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INDIAN INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY JODHPUR



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BOARD OF GOVERNORS

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MINUTES
OF
23RD MEETING

11 August 2020 (Tuesday)

11:00 A.M.

Board Room, IIT Jodhpur

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Indian Institute of Technology Jodhpur

Board of Governors



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The following Members were present/ attended through Video-conferencing:

Dr. R. Chidambaram, Former PSA to Govt. of India	Chairman
Prof. Santanu Chaudhury, Director, IIT Jodhpur	Director & Member
Prof. N. S. Shekhawat, Former Professor, JNVU, Jodhpur	Member
Prof. Sampat Raj Vadera, Professor & Head, Department of Physics, IIT Jodhpur	Member
Prof. Surajit Ghosh, Professor, Department of Bioscience & Bioengineering, IIT Jodhpur	Member
Sh. P.G. Basak, Advisor (Admn.) & <i>Offg.</i> Registrar	Secretary
The following members were unable to attend the meeting:	
Sh. Anil Bhavarlal Jain, MD & CEO, Jain Irrigation, Jalgaon	Member
Sh. Rakesh Ranjan, Additional Secretary (TE), MHRD, *	Member
Prof. Akhil R. Garg, Professor, JNVU, Jodhpur (granted leave of absence due to sad demise of his mother)	Member

*However, MHRD has issued Comments on the Agenda communicated vide email dated 10 August 2020 enclosed letter No. F.No.12-8/2018-TS.1 dated 7 August 2020 and the same were circulated and considered in the meeting.

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

S.No.	Items
23.1	WELCOME BY THE CHAIRMAN The Chairman welcomed the Members and appreciated the Director for Institute Foundation Day Celebration 2020 of IIT Jodhpur on 02 August 2020 on virtual platform successfully. He recalled the motivational talks given by Dr. P.K. Mishra, Principal Secretary to the Hon'ble Prime Minister of India, Shri N.K Singh, Chairman, 15 th Finance Commission, Govt. of India and Sh. Amit Khare, Secretary, Department of Higher Education, MHRD, GoI and called the meeting in Order.
23.1.1	To Confirm the Minutes of 22nd Meeting of the Board of Governors held on 08 June 2020 at Meeting Room S-1, IIT Jodhpur The Director apprised the BoG that the MHRD sent comments on the decision of the BoG on the matter of House Rent Allowance (HRA) vide letter F.No.12-8/2018-TS.I dated 26 July 2020 and conveyed that Ministry do not agree with the decision of BoG , as the classification of a city for HRA purposes has to be decided by the Ministry of Finance, Department of Expenditure. It is requested to send the proposal for the consideration of the Ministry along with all relevant documents including the references of State Govt., and no such decision may be taken to effect the payment of HRA on the

	<p>basis of the decision of BoG.</p> <p>The Director further apprised the BoG that the matter was again placed before the Finance Committee in its 19th meeting held on 10.08.2020 and after detailed deliberations on the matter, the FC recommended "...that the matter has been causing hardship to the employees of the Institute and pending since very long and requested MHRD representatives to expedite the matter and try to resolve at the earliest within two months and the decision of the BoG taken in its 22nd meeting held on 8 June 2020 shall be kept in abeyance."</p> <p>The BoG noted the recommendation of the Finance Committee and confirmed the Minutes of the 22nd BoG held on 8.06.2020.</p>								
<p>23.1.2</p>	<p>Report on Action Taken on the 22nd Meeting of the Board of Governors held on 08 June 2020 at Board Room, IIT Jodhpur</p>								
	<p>The Board noted the Action Taken Report (ATR) on various decisions taken in the 22nd Meeting of the Board of Governors held on 08 June 2020.</p>								
<p>23.2</p>	<p>INSTITUTE REPORT BY THE DIRECTOR</p> <p>The Director made a detailed presentation on the progress of the Institute outlined in eight Verticals (a) Academic Programs (b) Program-wise Student Strength (c) Faculty Strength (d) Research and Development (e) HEFA Loan Status (f) Construction Status (g) Expenditure Analysis FY 2019-20 and (h) Proposal for Phase 3 Development.</p> <p>At the outset, the Board was apprised that the number of Academic Programs of IIT Jodhpur would increase from 44 to 62 after admission in September/November 2020 and apprised about new B.Tech. Programs and salient features of B.Tech. Curriculum.</p> <p>The Board was also briefed that after the admissions in September/November 2020 the projected students strength would reach to total of 2524 as per details below:</p> <table data-bbox="406 1444 1292 1579"> <tr> <td>A. B.Tech Programs</td> <td>- 1210</td> </tr> <tr> <td>B. Masters Programs (M.Tech, M.Sc., M.B.A.)</td> <td>- 839</td> </tr> <tr> <td>C. Dual Degree (M.Tech , Ph.D)</td> <td>- 75</td> </tr> <tr> <td>D. Doctoral Programs</td> <td>- 400</td> </tr> </table> <p style="text-align: right;">Total: 2524*</p> <p>*132 students admitted in Executive M.Tech (AI) Program in AY 2019-20 and 76 Student in MBA from July 2020</p>	A. B.Tech Programs	- 1210	B. Masters Programs (M.Tech, M.Sc., M.B.A.)	- 839	C. Dual Degree (M.Tech , Ph.D)	- 75	D. Doctoral Programs	- 400
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It was also apprised to the Board that the Faculty strength reached to **157** which includes Professor, Associate Professor, Assistant Professor, Visiting Professor, YFA and offered faculty positions.

The Director further apprised the Board of Governors that the Office of Principal Scientific Adviser (PSA), Government of India has approved the proposal to set up the **Jodhpur City Knowledge and Innovation Cluster (JCKIC)** and sanctioned Rs. 949.70 lakhs for the Cluster. The initial duration of the project will be three years. The Jodhpur City Knowledge and Innovation Cluster is one of the six such clusters being set up all over the country under the Aegis of the Office of PSA, Government of India. The office of JCKIC will be located at IIT Jodhpur. The project will be executed jointly by various R&D Institutes, Academic Institutes, Government Agencies and Industry of the city of Jodhpur, with IIT Jodhpur as the coordinating agency.

The Director apprised the status of HEFA Loans of the Institute.

The Director also briefed the Board of Governors about the current status of the Construction, effects of COVID-19 pandemic such as shortage of labours against the required strength to complete the Construction work undergoing at the Institute.

The Board of Governors appreciated the detailed Institute Report presented by the Director and appreciated the progress achieved by the Institute and Chairman especially appreciated the Director to be able to attract Faculty Members in all Departments and in the School of Management & Entrepreneurship.

23.3	DISCUSSION ITEMS
23.3.1	<p data-bbox="349 125 1500 197">To consider and approve the recommendations of the 19th Meeting of the Finance Committee to be held on 10 August 2020 at IIT Jodhpur</p> <p data-bbox="349 197 1500 331">The Board of Governors approved all the recommendations of the 19th Meeting of the Finance Committee held on 10 August 2020. The BoG, made observations on following items and approved as under:</p> <p data-bbox="349 365 1500 432">Item No.19.2.2: Consider and recommend the Annual Accounts for Financial Year 2019-20 of the Institute.</p> <p data-bbox="349 454 1500 689">The Board of Governors noted the recommendation of the Finance Committee that <i>"The HEFA loan principal repayment of Rs. 16.50 Cr. [Schedule 10 & 20] appeared in Income and Expenditure has to be reflected in the Capital Fund directly"</i> and approved the Annual Accounts for Financial Year 2019-20 with incorporation of suggestions made by the Finance Committee.</p> <p data-bbox="349 723 1500 835">Item No.19.2.4: To consider and recommend additional HEFA loan amounting to Rs.350 Crores for construction of Phase-3A of Permanent Campus of the Institute.</p> <p data-bbox="349 835 1500 925">The Board of Governors noted the following recommendations of the Finance Committee on the matter:</p> <p data-bbox="379 925 1500 1361">"....The Finance Committee noted the requirements of the Institute, its ability of repayment and accorded its in-principle approval for planning of Phase-3A of Development of Permanent Campus of the Institute. The representative of MHRD advised the Institute to submit a Comprehensive Proposal towards further development of Campus & facilities in Phase-3 through HEFA loan with Phase 3A (1st Phase of Phase 3) of Rs.350 Crore (<i>Rs.300 Cr. for Development of Permanent Campus + Rs.50 Crores for setting up of new laboratory (equipment)</i>) under 75:25 window with approval of Board of Governors and other relevant documents."</p> <p data-bbox="349 1373 1500 1473">The BoG noted the critical requirement of the Institute and approved the recommendation of the Finance Committee.</p> <p data-bbox="349 1529 1500 1597">Item No.19.2.6: HRA at par with "Y" Class city to the employees as an interim measure.</p> <p data-bbox="349 1619 1500 1709">The Board of Governors noted the following recommendation of the Finance Committee on the matter:</p> <p data-bbox="379 1709 1500 1955">".....The Chairman stated that the matter has been causing hardship to the employees of the Institute and pending since very long and requested MHRD representatives to expedite the matter and try to resolve at the earliest may be within two months and the decision of the BoG taken in its 22nd meeting held on 8 June 2020 shall be kept in abeyance."</p> <p data-bbox="349 2000 1500 2042">The BoG approved the recommendation of the FC and the Chairman re-iterated that</p>

the matter should be resolved at the earliest within two months and decision of the BoG taken in its 22nd meeting held on 8.06.2020 shall be kept in abeyance.

23.3.2 Recommendations of the 21st Meeting of Senate held on 07 July 2020 at IIT Jodhpur

The Board of Governors approved the recommendations of the 21st Senate held on 07 July 2020. The Chairman especially appreciated the new M.Sc. Program in Digital Humanities to be started from AY 2020-21 and praised the Director for starting such a unique program. Also, the Chairman enquired about the employment possibilities for the students after completion of the Program. The Director briefed the BoG that before formulating the curriculum of the program, comments/inputs were sought from academia & industry and incorporated to make the program curriculum attractive and employable. He further stated that the Program has potential to address the employability aspect being inter-disciplinary and heterogeneous program. The Chairman extended his best wishes to the Institute and appreciated the Director for such unique concepts.

23.3.3 To consider and approve the recommendations of the 22nd Meeting of the Senate held on 31 July 2020 at IIT Jodhpur

The Minutes of the 22nd meeting of the Senate were tabled during the meeting and Director briefed the BoG about the recommendations of the Senate and about the discussion in the meeting of Standing Committee of IIT Council (SCIC) regarding planning of next Academic Year 2020-21. He further apprised that accordingly Senate, IIT Jodhpur formulated the plan for Academic Year 2020-21 as below:

- Next academic year will start from 1st September 2020. Orientation will be done in the last week of August.
- Instruction for the entire Academic Year would be in online mode.
- The Academic Year will be divided into three trimesters, each trimester of three months as below:

	Duration	Remark
Trimester I	1 September- 30 November 2020	Courses with theory only or theory portion of theory with lab courses
Trimester II	1 December 2020- 28 February 2021	Courses with theory and practical
Trimester III	1 March - 30 May 2021	Courses with theory and practical
Reserved Month for laboratory	1 - 30 June 2021	Conduction of Lab courses if it is not possible to conduct lab courses in Trimesters II and III.

The Director also briefed the BoG about the new pedagogical approaches recommended by the Senate, IIT Jodhpur as below:

- The actual classes in the next academic year may be of 20-30 minutes in duration so that the session can be interesting and engaging.
- Flipped classrooms will also be introduced.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • During the last part of the previous semester, the classroom-oriented teaching methodology was adopted in the online mode of delivery. Hence, there is a further scope of improvement with the choice of appropriate pedagogy. • Workshop will be held to develop modalities for online teaching and evaluation for Faculty Members of the Institute. <p>The Board noted and approved the recommendations of the 22nd Meeting of the Senate held on 31 July 2020.</p>
23.3.4	<p>To consider and approve the signing of Memorandum of Understanding between the Institute and the MHRD.</p> <p>The Director apprised the Board of Governors that “the Ministry of Human Resource Development, Government of India had enforced new financial policy of the Government in which the release of grants to the Institute are tied with the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between the Institute and the MHRD every financial year and the MHRD has directed the Institute to sign a Memorandum of Understanding for the FY 2020-2021” also. The Board discussed in detail the various facets of the MoU and approved the signing of the same.</p>
23.3.5	<p>To consider and approve relaxation in operation of Casual Leave in terms of Rule 36 of the Schedule E of the Statutes of IIT Jodhpur.</p> <p>The Board noted the comments of the MHRD that the extant Govt. of India rules may be followed and approved the adoption the Govt. of India rules to regulate the operation of Casual Leave at the Institute. However, as per the MHRD comments, the BoG suggested that the matter of relaxation in operation of CL in terms of provisions of the Statutes be sent to the MHRD to take assent of the Visitor as per statutory requirement.</p>
23.4	REPORTING, ADOPTING AND NOTING ITEMS
23.4.1	<p>Report on Faculty Members and Staff Members joining and resigning from the Institute</p> <p>The Board noted the report on the Faculty Members and Staff Members joining and resigning from the Institute.</p>
23.4.2	<p>Adoption of Circulars of MHRD and Government of India</p> <p>The Board approved the adoption.</p>
23.4.3	<p>Report of R&D Projects sanctioned to the Faculty Members of the Institute from last meeting of the BoG.</p> <p>The Board noted the report on the R&D Projects sanctioned to the Faculty members of the Institute and appreciated the same.</p>

23.4.4	Report of MoUs/Agreement(s) signed with different Institutions/organizations/companies by the Institute.
	The Board noted the report of the MoUs/Agreement(s) signed by the Institute with different Institutions/organizations/companies and appreciated the Institute.
23.5	RATIFICATION ITEMS
23.5.1	Approvals accorded by Chairman, Board of Governors
(a)	Reports of Selection Committees
	The Board ratified the approval accorded by the Chairman, BoG for Selection/extension of Contract of 02 Young Faculty Associates and 02 Visiting Professors as presented in the Agenda.
(b)	Adjunct Faculty appointment /extension of term
	The Board ratified the approval accorded by the Chairman, BoG regarding appointment/extension of 05 Adjunct Faculty members for one more year as presented in the Agenda.
(c)	Extension of term of Visiting Professor and Advisor (Administration)
	The Board ratified the approval accorded by the Chairman, BoG regarding extension of term of 1 Visiting Professor and Advisor (Administration) for one more year as presented in the Agenda.
(d)	Fixation of initial pay as per rules.
	The Board approved the same as presented in the Agenda.
(e)	Reports of Review Committees of Staff Members
	The Board ratified the approval accorded by the Director on the recommendation of the Review Committee of 02 Staff Members of the Institute as presented in the Agenda.
(f)	Approval accorded by the Chairman, BoG through U.O. Note.
	The Board ratified the various approval accorded by the Chairman, BoG through U.O. Notes.
23.6	Any other item with the prior permission of the Chairman
23.6.1	To consider and approve the position of Dean (SME) at the Institute to head the School of Management & Entrepreneurship (SME).
	The Director apprised the BoG that the School of Management & Entrepreneurship of the Institute has started fully functioning from the current Academic Year with intake of 76 students in its MBA Program. The Director further stated that in order to lay its firm foundation and to mentor its young faculty members; Institute need to create a position of Dean to head the School of Management & Entrepreneurship. He further stated that most of the global management schools under Universities are headed by a Dean and therefore to match the same, IIT Jodhpur designating the position of Head, SME as Dean, SME.
	The Chairman suggested that the acronym as SME for School of Management & Entrepreneurship may be changed with another one. The Director noted the suggestion and stated that it would be apprised in the next meeting of the BoG.

23.6.2	<p>To consider and approve formation of Section 8 company named Jodhpur City Knowledge and Innovation Centre (JCKIC) under Section 8 of the Companies Act, 2013.</p> <p>The Director briefed the Board of Governors that the Office of Principal Scientific Adviser (PSA), Government of India has approved the proposal to set up the Jodhpur City Knowledge and Innovation Cluster (JCKIC) and sanctioned Rs. 949.70 lakhs for the Cluster. The initial duration of the project will be three years. The Jodhpur City Knowledge and Innovation Cluster is one of the six such clusters being set up all over the country under the Aegis of the Office of PSA, Government of India. The project will be executed jointly by various R&D Institutes, Academic Institutes, Government Agencies and Industry of the city of Jodhpur, with IIT Jodhpur as the coordinating agency.</p> <p>The Director further apprised the BoG that a Section 8 company under the Companies Act, 2013 need to be established named as Jodhpur City Knowledge and Innovation Centre (JCKIC) for proper management of the Project.</p> <p>After detailed deliberation, the BoG approved the formation of Section 8 company named as Jodhpur City Knowledge and Innovation Centre (JCKIC) under Section 8 of the Companies Act, 2013.</p>
23.6.3	<p>To consider and approve the proposed panel of experts for Selection of Faculty in the School of Artificial Intelligence and Data Science (AIDE) of IIT Jodhpur</p> <p>The Director presented the item and apprised that the Senate and Board of Governors of IIT Jodhpur had approved the creation of School of Artificial Intelligence and Data Science (AIDE) in IIT Jodhpur. He further apprised that to start the process of setting up of the School; Institute needs to hold Selection Committee for the recruitment of the Faculty Members for the School and presented the panel of experts to the BoG. After in-length discussion, the Board of Governors approved the panel of experts for conducting the Selection Committees for faculty positions, as tabled during the Meeting.</p>

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

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Offg. Registrar & Secretary, BoG

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Director, IIT Jodhpur

Approved

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Chairman, Board of Governors, IIT Jodhpur