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(शिक्षा मंत्रालय भारत सरकार द्वारा स्थापित)

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INDIAN INSTITUTE OF SCIENCE EDUCATION AND RESEARCH MOHALI

(Estd. By Ministry of Education, Govt. of India)

Sector – 81, Knowledge City, P.O. Manauli, S.A.S. Nagar, Mohali, Punjab -140 306

Minutes for the 42nd Meeting of the Board of Governors of IISER Mohali held by Video Conference on December 21, 2020 at 4.00 P.M.

The following members were present in the meeting:

1.	Dr. Renu Swarup, Secretary DBT	Chairperson
2.	Professor Govindan Rangarajan, Director, Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore	Member
3.	Dr. J. K. Arora, Executive Director PSCST, Nominee of Chief Secretary, Govt. of Punjab	Member
4.	Prof. J. Gowrishankar, Director, IISER Mohali	Member
5.	Sh. K. V. Uday Kiran Under Secretary, MoE on behalf of Joint Secretary & Financial Advisor, MoE	Member
6.	Professor Ramandeep Singh Johal, IISER Mohali	Member
7.	Prof. Jagdeep Singh, Registrar, IISER Mohali	Secretary

The following Member could not attend the Meeting due to their previous commitments. Leave of absence was granted to the following Members:

1.	Secretary (DHE), Ministry of Education, New Delhi	Member
2.	Professor Sarit K Das, Director IIT Ropar, Ropar	Member
3.	Dr. Madhu Dikshit, National Professor, (Former Director, CSIR-Central Drug Research Institute), Translation Health Science & Technology Institute, Faridabad	Member
4.	Prof. Kavita Dorai, IISER Mohali	Member

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B.O.G.20.42.1	Welcome Remarks by the Director and Director's Report
	<p>As we approach the end of the calendar year and with the world continuing to be ravaged by the ill effects of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Institute has worked hard to try and ensure that its teaching and research activities are maintained without any irreparable losses.</p> <p>The monsoon semester courses were conducted online; a majority of them have been completed successfully including the evaluations, despite considerable difficulties that</p>

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	<p>were faced in the process by both faculty and students. (Some laboratory courses remain incomplete, and suitable slots for completing these have been identified in summer 2021.) Approximately 20% of students taking the online courses, who experienced internet connectivity problems at home, have been permitted to stay on campus. This is in addition to all PhD students and final year BS-MS students who are doing research projects in the labs, making a total of about 650 students on campus. Arrangements are in place for continued online teaching in the forthcoming spring semester as well, beginning 4 Jan 2021. Student admissions to the 1st year of the BS-MS program (co-ordinated with all 7 IISERs) are also nearing completion, with online orientation and teaching set to begin by 4 Jan 2021. This batch will do an additional semester in summer in order to align with the usual schedule by the monsoon semester 2021.</p> <p>The Institute continues to perform COVID-19 RT-PCR testing for the Govt of Punjab, with the assistance of volunteer faculty and students and a few hired personnel. Prof. Sudeshna Sinha has assumed charge on 24 Nov 2020 as the first Deputy Director. Prof. N. G. Prasad and Dr. Lolitika Mandal have been elected (starting January 2021) to fellowships of the Indian Academy of Sciences and the National Academy of Sciences (India), respectively.</p>
B.O.G.20.42.2	Opening Remarks by the Chairperson.
	<p>The Chairperson complimented the efforts undertaken by the Director, faculty and the administration for keeping up the pace of teaching during this difficult time. She wished that the Institute will continue in the same way to undertake teaching in the coming semester, taking full precautions against COVID 19 as specified instructions from the Government of India. She also requested representatives of the Ministry of Education that since the Ministry is now working at a normal level, the pending issues of the institute may be sorted out expeditiously so that working of the institute would not suffer.</p>
B.O.G.20.42.3	Confirmation of Draft Minutes of the 41st Meeting of the BOG, IISER Mohali held on October 29, 2020
	<p>Draft Minutes of the 41st Meeting of the Board held on 18.10.2020 have been circulated. Prof. Kavita Dorai sent her comments for correction on Item No.BOG.20.41.8 and BOG.20.41.9 as:(Annexed)</p> <p>“Prof. Kavita, R. S. Johal and Jagdeep Singh were asked to recuse themselves by the Board Chairperson during the discussion on this item.”</p>

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	For confirmation with modification please.		
Decision	Confirmed with the modifications.		
B.O.G.20.42.4	Action taken report on the draft minutes of the 41 st Meeting of the BOG held on October 29, 2020		
	The Action Taken Report on the items requiring follow-up action on the decisions of the 41 st meeting of the Board held on October 29, 2020 is as follows, and placed for the consideration of the Board.		
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	B.O.G.20.41.1	Welcome Remarks by the Director and Director's Report	-
	B.O.G.20.41.2	Opening Remarks by the Chairperson.	-
	B.O.G.20.41.3	Confirmation of Draft Minutes of the 40 th Meeting of the BOG, IISER Mohali held on August 18, 2020	Confirmed.
	B.O.G.20.41.4	Action taken report on the draft minutes of the 40 th meeting of the BOG held on August 18, 2020	Noted.
	For Consideration and Approval		
	B.O.G.20.41.5	Items arising from the Finance Committee Meeting held on 29/10/2020.	
	F.C.20.35.05	Three months extension of partial fellowship support to PhD students with institutional fellowships	Noted. Notifications issued.
	F.C.20.35.06	Implementation of Telephone reimbursement as per the O.M. of Ministry of Finance	Noted. Notifications issued.
	F.C.20.35.07	Implementation of Travelling Allowance Rules- as per OM No.19030/1/2017-E.IV dated 13/07/2017	A communication has been sent to Ministry of Education.
	Reporting		
	F.C.20.35.08	Financial Position as on September 30, 2020	Noted
	B.O.G.20.41.6	Approval for Contractual Appointments of Non-Teaching Staff	See Agenda Item No.
	B.O.G.20.41.7	Creation of Faculty and Non-Faculty Positions at IISER Mohali	Letter sent to Ministry of Education
	B.O.G.20.41.8	Matter concerning advisory reprimand to Prof. J. S. Bagla	Noted
	B.O.G.20.41.9	Appointment of Deputy Director and placement of Professors in HAG scale	Prof. Sudeshna Sinha has been appointed as Deputy Director and she joined the position as Deputy Director.

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Decision			Letter regarding Placement of Profs. Jasjeet Bagla and Arvind has been sent to Ministry for its clearance
	Reporting		
	B.O.G.20.41.10	Appointments of Faculty	Noted.
	B.O.G.20.41.11	COVID -19 RT-PCR testing at the Institute	Noted.
	B.O.G.20.41.12	Any Other Items with the permission of the Chair	
		1. Appointments of Adjunct and Honorary Faculty	Noted.
	Noted.		
For Consideration and Approval			
B.O.G.20.42.5	Recruitment of Non-Faculty positions		
	<p>The Institute urgently wishes to advertise 54 vacancies in the sanctioned strength of non-teaching staff, and the draft IISER Common Recruitment Rules are pending approval with the Ministry since February 2020. At the 41st BoG meeting held on 29.10.2020, the Ministry had suggested that the Institute can adopt the NIT Recruitment Rules for appointment of non-teaching staff with necessary modification, and this was approved by the BoG.</p> <p>However, perusal of the NIT Recruitment Rules has shown that it is only 07 categories, out of 17 categories positions at IISER Mohali, there is equivalence with the NIT system. These are the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Assistant Registrar (Grade Pay: Rs.5400/-)2. Medical Officer (Grade Pay: Rs.5400/-)3. Scientific Officer (Grade Pay: Rs.5400/-)4. Sr. Technical Assistant (Grade Pay: Rs.4600/-)5. Lab Technician (Grade Pay: Rs.4200/-) mentioned Technician (SG-I) in NIT, RRs.6. Library Information Assistant (Grade Pay: Rs.4200/-)7. Attendant (Grade Pay: Rs.1800/-) <p>For the other 10 categories, there is no match with the NIT RRs as shown in the Table below:-</p>		

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	Sr. No.	Name of the post in IISER (Grade Pay)	Difficulties with regard to the sanctioned posts at IISER Mohali vis-à-vis NIT RRs
	1	Deputy Librarian (Academic Grade Pay:Rs.8000/-)	For post of Deputy Librarian in NIT RRs, the AGP is Rs.7600/-.
	2	Senior Scientific Officer (Grade pay: Rs.6600/-)	For post of Senior Scientific Officer in NIT RRs, the GP is Rs.7600/-.
	3	Assistant Librarian (Grade Pay: Rs.6000/-)	For post of Assistant Librarian in NIT RRs, the GP is Rs.5400/-.
	4	Sr. Lab Assistant (Grade Pay: Rs.4600/-)	Post of Sr. Lab Assistant is not available in NIT RRs.
	5	Nurse (Grade Pay: Rs.4600/-)	Post of Nurse is not available in NIT RRs.
	6	Sr. Scientific Assistant (Grade Pay: Rs.4600/-)	Post of Sr. Scientific Assistant is not available in NIT RRs.
	7	Office Superintendent (Grade Pay: Rs.4200/-)	Two years' experience in GP Rs.4200/- as Assistant (SG-I) is required, in case of promotion, but post of Assistant (SG-I) not available at IISER Mohali.
	8	Scientific Assistant (Grade Pay: Rs.4200/-)	Post of Scientific Assistant is not available in NIT RRs.
	9	Office Assistant (Multi-skill) (Grade Pay: Rs.2800/-)	Post of Office Assistant (Multi-skill) is not available in NIT RRs.
	10	Lab Assistant (Grade Pay: Rs.2800/-)	Post of Lab Assistant is not available in NIT RRs.
Decision	BOG after detailed deliberations resolved that, pending the approval of IISER		

The difficulty of adopting NIT RRs for IISERs has also been brought out earlier in letter dated 30.09.2019 from Registrar, IISER Mohali to Ministry (Annexure-II).

For these remaining 10 categories, BoG approval is requested for the attached Recruitment Rules, which have been taken from the draft IISER CRRs, for completing the current set of recruitments.

It is submitted for consideration and approval of the Board.

Comments of the Finance Division, Ministry of Education : Recruitment against sanctioned strength for 7 matching posts with NIT RRs, may be carried out. For rest of the 10 categories of posts, framing of RRs may be expedited from the Ministry. Till such period, if it is necessary, staff may be hired through outsourcing on purely temporary contract basis.

Responding to the inputs of the representative of IFD of the Ministry, the Director requested the Board that wherever mapping of the posts in NIT RRs is not available, the institute may be permitted to map the post against approved IIT RRs. Director IISc also exhorted that IISERs on the one hand are closer to IITs and IISc rather than to NITs on the other, in terms of pay scales and classification of posts; hence the Institute may be permitted to map the posts against IIT RRs.

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	<p>RRs by the Ministry of Education:</p> <p>i) the institute may go ahead for the recruitment of seven (07) categories of non-faculty positions which have been mapped with the NIT Recruitment Rules.</p> <p>ii) for the remaining 10 categories of posts as well as for other cases in future, where mapping with NIT Recruitment Rules is not available the IIT Recruitment Rules may be considered. For the category (ii), the recommendations of the BoG are to be sent to the Ministry for approval, and the recruitment process is to start after such approval is obtained.</p>																																																							
B.O.G.20.42.6	Items arising from the 43rd Senate Meeting held on 16.12.2020																																																							
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	<p>The Senate recommended following students for Award of BS-MS Degrees to the Board for its approval.</p> <p>MS 13 Batch:</p> <table><tr><th>S. No.</th><th>Name</th><th>Reg. No.</th><th>Subject</th><th>CPI</th></tr><tr><td>1.</td><td>Saurav Shekhar (with 2F)</td><td>MS13138</td><td>BIO</td><td>5.4</td></tr></table> <p>MS14 Batch:</p> <table><tr><th>S. No.</th><th>Name</th><th>Reg. No.</th><th>Subject</th><th>CPI</th></tr><tr><td>1.</td><td>Aman Dhiman</td><td>MS14079</td><td>MTH</td><td>5.0</td></tr><tr><td>2.</td><td>Chavan Aniket Laxman (with 1F)</td><td>MS14187</td><td>PHY</td><td>6.1</td></tr></table> <p>MS15 Batch:</p> <table><tr><th>S. No.</th><th>Name</th><th>Reg. No.</th><th>Subject</th><th>CPI</th></tr><tr><td>1.</td><td>Thabassum Ahammad Nk</td><td>MS15110</td><td>CHM</td><td>8.1</td></tr><tr><td>2.</td><td>Hem Lata</td><td>MS15138</td><td>BIO</td><td>6.6</td></tr><tr><td>3.</td><td>Tamanna</td><td>MS15141</td><td>MTH</td><td>5.8</td></tr><tr><td>4.</td><td>Shivansh (with 1 F)</td><td>MS15198</td><td>BIO</td><td>6.0</td></tr><tr><td>5.</td><td>Mohit Baswal (with 2 F)</td><td>MS15207</td><td>BIO</td><td>5.4</td></tr></table> <p>On the recommendation of the Senate, it is submitted to the Board to accord its approval for awarding the BS-MS Degree.</p>	S. No.	Name	Reg. No.	Subject	CPI	1.	Saurav Shekhar (with 2F)	MS13138	BIO	5.4	S. No.	Name	Reg. No.	Subject	CPI	1.	Aman Dhiman	MS14079	MTH	5.0	2.	Chavan Aniket Laxman (with 1F)	MS14187	PHY	6.1	S. No.	Name	Reg. No.	Subject	CPI	1.	Thabassum Ahammad Nk	MS15110	CHM	8.1	2.	Hem Lata	MS15138	BIO	6.6	3.	Tamanna	MS15141	MTH	5.8	4.	Shivansh (with 1 F)	MS15198	BIO	6.0	5.	Mohit Baswal (with 2 F)	MS15207	BIO	5.4
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Decision	<p>The Senate recommended following student for Award of MS Degree to the Board for its approval.</p> <p>1. Satpute Ganesh Ashok, MP17014</p> <p>On the recommendation of the Senate, it is submitted to the Board to accord its approval for awarding the MS Degree.</p> <p>The Board approved the recommendation of the Senate for awarding the MS Degree as mentioned above.</p>								
Senate 20.43.06	Students Fulfilling the Requirements for Award of PhD degree								
Decision	<p>The Senate recommended following students for Award of Ph.D. Degree to the Board for its approval.</p> <p>1. Mr. Ankur Sharma, PH14208 2. Mr. Keerthivasan R C, PH15011 3. Mr. Ashmeet Singh, PH14207 4. Mr. Avinash Singh, PH14041 5. Ms. Neha, PH14219 6. Ms Shalini Yadav, PH13005 7. Amit Vashist, PH14042 8. Ms Renu Rani, PH14222 9. Mr. Sandeep, PH14224</p> <p>On the recommendation of the Senate, it is submitted to the Board to accord its approval for awarding the Ph.D. Degree.</p> <p>The Board approved the recommendation of the Senate for awarding the Ph.D. Degree as mentioned above.</p>								
Senate 20.43.36	Students Fulfilling the Requirements for Award of BS Degree								
Decision	<p>The Senate recommended following students for Award of BS Degree to the Board for its approval.</p> <p>MS15 Batch:</p> <table><tr><th>S. No.</th><th>Name</th><th>Reg. No.</th><th>CPI</th></tr><tr><td>1</td><td>Somoshree Barik</td><td>MS15015</td><td>5.1*</td></tr></table> <p>On the recommendation of the Senate, it is submitted to the Board to accord its approval for awarding the BS Degree.</p> <p>The Board approved the recommendation of the Senate for awarding the BS</p>	S. No.	Name	Reg. No.	CPI	1	Somoshree Barik	MS15015	5.1*
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B.O.G.20.42.7	Proposal to allow Late Payment of Fees for Students (BS-MS) without Penalty for delay up to three months																		
Decision	<p>The Board in its 40th Meeting had approved the proposal to allow late payment of fees for BS-MS students without penalty for delay up to three months. Since the pandemic is not yet over, the BOG is requested to extend this approval for delayed fee payment in the coming Spring Semester as well</p> <p>It is submitted for consideration and approval of the Board.</p> <p>The BoG resolved to allow late payment of fee for the students without penalty for up to three months for the Spring Semester.</p> <p>The BoG further resolved that some powers of the BoG can be delegated to the Director or other suitable authority, so that ordinary issues are resolved at the level of institute itself without delay. The Board asked the institute to prepare a draft document on delegation of powers in consultation with Director IISc, and to bring it for discussion in the next meeting of the BOG.</p>																		
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	resolved at the earliest so that the normal working of the institute may not suffer.																																				
B.O.G.20.42.9	Audit Paras																																				
Decision	<p>As informed in the BoG in its 40th Meeting 81 Audit paras had been pending before the present Director and Registrar joined the Institute. The replies to all the Audit Paras have been submitted to the CAG.</p> <p>It is for the information of the Board.</p> <p>BoG recorded its appreciation to the Administration for submission of replies to the observations of the Audit Paras to CAG Office.</p>																																				
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1	Nomination of CPWD Officer for B & WC,IISER Mohali																																				
	<p>The BOG in its 39th Meeting held on 04.05.2020 has approved Sh. Gopal Varshney, SE Vigilance CPWD, New Delhi as a member of B &WC, under the category (e) i.e. one Civil Engineer not below the rank of Superintendent Engineer. Thereafter letter was written to DG CPWD, New Delhi for communicating the nomination of Sh. Gopal Varshney as a member of B &WC IISER Mohali. It has been now communicated by the CPWD that the DG, CPWD has approved the nomination of Sh. Chander Bhushan Singh, SE Civil-1, CPWD, Kendriya Sadan, Chandigarh as a member of B &WC instead of Sh. Gopal Varshney.</p> <p>The Board is requested that the nomination of Sh. Chander Bhushan Singh, SE Civil-I may please be approved by BOG IISER Mohali.</p>																																				

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Decision	<p>It is submitted for consideration and approval of the Board.</p> <p>The Board approved that the representative of CPWD not below the rank of SE will be a Member of B & WC. It is an ex-officio position, and the person is to be nominated by DG CPWD.</p>
2.	Deputy Director as Special Invitee in BOG
	The Board approved the request of the Director for the Deputy Director to be a Special Invitee at future meetings of the BOG.