

Minutes of the 15th Meeting of the Finance Committee of IIT Hyderabad (IITH)

Date and time: 14th June 2022 at 10:00 Hours

Venue: Board Room, IIT Hyderabad, Kandi 502 284, Sanga Reddy District.

The Fifteenth Meeting of the Finance Committee of IITH was held on June 14, 2022.

The following members were present:

Dr. B.V.R. Mohan Reddy	Chairman
Shri. Rakesh Ranjan, IAS	Additional Secretary, MoE, Member (Official comments received vide F.No.11-9/2018-T.S.-1 dated 07.06.2022).
Prof. B.S. Murty	Director, IITH, Member
Ms. Darshana M Dabral,	Joint Secretary and Financial Advisor, MoE. Member (Official comments received vide F.No.1-11/2011-IFD dated 13.06.2022).
Prof. KVL Subramaniam	Dean (Planning), IITH, Member
Prof. Kiran Kuchi	Dean (R&D), IITH, Member
Cmde Manohar Nambiar (Retd)	Registrar, IITH and Secretary

At the outset, the Director, IITH welcomed the Chairman and Members of the Finance Committee to its 15th Meeting.

Item No. 15.1: Confirmation of the Minutes of the 14th Meeting of the Finance Committee

The Director stated that the 14th Meeting of the Finance Committee of IITH was held on 16th February 2022, and a copy of the Minutes of the Meeting has been circulated to the Members.

Comments of AS (TE), MoE: May be considered.

Comments of JS&FA, MoE: May be confirmed. However, as to Agenda Item No.10 & 12, the minutes / action taken appear to be at variance from the comments of the IFD. Allowing a faculty member to open / operate / incubate a start-up company outside the institute was not agreed to (item 10). Institute is still in project-mode and additional works over & above the Cabinet approved DPRs are to be considered once the institute report 'project completion' and comes out of project mode (item12).

Reply to the comments of JS&FA, MoE against Agenda Item No.15.1 & 15.3.1 is placed at **Appendix- 'A'**.

The minutes of 14th Finance Committee meeting of IITH held on 16 February 2022 are confirmed.

Item No. 15.2.1: Proposal for sanction of 100 new non-teaching posts

The Director stated that, previously the Institute has created some new posts in 2019. However, with the students' strength having increased to 3802, the requirement of staff has also increased in order to ensure smooth functioning of various academic departments and administrative sections. He further stated that presently, the Institute has 318 sanctioned posts, out of which 281 have been filled so far. It is now proposed to notify the remaining 31 direct recruitment vacancies under NF-11 advertisement as mentioned in the previous agenda item 39.3.2.

He further stated that in accordance with Section 6(i) (h) of the IIT Act, 1961, where the IITs are allowed to create the non-faculty posts in the ratio of 10:1.1 (student: non-faculty), the Institute proposes to create 100 posts. Once the 100 additional sanctions are obtained, the total non-faculty strength will reach a total of 418 based on present student strength of 3802.

Thereafter, the Director presented the tabulated details of vacancies proposed for creating 100 new non-teaching posts. Further, he stated that there will be a financial implication for a total amount of Rs. 4,53,31,128/- per annum upon creation of these posts considering the present DA of 34%.

Comments of AS(TE), MoE: Proposal may be agreed in-principle, however, Institute to strictly follow the Reservation Policy of the Government of India while filling.

Comments of JS&FA, MoE: Sanction of additional posts needs explicit approval from D/o Expenditure (MoF). Complete proposal may be forwarded to the Ministry for examination and then onward submission to DoE.

The Committee directed that a detailed proposal may be forwarded to the Ministry for examination and onward submission to the DoE.

Item No. 15.2.2: Proposal for grant of Post Graduate Allowance to the Medical Officers of the Institute

The Director stated that, as per the OM No. A.45012/02/2017-CHS.V dated 29 Aug 2017 of Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Govt. of India; Central Health Service Officers are in receipt of the Post Graduate allowance in addition to other applicable allowances as per the provision. The Post Graduate allowance will be paid at the rate of Rs. 2250/- per month and Rs. 1350/- per month for possessing P.G. Degree(s) and P.G. Diploma(s) recognized under Indian Medical Council Act, 1956, respectively, to officers up to the level of Chief Medical Officer (NFSG) of General Duty Medical Officer sub-cadre of Central Health Service. The rates of these allowances will be increased by 25% each time the Dearness allowance payable on revised pay scale rises by 50%. The PG allowance to CHS officers will be sanctioned by Heads of participating units of CHS in terms of OM No. A.29015/7/2004-CHS.V dated 5th October 2006.

At present, IITH has four (04) regular Medical Officers on its roll and two (02) of them are having PG/DNB degree and requested the Institute for grant of PG allowance. Further, the Director stated that there will be a financial implication for a total amount of Rs. 54000/- per annum on implementation of the PG allowance to both the eligible medical officers {02 (Medical Officers eligible for grant of PG Allowance) * Rs. 2250/- (Rate of PG allowance) *12 months = Rs. 54000/- per annum}.

Comments of AS(TE), MoE: May be considered as per advice of the IFD representative of the Ministry.

Comments of JS&FA, MoE: IITs are governed by CS(MA) Rules. The referred OM pertains to Medical Officers working in core Central Health Services and there is no mention of Autonomous Bodies in the said OM. Therefore, is not applicable to Medical Officers working in a health facility of an institute (Autonomous Body). May not be agreed to.

Committee did not approve the proposal for grant of Post Graduate Allowance to the Medical Officers of the Institute in consonance with the IFD comments.

Item No. 15.2.3: Proposal for establishing Greenko School of Sustainable Science and Technology at IITH

The Director stated that, Greenko Foundation, Hyderabad has proposed to collaborate with IITH to establish Greenko School of Sustainable Science and Technology (GSSST), a center for research academic development and extension in the areas of Climate Change Mitigation, Digitalization, AI and Space technologies for Energy and Industrial Transition, Circular and Regenerative Economy, Industrial Ecology and Green Chemistry, Hydrogen and Zero Carbon Molecules, etc. Thereafter the draft MoU was discussed and the Committee members opined that the Intellectual Property (IP) as well as the termination clause needs to be reviewed. The Chairman directed that the MoU be suitably reviewed and presented to the FC through circulation by 25 June 22.

Comments of AS(TE), MoE: May be considered.

Comments of JS&FA, MoE: As seen from the document, the proposed MoU involves providing land by IITH, deployment of staff and in-kind support from IIT Hyd to GSSST. The terms & conditions on which the above assistance/services are proposed to be extended by IIT Hyd to GSSST is not clear. Comments of IIT Bureau may be taken first.

Committee recommends in principle approval to the proposal for setting up of Greenko School of Sustainable Science & Technology (GSSST) at IITH to BoG of IITH.

Item No. 15.3.1: Action Taken report on the Minutes of the 14th Meeting of the Finance Committee

Comments of AS(TE), MoE: Action taken may be noted.

Comments of JS&FA, MoE: May be confirmed. However, as to Agenda Item No.10 & 12, the minutes / action taken appear to be at variance from the comments of the IFD. Allowing a faculty member to open / operate / incubate a start-up company outside the institute was not agreed to (item 10). Institute is still in project-mode and additional works over & above the Cabinet approved DPRs are to be considered once the institute report 'project completion' and comes out of project mode (item12).

Reply to the comments of JS&FA, MoE against Agenda Item No.15.1 & 15.3.1 is placed at **Appendix- 'A'**.

The Committee ratifies the actions taken on the resolutions of 14th FC meeting of IITH held on 16th February 2022.

Item No. 15.3.2: Report on Major Purchases

A Report on Major Purchases of value Rs. 20 lakhs and above made by the Institute during the period 01.01.2022 to 22.05.2022 was presented by the Director for the ratification of the committee. The Director stated that in accordance with the approval of the Finance Committee in its third meeting held on 03 Jan 2014, the purchases of the order of Rs. 20 lakhs and above is to be reported to the committee. He further clarified that the relevant provisions of GFR 2017 were fully followed in all these purchases.

Comments of AS(TE), MoE: Institute to make sure that all purchases are made duly following GFR.

Comments of JS&FA, MoE: May be reported.

Committee ratified the report on major purchases of IITH, as presented.

Item No. 15.4.1: Report on Campus Development Project

As a part of the expansion program of IITH, the Board of Governors had approved the Campus Development Project divided into two packages viz., 3A and 3B in its 29th and 31st meetings. This project is majorly funded by JICA loan and partly through HEFA. A brief report on the Campus Development Project of the Institute, highlighting the scope of work under this agreement and the timelines was also presented.

The Dean Planning stated that the speed of works has picked up pace after delays caused by shortage of labour and material because of the pandemic. The Director stated that regular review meetings/site visits are being conducted both by the Director and Dean planning with both the contractors, M/s L&T and M/s SPCL Pvt Ltd to ensure that work is being progressed in accordance with the revised timelines. The Dean Planning further elaborated upon the progress of the Construction and explained the three sources of funding, i.e., JICA, HEFA and TRP for the Package 3A and 3B.

Further, the Director stated that the Technology Research Park (TRP) building was inaugurated by Dr. Srivari Chandrasekhar, Secretary, DST, GOI on 05th February 2022 under Package 3A (IITH-JICA Collaboration Project). Under Package 3B, the Hospital building had been completed and inaugurated by Dr Guru N Reddy, Founder & Chairman, Continental Hospitals, Hyderabad on 27th March 2022 and the Married Students' Housing was inaugurated by him on 06th April 2022.

He also stated that, the Ministry vide letter No. 11-13/2017-TS-I dated 02.06.2022 has conveyed that the progress of works (JICA) is very slow and requested to take appropriate action for completion of the project within the stipulated timelines to avoid price escalation /cost and time overrun. Further, the Ministry has requested to mention the action taken in the next monthly progress report.

Comments of AS(TE), MoE: Ministry has conveyed its comment on the JICA Progress report vide letter No. 11-13/2017-TS-I dated 02.06.2022, that letter may also be brought to the notice of members of the FC.

Comments of JS&FA, MoE: May be reported and timeline set may be adhered to.

Committee noted the report on Campus Development Project activities of IITH, as presented.

Item No. 15.4.2: Report on Budget Sanctions for the F.Y 2022-23

The Director stated that, a detailed budget proposal for Rs. 649.81 Crore (OH 31- Rs.191.81 Cr, OH35- Rs.326.44 Cr, OH36- Rs.131.56 Cr) has been sent to MoE on 21.10.2021 for the F.Y 2022-23 and MoE vide its letter no. F.No.27-2/2022-TS-1 dated 21.04.2022 has conveyed a total budget allocation of Rs. 182.98Cr under different budget heads i.e., 61.48Cr (OH-31), 15Cr (OH-35) and 106.50Cr (OH-36) for the F.Y. 2022-23. The above allocation does not include HEFA component since it will be released separately as per actuals.

Comments of AS(TE), MoE: May be noted.

Comments of JS&FA, MoE: May be reported.

Committee noted the report on budget allocation for the financial year 2022-23, as presented.

Item No. 15.5: Any other item with the approval of the Chair of the Chair

There being no other points, the meeting ended with thanks to the chair.

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APPENDIX- 'A'

Comments of JS&FA, MoE against Agenda item 15.1 & 15.3.1 of the 39th BoG	Reply
<p><i>May be confirmed. However, as to Agenda Item No.10 & 12, the minutes / action taken appears to be at variance from the comments of the IFD. Allowing a faculty member to open / operate / incubate a startup company outside the institute was not agreed to (item 10). Institute is still in project-mode and additional works over & above the Cabinet approved DPRs are to be considered once the institute report 'project completion' and comes out of project mode (item12).</i></p>	<p><u>Agenda Item No.10: Proposal to consider terms of engagement of a faculty member in Startup Venture</u></p> <p>1) The National Innovation & Startup Policy (NISP) has been formulated by MHRD (MoE) in 2019 for adoption and implementation by all HEIs. It makes the following recommendations for faculty startups:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a. For better coordination of the entrepreneurial activities, norms for faculty to do startups should be created by the institutes. Only those technologies should be taken for faculty startups which originate from within the same institute.i. Role of faculty may vary from being an owner/ direct promoter, mentor, consultant or as on-board member of the startup.ii. Institutes should work on developing a policy on 'conflict of interests' to ensure that the regular duties of the faculty don't suffer owing to his/her involvement in the startup activities.iii. Faculty startup may consist of faculty members alone or with students or with faculty of other institutes or with alumni or with other entrepreneurs. <p><i>Source: Section-7: Norms for Faculty Startups, page-18, National Innovation and Startup Policy 2019 for Students and Faculty: A Guiding Framework for Higher Education Institutions (Copy enclosed at Annexure-1)</i></p> <p>2) This NISP-2019 is expected to be implemented by all HEI's. As can be noted</p>

	<p>from (a.i.), it allows for a faculty to be part of a startup in various capacities. This philosophy and intent has been the motive in framing the current Innovation Policy of the Institute.</p>
	<p><u>Agenda Item No.12: Proposal for School of Innovation and Entrepreneurship at IIT Hyderabad</u></p> <p>A Cost Benefit Analysis of the Initiatives of the proposed BVR Mohan Reddy School of Innovation and Entrepreneurship at IIT Hyderabad funded by Shibodhi Family foundation and Cyient Foundation is placed at <i>Annexure-2</i>.</p>