d) Temple University, USA
- e) INONU University, Turkey
- f) National Institute of Technology Andhra Pradesh, India
- g) Mr. Gagan Singh :
- h) Technocraft Industries (India) Ltd (TIIL)
- i) Dr. Olina Raney
- j) Prof. Narayanan Venkataramani
- k) Tecnimont
- l) Tecnimont SpA IPO :
- m) Mr. Bimal Naik :

- n) Tinkerer's Lab
- o) LG soft India Private Ltd.
- p) Mr. Sumeet Nagar
- q) Mr. Balaji Srinivasan
- r) Dr. Arun Jaura, Managing Director Michelin India Technology Centre India
- s) CSIR-NCL(Jignasa 2.0)
- t) Department of Higher Education, Ministry of Education, Government of India

Item No.20:

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. 21:

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. 21:
 - a) Selection of Employees
 - b) Re-employment of Faculty Members
 - c) Deferment of increase in tuition fees for M.Tech/Ph.D students\
 - d) Appointment of Professor of Practice
 - e) Appointment of Associate Dean (Infrastructure Planning and Support-II)
 - f) Nomination of Shri Sandeep Asthana as a Member on the Finance Committee of IIT Bombay
 - g) Extension of Functionaries

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- 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.22, be approved:
 - a) Appointment of
 - i. Adjunct Assistant Professor*
 - ii. Adjunct Associate Professor*
 - iii. Adjunct Professor*
 - iv. Emeritus Fellow*
 - v. Institute Post Doctoral Fellow*
 - vi. Research Associate*
 - b) Extension of Appointment of
 - i) Adjunct Associate Professor*
 - ii) Adjunct Professor*
 - iii) Distinguished Visiting Professor*
 - iv) Emeritus Fellow*
 - v) Institute Post Doctoral Fellow*
 - c) Regularisation of Assistant Professor Grade I
 - d) Adoption of various orders of Government of India pertaining to Reimbursement of cancellation/ reschedule charges for air/train tickets booked for LTC advance due to COVID-19 pandemic, Regulation of Remuneration in case of Contract Appointment of Retired Central Government Employees
 - e) Grant of Sabbatical Leave
 - f) Grant of Lien
 - g) Grant of leave and financial assistance for attending International Conferences / Symposiums / Congress abroad and visits related to Project work
 - h) Survey Committee Reports

SUPPLEMENTARY ITEMS

Item No. 23

**“CONFIDENTIAL MATTER”
(Only for Board Members)**

Item No. 24

**“CONFIDENTIAL MATTER”
(Only for Board Members)**

Item No. 25

**“CONFIDENTIAL MATTER”
(Only for Board Members)**

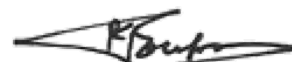
The Meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair.

The Director also thanked to the Chairman, BoG, for his valuable contributions to the Board of Governors, IIT Bombay during his short tenure.



(SUBHASIS CHAUDHURI)

DIRECTOR



(PAWAN GOENKA)

CHAIRMAN