

**Minutes of Twenty third Meeting of the IIT Hyderabad  
Board of Governors held on 24<sup>th</sup> November 2016**

The Twenty third Meeting of the Board of Governors of the Indian Institute of Technology Hyderabad was held on Thursday the 24<sup>th</sup> of November 2016 at its Permanent campus in Kandi, Sanga Reddy District. The following were present:

Shri BVR Mohan Reddy, Chairman.  
Dr Prema Ramachandran, Member.  
Prof Vinod Krishan, Member.  
Prof M Lakshmi Kantam, Member.  
Shri R Subrahmanyam, Additional Secretary, MHRD.  
Prof KVL Subramaniam, Member.  
Prof Anjan Kumar Giri, Member.  
Prof UB Desai, Director.  
Shri N Jayaram, Registrar.

Leave of absence was granted to Smt Ranjeev R Acharya.

The Chairman extended a hearty welcome to the new Member Dr Prema Ramachandran.

**Item No.1: Confirmation of the Minutes of the Twenty second Meeting of the Board held on 6<sup>th</sup> August 2016.**

The Board confirmed the Minutes as circulated.

**Item No.2: To consider report of actions taken on the Minutes of the Twenty second Meeting of the Board of Governors.**

The Board noted actions taken on Agenda items.

In regard to the suggestion to have Directors and Officers Liability Insurance Policy, the Registrar informed that on enquiry Insurance companies informed that such policies are issued to companies (copy of Proposal form of New India Assurance Company Limited and extracts from [www.educomp.com](http://www.educomp.com), Tata Code of Conduct, Bharati Airtel Limited are attached). Directors and Officers Liability Insurance policies are taken under provisions of Companies Act relating to indemnification of Directors by a company for its own protection against loss caused to it by its Directors. Further, the Director can take out a policy to recompensate the loss he suffers because of his liability to the company. The premium for such policy may be paid by the company itself.

The Board of Governors of IITs is constituted under Section 11 of 'The Institutes of Technology Act, 1961' and the Chairman and Members of the Board are not 'Director' or 'Independent Director' for the purposes of Companies Act. The Board's functions and powers are related to academic activities and other objectives of the Institute that does not involve any kind of commercial activity. The Chairman and the Members of the Board are not involved in any kind of business or commercial decisions as no commercial activity is carried on by the Institute. Therefore, the matter of personal liability does not arise.

Under Statute 9 (13) of the Statutes, the Director shall not be personally liable in respect of anything under such contracts signed by him/her.

**Item No.3: Report relating to Actions Taken by the Chairman, Board of Governors, from time to time since last meeting.**

The Board noted the action taken.

**Item No.4: Approval of Annual Accounts of the Institute for the Financial Year 2015-16.**

The Board approved the Annual Accounts of the Institute for the FY 2015-16.

**Item No.5: Approval of Annual Report of the Institute for the Financial Year 2015-16.**

The Board approved the Annual Report of the Institute for the FY 2015-16.

**Item No.6: Tabling of Minutes of the 10<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Building and Works Committee.**

The Board noted the Minutes of the 10<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Building and Works Committee.

**Item No.7: Amendment to Purchase Procedure.**

After due deliberations, the Board approved the amendment with the following modifications:

1. Financial ceiling of Rs.1,00,000/- remains as before.
2. In respect of such proposals above Rs.1,00,000/- Director is authorised to approve all such individual proposals.
3. In respect of purchase through e-commerce sources Director is authorised to approve all such individual proposals.

**Item No.8: Presentation of activities of the Institute.**

1. The Director made a brief presentation of various activities of the Institute and the progress made in terms of students strength, Faculty strength, Undergraduate : Post Graduate ratio of students (about 54 : 46), better composition of students in terms of gender (20% being girl students), importance and appreciation of fractal academics, Executive M Tech, progress on construction of Permanent Campus, etc.

The Chairman complimented the Director on achieving 2000 students strength and stressed that fractal academics may be vigorously pursued to enhance placement opportunities of students.

Dr Prema Ramachandran suggested that human resource being of utmost significance, health care related matters may be included in fractal academics as healthy workforce enhances the value of the Institutions.

Shri Subrahmanyam stated that some projects under IMPRINT programme have received approvals and in respect of other proposals, Institute may explore possibilities of balance funding i.e. 50% from donors, alumni, and others.

The Chairman suggested that the Institute may have full time staff to interact with industries to have a realistic interaction with industry. Shri Subrahmanyam added that Institute may have necessary posts. Director agreed with the suggestion.

In regard to foreign faculty, Shri Subrahmanyam suggested that the Institute may explore various add-ons for attempting funding to attract foreign faculty.

2. After brief presentation by the Director, Head of Department of Computer Sciences & Engineering made a brief presentation of various activities of the Department.

The Board decided to view of presentation of Head of Department of Electrical Engineering in its next meeting.

**Item No.9: Any other item with the permission of the Chair.**

None.

The meeting ended with thanks to the Chair.

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