INDIAN INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY (INDIAN SCHOOL OF MINES), DHANBAD

MINUTES OF THE 16TH MEETING OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS HELD ON 28 DECEMBER 2020 AT 3.00 PM THROUGH ONLINE MODE

Members Present:

Prof PremVrat, Chairperson, BOG, IIT (ISM)	: Chairperson
Prof Rajiv Shekhar, Director, IIT (ISM)	: Member
Prof Shailendra Singh, Director, IIM-Ranchi	: Member
Prof Pallab Banerji, IIT Kharagpur	: Member
Shri Rakesh Ranjan, Additional Secretary (TE), MOE, GOI	: Member
Shri Gautam N Mehra, CMD, Savita Oil Technologies Ltd.	: Member
Prof Subodh Kumar Maiti, IIT (ISM)	: Member
Prof Atul Kumar Varma, IIT (ISM)	: Member
Prof J K Pattanayak, Deputy Director, IIT (ISM)	: Special Invitee
Shri Prabodh Pandey, Registrar (Actg.)	: Secretary

At the outset, the Chairperson welcomed all the members of the BOG. The Director informed the Board that Prof. Gopal Pathak, Ex-Vice Chancellor of Jharkhand Technological University has accepted the Vice-Chancellorship of one private University of Jharkhand, and consequently, he is no more a member of the BOG, IIT(ISM), Dhanbad. The Board expressed gratitude to Prof. Pathak for his valuable contribution for the institute as a member of the Board.
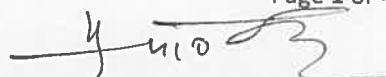
Comments received vide letter F.No. 23-8/2018-TS-I dated 24th December, 2020 from Technical Section-I, MOE on the BOG agenda were presented and considered appropriately while discussing the respective agenda items.

The following agenda items were deliberated.

16/1 Confirmation of the Minutes of the 15th Meeting of the BOG of IIT(ISM) held on 29.10.2020

The minutes of the 15th meeting of the BOG held on 29.10.2020 were confirmed as no comments were received earlier and no comments were offered on the floor by any member.

16/2 CONFIDENTIAL

16/3 To review the Status Report of various ongoing construction works undertaken by CPWD at IIT(ISM)

Shri Manoj Kumar, SE-cum-PD, IIT(ISM) Project Division, CPWD, Dhanbad presented the status of construction activities of six ongoing projects funded by HEFA and other institutional funded on-going projects. CPWD was advised to ensure deployment of adequate workforce at the Project sites so that all projects can be completed as per schedule. The Board insisted upon the strict adherence to the completion dates as decided in 15th BOG meeting held on 29.10.2020 which are as follows:
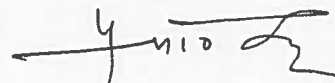
180 Nos. of Type V/VI Quarters	:	31.03.2021
2000 seats (1000 rooms) Boys Hostel	:	30.06.2021
SITC of 3X4000 KVA Substation	:	06.04.2021
Augmentation of 33X11 Substation	:	30.05.2021
Campus Wide Network Revamp (Phase I&II)	:	31.03.2021
Centre of Excellence in Safety, OH and DM	:	31.01.2021
Central Research Facility	:	31.01.2021

Prof Alok Sinha, Assoc. Dean (Infrastructure-PP) presented the status of obtaining fire NOC of various buildings constructed by the CPWD as occupying the said buildings without Fire NOC shall be quite hazardous. During deliberation, CPWD informed the BOG that they have applied for fire NOC of all newly constructed buildings and the same will be obtained by 31st January, 2021. CPWD also informed that they will also apply for fire NOC for the old constructed buildings shortly. For under-construction buildings, fire NOC shall be applied once the construction is completed.

Prof. Sinha also apprised the Board about the major defects cropping up in the recently completed buildings by CPWD and the inordinate delay in repairing them despite repeated reminders. The Board took a strong view on the issue and instructed the Project Manager, CPWD to undertake the required repairs at the earliest thereby these buildings can be taken over by the Institute.

Prof. Chiranjeev Kumar, Dean (IS) presented a report on the improper execution of first phase work of Network Revamp being undertaken by the CPWD. He deliberated on various issues faced by the Institute as well as the users viz. use of pirated software by the vendor, unstable network, low bandwidth, authentication issues, disruption in online meetings/ online classes etc. A couple of incidents of deliberate tampering in network security were also reported by CPWD but no proof of the same could be submitted to the Institute.

After deliberation on the issues raised by Dean (IS), the BOG instructed the Project Manager, CPWD to fix the responsibility on the vendor for its negligence in execution of the work. It was further decided by the Board that a letter be sent to the Director

General, CPWD to set up an inquiry on various issues associated with the poor implementation of first phase of network revamp project at IIT (ISM), Dhanbad.

For executing future projects, the Board also asked the Institute to write to the CPWD that the Contracts should be designed meticulously so that the vendors may be held responsible for non-adherence to the terms and conditions of the Contracts while executing.

The Director informed the BOG that Govt. of Jharkhand has insisted to complete the construction of boundary wall at the recently allotted land at Nirsa as soon as possible as there is every likelihood of possible encroachment by the localities. CPWD was asked to expedite the work and submit progress report periodically to the Institute.

16/4   Director's Report on progress of various activities

The Director presented a report on the progress made by the Institute on various areas since the last meeting of the BOG and the same was noted by the Board.

16/5   Ratification Items

The BOG ratified the approvals accorded by the Chairperson, BOG as mentioned from Sl.No. 1 to 10 in the agenda item. The BOG also ratified the approval accorded by the Chairperson dated 22.12.2020 regarding placing of Deputy Registrars to Pay Level-13 and re-designation as Joint Registrar w.e.f. the respective date of completion of five years of service as Deputy Registrars.

16/6   To receive and consider the recommendations made by the 16th Finance Committee, meeting held on 28th December, 2020 at 11.00 A.M.

Recommendations made by the Finance Committee in its 16th meeting held on 28th December, 2020 were received and approved by the BOG.

16/7   Proposal for consideration of application of Prof Vishnu Priye, presently working on deputation as Director, Indian Institute of Information Technology (PPP), Ranchi, for granting him HAG scale
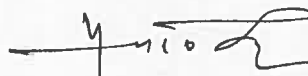
The proposal was deliberated in the BOG. It was approved by the Board that Prof. Vishnu Priye may be granted HAG scale with effect from 08.01.2020, i.e. date of the MHRD (now MOE) letter.

16/8   Proposal of revised guidelines for the appointment of Emeritus Fellow and Visiting Faculty in IIT (ISM) Dhanbad

As per the advice of the MOE the above agenda was routed through 16th FC meeting as an agenda item No. 16/7 of the Finance Committee.

16/9   Panel for Board Nominees in the Selection Committees for non-teaching Group-A posts

The Panel of Board Nominees in the selection committees of non-teaching group A posts was approved by the BOG. The BOG also decided that while conducting the Selection Committee meetings, the Director may choose names from the approved panel in the respective Selection Committees depending upon their availability.

16/10 Proposal for age relaxation for the regular employees of the Institute in Direct Recruitment to non-teaching posts

The proposal was presented before the BOG. After deliberations, the same was approved.

16/11 Mapping the post of Work Supervisor (Civil) in the new Cadre Structure

The agenda was discussed in the BOG. After deliberations, the proposal was approved.

Supplementary Agenda

16/12(1) Consideration of application of Dr. Madhulika Mohanty, Assistant Professor, Grade-II (Contract), Department of Computer Science and Engineering for grant of leave for one year

The proposal was deliberated in the BOG. After discussion, the BOG approved to grant Extra-Ordinary leave without pay for a period of one (01) year to Dr. Madhulika Mohanty as a special case and this should not be cited as a precedent in future. However, this will be subject to the condition that she will contribute in teaching-learning process by taking online classes while on leave, for which she may be paid remuneration on hourly basis as per approved rates of the Institute in Indian Rupees.
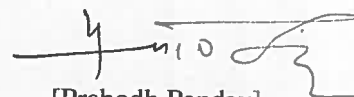
Concluding Remarks by the Chairperson:

There should be a policy regarding key parameters such as Benchmarking, Ranking Targets, Alumni Base, Placement etc, which should be monitored by a Committee periodically and be placed in the meeting of the Board for review. Best practices being followed in sister IITs should be adopted as feasible for IIT (ISM), Dhanbad.

There should a system in place for the presentation to be made by HOD of one Department in every Board meeting regarding their achievements and future goals so that the members of the Board may suggest improvements.

In IITs, alumni base plays an important role for the growth and development of the Institute. Potential of the alumni may be tapped adequately so that the Institute may be benefitted by way of fund generation and placement etc.

The Director informed the Board that from the next BOG, the Director's report may contain information on the above points.

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

[Prabodh Pandey]
Registrar (Actg) &
Secretary, BOG