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

MINUTES OF THE 18TH MEETING OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS HELD ON 18 JUNE 2021 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 Shri Gautam N Mehra, CMD, Savita Oil Technologies Ltd. : Member Prof Pallab Banerji, IIT Kharagpur : 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 Prof Shalivahan, Dean (R&D), IIT (ISM) : Special Invitee Shri Prabodh Pandey, Registrar (Actg.) : Secretary

Leave of absence:

Shri Rakesh Ranjan, Additional Secretary (TE), MOE, GOI : Member

At the outset, the Chairperson welcomed all the distinguished members of the BOG and special invitees present in the meeting. The Chairperson, followed by other members, conveyed best wishes and thanks to Prof. J K Pattanayak, the outgoing Deputy Director and welcomed Prof. Shalivahan, the new Deputy Director of the Institute.

The Chairperson, in his opening remarks, appreciated the tireless efforts made by the Director in conducting faculty interviews and selecting a fairly good number of new faculty members with very strong credentials and CVs. He also highlighted the need for benchmarking against good practices of old IITs as it may lead the Institute to better rankings.

Comments received vide letter no. F. No. 23-8/2021-TS-I dated 17.06.2021 from AS (TE), 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.

18/1 Confirmation of the Minutes of the 17th Meeting of the BOG of IIT(ISM) held on 24.03.2021

The minutes of the 17th meeting of the BOG held on 24.03.2021 were confirmed as no comments were received earlier and no comments were offered on the floor by any member.

18/2 Actions taken on the decisions of the 17th Meeting of the BOG held on 24.03.2021

Actions taken on the decisions made in the 17th meeting of the BOG held on 24.03.2021 were noted.

18/3 A report on pending actions on the decisions taken by the Board of Governors in its previous meetings

The members were apprised about earlier decisions of Board which are not yet implemented since approval / concurrence of the Ministry of Education are awaited on them. Comments of MOE on these matter have also been discussed. The BOG decided that as desired by MOE, a consolidated proposal on items numbered 2 to 5 (relating to amendment in the Statutes) be sent to MOE. BOG has been informed that Consultant, IIIF

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Delhi has been assigned to pursue these pending matters with MOE for speedy disposal. The Board advised the Institute to follow up the matters with the Ministry on regular basis.

18/4 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 the other projects. CPWD has submitted following probable revised target dates for completion of seven projects:

Name of the Project / Work	Earlier target	New target
180 Nos. of Type V/VI Quarters	: 30.06.2021	30.09.2021
2000 seats (1000 rooms) Boys Hostel	: 30.09.2021	31.01.2022
SITC of 3X4000 KVA Substation	: 30.06.2021	30.09.2021
Augmentation of 33X11 Substation	: 31.08.2021	31.12.2021
Centre of Excellence in Safety, OH and DM	: 30.06.2021	31.10.2021
Central Research Facility	: 31.07.2021	31.12.2021

The BOG asked Shri Manoj Kumar, SE-cum-PD, IIT(ISM) Project Division, CPWD, Dhanbad to make sure that the work in the projects is started with full vigour once the COVID situation is eased.

18/5 Director's Report on progress of various activities

The Director made a presentation on the performance of the Institute during last three months in respect of various key indicators viz. faculty appointments, sponsored research projects, placements etc. The BOG was informed that the Dean (R&D) was working tirelessly and as a result of this the Institute could get good number of Research Projects even in this adverse pandemic situation. The BOG appreciated the same.

18/6 Presentation by Department of Mining Engineering, viz. Vision, Mission, Roadmap and achievements during the last two years

Prof R M Bhattacharjee, Head, Department of Mining Engineering made a presentation on the Vision, Mission, Roadmap and achievements of the Department of Mining Engineering during the last two years. The Board appreciated the achievements made and initiatives taken by the Department and suggested that quantifiable outputs of the Departments such as, per faculty publications, citations, Ph.D produced in last five year would give a better picture. Accordingly, as desired by the Board, these information have been collected and shown as under for information of the members:

Details of "Web of Science" publications / Ph.D. from 2016-June 2021 by Regular Faculty Members of Department of Mining Engineering					
Total Publications	Publications per faculty per year	Total Citations	Citations per faculty per year	Total PhD Awarded	PhD per faculty per year
192	1.52	864	6.83	44	0.35

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18/7 Presentation by Dean (International Relation & Alumni Affairs) on the activities of IRAA

Prof Dheeraj Kumar, Dean (IRAA) made a presentation on the objectives, activities of Dean (International Relations & Alumni Affairs) during the last three years. The Board appreciated the same.

Prof. Rajni Singh, Associate Dean (Media & Branding) made a presentation before the BOG and apprised about the activities of the Media & Branding Cell. The BOG appreciated these efforts and commented that these initiatives will improve the visibility of the Institute. This may also attract corporate houses interested in the research and other activities of the Institute which may lead to better placements of the Students.

The BOG was also informed that a new portfolio of Dean (Innovation, Incubation & Entrepreneurship) has been created which will enable the Dean (International Relations & Alumni Affairs) to concentrate on Alumni Affairs and increase its rapport with them so that they get involved in the developmental activities of the Institute.

18/8 Ratification Items

The BOG ratified the approvals accorded by the Chairperson, BOG as mentioned from Sl. No. 1 to 16 under heading A and 1 to 10 under heading B in the agenda item. The BOG also ratified following additional items approved by the Chairperson, BOG:

- (i) Minutes of Selection Committee Meeting held on 04.06.2021 for Assistant Professors in the Deptt. of Electrical Engineering (NONE FOUND SUITALE).
- (ii) Minutes of Selection Committee Meeting held on 08.06.2021 for Assistant Professors in the Deptt. of Fuel, Minerals and Metallurgical Engineering offering appointments to Dr Raj Kumar Dishwar, Dr Rajasekhar Reddy Busigari, Dr S V Karewar and Dr Vishnu Teja Mantripragada.
- (iii) Minutes of Institute Standing Committee (ISC) meeting held on 09.06.2021 for appointment of Prof A K Pathak as Emeritus Fellow in the Deptt. of Petroleum Engineering with effect from 01.08.2021 to 30.06.2022.
- (iv) Minutes of Selection Committee Meeting held on 10.06.2021 for Assistant Professors in the Deptt. of Civil Engineering offering appointment to Dr Bandita Barman.
- (v) Minutes of Selection Committee Meeting held on 12.06.2021 for Assistant Professors in the Deptt. of Humanities and Social Sciences offering appointment to Dr Sruti Kanungo.
- (vi) Minutes of Institute Standing Committee (ISC) meeting held on 11.06.2021 for extension of tenure of Prof Rakesh Kumar as Visiting Professor in the Deptt. of Fuel, Minerals and Metallurgical Engineering till 21.07.2023.
- (vii) Minutes of the Second Stage Committee meeting held on 07.06.2021 for upgradation of Assistant Professors from pay level 12 to pay level 13A1.

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18/9 To receive and consider the recommendations made by the 18th Finance Committee, meeting held on 18.06.2021 at 11.00 A.M.

Recommendations made by the Finance Committee in its 17th meeting held on 18.06.2021 were received and approved by the BOG.

18/10 Implementation of decisions taken by the Board of Governors in its 12th meeting held on 21/12/2019 and 14th meeting held on 30/07/2020 regarding amendment in cadre structure and one time relaxation of the recruitment rules for existing employees

The Registrar presented the agenda before the Board regarding matters pending with the MOE since long. The Board of Governors discussed the matter and in view of the comments of the MOE, reiterated its earlier decisions and made an appeal to MOE to convey their concurrence at the earliest. The BOG also asked the Institute to pursue with MOE on regular basis.

18/11 Representation received from one Faculty Member against promotion of professors on HAG scale

The Director presented before the board the representation made by Prof. S P Mohanty and response thereon from the Institute. The BOG discussed the matter and Institute's response in detail and asked the Director to send the reply to the aggrieved faculty member. The BOG decided that a comprehensive procedure should be developed considering all the parameters of teaching, research, contribution in administration etc. The model so developed should be approved by the BOG and notified before implementation.

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

[Prabodh Pandey] 28/6/2021

Registrar (Actg) & Secretary, BOG