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Minutes for the 38th Meeting of the Board of Governors of IISER Mohali held on 19.12.2019 at IGIB, New Delhi.

The following were present:

1	Dr. MadhuchandaKar	Chairperson
2	Mr. V.L.V.S.S. Subba Rao	Member
3	Mr. Anil Kumar, on behalf of Joint Secretary & Financial Advisor	Member
4	Professor Sarit Das	Member
5	Prof. R. S. Dubey	Member
6	Dr. MadhuDikshit	Member
7	Professor Ramandeep Singh Johal	Member
8	Professor Kavita Dorai	Member
9	Professor J. Gowrishankar	Member
10	Professor Sanjay Mandal	Secretary

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

1	Shri Karan Avtar Singh, I.A.S. Chief Secretary, Govt. of Punjab	Member
2	The Secretary Ministry of Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises, New Delhi-110011	Member
3	The Secretary, Department of Bio-Technology, New Delhi	Member
4	Professor Anurag Kumar, Director, Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore	Member

B.O.G.19.38.1	Welcome Remarks by the Director
	<p>The Director welcomed the Chairperson and the members to the meeting. He mentioned that he had assumed charge as Director just a week earlier, and that he was very happy to have accepted this responsibility of leading a wonderful institution with excellent students, an outstanding faculty, and very committed support staff. Upon his joining, he had been most impressed by the fact that although IISER-M had had no regular director for the most part of this year and no regular Registrar either in the past several months, yet this 125 acre campus was so well maintained and beautiful, the teaching and research for 1600 students by the 100 faculty was progressing so smoothly, that it was a clear indication to him that the Institute's activities were on an auto-pilot mode</p>

	<p>in which everyone knows what to do and moreover are doing it with sincere commitment and motivation. One of the first actions he had taken was to set up a Committee of Professors so that all the activities can be managed with inputs from a body of senior academics, and this item was to come up as a Reporting item in this meeting. At the same time, he said that there were a few immediate operational difficulties which are to come up for discussion in the meeting, relating to the appointment of a Registrar, the budget, and the cheques-signing authorization. He also indicated that since he was still very new on the job, the Board may kindly afford him some time to address the various issues that were pending. Finally, he stated that there had been two officiating Directors at IISER Mohali in the last ten months, Prof. Arvind and Prof. Siva Umapathy, and that he would wish the Board to record its appreciation of the services rendered by them in their tenures.</p>
B.O.G.19.38.2	Opening Remarks by the Chairperson.
	<p>The Chairperson welcomed all the members and especially the new Director who had very recently assumed charge. She expressed the hope that the Institute will continue its excellent performance in the years ahead. The Chairperson mentioned that this was to be her last Board meeting, and that during her tenure she had attempted to give her best efforts in guiding the activities of the Institute. She also expressed her sincere thanks to the Board members for the help and advice that they had provided at the meetings, as well as to all the faculty and staff of the Institute.</p>
B.O.G.19.38.3	Confirmation of Minutes of the 37th Meeting of the BOG, IISER Mohali held on August 17, 2019 at New Delhi
	Decision: Confirmed, along with the comments of Prof. Kavita Dorai annexed. Minutes of item BoG 19.38.12 below may also be perused.
B.O.G.19.38.4	Action taken report on the draft minutes of the 37th meeting of the BOG held on August 17, 2019
	<p>Decision: The Board noted that the following matters are to be addressed by the Director as soon as possible:</p> <p>(i) The Institute's Annual Report including Annual Statements of Accounts for 2018-19 have yet to be submitted, and 35 copies of the same are to be sent to MHRD to be tabled in Parliament.</p> <p>(ii) The Committee is yet to be constituted which is to look into the items under OH-31 head which are consuming a large amount of expenditure,</p>

	i.e., outsourcing, electricity and water, fellowships, and repairs and maintenance, and its report needs to be submitted by the Institute to MHRD for further examination.
For Reporting:	
B.O.G.19.38.5	Financial Position as on 09.12.2019
	The Director requested correction of typographic error in the Expenditure column for “General OH-31” to Rs. 2902.57 lakhs. Decision: Noted.
For Consideration and approval:	
B.O.G. 19.38.6	Items arising from the Academic Senate Meeting scheduled to be held on December 17, 2019
	The lists of students recommended by the Academic Senate in its 37 th meeting held on 17.12.2019 as fulfilling the requirements for award of (i) BS-MS degree, (ii) MS degree, and (iii) PhD degree, were placed on the table. Decision: Approved award of degrees as recommended by the Academic Senate.
B.O.G.19.38.7	Items arising from the Finance Committee meeting scheduled to be held on December 19, 2019
	Minutes of the 32 nd Finance Committee meeting are placed. (i) Request for release of additional grant-in-aid funds for 2019-20 Decision: Observations of the Finance Committee are noted. (ii) Authorization to sign cheques at IISER Mohali Decision: The following recommendation of the Finance Committee in the matter of officers authorized to sign the cheques is approved. For all cheques there shall be two signatories, who shall ordinarily be the Deputy Registrar and the Registrar. In the absence of the Deputy Registrar, the Asst. Registrar looking after Accounts shall be an alternative signatory. In the absence of the Registrar, the Director shall be an alternative signatory. In emergent situations, the Registrar and the Director shall be authorized to sign the cheques.
B.O.G. 19.38.8	To consider appointment of Dr. J. Gowrishankar, Director, IISER Mohali as Professor of the Institute as per terms and conditions of Schedule ‘A’ of IISER Statutes
	The Director explained to the Board that at the CDFD he has two ongoing Govt.-funded projects, namely a Centre of Excellence project from DBT(Rs.

	<p>7.6 Crore) and a SERB project (Rs. 0.56 Crore), along with three PhD students and several research staff employed in the projects. These would be progressively declining responsibilities (since no new activities are to be initiated by him at CDFD), and they would require him to visit CDFD about once a month.</p> <p>Decision: Appointment of Dr. J. Gowrishankar as Professor in the Department of Biological Sciences is approved. Institute-supported travel of the Director to Hyderabad, to complete his existing assignments at CDFD, is not to exceed once a month on average.</p>
B.O.G.19.38.9	Appointment of Acting Registrar at IISER Mohali
	<p>The Director requested correction of typographic error in the last sentence of this Agenda item, so that “2.2.2019” is replaced with “2.12.2019”. He explained that: (i) in the absence of a regular Registrar since October 1, 2019, the next highest person in the Administration at present has limited experience in handling the affairs of an Institute of this size; and (ii) the faculty were competent in their respective subject domains, but none of them had much knowledge of administrative rules and procedures. In this situation, therefore, the Director suggested that the Board may consider giving to the Registrar of IIT Ropar an additional charge as Officiating Registrar of IISER Mohali w.e.f. 20.12.2019 until a newly appointed Registrar joins the institute; the Director of IIT, Ropar (who is a member of the Board) was also agreeable to such an arrangement. Furthermore, such a decision of the Board would be in conformity with Clause 13(1) of the NITSER Act.</p> <p>Decisions: (i) The Board of Governors of IISER Mohali resolves to offer to the Registrar of IIT Ropar an additional charge as Officiating Registrar of IISER Mohali w.e.f. 20.12.2019 until a Registrar on regular appointment joins the Institute.</p> <p>(ii) The Board ratifies the appointments as Acting Registrar of Sh. K. V. Satya Murty and Prof. Sanjay Mandal, respectively, from 2.10.2019 to 2.12.2019 and from 2.12.2019 to 19.12.2019; the Board records its appreciation of all the efforts put in by Prof. Mandal as Acting Registrar from 2.12.2019 to 19.12.2019, as well as for the excellent arrangements made by him and his team in the conduct of the FC and BoG meetings in New Delhi on 19.12.2019.</p> <p>(iii) The Draft Minutes of the meetings of Finance Committee and BoG held on 19.12.2019 are to be sent, preferably before the end of December,</p>

	to the Chairperson by Prof. Sanjay Mandal for her approval, after they have been prepared in consultation with the Director. After they have been approved by the Chairperson, the Draft Minutes are then to be circulated to the members by Prof. Sanjay Mandal in consultation with the Director.
B.O.G. 19.38.10	Advertisement for the post of Registrar
	Decision: Release of fresh advertisement is approved, with coverage to be made across the country. Those who had applied to the previous advertisement are not exempted from consideration against the fresh advertisement.
B.O.G. 19.38.11	Appointment of Dr. Parth Chauhan
	Decision: The Board needs to be informed the details (the record and ratification) of the offer of appointment for Dr. Parth Chauhan dated 30.6.2014. The Director is to place this and related information at the next meeting of the Board. In the interim, the Chairperson's decision dated 3.9.2019 is ratified, and the contractual appointment of Dr. Parth Chauhan is extended until 30.6.2020.
B.O.G. 19.38.12	REDACTED
B.O.G. 19.38.13	Visiting Professor
	<p>The Director apologized to the Board that in the haste to have the Agenda papers prepared and sent within two days of his assuming charge, the Chairperson's reference to the decision concerning Visiting Professor taken in the earlier Board meeting was not located in time. The pertinent Agenda item BOG 18.33.16.4 had stated as follows: "Re-engagement of Prof. K. S. Viswanathan: 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-engagement at his last drawn salary, till 30 June 2019. This is as per the general guidelines given in the Board resolution of September 2017."</p> <p>The Board's decision on this Agenda item had read as follows: "The proposal for re-engagement of Prof. K. S. Viswanathan was discussed by Prof. D.P. Sarkar, Director, IISER Mohali. However, representatives of the MHRD desired to comprehensively review the resolution of the BoG dated 08.09.2017 (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</p>

	<p>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 Prof. K. S. Viswanathan, as decided in the 28th Meeting of the Finance Committee.”</p> <p>The Director explained that, to his knowledge, Prof. K. S. Viswanathan has superannuated and that from amongst the earlier appointments, there will be only one Honorary Professor and two Visiting Professors in the Institute after 31.12.2019.</p> <p>Decision: The Director is to submit to the Board an up-to-date status on Honorary Professor and Visiting Professors in the Institute, and to indicate the procedures that have been followed in the past for such appointments. A new mechanism for appointments of Honorary and Visiting Professors may also be formulated and put up to the Board for its consideration; this mechanism should be appropriately designed to take into account both the high stature of these positions and the financial implications to the Institute. No new appointments of Visiting Professor or Honorary Professor are to be made until this matter is decided upon by the Board.</p>
B.O.G. 19.38.14	Court case: Prof. Sanjay Mandal vs IISER Mohali through its BOG Chairperson
	<p>The Chairperson mentioned that she has approved the modified offer of the regular appointment of Prof. Sanjay Mandal as Professor w.e.f. 20.10.2014 in compliance with the order of the Hon’ble High Court. The Director explained that, as per the rules and existing practices of the Institute, seniority is one, but not the only, criterion for appointment of the Head of the Department, and that Prof. Sanjay Mandal’s case will now be considered afresh in light of the revision of his seniority.</p> <p>Decision: The Board ratified the Chairperson’s approval of the modified offer of the regular appointment of Prof. Sanjay Mandal in compliance with the order of the Hon’ble High Court. Prof. Mandal’s case for appointment as Head of Department is to be decided by the Director in accordance with Clause 26(1) of the IISER statutes and the existing procedures being followed for such appointments in the Institute.</p>
B.O.G. 19.38.15	Any Other Item with the permission of Chair
	<p>1. Constitution of Committee of Professors:</p> <p>In compliance with Clause 11(4) of the IISER Statutes, the Director</p>

	<p>placed on the table a note constituting a Committee of Professors to deliberate and to provide advice on all matters related to the functioning of the Institute.</p> <p>Decision: Noted.</p>
	<p>2. Draft Environmental and Landscape Policies</p> <p>At the 34th meeting of the Board held on 31.3.2019, a draft environmental policy and a draft landscape policy were separately proposed for the Institute, on which the Board's decision had been to request members to peruse and forward the suggestions/comments/views, so that a full proposal will be placed duly incorporating the same.</p> <p>The Director indicated that to his knowledge, this had so far not been done.</p> <p>Decision: The Director is requested to bring this matter up in the next meeting of the Board.</p>
	3. REDACTED
	4. REDACTED

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair. All members of the BoG recorded with great appreciation the excellent work done by the Chairperson during the last three years and especially for the manner in which the BoG meetings had been conducted by her. The members also praised the sincere and dedicated attempts made by the Chairperson to resolve IISER Mohali affairs through a very turbulent period. The Chairperson thanked the members and all the faculty and staff of the Institute for their support and cooperation.

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Prof. Sanjay Mandal
Acting Registrar, IISER Mohali

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BoG, IISER Mohali