

MINUTES OF THE FOURTEENTH (14TH) MEETING OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF THE INSTITUTE HELD ON 09.05.2022 AT 11.00 A.M. IN THE COMMITTEE ROOM (1ST FLOOR) OF T.I.H BUILDING, IIT (BHU) VARANASI (Confirmed by the Board vide Resolution no. 15.1 dated 06.08.2022)

Members Present:

1. Dr. Kota Harinarayana : Chairman
[Through video-conferencing]
2. Prof. Pramod Kumar Jain : Member
3. Prof. Praveen Kumar : Member
[Through video-conferencing]
4. Prof. Vinay Kumar Pathak : Member
[Through video-conferencing]
5. Prof. Sunil Mohan : Member
6. Prof. Vikash Kumar Dubey : Member
7. Sri Rajan Srivastava, Registrar (I/C) : Secretary

The Additional Secretary (Technical Education), MoE or his representative could not attend the meeting. However, comments on Agenda items from the Technical Section-I, MoE have been received which are placed as Annexure-I to these minutes.

At the outset, the Director extended a very warm welcome to Dr. Kota Harinarayana, Chairman, Board of Governors and requested him for opening remarks. The Chairman congratulated the Director and the entire Institute fraternity on successful organization of 10th Convocation of the Institute. He called upon every stakeholder to strive for growth and excellence in academics and research so as to improve overall ranking of the Institute.

Then the Agenda items were taken up for discussion. The members were informed that the Under Secretary, Technical Education-I, Ministry of Education, vide letter dated 06.05.2022, had communicated comments of the Ministry on the Agenda items. It was decided that the comments will be considered while taking up the concerned agenda item.

BoG Resol.No.14.1
Item No.14.1

CONSIDERED ratification of the minutes of the 13th meeting of the Board of Governors held on 08.02.2022.

RESOLVED that in terms of BoG Resolution No. 8.1 dated 26.04.2019, the minutes of the 13th meeting of the Board of Governors, held on 08.02.2022 placed at Appendix - 14.1-B of the Agenda approved by the Chairman, be ratified.

BoG Resol.No.14.2
Item No.14.2

CONSIDERED recording of the Action Taken Report on the minutes of the 13th meeting of the Board of Governors held on 08.02.2022.

The members perused the Action Taken Report on the minutes of the 13th meeting of the Board of Governors, held on 08.02.2022.

RESOLVED that Action Taken Report on the minutes of the 13th meeting of the Board of Governors, held on 08.02.2022, placed at Appendix 14.2-A of the agenda, be approved and recorded.

BoG Resol.No.14.3
Item No.14.3

A. CONSIDERED ratification of the orders dated 24.02.2022, 25.02.2022, 16.03.2022, 23.03.2022 & 12.04.2022 of the Chairman, Board of Governors, approving the recommendations of Selection Committees for faculty positions in the Departments/School of Electrical Engineering, Pharmaceutical Engineering & Technology, Computer Science & Engineering, Bio-Medical Engineering and Physics.

RESOLVED that the aforementioned orders dated 24.02.2022, 25.02.2022, 16.03.2022, 23.03.2022 & 12.04.2022 of the Chairman, Board of Governors, approving the recommendations of Selection Committees for faculty positions, be ratified.

B. CONSIDERED ratification of the order dated 12.04.2022 of the Chairman, BoG approving the recommendation of the ISFAC at its meeting held on 24.03.2022 regarding placement of Dr. Vandana Srivastava, Professor, Department of Chemistry and Dr. Vikash Kumar Dubey, Professor, School of Bio-Chemical Engineering in Pay Level 15 (pre-revised HAG Scale).

RESOLVED that the order dated 12.04.2022 of the Chairman, BoG approving the recommendation of the ISFAC at its meeting held on 24.03.2022 regarding placement of Dr. Vandana Srivastava, Professor, Department of Chemistry and Dr. Vikash Kumar Dubey, Professor, School of Bio-Chemical Engineering in Pay Level 15 (pre-revised HAG Scale), as per Appendix-14.3-A of the Agenda, be ratified.

C. CONSIDERED ratification of the orders dated 12.04.2022 of the Chairman, BoG approving the recommendations of the IFACs of various Department at its meetings held on 25.03.2022 for placement of Assistant Professor (Grade-II) (previously called as Assistant Professor (Contract) to Assistant Professor (Grade-I) (previously called as Assistant Professor (Regular).

RESOLVED that the orders dated 12.04.2022 of the Chairman, BoG approving the recommendations of the IFACs of various Department at its meetings held on 25.03.2022 for placement of Assistant Professor (Grade-II) (previously called as Assistant Professor (Contract) to Assistant Professor (Grade-I) (previously called as Assistant Professor (Regular) as per placed at Appendix 14.3-B of the agenda, be ratified.

BoG Resol.No.14.4
Item No.14.4

CONSIDERED recording of the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) signed by IIT (BHU) with Foreign Entities/ Institutions.

The members were informed that the Institute has entered into Memorandum of

Understanding with following foreign Entity/ Institution under the approval of the Director:

<i>Sl. No.</i>	<i>Particulars</i>	<i>Date of Signing</i>
1.	Niigata University, Japan	01.02.2022

RESOLVED that the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) signed by IIT (BHU) with Foreign Entities/ Institution, as per Appendix-14.4-A of the Agenda, be approved and recorded.

BoG Resol.No.14.5
Item No.14.5

CONSIDERED recording of the status of pending vigilance cases with the Institute till 30.04.2022.

Members noted that there were no pending vigilance cases with the Institute.

RESOLVED that the status of pending vigilance cases with the Institute till 30.04.2022, be recorded.

BoG Resol.No.14.6
Item No.14.6

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BoG Resol.No.14.7
Item No.14.7

CONSIDERED authorizing the Dean (Resource & Alumni), IIT(BHU) for signing Memorandum of Understanding (MoU)with external agencies on behalf of the Institute for alumni related matters.

The members were informed that the Board at its 2nd meeting held on 22.11.2014 considered authorizing officials for signing of Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with external agencies on behalf of the Institute and vide BoG Resolution No. 2.24 resolved to authorize the Institute officials to sign MoU with external agencies on various contracts/agreements on behalf of the Institute after taking prior approval of the Director on the contents of the MoU.

The members deliberated upon the matter regarding authorizing the Dean (Resource & Alumni) for signing all Agreements/MoUs related to Alumni and other donors.

RESOLVED that the Dean (Resource & Alumni) be authorized to sign all Agreements/MoUs related to Alumni and other donors, on behalf of the Institute, after obtaining prior approval of the Director on the contents of the MoU.

BoG Resol.No.14.8
Item No.14.8

CONSIDERED special provision of maintenance allowance due to unprecedented situation on account of outbreak of COVID – 19 for Research Scholars, whose five-year period was over in June 2021.

The members were informed that the Board at its 9th meeting held on 09.11.2020 and 10th meeting held on 28.01.2021 had considered the proposal of special provision of maintenance allowance for the Ph.D students of July 2015 batch and December, 2015 batch, respectively, who had completed their five years' period in July, 2020 and December,2020. A maintenance allowance of Rs.15,000/- per month, for a maximum period of six months was approved from Institute's internal resources. This special provision was a one-time measure, not to be cited as a precedent.

Members were of the view that the financial support to Ph.D scholars beyond five year period was not tenable. However, considering the extreme conditions of the second wave of COVID-19 pandemic in 2021, members took a sympathetic view and agreed to accept this proposal. Members also decided that no such request of giving special maintenance allowance because COVID would be considered in future. It was also decided that the Supervisor of the candidate, going beyond five years of Ph.D. programme, shall take the responsibility to support the candidate from his project/CPDA/PDA.

RESOLVED that the proposal be accepted for this batch whose five-year period was over in June 2021, for a period of six months only from Institute's internal resources.

RESOLVED FURTHER that no such request of giving special maintenance allowance because of COVID or any other reason would be considered in future.

RESOLVED STILL FURTHER that in future the Supervisor of the candidate, going beyond five years of Ph.D. programme, shall take the responsibility to support the candidate from his project/CPDA/PDA.

BoG Resol.No.14.9
Item No.14.9

CONSIDERED the order dated 28.02.2022 of the Director approving changing the name of Technology Innovation an Incubation Centre (TIIC), a section 8 company, as Ideation, Innovation and Incubation (I-3) Foundation.

RESOLVED that the order dated 28.02.2022 of the Director approving changing the name of Technology Innovation an Incubation Centre (TIIC), a section 8 company, as Ideation, Innovation and Incubation (I-3) Foundation, as per Appendix-14.9-B of the Agenda, be approved and recorded.

BoG Resol.No.14.10
Item No.14.10

CONSIDERED partial modification in Recruitment and Promotion Norms, 2019.

The members were informed that the Board at its 11th meeting held on 27.08.2021 considered the Finance Committee Resolution No. 9.8 dated 23.08.2021 regarding observation of the Ministry vide letter F No. 8-13/2018 TS I dated 12.07.2021 on the Recruitment and Promotion Norms and Cadre Structure of the Institute and vide Resolution no. 11.27 dated 27.08.2021 resolved as under:

RESOLVED that the observation of the Ministry of Education regarding Recruitment Rules and Cadre Structure for non-faculty staff of the Institute and the recommendations of the Institute, be approved.

In this context, the members were informed that various grievances of employees of the Institute were received regarding Recruitment & Promotion Norms, 2019 (approved vide

BoG Resolution no. 11.27 dated 27.08.2021). Subsequently, a Committee was constituted vide Notice No. IIT(BHU)/ADM/01/DPC/Ministerial/9412 dated 10.12.2021 to look into the representations received from Non-Faculty (Technical & Ministerial) employees regarding Recruitment and Promotion Norms. The Committee considered the aforementioned representations of the employees of the Institute and submitted its report on 04.02.2022 to the Competent Authority.

The report of the Committee, which was circulated separately to all the BoG members vide email dated 01.05.2022, was presented before the members by the Registrar(I/C) & Secretary. Members were informed that the Committee had recommended minor changes in the Recruitment and Promotion Norms of the Institute and these recommendations were in line with the Recruitment Rules of other IITs. Members were further informed that the Ministry of Education vide letter F.No. 32-14/2013-TS.1 dated 10th June,2013 had *inter alia* communicated that as per Section 6(i)(h) of the Institutes of Technology Act,1961 (as amended from time to time) IITs were allowed to design their administrative/ management/technical staff structure as per requirement after due approval from their BoG keeping in mind sustainability of expenditure on this account. Members were informed that no new posts were being created and there would not be any additional financial liability on this account.

RESOLVED that the report of the Committee be accepted for implementation in the Institute.

BoG Resol.No.14.11
Item No.14.11
(Supplementary
Agenda)

CONSIDERED recording the Minutes of the 12th Meeting of the Finance Committee held on 27.04.2022 at IIT (BHU), Varanasi.

Members perused the Minutes of the 12th Meeting of the Finance Committee held on 27.04.2022 at IIT (BHU), Varanasi.

The members were informed that the following important and urgent items were *inter alia* considered by the Finance Committee:

Item No. 12.3: Revised preliminary estimates cum DPRs of the seven infrastructure projects (including centenary year projects) prepared by CPWD at Plinth Area Rates (PAR)-2021.

Members were informed that revised preliminary estimates cum DPRs were required to be submitted to the Ministry in compliance to the letter F.No.-8-14/2019-TS.I, dated 2nd March, 2022 of the Under Secretary (TS-1), M/o Education. The same was approved by the Finance Committee vide Resolution No.12.3

Item No.12.4: Deviation of cost, approved by the Building & Works Committee, in ongoing three projects of HEFA-1st loan undertaken by CPWD.

The deviation of cost submitted by CPWD was examined by a three-member Committee constituted by the B&WC. The report of this committee was approved by the B&WC at its 14th meeting held on 12th March,2022 and approved by the Finance Committee vide Resolution No. 12.4. Members were informed that construction of these three projects, under HEFA-1st Loan, was complete and there would not be any additional payment than the aforementioned cost of deviation as approved by the B&WC and Finance Committee.

Item No.12.5: Starting construction of building project of “Department of Architecture, Planning & Design and School of Decision Science & Engineering (G+4)” with an initial amount of Rs. 5.00 Crore from OH-35 grant.

The members were informed that presently, the Department of Architecture, Planning & Design is running in a temporary small space with bare minimum infrastructure of two Studios, one Lecture room and one laboratory. As per Council of Architecture’s norms, five studios (120 m² each), two lecture halls of (60 m² each), three laboratory rooms (40 m² each), one computer room of 60 m² and one room each for Library, Head of the Department and administrative staff are essential by fifth year i.e. 2024. The Institute has to meet all the mandatory requirements for accreditation of the course by the Council of Architecture.

Members were concerned that in view of the statutory requirements as per Council of Architecture’s norms, the construction work of the proposed building needs to be started at the earliest lest the Institute loses the approval to run the courses.

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the 12th Meeting of the Finance Committee held on 27.04.2022 at IIT (BHU), Varanasi, as per Appendix-14.11-A of the Agenda, be approved and recorded.

RESOLVED FURTHER that the Finance Committee Resolution Nos. 12.3, 12.4 and 12.5 be approved and recorded for further necessary action by the Institute.

BoG Resol.No.14.12
Item No.14.12
(Supplementary
Agenda)

CONSIDERED ratification of the orders dated 18.04.2022, 21.04.2022, 23.04.2022 and 29.04.2022 of the Chairman, Board of Governors, approving the recommendations of Selection Committees for faculty positions in the Departments/School of Chemistry, Civil Engineering, Electronics Engineering and Bio-Chemical Engineering.

RESOLVED that the aforementioned orders dated 18.04.2022, 21.04.2022, 23.04.2022 and 29.04.2022 of the Chairman, Board of Governors, approving the recommendations of Selection Committees for faculty positions in the Departments/School of Chemistry, Civil Engineering, Electronics Engineering and Bio-Chemical Engineering, be ratified.

BoG Resol.No.14.13
Item No.14.13
(Supplementary
Agenda)

CONSIDERED recording the minutes of the 14th Meeting of the Building and Works Committee of the Institute held on 12.03.2022.

RESOLVED that the minutes of the 14th meeting of Building and Works Committee of the Institute as per Appendix-14.13-A of the agenda, be recorded.

BoG Resol.No.14.14
Ex-Agenda item

With the approval of the Chairman, the Director informed the members that the Central Purchase Committee of the Institute at its meeting held on 29.04.2022 considered routine problems in getting Comprehensive Annual Maintenance Contract (CAMC)/ Buyback / Spares of all type of Air Conditioners, UPS & Water Coolers etc. The Committee had noted that only few services in a limited manner were available on GeM and the aforementioned services were required in the Institute on regular basis even sometimes on urgent basis.

The Central Purchase Committee had recommended that in future Comprehensive Annual Maintenance Contract (CAMC)/Buyback/Spares of all type of Air Conditioners, UPS & Water Coolers etc. may be done by entering into Institute level Annual Rate Contract. Members were requested to consider the aforesaid recommendations for approval.

RESOLVED that the aforementioned proposal be accepted.

The Chairman, BoG made following suggestions:

- A) The next meeting of BoG may be planned towards end of July/ 1st week of August. He suggested that in this meeting all members should plan to be physically present at IIT(BHU).
- B) He suggested that IIT(BHU) should consolidate and enhance its efforts in development of green and sustainable technologies in areas such as mobility, sustainable industry, sustainable & smart city and clean Ganga.

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

(RAJAN SRIVASTAVA)
SECRETARY

(PRAMOD KUMAR JAIN)
DIRECTOR

(KOTA HARINARAYANA)
CHAIRMAN