



INDIAN INSTITUTE OF SCIENCE EDUCATION AND RESEARCH MOHALI

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Sector 81, Knowledge City, P. O. Manauli, S.A.S. Nagar, Mohali, Punjab

Minutes for the 33rd Meeting of the Board of Governors, IISER Mohali held on 29.8.2018 at 11.30 a.m. in the committee Room of MHRD, Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi. The following members were present:

1	Dr. Madhuchanda Kar	Chairperson
2.	Shri V.L.V.S.S. Subba Rao, Additional Secretary, MHRD	Member
3.	Dr. Satnam Singh, representative of Shri Karan Avtar Singh, I.A.S.	Member
4.	Professor Sarit Kumar Das	Member
5.	Mr. Arun Kumar, representative of Ms. Darshana M Dabral, IAS	Member
6.	Professor R. S. Dubey	Member
7.	Dr. Anushree Gupta	Member
8.	Professor Debi P. Sarkar	Member
9.	Professor Charanjit Singh Aulakh	Member
10.	Professor P. Guptasarma	Member
11.	Dr. P. Bapaiah	Secretary

The following members could not be present in the meeting. Leave of absence was granted to the members:

1.	The Secretary, Ministry of Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises	Member
2.	The Secretary, Department of Bio-Technology, New Delhi	Member
3.	Professor Anurag Kumar	Member

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B.O.G.18.33.1	Welcome Remarks by the Director.
	<p>The Director welcomed the Chairperson and other members. The Director informed the BOG that the following are his achievements during the last one year.</p> <p>1. Convocation conducted with the President of India as the Chief Guest.</p> <p>2. 7th Pay Commission recommendations are being implemented from August 2018 salary onwards.</p>

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	3. Implementation of the EAT Module. 4. Admissions through the Joint Admission Committee for the year 2018-19.
B.O.G.18.33.2	REDACTED
B.O.G.18.33.3	Action taken report on the draft minutes of the 31st meeting of the BOG held on March 28, 2018.
Decision:	Placed at agenda. Noted.
B.O.G.18.33.4	Confirmation of Draft Minutes of the 32nd Meeting of the BOG held on May 19, 2018 in the Board room, Administrative Block, IISER Mohali.
Decision:	<p>Draft Minutes have been circulated to all the members and invited the comments/views if any, by 19.6.2018. Some comments/observations have been received only from Professor D. P. Sarkar duly marking copies to all the BOG Members. But no comments/remarks have been received from any other member. The Minutes of the 32nd Meeting of the BOG may be confirmed after considering the observations/comments. Draft Minutes placed at agenda.</p> <p>Confirmed.</p>
B.O.G.18.33.5	Action taken report on the draft minutes of the 32nd meeting of the BOG held on May 19, 2018.
Decision:	Placed at agenda. Noted.
For Consideration and Approval:	
B.O.G.18.33.6	REDACTED
B.O.G.18.33.7	Hiring of Private Buildings as Student Hostels on Rent.
	In view of the shortage of students Hostel Accommodation, Institute may require

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Decision:	<p>about 200 rooms with the size of about 100 Sq. Ft. per student to be hired. Ascertained from the market about the prevailing rent through survey of a committee. The rate in the rental market is about Rs. 15 Per Sq. Ft. per month. Thus, approximately Rs. 3 Lakhs per month and Rs. 36 Lakhs per year expenditure would be incurred. Accordingly, approval may be accorded. The Institute shall follow the prescribed procedure of tender/quotation and also process through a committee for fairness and transparency. Actual expenditure, approval shall be taken after following the procedures.</p> <p>Recommended to the BOG for approval subject to the condition that the prescribed procedure and rules to be followed, like obtaining fair rent certificate from the Government construction agencies like CPWD. Male students be placed in the hired private accommodation outside the campus.</p> <p>As recommended by the Finance Committee, BOG approved the above proposal subject to the following of the procedures and rules.</p>
B.O.G.18.33.8	Construction of two Hostels 17193 Sq. Mts., 512 rooms-approx. cost of Rs. 61.42 Crores. Expenditure to be met through HEFA procedure.
	<p>MHRD vide its letter no. 36-06/2017-TS-VII dated 15.5.2018 closed the IISER Mohali as project (project mode)</p> <p>The Institute is in urgent need of additional hostel facilities for students, in view of acute shortage of students hostel accommodation. The prevailing situation in the Institute is that even Ph.D. students have been accommodated on sharing basis. The Institute also explored and availed all possible rooms of visitors' hostel. The student strength is surging and the construction of the hostel will take at least 1 ½ and 2 years even after approvals and by the time students strength will reach to its peak. Accordingly, it is proposed to construct two hostels with a space of 17193 Sq. Mts. area (512 rooms).</p> <p>The Institute estimated /calculated cost on CPWD Plinth area rates of 2012 basis plus cost index @ 16% (excluding statutory expenditure). For the proposed area of 17193 Sq. Mts. (2 hostels) cost estimate is amounting to Rs.61,42 Crores (based on</p>

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Decision:	<p>2012 rates +16% Cost index latest, excluding statutory expenditure).</p> <p>Accordingly, it is requested that the approval for construction of two hostel of 512 rooms, 17193 Sq. Mts. may be accorded. The expenditure will be met out of the loan from HEFA as per the guidelines of MHRD letter no. F. No. 16-2/2017-TC dated 16.7.2018.</p> <p>The Finance committee deliberated the issue extensively with regard to HEFA procedures and recommended to the BOG for approval. The Finance Committee recommended that the rooms accommodate two students (double sharing) as per the space standard for the students.</p> <p>As recommended by the Finance Committee, BOG approved the proposal.</p>
B.O.G.18.33.9	REDACTED
B.O.G.18.33.10	Connectivity between the IISER Mohali and NABI by constructing a Bridge on sharing basis.
Decision:	<p>The Board of Governors in its 31st Meeting held on 28.3.2018 accorded approval. However, the actual amount of the expenditure likely to be incurred will be known after floating the tenders by the NABI. Approximately, IISER Mohali is likely to share the expenditure upto the amount of Rs. 10 Lakhs.</p> <p>Approved.</p>
B.O.G.18.33.11	Acceptance of the two telescopes on loan basis from IOAA.
Decision:	<p>International Olympiad on Astronomy & Astrophysics held in Bhubaneswar during 2016. The organizing committee of IOAA as a token of appreciation of our services offered to donate two telescopes which have been used in IOAA during 2016. IISER Mohali have to spend Rs. 80,000/- for transportation only. Approval may be accorded for taking two telescopes on donation basis and Rs. 80,000/- may be approved as transportation costs.</p> <p>Approved.</p>

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B.O.G.18.33.12	Hosting of faculty from J & K and north-east for skill development at IISER Mohali.
Decision:	Proposal be furnished with details of the activities and financial implications.
B.O.G.18.33.13	Establishment of Center of Excellence in different areas of the Science, especially Genomics and Imaging.
Decision:	Proposal be furnished with details of the activities and financial implications.
B.O.G.18.33.14	Incentivising Overhead amount from sponsored projects and fellowships.
Decision:	<p>Institute undertakes various sponsored projects from the different organizations. A certain percentage of the project expenditure is being charged as an overhead charge. This overhead charge becomes a part of the revenue of the Institute and thus the revenue earned through the Over Head charges are being transferred to the Endowment Fund Account of the Institute every year. There is no incentive for project investigator and the staff associated with the project. To encourage them for more such projects, it is proposed that a small part of the overhead charges be distributed to the project investigator and the staff associated with the project.</p> <p>Accordingly, the following proposal is placed for the consideration of the BOG.</p> <p>It is proposed that the overhead amount earned will be shared at three levels: 40% to the PI (mentor/supervisor in case of student/post-doctoral fellowships), 30% to the department and 30% to the institute Endowment fund account. Project Investigator may be allowed to incur expenditure up to Rs.25000/- in case of urgency for the project work in each case.</p> <p>The Board accepted the Finance Committee's recommendation and adopted the proposal for incentivising faculty to bring project funds to the Institute for building up Institute facilities and allowed expenditure by PI up to Rs 25000/- without pre-approval but subject to normal post purchase approval and audit. Further as</p>

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	<p>recommended by the Finance Committee the Board resolved that faculty be advised to explore the possibility of submitting the projects for sponsorship to the Ministry of Railways, Ministry of Environment, Department of Atomic Energy, Petroleum companies etc. The Board also accepted the suggestion that IISER Mohali should have a strategic plan with short term, mid-term and long-term objectives to be achieved and valuation of the achievements periodically is also should be the practice. For making a strategic plan to the IISER Mohali, a three member committee may be formed with Director IISERM, Dean R&D IISERM and Professor Sarit K. Das, Director, IIT Ropar as members. The committee could co-opt necessary expertise as it found necessary.</p>
B.O.G.18.33.15	Adoption of Faculty Entrepreneurship Programme of IIT Kanpur for implementation at IISER Mohali
Decision:	<p>MHRD desired to examine both IIT Kanpur and IISER Mohali documents more comprehensively. Accordingly, the matter is deferred to the next meeting of the BOG.</p>
B.O.G.18.33.16	Any other item with the permission of the Chair.
	<p>1. Proposal to permit and extend the support from endowment fund for Six months to Twelve months.</p> <p>Doctoral research scholars who have finished receiving five years of research funding as JRF/SRF and also mostly completed the work that will lead to their obtaining a Ph.D. degree are currently given 6 months of additional support beyond the five-year period from the Endowment Fund, at the rate of 14,000/- per month (i.e., half of the SRF of Rs. 28,000/-) for a period of 6 months. The purpose is to enable them to complete the pieces of work that will lead to publications/patents et cetera, and this the arrangement has been in place for several years now, having been endorsed by the Board of Governors.</p> <p>This arrangement was conceived to be applicable to all who are finishing their doctoral research, whether admitted directly to Ph.D. or admitted to an MS program that leads into a Ph.D. The Integrated Ph.D. Students tenure as Ph.D. student will</p>

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Decision:	<p>be for 4 years from the date of passing comprehensive exam.</p> <p>The present proposal is to extend this arrangement from a period of support of 6 months to a period of support of 12 months, at the same rate of support (i.e., Rs. 14,000/- per month).</p> <p>*only for the very first three batch of Integrated Ph.D. (Int. Ph.D.) students, admitted to the institute in the fall of 2012.*</p> <p>This particular batch (from 2012) has now finished six years in the institute, which is the intended tenure of the program, and are eligible for 6 months of support from the endowment fund, as they are completing the doctoral part of their studies. However, since this first batch was delayed in the start of research work owing to initial uncertainties in the coursework for the MS part of the program, and also because of some confusion about the intended tenure of the MS-Ph. D program. Many students of this batch are still 6-12 months away from completing enough work to publish papers.</p> <p>Therefore, for this batch alone, it is proposed that the period of endowment support be permitted to be 12 months.</p> <p>After deliberations, as recommended by the Finance Committee BOG accorded approval for Endowment Fund support to the first three batches of the institute's Int. Ph.D program for six months.</p>
	<p>2. Adoption MHRD Letter No. 35-2/2018-TS.III dated 26th July 2018 with regard to the item no. 11.5, Assistantship to BS -MS graduates from IISERs getting a CGPA score of 8 or above (on a scale of 10) without having to appear for GATE.</p>
Decision:	<p>The above letter may be adopted for implementation at IISER Mohali.</p> <p>Adopted.</p>
	<p>3. Suggestion of Some Reforms from Prof. Charanjit Singh Aulakh.</p>
	<p>1) The relevant biographical data for all employees approved by the board should be included in the Agenda of the Board Meeting that gives final ratification to their employment along with a signed certificate from the Registrar's office that the eligibility of the candidate has been checked and found to be as per norms. This is standard practice and will make the hiring process more transparent and stable.</p> <p>2) The Agenda's and ratified Minutes of all Senate and Board meetings should be permanently available on a server maintained by the Library or Registrar's office,</p>

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Decision:	<p>if necessary under controlled access on the Institute Intranet only, along with all Statutes and Acts and Regulations in force in the Institute. In general knowledge and wide dissemination of these permanent regulations are an important contribution towards stabilizing Institutional dynamics and allowing incremental improvements and coverage of lacunae that may be found from time to time.</p> <p>3) In regard to the proposed reforms regarding administration of externally supported projects, besides the reform of overhead allocation and spending ceiling for minor expenditures without taking pre-approvals (but of course still subject to post purchase approval and audit), a demand that has been voiced by faculty which I find quite cogent is the need to modernize the disposal of used personal electronic items (such as laptops and tablets) on the conclusion of projects. These items have a complete depreciation period of as little as three years and at most 4-5 years before they become obsolete and unusable/unused due to the fast pace of evolution of technology and the fact that they are now perceived as personal use items and rarely used by new users after they are more than 2 years old. Thus such items when returned to the institute after conclusion of the project may be auctioned on the website immediately with an appropriate reserve price based upon the current market price of used and depreciated items of that type. For illustration the rate of depreciation is typically around 33% per annum for tablets and phones and there is zero value remaining after 4/5 years. The outgoing post-doc/PI may be given the option of retaining the item after payment equal to the highest bid/reserve price if none received.</p> <p>As recommended by the Finance Committee BOG accorded approval for the issue mentioned at above para 3. With regard to the issues mentioned at para 1 and 2 and the need for recommendations to the presentation of CV records of hired employee's before the Board while ratifying/approving as a part of the Agenda were accepted by the BOG in principle.</p>
	4. Re-employment of Professor K. S. Viswanathan.
	<p>Prof K S Viswanathan is superannuating on 30 September 2018. In order to continue to avail of his valuable service, he may be offered re-employment at his last drawn salary, till 30 June 2019. This is as per the general guidelines given in</p>

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Decision:	<p>the Board resolution of September 2017.</p> <p>The proposal for re-engagement of Professor K. S. Viswanathan was discussed by Professor D. P. Sarkar, Director, IISER Mohali. However, representatives of the MHRD desired to comprehensively review the resolution of the BOG dated 08.9.2017 (under any other item), especially in respect of financial implications since these have not been not considered previously by the Ministry. The MHRD will help the BOG to evolve a system for implementation of the resolution, with full justification of each proposal, to enable consideration as stipulated in Statute 17(1). Meanwhile, the MHRD desired to see a proposal with full justification in respect of Professor K. S. Viswanathan, as decided in the 28th Meeting of the Finance Committee.</p>
	5. High Performance Computer.
Decision:	<p>Proposal placed on the table.</p> <p>The committee recommended that the issue be examined by the Professional Experts like C-DAC (professional body) and based on their report, the proposal be brought again to the Finance Committee. While requesting the professional body, we may indicate what the IISER Mohali proposes to do with the High Performance Computer and what are requirements and how they are to be met.</p>

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