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The following were present:

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| 1. Goverdhan Mehta, FRS, FNA
School of Chemistry, University of Hyderabad | Chairman |
| 2. D. R. Mehta, Founder and Chief Patron,
Bhagwan Mahaveer Viklang Sahayata Samiti, Jaipur | Member |
| 3. Pankaj Chandra, Former Director, IIM, Bangalore | Member |
| 4. Professor Nalinaksh S. Vyas, Vice chancellor, RTU, Kota | Member |
| 5. M. M. Setia, Joint Secretary, Technical Education,
Government of Rajasthan | Representative,
Government of Rajasthan |
| 6. C. V. R. Murty, Director, IIT Jodhpur | Ex-Officio Member |

The following Members regretted their inability to attend the meeting:

1. Kiran Karnik, Former President, NASSCOM, Mumbai.

The following are the decisions of the *Committee* on the items of the Agenda:

S.No.	Item	Decisions
SM.5.1	WELCOME BY THE CHAIRMAN	
	The Chairman welcomed the Members, and briefed them on the agenda of this meeting.	
SM.5.2	DISCUSSION ITEMS	
SM.5.2.1	Issues arising out of the recent unrest at IIT Jodhpur	
	After reviewing the various infrastructure facilities available for students of the Institute, on the recommendation of the Director, the Board approved the following:	
	(1) The NI Laboratory, System on Chip Laboratory and Fabrication Facility will be revived and augmented in a new <i>Electronic Systems Laboratory</i> , and will be with a Faculty In-charge and a Committee of the Students.	
	(2) Sitting space will be ensured to all Ph.D. Students. Students associated with laboratories will be accommodated in their respective laboratories and others in a separate shared space.	
	(3) Library will be kept open till midnight to facilitate enhanced student access. Enabling associated facilities will be amended accordingly.	
	(4) Coordinator (Students) will be authorized to approve the Budget of the Student Gymkhana (contribution made by the Students in fees).	
	(5) A group will be constituted consisting of Coordinator (Students), the Faculty Advisors and elected Representatives of Students Gymkhana for drafting updated Code of Conduct for Students under the Chairmanship of Coordinator (Students). This work needs to be completed within a month.	
	(6) Student Placement Office will be strengthened immediately to cater the pressing requirement.	
	(7) Automated access control system will be established to facilitate student entry to the respective laboratory after working hours.	
	(8) Contingency (working expenses) budget allocated to Departments for supporting research work of Ph.D. Students can be utilized for Field Surveys (including associated travel) and for buying Hard Disks.	

The Board agreed to the suggestions of the Director to table the following items for the consideration of the Senate:

- (1) The Ph.D. Thesis may be sent in electronic format to Reviewers. Also, reviews can be accepted in electronic format. The practice of checking compatibility with guidelines of the Ph.D. Thesis by Library Staff will be discontinued hereinafter. A revised format for Ph.D. Thesis submission and review will be prepared.
- (2) Re-allocation of Ph.D. Thesis Supervisor, if required, will be done jointly by the Coordinator (Academics) and corresponding Head of Department, after taking into consideration input of the student.
- (3) The matter of closure of B.Tech. (SS) and B.Tech. (BISS) Programs to be relooked.
- (4) The duration of stay of Ph.D. students outside Institute to be reviewed.
- (5) The minimum academic qualifications for faculty recruitment and promotion to be relooked so that they are in line with those at other IITs and the norms laid down by IIT Council.
- (6) It will be clarified through Senate that there is no degree program called the Blended B.Tech. Program at this Institute. It refers to providing opportunities to students for Industry Immersion during the summer vacation.

The Director clarified that the following will be implemented by the Institute in addition to the above:

- (1) The Website will be updated weekly.
- (2) The non-confidential part (Part-A) of Minutes of the *Board of Governors* and the *Senate* will be made available on the website, after due confirmation.
- (3) All internal committees of the Institute shall be adequately empowered, and they will disseminate their findings appropriately. The minutes will be placed on INTRANET.
- (4) Publish newsletter of the Institute (monthly or quarterly frequency) to share the news and developments at the Institute.
- (5) Constitute separate grievance redressal committees/ombudsman for Faculty Members, Staff Members and Students.

Further, the Board approved the following suggestions of the Director:

- (1) Refund/adjust the money recovered from the salary of Faculty Mentor of the company in the IIC; the penal house rent recovered from a Faculty Member for the duration of overstay in GPRC Colony; and treat on duty the international travel of Faculty Members in 2014 to Brazil.
- (2) Reduce the Overheads for R&D Sponsored Projects from 25% to 20%.
- (3) Reduce the Overheads for R&D Consultancy Projects from 35% to 30%, and drop the clause requiring 100% advance of the Total Project cost to be paid before the start of the project.
- (4) Waive the pay recovery announced earlier to 15 Faculty Members, and keep the appointment as given at the time of recruitment. For the accounting purpose, a suitable mechanism may be devised.
- (5) Construct a steel footbridge in front of the GPRC Colony on Pali Road across the National Highway 65. The due payments may be made to NHA and the work completed at the earliest.
- (6) Consider engaging a professional agency to do the public relations activities for the Institute.
- (7) Seed Grant provision of up to Rs. 25 Lakhs presently available will be available against a research plan, to all NEW Faculty Members, irrespective of their discipline.
- (8) The IIC of the Institute will announce incubation program for IIT Jodhpur students and support 5 entrepreneurship ideas. A new competition will be floated within a month for incubating innovative projects proposed by IIT Jodhpur students. The interest income earned from the corpus fund of the Institute and fund remaining in the grant provided by the Government of Rajasthan, will be utilized for this purpose.

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

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C. V. R. Murty 15 June 2015
Director, IIT Jodhpur

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G. Mehta

Professor Goverdhan Mehta
Chairman, Board of Governors, IIT Jodhpur