
Indian Institute of Technology Jodhpur
Board of Governors

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Eleventh Meeting**

15 July 2014 (Tuesday)
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The following were present:

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| 1. Goverdhan Mehta, FRS, FNA
School of Chemistry, University of Hyderabad | Chairman |
| 2. Kiran Karnik
Former President, NASSCOM, Mumbai | Member |
| 3. D. R. Mehta
Founder and Chief Patron
Bhagwan Mahaveer Viklang Sahayata Samiti, Jaipur | Member |
| 4. Pankaj Chandra
Former Director, IIM, Bangalore | Member (Via-Video Conference) |
| 5. C. V. R. Murty
Director, IIT Jodhpur | Ex-Officio Member |

The following members regretted their inability to attend the meeting:

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| 1. K. Vijay Raghavan
Secretary, DBT, Government of India | Member |
| 2. Representative of Government of Rajasthan | Member |

The following are the decisions of the *Committee* on the items of the Agenda:

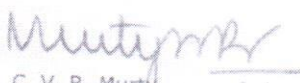
S.No.	Item	Decisions
11.1	WELCOME BY THE CHAIRMAN	
	The Chairman welcomed the Members, and briefed them on the agenda of this meeting. Also, he welcomed Members to the auspicious occasion of the Second Convocation of the Institute to be held on 16 July 2014.	
11.1.1	Confirmation of the Minutes of Tenth Meeting of Board of Governors held on 18 March 2014	
	The Minutes of the Tenth Meeting were confirmed as circulated.	
11.1.2	Report on Action Taken	
	The Board noted the <i>Action Taken Report</i> on the various decisions taken during 10 th Meeting of the Board of Governors. While accepting the report, the Board desired that action be completed on the three pending items. On the matter of implementation of eGovernance at IIT Jodhpur, the Board suggested that possibilities may be explored to include the scope of implementation at IIT Jodhpur in the ongoing or completed eGovernance tenders of IIT Bombay or IIT Delhi.	
11.2	INSTITUTE REPORT BY THE DIRECTOR	
	The Director briefed the Members on the various activities undertaken at the Institute since the 10 th Meeting of the Board.	
	The Director recalled the comprehensive review undertaken to overhaul the three degree programs (namely B.Tech., M.Tech. and Ph.D. programs), that involved development of regulations, curriculum and contents of over 300 courses. The Board appreciated the work undertaken by the faculty members to streamline the academic programs at the Institute in terms of quality and offerings.	

	<p>Also, the Director presented the progress of development of permanent campus of IIT Jodhpur at Karwad Village. The construction schedule was discussed in detail. It was clarified that the construction is likely to start by October 2014, and completed by May 2016. The Board was informed that all efforts will be made to start the Academic Year 2016-17 on the Permanent Campus. The Board suggested that all documents related to the development of the Permanent Campus be archived digitally for durable record and posterity.</p> <p>Further, the Board was apprised of the efforts made towards building systems and processes in the Institute. In this direction, norms were prepared for Teaching, Prizes & Scholarships, Hostel Management, Campus Mentor System, Student Conduct & Discipline, Stores & Purchase, R&D Projects, and Guest Faculty and Adjunct Faculty Appointments.</p> <p>The Director presented the increasing interest of large number of national agencies in the Solar Research Park on the 182 acres of land in the Permanent Campus of IIT Jodhpur. He apprised of the current interests of faculty members in the area of Solar Thermal Research. The Board held in-depth discussion on the same, and asked the Director to come up with a strategic document in the next meeting, describing the framework and blueprint of the plan related to Solar Energy Research at IIT Jodhpur, vis-à-vis the utilization of the 182 acres of land available for the purpose. The Director was advised to work towards inviting three top scientists and technologist specializing in the subject of Solar Thermal Research to steer this technical agenda of the Institute.</p> <p>The Director presented the new process developed for recruitment of faculty members, with the flow chart, with adequate checks to ensure induction of quality faculty members. While appreciating the same, the Board suggested to the Director to take active steps towards the professional development of new recruits. Owing to the limitations in financially incentivizing the new recruit faculty members, the Board advised Director to take personal interest and provide professional advice and also facilitate critical requirements during the early days of their stay on the campus.</p> <p>The requirement for engaging a Professional Counselor (on contract) was presented to the Board, for assisting students to cope up with any challenges that they might face and for their all round development. The Board welcomed the initiative and suggested that this be taken up at top priority in consultation with advice from AIIMS, Jodhpur.</p>
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11.3	DISCUSSION ITEMS
11.3.1	Recommendations of 3rd Meeting of Senate held on 19 June 2014
	Approved as proposed
11.3.2	Recommendations of 8th Meeting of Buildings and Works Committee held on 10 July 2014
	Approved as proposed
11.3.3	Recommendations of 6th Meeting of Finance Committee held on 11 July 2014
	Approved as proposed
11.3.4	Approval of Degrees and Prizes to graduating students
	<p>The Board approved conferment of a total of 158 degrees (including 127 B.Tech. and 31 M.Tech. degrees), on the recommendation of the Chairman, Senate.</p> <p>The Board was apprised of a typographical error that crept in while recording the names of two medals in the Agenda Papers of both the Senate and the Board, namely "President's Gold Medal" and "Governor's Silver Medal"; it was incorrectly posted as "President of India Prize" and "Governor's Prize". As the Chairman of the Senate, the Director sought to correct the said error. The Board approved giving away of 8 medals proposed, with the above change.</p>

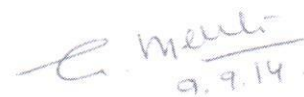
11.3.5	Report of Internal and External Peer Review
	The Chairman briefed the Member about the Internal and External Peer Review process. The Director presented a comprehensive report of the activities of the Institute during 2008-2014 along with the <i>Report of the External Peer Review Committee</i> . The Chairman expressed concern that the innovative idea of conducting multi-disciplinary academics through the structure of Centers did not get translated into effective action. After brief discussion on the matter, the Board suggested to (1) prepare a note on the global trends of hosting Research Centers in academic universities/Institutes along with Departments, and industry perception on the same; and (2) hold a focused discussion on the matter at the next meeting of the Board.
11.4	PROCEDURAL ITEMS
11.4.1	Report on Innovation and Incubation Center
	The Board was apprised that due to unforeseen circumstances, the report could not be tabled by the Institute, although Professor H. P. Khincha had completed his report but, could not submit the same. The Board was requested to permit the Institute to table the same at the next meeting. After understanding the unforeseen circumstances, the Board accepted that the report may be presented at the next meeting.
11.5	REPORTING, ADOPTING AND NOTING ITEMS
11.5.1	Adoption of Circulars of MHRD
	The Board adopted the circulars of MHRD, including the matter of placing the confirmed Minutes of Meetings of <i>Board of Governors</i> and <i>Finance Committee</i> on the website of the Institute for greater transparency.
11.5.2	Report of Faculty and Staff Members joining and resigning from the Institute
	The Board noted the joining and resigning of Staff Members.
11.6	RATIFICATION ITEMS
11.6.1	Reports of Selection Committees
	Ratified as proposed
11.7	ANY OTHER ITEM WITH THE PERMISSION OF THE CHAIRMAN
11.6.1	The Director apprised the Board that at the Meeting of Directors and Chairmen, Board of Governors, at Goa on 30 June 2014, a report was sought by Hon'ble HRM, on the status of B.Tech. (SS) and B.Tech. (BISS) by 30 July 2014. A draft note was prepared and tabled for discussion. After detailed deliberation on the same, the Board admitted the report to be sent to MHRD.

The Meeting ended with thanks to all Members of the Board of Governors.



C. V. R. Murty
Director, IIT Jodhpur

4 September 2014


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Approved

Professor Goverdhan Mehta
Chairman, Board of Governors, IIT Jodhpur