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INDIAN INSTITUTE OF ENGINEERING SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY, SHIBPUR

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Minutes of the 27th meeting of the Board of Governors of Indian Institute of Engineering Science and Technology (IIEST), Shibpur, held online/hybrid mode on 7th May, 2024 at 4 p.m.

The following members were present:

1. Smt. Tejaswini Ananth Kumar, Chairman and Co-Founder, Adanya Chetana Foundation, Bengaluru 560 019 - Chairperson, BoG, IIEST, Shibpur
2. Prof. Parthasarathi Chakrabarti, Director, IIEST, Shibpur - Ex-Officio Member, BoG, IIEST, Shibpur
3. Prof. Govindan Rangarajan, Director, IISc., Bangalore - Ex-Officio Member, BoG, IIEST, Shibpur
4. Prof. Amit Roy Chowdhury, Professor, Dept. of Aerospace Engineering and Applied Mechanics, IIEST, Shibpur, Senate nominee
5. Prof. Sudip Kumar Roy, Professor, Dept. of Civil Engineering, IIEST, Shibpur, Senate nominee
6. Shri Narayan Singh Bisht, Dy. Secretary (Scheloship & NITs), Dept. of Higher Education, MoE, Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi-110 001 - Ex-Officio Member, BoG, IIEST, Shibpur.
7. Dr. H.P. Sharma, Registrar (Acting) IIEST, Shibpur, and Secretary, BoG, IIEST, Shibpur and
8. Prof. V.M.S.R. Murthy, Professor of Mining Engineering, IIT(ISM), Dhanbad as Special Invitee.

The following members were absent:

1. Shri Sanjog Kapoor, JS & FA, MoE, GoI, Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi 110 001-Ex-Officio Member, BoG, IIEST, Shibpur.
2. Secretary, Higher Education Department, Govt. of West Bengal - Ex-Officio Member, BoG, IIEST, Shibpur

At the outset, Smt. Tejaswini Ananth Kumar, Chairperson, BoG, welcomed Director designated of IIEST Shibpur and the members present physically as well as those in the online mode. At the onset Chairperson mentioned significant achievement of the Institute in the recent past.

The Registrar was asked to read out the agenda items of the meeting. Accordingly, the Registrar placed the agenda items.

1. Confirmation of minutes

Item No. 27.01: Confirmation of minutes of the previous BoG meetings (24th, 25th, 3rd special and 26th meeting of the BoG)

Resolution 27.01

BoG confirmed the minutes of the 26th meeting, held on 11th December 2023.

BoG deferred the confirmation of the minutes of the 24th, 25th and 3rd special meeting and proposed to present the details action taken report of the said meetings including pending actions, if any; in a tabular format in the next meeting of the BoG.



2. Action Taken Report on Resolutions

Item No. 27.02: Review of actions taken on resolutions from the 26th BoG meeting and others if any.

Resolution 27.02

BoG noted the action taken on the resolutions of the 26th meeting of the BoG.

3. Academic Affairs

Item No. 27.03: Director's report on Institute activities.

Resolution 27.03

Prof. Parthasarathi Chakrabarti, Director reported various activities of the Institute including the construction of thousand capacity Boys' Hostel, the proposed plan for the construction of the Lecture Theatre Complex, infrastructure development, improvement of research facilities, decentralization of work responsibilities, etc. His presentation is enclosed as Annexure.

Item No. 27.04: Discussion on future academic plans including research, course additions, and enhancing academic partnerships with alumni and industries.

Resolution 27.04

After an in-depth discussion, BoG proposed that all Heads of the Departments/Schools/Centres will be requested to prepare a roadmap for future academic plans including research, course additions, and enhancing academic partnerships with alumni and industries etc. within three months for discussion in the Senate.

The roadmap covering various activities, namely, mission, vision, new academic courses/programmes, achievements of faculty and students, research projects (sponsored, consultancy & EPP), international and national collaborations in frontier areas of science & technology, teaching pedagogy, placement planning, unique laboratory development, industry institute interaction with achievable timelines were discussed for needful compliance from various departments, schools and centres.

4. Infrastructure and Maintenance

Item No. 27.05: Director's report on fund allocation and utilization over the past years, focusing on the 2014 grant.

Resolution 27.05

The report on fund allocation and utilization over the the past years, focusing on the 2014 grant, was placed in the meeting and discussed in details. On the recommendation of the Expenditure Finance Committee, Cabinet approved in 2010 an outlay of Rs.592.20 Crore. for up-gradation of BESU Shibpur to IIST Shibpur.

- i. Rs.300.30 Crore under Non-recurring head and
- ii. Rs.291.90 Crore under Recurring head

During 1st five years (Project mode) Ministry released Rs.147.25 Crore under Non-recurring head and Rs.337.61 Crore under Recurring head.

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Considering the sanctioned grant of Rs.300.30 crore and released grant of Rs.147.25 cr. under Non-recurring head Ministry approved a new project - Construction of 1000 Seated Boys Hostel for an amount of Rs.129.44 crore.

Out of Rs.300.30 crore approved during transformation under Non-recurring head [OH-35 Capital], grant released by the Ministry till date is Rs.177.80 cr. Sanction Grant receivable from the Ministry is Rs. 122.50 Crore. The details are hereunder:

(Rupees in crores)

A. Cabinet approved		300.30
B. Less: <u>Grant released till date:</u>		
i. Till the year 2018-19	147.25	
ii. Released for Construction of 1000 Seated Hostel till 2023-24 (Sanctioned amount Rs.129.44 cr.)	<u>30.55</u>	177.80
C. Grant receivable from the Ministry (A-B)		122.50
D. Grant committed by the Ministry for 1000 Seated Hostel [Rs.129.44 cr. - Rs.30.55 cr.]		98.89
E. Balance grant available with the Ministry (C-D)	[Under OH-35]	23.61

As the explanation of the report was not satisfactory, the board asked for a detailed note about the utilization of funds.

Item No. 27.06: Discussion on the institute's master plan, including infrastructure projects such as lecture hall complex, innovation lab, girls hostel, and heritage building renovation.

Resolution 27.06

After an in-depth discussion, BoG decided to prepare a masterplan of the Institute which will take care of the infrastructure projects such as lecture hall complex, innovation lab, girls hostel, and heritage building renovation etc. considering present requirement and future academic plans.

Item No. 27.07: Discuss the avenues and possibilities of creating a Green Campus proposed at the 2023 convocation of IEST, Shibpur.

Resolution 27.07

The BoG considered the interim report submitted by the Committee under the chairmanship of Dean (Planning and Development) on proposed green campus. It is further proposed that while preparing the masterplan of the Institute, recommendation of this committee towards environmental sustainability by reducing (a) dependence on imported water and energy (b) the carbon foot print inside the campus (c) waste export will be considered. To cultivate a culture of responsibility towards upholding a clean and green campus environment, these three approaches will be adopted – (a) Alternative energy and energy conservation, (b) Management of Solid, Liquid and Hazardous waste (c) Water Conservation.



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Item No. 27.08: Consideration of proceedings from the 5th Emergency meeting of the Building & Works Committee.

Resolution 27.08

BoG approved the recommendations of the 5th Emergency meeting of the Building & Works Committee.

Item No. 27.09: Consideration of Ministry of Education's proposal regarding Statutes amendments of IEST, Shibpur.

Resolution 27.09(i)

In reference to NITs Division's letter dated 27.03.2024 sent to all NITs & IEST Shibpur to initiate further amendments in their Statutes as per instructions received from the President's Secretariat (i.e. Office of Hon'ble Visitor), the contents to amend the existing clause 17 (15) of the Statutes have been attempted, as under, to facilitate IEST Shibpur to maintain uniformity in passing suitable resolutions through their Board of Governors:

Amendment in Statutes to prevent overlap in functioning of Director and Chairperson

(v) "In the event of the occurrence of any vacancy in the office of the Chairperson of Board of Governors by reason of expiry of his or her tenure, death, resignation or otherwise or in the event of the Chairperson being unable to discharge his or her functions owing to absence, illness or any other cause, the Chairperson of an Institute of National Importance (INI) nominated by the Visitor to fill up the casual vacancy, may discharge the functions assigned to the Chairperson under Section 16 of the Act, for a period of six months or till the nomination of a regular Chairperson, whichever is earlier.

Additionally, in case of expiry of tenure, the Visitor may extend the term of the incumbent Chairperson for a period of six months or till the nomination of a regular Chairperson, whichever is earlier."

As the relevant provisions in the Statutes are being inserted under clause (v) of Statute 14 of the Statutes in order to have clear distinctions between the responsibilities of Director and Chairperson and to prevent any overlap of functions provided in the Statutes, it is, therefore, necessary to delete clause (15) of Statute 17 of the Statutes of IEST Shibpur, which exist as under:-

"In the event of the occurrence of any vacancy in the office of the Chairperson by reason of his death, resignation, or otherwise or in the event of the Chairperson being unable to discharge his functions owing to absence, illness or any other cause, the Director may discharge the functions assigned to the Chairperson under Section 16 of the Act".

BoG considered and approved the necessary amendment to insert the clause in Statute 14 and delete clause (15) of Statutes of IEST, Shibpur.

Resolution 27.09(ii)

BoG noted the publication of the Notification in the Gazette of India, Extraordinary, Part III, Section IV on 4th April 2024 for amendment of the first Statutes of the IEST, Shibpur.

5. HR Related



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Item No. 27.10: Review of recruitment of faculty department wise and discuss the possible solutions and Status of non-teaching employee recruitment.

Resolution 27.10

This item is deferred.

Item No. 27.11: Various issues related to non-teaching H R of the institute.

- First phase beneficiaries of restructuring.
- Status of non-submission of acceptance for fitment/promotion orders.
- Recruitment of Deputy Registrar and Superintendent Engineer
- Audit observations regarding the Former acting registrar and related report
- Consideration of counting past services cases.

Resolution 27.11

This item is deferred.

Item No. 27.12: Allocation of Seed Grants to newly joined faculty members.

Resolution 27.12

This item is deferred.

6. Nomination and Reporting

Item No. 27.13: Report on pending court cases affecting pensionary benefits.

Resolution 27.13

This item is deferred.

7. Finance Related

Item No. 27.14: Report on tentative Annual Budget Allocation for FY 2024-25 by MoE, GoI.

Resolution 27.14

This item is deferred.

Item No. 27.15: Discussion and approval of FC 18th meeting decisions.

Resolution 27.15

BoG considered and approved the recommendations of the 18th meeting of the Finance Committee. The detailed recommendations are enclosed as Annexure I.

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

(Dr. H.P. Sharma)

Registrar (Actg.) and Secretary to the BoG, IEST, Shibpur

Approved

(Smt. Tejaswini AnanthKumar)

Chairman and Co-Founder, Adamya Chetana Foundation and
Chairperson, Board of Governors, IEST, Shibpur