Indian Institute of Technology Jodhpur Board of Governors

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The following Members were present:

1. C. V. R. Murty, Director IIT Jodhpur

Chairman

2. Kiran Karnik, Former President, NASSCOM, Mumbai

Member

3. D. R. Mehta, Chief Patron, Bhagwan Mahaveer Viklang Sahayata Samiti, Jaipur

Member

4. Pankaj Chandra, Former Director, IIM, Bangalore

Member

5. C. V. R. Murty, Director, IIT Jodhpur

Ex-Officio Member

The following Members could not be present:

1. N. S. Vyas, Professor, Department of Mechanical Engineering, IIT Kanpur

Member

2. Om Prakash Meena, Chief Secretary, Government of Rajasthan, Jaipur

The following are the decisions of the Board on the items of the Agenda:

Member

Part A:

Item

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15.1	WELCOME BY THE CHAIRMAN
	The Chairman welcomed the Members to the Meeting. He mentioned that the Board
	needs to meet at least four times in a year, and this is the first meeting of the
	year; he desired that the Board meet more often in the coming months. The
	Chairman briefed the Members on the Agenda of the Meeting. In particular, he
	briefed them on:

(1) The Phase 1 Development of Permanent Campus of the Institute is nearing completion and the Institute is moving to its Permanent Campus during June–July 2017; all academic activities hereinafter will be hosted from the Permanent Campus;

Decisions

- (2) The Tender process is complete for the award of work to the Contractor related to Phase 2 Development of the Permanent Campus; and
- (3) The draft document prepared for the Holistic Development of Faculty Members of the Institute needs deliberation by the Board.

Also, he briefed them on the critical items that need to be addressed urgently (as advised by the IIT Council and MHRD), namely (a) Preparation of the Draft of the First Statutes of the IIT Jodhpur, and (b) Signing of the MoU with MHRD on Financial Performance of the Institute. After preliminary discussion on the two matters, the Board agreed that the two documents have long-term impact on the development of the Institute. It advised the Director to prepare draft documents for discussion in the upcoming meeting.

Finally, the Chairman requested the Members to advise on hosting the 4th Convocation of the Institute, and inaugurating the newly built Permanent Campus of the Institute. In this regard, after detailed discussion on the matter, the Board authorised the Director to invite the distinguished Scientist, Professor Thomas F. Rosenbaum, the 9th President of Caltech (USA), as the Chief Guest at the Convocation Ceremony, and incurring all expenditure in this regard in keeping with the stature of the distinguished guest. Inviting Professor Rosenbaum will be a matter of great inspiration and encouragement to entire scientific community in India. Further, for the Inauguration of the Permanent Campus, the Board advised the Director to invite duly the Hon'ble Prime Minister of India to the Campus; this would help positioning the Institute in the national context.

Regarding the development of the Permanent Campus, the Members of the Board suggested to explore the possibility of invite a company (through due process) for building, owning and operating a *Solar Photovoltaic Power* generation facility on the Permanent Campus to provide electrical power to the Institute.

15.1.1 Confirmation of the Minutes of 14th Meeting of Board of Governors held on 06 December 2016

The Board discussed the note of Dr. Kiran Karnik on the Minutes of the 14^{th} Meeting of the Board of Governors held on 06 December 2016. The Director clarified that the use of concertina coil on the perimeter boundary wall is necessitated by the remote geographical location of the Permanent Campus. And, on Item 14.5.1, the text suggested by Dr. Karnik was admitted, and shall now read as: "The Board of Governors adopted the circulars of MHRD. Further, on the matter of Conferment of Honoris Causa, the Board opined that the Institute shall consider nominations of only those persons, who are of eminence, which would thereby add lustre to the reputation of the Institute." With this change, the Board confirmed the Minutes of the 14^{th} Meeting of the Board of Governors.

15.1.2 Report on Action Taken

The Board noted the *Action Taken Report* on the various decisions taken in the 14th Meeting of the *Board of Governors* held on 06 December 2016.

15.2 INSTITUTE REPORT BY THE DIRECTOR

The Director made a detailed presentation on the status of the Institute. In particular, he briefed the Members on development of various facets of the development of the Permanent Campus, including the amenities and services being arranged for the residents of the campus; he clarified that these are of higher standard than those available in the current temporary premises, and help in smooth transition to the new premises. Also, he informed the Board that the Institute is adopting a new model of completely outsourcing medical services through a public tender process; this will provide a better medical facility to the Institute fraternity in the remote location. The Members of the Board suggested the Institute should expedite the horticulture work on Permanent Campus towards developing a better micro-climate in the campus built in an arid zone. Considering the urgency of the matter, the Board agreed for additional expenditure, if any, needed in this regard.

The Director presented the current 5-level Faculty Selection process, and expressed the need to slightly modify the same to reduce the time of each recruitment cycle. After discussion, the Board agreed to combine the *Seminars* and *Interviews* in the presence of the Selection Committee itself. Also, to add experienced and senior Faculty Members at the Institute, the Board decided to offer distinguished superannuated Faculty Members contract appointments with term up to 5 years through the *Standing Committee*.

Further, the Board deliberated on the matter of individual Faculty Members having large number of Ph.D. students. It expressed deep concern on the quality of training of the Ph.D. students, and quality and level of Faculty Member – Student Interaction, when a Faculty Member is supervising large number of students. It decided that at any time, a Faculty Member can supervise up to a maximum of 4 Ph.D. students with assistantship from MHRD, who have not defended their thesis (including those being co-supervised with other Faculty Members).

15.3 DISCUSSION ITEMS

15.3.1 Recommendations of 11th Meeting of the Senate held on 23 January 2017 at IIT Jodhpur

The Board of Governors approved the recommendations made by the Senate in its 11th Meeting held on 23 January 2017.

15.3.2 Recommendations of the 15th Meeting of the Building and Works Committee held on 25 April 2017 at IIT Jodhpur

The Board of Governors approved the recommendations made by the Building & Works Committee in its 15th Meeting held on 25 April 2017.

15.3.3 Recommendations of the 16th Meeting of the Building and Works Committee held on 12 May 2017 at IIT Jodhpur

The Board of Governors approved the recommendations made by the Building & Works Committee in its 16th Meeting held on 12 May 2017. In particular, it approved awarding of work of Phase 2 Development of the Permanent Campus of IIT Jodhpur to *M/s. Tata Projects Limited* with total estimated cost of Rs.572.28 Crores (including taxes, contingency, etc.).

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Recommendations of the 12th Meeting of the Finance Committee held on 17 May 2017 at IIT Jodhpur

The Board of Governors approved the recommendations made by the Finance Committee in its 16th Meeting held on 17 May 2017. In particular, on the matter of stating a Kendriya Vidyalaya, the Board authorized the Director to sign the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan on behalf of the Institute for opening of a school on the Permanent Campus. Moreover, the Board suggested exploring the possibility of running The Second School after the regular school hours of Kendriya Vidyalaya in the same premises, for students from the neighbouring community belonging to the economically weaker section.

Provision for offering current Faculty Members of the Institute to be Honorary Adjunct Faculty Members in other Department

The Board approved the proposal as proposed.

15.4 PROCEDURAL ITEMS

15.4.1 Organizing Faculty Development Programs for Faculty Members

The Board of Governors approved the proposal as proposed, to organize Faculty Development Programs as a regular activity for Faculty Members of the Institute. Also, it authorized the Director to sanction expenditure up to Rs.5 Lakhs for each such program.

15.5 REPORTING, ADOPTING AND NOTING ITEMS

15.5.1 Adoption of Circulars of Government of India

The Board adopted the Circulars of Government of India.

Compensation paid by NHAI acquisition of Institute land for National **Highway Development**

The Board noted the same.

15.7 Any other item with the prior permission of the Chairman

15.7.1 Vision of the Library of IIT Jodhpur

The Board of Governors perused the Vision Document of the Library and approved the same for implementation. Also, the Board suggested that the Library emerge as library resource for the City of Jodhpur. Also, the Library should develop all amenities and facilities at par with international libraries.

The Meeting ended with thanks to all Members of the Board of Governors.

Director, IIT Jodhpur
13/6/2017

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Chairman, Board of Governors, IIT Jodhpur

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