



भारतीय विज्ञान शिक्षा एवं अनुसंधान संस्थान मोहाली

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INDIAN INSTITUTE OF SCIENCE EDUCATION AND RESEARCH MOHALI

(Estd. By Ministry of Human Resource Development, Govt. of India)

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

Minutes for the 39th Meeting of the Board of Governors of IISER Mohali held by Video Conference on May 4, 2020 at 11.30 A.M.

The following were present:

1.	Dr. Renu Swarup	Chairperson
2.	Dr. Chandra Shekhar Kumar, Joint Secretary MHRD on behalf of Secretary DHE, MHRD	Member
3.	Dr. Jatinder Kaur Arora, nominee of Chief Secretary, Govt of Punjab	Member
4.	Sh. G Shanmuganathan, representative of Secretary, MSME	Member
5.	Professor Sarit Kumar Das	Member
6.	Ms Darshana M Dabral	Member
7.	Dr. Madhu Dikshit	Member
8.	Prof. R. S. Dubey	Member
9.	Professor Kavita Dorai	Member
10.	Professor Ramandeep Singh Johal	Member
11.	Prof. J. Gowrishankar	Member
12.	Sh. B. Nagarajan	Secretary

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

1	Professor Anurag Kumar	Member
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Item No.	Agenda
B.O.G.20.39.1	Welcome Remarks by the Director
	The Director welcomed all the members to the meeting, which was being held by Video Conference. He extended especial greetings to Dr. Renu Swarup and to Dr. Chandra Shekhar Kumar who were participating for the first time as Chairperson and as Member, respectively. The Director recorded the appreciation, on behalf of BOG, for the services rendered by Prof. Sanjay Mandal as Acting Registrar and welcomed Sh. B. Nagarajan, Officiating Registrar, IISER Mohali.
B.O.G.20.39.2	Opening Remarks by the Chairperson
	The Chairperson greeted all the Members and said that she had been very keen for this meeting to be held at IISER Mohali itself in March, but the lockdown circumstances subsequently emerged that had led to the meeting's postponement and to its conduct through Video Conference.
B.O.G.20.39.3	Director's Report and Action Plan for next 12 Months
	<p>The Director made a brief presentation to the Board on the teaching and research activities at IISER Mohali (copy of slides annexed), and highlighted the achievements of the faculty and students. He also outlined the steps being taken in the Institute to cope with the COVID-19 situation, including online teaching of courses and revisions to the academic calendar. Voluntary efforts are also being made by faculty and students to try and initiate (at the request of the Govt. of Punjab) diagnostic testing of novel coronavirus, subject to all regulatory clearances.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Annexure –I (Page No.1-6)</p> <p>The Chairperson mentioned that DBT was making efforts to set up hub-and-spoke models for virus testing at several places in the country, and that the Director of IISER-M has been designated as co-ordinator for such an arrangement in the Chandigarh-Mohali region; the DBT would be happy to support these activities with supplies of reagents and kits as may be needed. Speaking on behalf of the Govt. of Punjab, Dr. Jatinder Kaur Arora emphasized the urgency for the virus testing facility and activity to be started at the Institute, and requested the full support of the Chairperson, DBT, and</p>

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	<p>MHRD in this regard. Dr. C.S. Kumar stated that the MHRD would be authorizing the IISERs to utilize MHRD funds to initiate COVID-19 testing in their institutes.</p> <p>With respect to the teaching schedule, Prof. Sarit Das mentioned that it was very important to try and ensure that students of the final year batch complete their degree requirements and graduate on time. The Director thanked him for the suggestion which would be kept in mind for the revised academic calendar.</p>
B.O.G.20.39.4	Confirmation of Draft Minutes of the 38th Meeting of the BOG, IISER Mohali held on December 19, 2019
Decision	The Draft Minutes of the 38th Meeting of the BOG as circulated were confirmed.
B.O.G.20.39.5	Action taken report on the draft minutes of the 38th meeting of the BOG held on December 19, 2019
Decision	The Action Taken Report was noted with satisfaction.
For Consideration and Approval	
B.O.G.20.39.6	<p>Items arising from the 33rd Finance Committee (FC) Meeting held on May04, 2020</p> <p>(Draft Minutes of the FC meeting are annexed.)</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Annexure –II (Page No.7-10)</p>
F.C.20.33.5	OH-31
Decision	The Board considered and approved the recommendation of Finance Committee that the reduction in expenditure can be effectively met on filling up of regular sanctioned posts as soon as possible.
F.C.20.33.6	Delegation of Financial Powers for various levels
Decision	The Board approved the Delegation of Financial Powers as recommended by the Finance Committee, subject to the condition that the powers are exercised within the budget limit of department/Section.
F.C.20.33.7	Amendment and Updation required in Stores and Purchase Manual.
Decision	On the recommendation of Finance Committee, the Board approved the amendments and updation to the Stores and Purchase Manual.
F.C.20.33.8	Pre-mature Condemnation of Omni Five-Seater(CH-01-G1-3071)Vehicle and Replacement with Purchase of New Ambulance

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Decision	On the recommendation of the Finance Committee, the Board empowered the Director to constitute a Condemnation Committee and take action as per GFR and place its recommendation at the next Meeting for information. The Board also approved the purchase of Maruti Eeco Vehicle for Ambulance at a cost of Rs.7.50 lakh.														
F.C.20.33.9	Creation of Faculty and Non-Faculty Positions at IISER Mohali														
Decision	The Board considered the noting of the Finance Committee regarding the creation of faculty and non-faculty positions, and its advice to the Institute first to fill up the vacant posts of faculty and non-faculty and to then seek additional posts with the detailed justification.														
F.C.20.33.10	Payment of Retirement Gratuity and Death Gratuity														
Decision	The Board considered the view of the Director that the Statutes of IISER need to be considered as subordinate legislation by Parliament, which are expected to prevail over any directions of the Finance Ministry, and noted the recommendation of the Finance Committee that the Institute should take up the matter separately with MHRD, whose Finance Division will follow up with the Finance Ministry.														
F.C.20.33.11	Distribution Percentage of Overheads amounts received on Extramural Research Projects														
Decision	The Board considered and approved the Finance Committee recommendation for distribution of Overheads amounts received on Extramural Research Projects to be in the ratio of 7:2:1 for Institute:Department: PI.														
B.O.G.20.39.7	Items Arising from the 38 th Senate Meeting held on January 6, 2020														
Decision	<div>The Board approved the recommendation of the Senate for award of Degrees to the following students:-</div> <div>a) For Award of BS-MS Degree</div> <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>Prabhat Singh Rana</td><td>MS14140</td><td>CHM</td><td>6.4</td></tr></table> <div>b) For Award of PhD degree</div> <div>1. Mr. Nagesh Kadam Yadavrao, PH12142</div> <div>2. Mr. Siddeshwar K Bankar, PH13034</div>					S. No.	Name	Reg. No.	Subject	CPI	1.	Prabhat Singh Rana	MS14140	CHM	6.4
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	<p>3. MsInduVerma, PH14045</p> <p>4. MsPrabhjot Kaur, PH15209</p>
B.O.G.20.39.8	Requests for Re-consideration of previous decisions
A.	Placement of four professors in the HAG Scale
Decision	<p>(Prof. Kavita Dorai and Prof. Ramandeep Johal were requested to recuse themselves for this item).</p> <p>The Director stated that, as evident from the documents provided with the Agenda papers, due procedure had been followed in its entirety for assessment and placement of four Professors in the HAG Scale which was also approved by the Chairperson of BOG on 08.09.2017 (copy of approval annexed). However, the Chairperson's approval was not subsequently ratified by the Board only on the basis of an oral clarification that granting of HAG Scale is a selection and not a promotion. Since MHRD's letter of 15.06.2018 does not lend support to the oral clarification and instead indicates that the HAG Scale is a promotion based on performance evaluation, the earlier reason for the BOG not to ratify the Chairperson's approval is not valid.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Annexure-III (Page No.11)</p> <p>RESOLVED THAT the approval dated 08.09.2017 accorded by the Chairperson on the recommendations of the Assessment Committee meeting held on 4.9.2017 for placement of four Professors in the HAG scale effective from the date of approval of the Chairperson be ratified.</p>
B.	Allegations against Faculty and Staff of Prima facie Offences under Information Technology (IT) Acts 2000, 2008
	<p>Prof. Kavita Dorai sought a clarification whether a previous decision of the BOG could be re-opened at a subsequent meeting. Several members stated that there was no bar to doing so, should circumstances warrant the same.</p> <p>The Director explained that in this matter, injustice appears to have been done to several senior colleagues of the Institute through the minuted decision of the BOG, since due process had not been followed and furthermore the</p>

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Decision	<p>alleged acts of retrieving any official record or emails of an employee by the Competent Authority (ie., the Director) do not contravene the IT laws of the country.</p> <p>The Institute is to seek independent legal opinion on whether the acts alleged to have taken place are not unlawful. The matter is to be put up at the next BOG Meeting.</p>
C.	Recovery of Legal Expenses from the Former Director
Decision	<p>Several members expressed the opinion that the legal expenses which are sought to be recovered from Prof. Debi Sarkar fell into two distinct categories, namely those incurred in the writ petition filed by the Registrar (in the matter of his suspension) against the institute; and those in the petition filed by Prof. Debi Sarkar as Director against the BOG. The latter was a misadventure, but the former is to be viewed as an administrative action taken by the Head of the institution whose expenditure should not be burdened upon Prof. Sarkar as a penalty.</p> <p>It was clarified by MHRD that the matter has been referred to Vigilance, whose decision is awaited.</p> <p>The Institute is to convey to MHRD the Appeal preferred by Dr. Debi Sarkar along with BOG's recommendation in the matter that the recovery of legal expenses from Prof. Debi Sarkar may be restricted to the amount spent by the Institute in the case between the Director and Chairperson, BOG.</p>
B.O.G.20.39.9	REDACTED
B.O.G.20.39.10	Appointment of Associate Deans
Decision	<p>RESOLVED THAT creation of posts of three Associate Deans in the areas of Academic Affairs, Students Affairs and Research & Development be approved.</p> <p>The Board further RESOLVED THAT the proposal for honorarium for the Associate Deans be sent to MHRD, which is requested to consider it favourably since such Honorarium has been previously approved by MHRD for faculty who are performing additional duties as Deans or Wardens.</p>
B.O.G.20.39.11	Regularization of Contractual Appointment of Dr. Parth Chauhan as

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	Assistant Professor
Decision	<p>In connection with this item, attention of the BOG was invited also to Page 51 of the Agenda, wherein the MHRD order dated 11.12.2017 has been cited that OCIs are eligible for appointment as teaching faculty in IISERs, with the interpretation that these orders have to be applied prospectively. It was noted that the appointment was done by duly constituted Selection Committee.</p> <p>RESOLVED THAT regularization of the services of Dr.Parth Chauhan as Assistant Professor be approved as effective from 11.12.2017 i.e. from the date of orders of MHRD No.F.No.26011/52/2016-OCI dated 11th Dec. 2017.</p>
B.O.G.20.39.12	Appointment of Visiting and Honorary Professors
Decision	RESOLVED THAT the existing procedure for appointment of Honorary and Visiting Professors as approved by the BoG at its 16th Meeting held on 24.05.2013 be continued.
B.O.G.20.39.14	Technology Business Incubator (TBI) Guidelines
Decision	RESOLVED THAT guidelines for operation of the Technology Business Incubator as proposed in the Annexures be approved.
B.O.G.20.39.15	Panels of experts for Selection Committees for Faculty Appointments
Decision	<p>The Institute was suggested to adopt a roster system in constituting Selection Committees from the approved panels.</p> <p>RESOLVED THAT the empanelment of experts from amongst the elected Fellows of Indian National Science Academy and of the Indian Academy of Sciences, in addition to the lists already prevailing for Selection Committees, be approved. Further RESOLVED THAT inclusion of at least one, preferably two, women expert(s) in each of the Selection Committees for appointments of Faculty in the Institute be approved.</p>
B.O.G.20.39.16	Decentralization of Activities/Change Proposal
Decision	RESOLVED THAT the Board approves the decentralization of activities/changes as proposed.
B.O.G.20.39.17	Re-constitution of Building and Works Committee

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Decision	RESOLVED THAT the Board approves the reconstitution of Building & Works Committee as proposed.
For Ratification	
B.O.G.20.39.18	Confirmation of Assistant Professors and Associate Professors at IISER Mohali
Decision	RESOLVED THAT the Board ratifies the confirmation of the six Assistant Professors and six Associate Professors at IISER Mohali.
B.O.G.20.39.19	Confirmation of Professors at IISER Mohali
Decision	RESOLVED THAT the Board ratifies the confirmation of the two Professors at IISER Mohali.
B.O.G.20.39.20	Approval of the Nomination of Members in the Selection Committee for the post of Registrar and Deputy Registrar
Decision	RESOLVED THAT the Board ratifies the Nomination of the Members in the Selection Committees for the posts of Registrar and of Deputy Registrar as approved by the Chairperson.
B.O.G.20.39.21	Recommendation of the Selection Committee Meeting held on 19/03/2020 for the Post of Registrar
Decision	RESOLVED THAT recommendations of the Selection Committee meeting held on 19.03.2020 for the post of Registrar, as approved by the Chairperson, be ratified.
For Reporting:	
B.O.G.20.39.22	Financial Position as on 28.02.2020
Decision	RESOLVED THAT the Financial Position as on 31.03.2020, as given in the Director's presentation (Slide 9), be NOTED.
B.O.G.20.39.23	Foreign visit of faculty members of IISER Mohali
Decision	RESOLVED THAT the visit of faculty members of IISER Mohali to foreign countries for various workshops /Conferences /University/Committees as given, be NOTED.
B.O.G.20.39.24	Court Case: Prof. Sanjay Mandal Vs. IISER Mohali through its BOG Chairperson
Decision	RESOLVED THAT the actions taken by the Institute in the court case of Prof. Sanjay Mandal Vs. IISER Mohali on his regular appointment

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	effective date and considering his case for Head of Department of Chemical Sciences, be NOTED.
B.O.G.20.39.25	Three High Court Cases with IISERs as Respondent
Decision	RESOLVED THAT three Civil Writ Petitions No.12657/2018, No.996/2020 and No.4796/2020 filed by three different petitioners and filing process of Counter Affidavit in these cases by IISER Mohali, be NOTED.
B.O.G.20.39.26	Gift/Donation of Whirlpool 190 Lts. 3 Star (2019) Direct Cool Single Door Refrigerator the Security Office of IISER Mohali
Decision	RESOLVED THAT the Gift/donation of a Refrigerator to Security Office by Dr. Yashonidhi Pandey, Asst. Professor, be NOTED.
B.O.G.20.39.27.	Any Other Item with the permission of Chair
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B.O.G.20.39.28	To consider utilization of interest earned on the unspent balances from the grants received by IISER Mohali from MHRD
Decision	The Board approved the recommendation of the Finance Committee that the interest earned on unspent balances up to March 2017 be permitted by MHRD to be retained by the Institute for developmental activities. The Board also considered the Finance Committee recommendation for returning the interest earned after April 2017 to MHRD and the same may be sent to MHRD for consideration by the Finance Ministry.
B.O.G.20.39.29	Proposal for a Merit-cum-Means Fellowship Scheme for BS-MS Students
Decision	This item is deferred to the next meeting, at the Director's request.
B.O.G.20.39.30	Construction of Two Hostels of 11600 Sqm. Each (Total =23200 Sqmts) with Loan from HEFA (Higher Education Financing Agency)
Decision	The Board noted the approval of HEFA loan of Rs.82.21 crore under financing Window-IV as noted by the Finance Committee. The Board approved that the Institute can directly apply for loan of Rs.82.21 crore as above through HEFA, as recommended by the Finance Committee. The Board also accorded the Administrative Approval and Expenditure Sanction to CPWD for the amount of Rs.76.80 crore towards undertaking

	the construction, as recommended by the Finance Committee.
B.O.G.20.39.31	International MoUs
Decision	RESOLVED THAT (a) renewal of ongoing MoU on Scientific Cooperation and Exchange with Max-Planck Gesellschaft (MPG), Germany from 21.07.2020, and (b) entering into MoUs on Academic Exchange and Student Exchange with Graduate School of Engg/School of Engg, Osaka University, Japan, be approved.
B.O.G.20.39.32	Appointment of Dean of Academic Affairs (Information Item)
Decision	RESOLVED THAT the appointment by the Director, in consultation with the Chairperson, BoG, of Prof. Jasjeet Singh Bagla as Dean Academic Affairs for the period of 3 years effective from 13.03.2020 be ratified.

**Sd/-
Director
BOG, IISER Mohali**

**Sd/-
Registrar/Secretary
BOG, IISER Mohali**

**Sd/-
Chairperson
BOG IISER Mohali**

Indian Institute of Science Education and Research - Mohali

Presentation to the 39th Meeting of the
Board of Governors
4 May, 2020



IISER MOHALI (established 2006- 07)

Faculty

- 96 faculty: 20% have joined in last two years
- 50% < 6 years
- 10 Professors
- 5 Deans – Faculty, Students, Academics, R&D, Intl. Relations

Departments

- Physics
- Chemistry
- Biology
- Mathematics
- Earth and Environmental Sciences
- Humanities and Social Sciences

Campus

- 125 acres
- Fully residential for students, and for the major proportion of faculty and staff



IISER MOHALI



Students

- 1000 students in the 5-year BS-MS program (admitted after high school, through three nationally competitive streams)
- ~ 60% of these students are from economically / educationally deprived background
- 600 Integrated PhD and PhD students, national selection
- BS-MS students study all subjects in years 1 and 2, then choose a major for years 3-5; teaching programs have substantial research focus
- ~ 10% of BS-MS students are co-authors on research publications
- Career vision is to train the future practitioners and leaders of cutting-edge science: ~ 50% of BS-MS graduates have gone on to pursue PhD
- ~ 10 PhD student alumni and 1 BS-MS alumnus have obtained faculty appointments in other Indian academic institutions

New teaching and academic activities



- A new option is provided for BS-MS students to gain an additional “minor” degree
- New course on Environmental Hygiene and Waste Management
- Proposal to Launch Major in EES for BS-MS students
- Experiments in pedagogy :

**An inquiry-based approach in large undergraduate labs:
Learning, by doing it the “wrong” way**

Biochem Mol Biol Educ 2019

Anand K Bachhawat | Shashi Bhushan Pandit | Indranil Banerjee |
Shashi Anand | Roman Sarkar | Arpita Mrigwani | Shravan Kumar Mishra

Research achievements

- Intermolecular charge transfer mediating liquid-liquid phase separation (*J Am Chem Soc* 2019, Samrat Mukhopadhyay)
- Discotic liquid crystals for efficient semiconducting devices (*J Am Chem Soc* 2019, Santanu Pal)
- Novel concept of cavity catalysis by vibrational strong coupling (*Angewandte Chemie Int* 2019, Jino George)
- Two-dimensional electron gas with unusual transport properties at the interface of two oxides (*Nature Commun* 2020, Yogesh Singh)
- Room temperature ferroelectricity in ultrathin free-standing nanosheets (*Nano Letters* 2019, Goutam Sheet)
- Book on *Markov Chain Monte Carlo Methods in Quantum Field Theories* (2020, Anosh Joseph)
- Reduction of greenhouse gases by dimethyl sulphide released from mahogany trees (*Atmos Chem Phys* 2020, Baerbel Sinha)
- Failure of odd-even rule in New Delhi deduced from use of molecular tracers (*Current Science* 2018, Vinayak Sinha)
- Novel design based on drip hydroponics and microbial electrochemistry in wastewater treatment for households and small communities (*Bioresource Tech Rep* 2020, Sunil Patil)
- Earliest hippopotamid fossils from Indian subcontinent (*Quaternary Int* 2019, Parth Chauhan)

Research achievements

- Book on *Algebraic Topology* (2018, Mahender Singh)
- Monograph on *Automorphisms of Finite Groups* (Springer 2018, Inder Passi, Mahender Singh and Manoj Yadav)
- Mechanism of mRNA recognition by Quaking protein (*Nucleic Acids Research* 2019, Monika Sharma)
- Organism size determination by antagonistic hormonal signals (*Developmental Cell* 2019, Sudip Mandal)
- *Vibrio cholerae* protein OmpU activates inflammation in host (*J Immunol* 2019, Arunika Mukhopadhyaya)
- Means to suppress herpes simplex virus-mediated corneal inflammation (*J Immunol* 2019, Sharwan Sherawat)
- Mechanism of toxic action of *Vibrio parahaemolyticus* hemolysin (*Biochemistry* 2020, Kausik Chattopadhyay)
- Mechanism of hearing loss by mutation of the protein tip-links (*Biochem J* 2019, Sabyasachi Rakshit)
- Role of a new ubiquitin-like protein in intron-specific RNA splicing (*EMBO J* 2018, Shravan Mishra)
- Cellular level regulation of mitosis and cytokinesis (*J Cell Biol* 2019, Mahak Sharma)
- Role of Myc in regulating lin28a during regeneration of retina (*J Cell Biol* 2019, Rajesh Ramachandran)

Major Competitive Research Grants (Ongoing), and Patents Filed

- Wellcome Trust-DBT India Alliance Fellowships (Mahak Sharma, Lolitika Mandal, Shravan Mishra, Kavita Babu)
- Swarnajayanti Fellowships (Goutam Sheet, S V Rama Sastry, Mahender Singh)
- J C Bose National Fellowships (Kapil Paranjape, Anand Bachhawat, Sudeshna Sinha)
- QuEST project grant 2019-20 from SERB (*Rs 16 crore*, Arvind, Kavita Dorai, Mandip Singh)
- DST-FIST grants to Biology, Physics, Chemistry and Maths Departments (*Rs 10 crore*)
- 11 of the faculty have secured individual STARS grants from MHRD in 2019-20
- 15 patents have been filed in 2018 and 2019

Awards and Honours, 2018 and 2019

- Fellow, TWAS (Sudeshna Sinha)
- Fellow, INSA (N G Prasad)
- Fellow, NASI; and DBT National Bioscience Award (Kausik Chattopadhyay)
- INYAS Fellowship (Sugandha Maheswary)
- CRSI Medal (S V Rama Sastry, Samrat Mukhopadhyay, Santanu Pal)
- Associate, Indian Academy of Sciences (Smriti Mahajan)
- Royal Society Newton International Fellowship (Aru Beri)
- NASI-Scopus Award (Vinayak Sinha)
- B M Birla Prize, INSA Har Swarup Memorial Award, SERB Women Excellence Award, NASI Young Scientist Platinum Jubilee Award, National Women Bioscientist Award (Mahak Sharma)

For Students

- 70th Nobel Laureates Meeting at Lindau, Germany (3 students)
- S P Mukherjee Fellowship
- S N Bose Fellowship
- DAAD Fellowship
- Hargobind Khorana Fellowship
- National PDF Award
- Prime Minister's Research Fellowship

IISER MOHALI
Expenditure Statement
01.04.2019 TO 31.03.2020

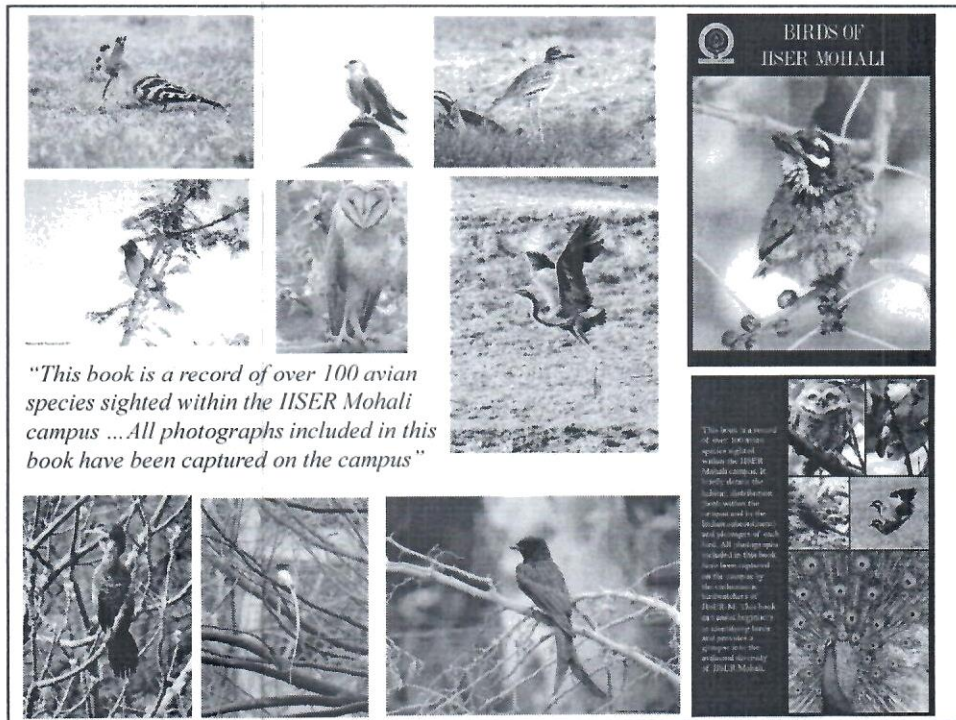
(Rs. in Lakh)

PARTICULARS	Opening Balance	Grant-in-Aid Received	Total Available (incl. Opening Balance)	Expenditure	Balance
(A) General OH-31	0.00	4375.00	4375.00	4040.16	334.84
(B) Capital OH-35	10.00	1600.00	1610.00	1102.80	507.20
(C) Salary OH-36	1028.00	2950.00	3978.00	2974.93	1003.07
Total (A+B+C)	1038.00	8925.00	9963.00	8117.89	1845.11

- Expenditures covered under OH-31: Electricity, repairs and maintenance, outsourcing (housekeeping, security, *several admin and technical staff*), PhD fellowships, research consumables
- Capital OH-35 includes library research journal subscriptions
- The critical need is to curtail expenditure on *outsourced admin and technical staff* by appointing regular employees and so (i) fully utilise the allocation under Salary OH-36, and (ii) increase funds availability for use on PhD fellowships and research under OH-31

Situation arising out of Covid-19 lockdown

- 80% of students have gone home; ~ 300 students continue to stay in Hostels (2 messes are operational)
- Online teaching is being conducted for 98% of this semester's 80 theory courses, and is to continue until 29 May (followed by summer vacation until 5 July and then exams in campus from 20 July)
- Campus-as-township life for employees' families and the residual students: security, water, electricity, garbage collection/disposal, sewage treatment utilities have been maintained (with some difficulty)
- Attention to physical and mental well-being of campus residents
- Faculty and student volunteers of Biology Department are attempting to set up testing for Covid-19 at the Institute
- Four Covid-related research proposals have been submitted
- Post-lockdown scenario : Social distancing norms for classroom and lab teaching, and for research are in place; but around 300 rooms in hostels (ie., for 600 out of the 1600 students) are two-seaters





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Decision	The Draft Minutes of the 32nd Finance Committee as circulated are confirmed.
F.C.20.33.4	Action taken report on the Draft Minutes of the 31st Meeting of Finance Committee held on 17.08.2019
Decision	The Action Taken Report was noted with satisfaction.

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F.C.20.33.4 (b)	Action taken report on the Draft Minutes of the 32nd Meeting of Finance Committee held on 19.12.2019
Decision	The Action Taken Report was noted with satisfaction.
For Reporting:	
F.C.20.33.4	Financial Position as on 28/02/2020
Decision	The Financial Position as on 31.03.2020 (Copy Annexed) is noted. Annexure1 (Page No.1)
For Consideration and Approval:	
F.C.20.33.5	OH-31
Decision	<p>The Director re-iterated that the expenditure curtailment under OH-31 is to be effected through additional recruitments and corresponding savings on outsourced persons' emoluments.</p> <p>The Finance Committee urged the institute to reduce expenditure under OH-31 by filling up of regular sanctioned posts as soon as possible.</p>
F.C.20.33.6	Delegation of Financial Powers for various levels
Decision	<p>The Director stated that the proposed delegation of financial powers was intended to ease the administrative processes in the Institute, and that they were in accord with GFR.</p> <p>Agreed and recommended to Board for approval, subject to the condition that the powers are exercised within the budget limit of department/Section.</p>
F.C.20.33.7	Amendment and Updation required in Stores and Purchase Manual
Decision	<p>The Director stated that the proposed changes need to be incorporated to be consistent with GFR and to enable purchases through GeM.</p> <p>The proposed amendments and updation to the Stores and Purchase Manual are approved.</p>

F.C.20.33.8	Pre-mature Condemnation of Omni Five-Seater (CH-01-G1-3071) Vehicle and Replacement with Purchase of New Ambulance
Decision	<p>The Director explained that there would be considerable savings since the Institute was presently spending a substantial amount towards the leased ambulance.</p> <p>The Finance Committee recommended to the Board to empower the Director to constitute a Condemnation Committee and take action as per GFR rules and place before next Meeting for further information. The Finance Committee also recommended to the BOG to approve purchase of Maruti Eeco Vehicle for Ambulance at a cost of Rs.7.50 lakh.</p>
F.C.20.33.9	Creation of Faculty and Non-Faculty Positions at IISER Mohali
Decision	<p>The Director informed that this request for recommending the creation of additional faculty and non-faculty positions was being made in accord with the Institute's DPR, future growth in student numbers, and the MHRD's norms for student: faculty : non-faculty ratio of 10: 1: 1.1.</p> <p>The Finance Committee noted that only 42 of the sanctioned 96 non-faculty posts are filled, and that only 96 faculty members are on rolls against the sanctioned strength of 120. Therefore it advised the Institute first to fill up the vacant posts of faculty and non-faculty and to then seek additional posts with the detailed justification.</p>
F.C.20.33.10	Payment of Retirement Gratuity and Death Gratuity
Decision	<p>On this matter, the JS&FA informed that since IISER Mohali is a grant receiving autonomous institute, it should follow the directives of the Finance Ministry and MHRD. The Director, however, emphasized that the Statutes of IISER need to be considered as subordinate legislation by Parliament, which are expected to prevail over any directions of the Finance Ministry.</p> <p>Finance Committee recommended to the BOG that the Institute take up the matter separately with MHRD, whose Finance Division will follow up with the Finance Ministry.</p>

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F.C.20.33.11	Distribution Percentage of Overheads amounts received on Extramural Research Projects
Decision	<p>Members stated that the request for revision of the Overheads distribution pattern was reasonable, since the norm at other institutions was that Overheads were retained centrally.</p> <p>The Finance Committee recommended to the BOG that the distribution of Overheads amounts received on Extramural Research Projects be in the ratio of 7:2:1 for Institute:Department: PI.</p>
F.C.20.33.12	Any Other Item with the Permission of the Chair
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F.C.20.33.13	To consider utilization of interest earned on the unspent balances from the grants received by IISER Mohali from MHRD
Decision	<p>The Director explained that the Institute was liable to return Rs. 12.26 crore which was a very large sum since it represented interests accrued on unspent balances over the past twelve years. Therefore, it was the Institute's request that this amount be considered as additional allocation from Government to the Institute, over and above regular funds released earlier, for use to modernise student labs, lecture halls, furniture etc. as well as for the proposed new hostels in the Institute.</p> <p>The Finance Committee recommended to the BOG that the interest earned on unspent balances up to March 2017 be permitted by MHRD to be retained by the Institute for developmental activities. The Finance Committee further resolved to recommend returning the interest earned after April 2017 to MHRD. The BOG approval may be sent to MHRD for consideration by the Finance Ministry.</p>
F.C.20.33.14	Proposal for a Merit-cum-Means Fellowship Scheme for BS-MS Students
Decision	This item is deferred to the next meeting, at the Director's request.
F.C.20.33.15	Construction of Two Hostels of 11600 Sqm. Each (Total =23200 Sqmts) with Loan from HEFA (Higher Education Financing Agency)
Decision	<p>The Finance Committee noted the approval of HEFA loan of Rs.82.21 crore under financing Window-IV. The Finance Committee resolved to recommend to the BOG that the Institute can directly apply for loan of Rs.82.21 crore as above through HEFA.</p> <p>The Finance Committee also resolved to recommend to accord the Administrative Approval and Expenditure Sanction to CPWD for the amount of Rs.76.80 crore towards undertaking the construction.</p>

Minutes of the Meeting held on September 4, 2017 at Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore

The committee consisting of

1. Professor N. Sathyamurthy, Director, IISER Mohali -Chairman
2. Professor Anurag Kumar, Director, IISc Bangalore
3. Professor P. Balaram, Former Director, IISc Bangalore
4. Professor Mustansir Barma, Former Director, TIFR, Mumbai
5. Professor Manindra Aggarwal, Deputy Director, IIT Kanpur

met on September 4, 2017 in IISc Bengaluru campus and considered the seven candidates who are Professors at IISER Mohali with six or more years of experience in the scale of Professor with an AGP of Rs. 10500.

After careful consideration of all the candidates presented, the committee recommends that the following persons be placed in the HAG scale:

1. Professor Sudeshna Sinha
2. Professor A K Bachhawat
3. Professor Kapil H Paranjape
4. Professor K S Viswanathan

} recommended to be placed in the HAG scale as per norms.


Anurag Kumar

Through Skype
Mustansir Barma


P. Balaram


Manindra Aggarwal

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