

INDIAN INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY GANDHINAGAR

Summary of the

Minutes of Sixteenth Meeting of the Board of Governors (BoG) held on 21 April 2015

1. The Board NOTED the Director's Overview Report and expressed its satisfaction on overall progress. It was mentioned that the Institute should consider working towards the development of technology for recycling of materials, particularly the disposal of devices.
2. The Board NOTED the progress on development of the Institute campus and the readiness of the Institute to partially shift there in July 2015.
3. The Board NOTED the recommendations of the Building and Works Committee made in its 18th meeting held on 10 March 2015. The Board RATIFIED the reprioritization of balance constructions as decided by the Building & Works Committee so as to allocate more areas to the academic facilities.
4. The Board APPRECIATED the efforts made by the Institute to appoint quality faculty.
5. The Board NOTED the report on non-teaching staff positions of the Institute.
6. The Board APPRECIATED various MOUs signed by the Institute since its last meeting.
7. The Board CONSIDERED the report on Ph.D. admissions during 2014-15 II Semester and APPRECIATED the large number of applications received by the Institute to select quality Ph.D. scholars.
8. The Board NOTED the approved panel of Visitor's Nominee on the Selection Committee for the post of Professor at the Institute.
9. The Board NOTED the MHRD circular regarding guidelines for hiring adjunct faculty. The Board DECIDED that the Institute may continue with its current practices in this regard as these are already in the spirit of this circular.
10. The Board NOTED the allocation and release of a fund of Rs. 185 crores to the Institute by MHRD for the financial year 2014-15.
11. The Board CONSIDERED the process recommended by the Senate for conferment of honorary degrees. The Board OPINED that it is too early for the Institute to start conferring Honorary Degrees (*Honoris Causa*) and that the matter be deferred for the time being.
12. The Board NOTED that the Fourth Convocation of the Institute is scheduled to be held on 01 August 2015 and that Shri Baba Kalyani, Chairman & Managing Director of Bharat Forge Limited will be the Chief Guest for the Convocation.

- 13.** The Board APPROVED the proposed format for M.Sc. and M.A. Degree.
- 14.** The Board NOTED the donations received and APPRECIATED the efforts made by the Institute towards raising donations amounting to about Rs. 5.26 crore during the financial year 2014-15.
- 15.** The Board RATIFIED the enhanced rates for M.Tech/Ph.D. scholarships as per MHRD circular No. 17-2/2014-TS.I dated 18 February 2015 (partially modified by circular No. 17-2/2014-TS.I dated 02 March 2015).
- 16.** The Board NOTED the status of the Centre for Sustainable Development and the MoU signed with Dr. Kiran C. Patel for a \$2 million gift. The Board APPRECIATED that this is the largest commitment for philanthropic contributions to the Institute till date, and congratulated the Institute leadership for this.
- 17.** The Board RATIFIED the selection of Canara Bank for opening a bank branch at permanent campus of the Institute. The Board APPROVED the proposal to designate Canara Bank as official banker of the Institute.
- 18.** The Board APPROVED the proposal on ' Summer School for Advanced Study' a budget of upto Rs. 30.00 lacs per year from the budget head "Other Educational Expenses" for supporting such programmes. Additional funds requirements, if any, should be met from external sources and overheads income of the Institute.
- 19.** The Board CONSIDERED the report of the Senate on the External Peer Review of the Institute. Dr. Baldev Raj and Prof. S P Sukhatme shared their experiences of similar peer reviews of other institutes where they have been a part of the expert panel. During the discussions, the following points were made:
 - a.** Two expert members in the Review Committee could not come at the last moment.
 - b.** The expert panel has pointed out the strengths and shortcomings of the Institute very concisely.
 - c.** The Institute has done so many innovative things and it is time to think what it wishes to do next.
 - d.** Creation of Centres in areas such as Safety, Cognitive Science, Archaeology, etc has been a great move, and no other IIT has some of these areas as their focus.
 - e.** The student feedback can be quite short-ranged since they are not expected to think of the long range.
 - f.** The Board should discuss some of these issues, and if needed, Board may take these up in more than one meeting.
- 20.** The Board APPROVED the proposal providing matching funds to professional development account of faculty for certain transfers.
- 21.** The Board APPROVED the proposed norms for medical benefits to visiting faculty/temporary staff.

22. The Board APPROVED the proposed modification in the system for research initiation grant.
23. The Board APPROVED the proposal on Alumni and Community Emergency Relief Fund with the SUGGESTION that the Institute should in due course develop a robust mechanism for utilization of such funds.
24. The Board APPROVED the proposal on VGEC Collaboration Fund with SUGGESTION that the Institute should in due course develop a robust mechanism for usage of such funds.
25. The Board APPRECIATED the Joint Declaration of Intent signed between MHRD and USAID. The Board was informed that the USAID delegation who visited the Institute for assessing needs has identified five areas of support out of which the Institute is to choose three areas. The Board AUTHORIZED the Director to finalize these three areas for support from USAID. The Board APPROVED the three proposals and AUTHORIZED the Director to incur expenditure on these in a phased manner.
 - a. web gateway and firewall solution.
 - b. cloud computing.
 - c. computer lab setup and centralized storage solution for new campus.
26. The Board CONSIDERED the recommendation of the B&WC on Preliminary Estimates of Compound Wall, Entrance Gates, and Open Air Theatre. The Board RESOLVED to approve that the said constructions be undertaken and GRANTED financial approval and expenditure sanction of Rs. 2.99 crores for compound wall (1750 running meter), Rs. 2.67 crores for the three entrance gates, and Rs. 7.51 crores for the open air theatre. The Board ADVISED that the work on these items be undertaken on a priority.
27. The Board APPROVED the proposal related to personnel matters arising out of on-coming shifting to permanent campus.
28. The Board CONSIDERED the proposal to purchase vehicles for its use at new campus and NOTED that in view of remote location of Palaj campus, the Institute must have some vehicles of its own. The Board APPROVED purchase of the following vehicles:
 - a. One four wheel drive 7 seater vehicle.
 - b. One 100/150 cc motorcycle.
 - c. One moped/ scooty.

The Board ADVISED that the driver for the four wheeled vehicle be retained through one of the service agency. The Board ADVISED that the requirement of buses and other additional vehicles be met through outsourcing for the time being.

29. The Board NOTED that the Institute has received very considerable help from VGEC over the years, including usage of its buildings and furniture at no rent. The Board gave in-principle approval to leave behind all fixtures (including fans, light fixtures, air-

'conditioners and AV equipment) in the auditorium and elsewhere in the temporary campus intact for usage of VGEC while moving to the permanent campus. The Board however SUGGESTED that the possibility be explored with Govt. of Gujarat/ VGEC to recover an amount equivalent to the depreciated value of the fixtures being left behind.

- 30.** The Board APPROVED the proposal relating to used computers, which are more than five year old, to be donated to credible charitable organizations without any cost/ charges.
- 31.** The Board APPROVED the proposal for increasing 25 non-faculty staff positions.
- 32.** The Board NOTED the letter from MHRD regarding revision of PDA to the faculty members of the IITs.
- 33.** The Board ADVISED that at the time of next Board meeting, a comprehensive review of the six Centres be undertaken wherein each Centre may make a presentation of about 15 minutes.