

MINUTES OF THE 15TH MEETING OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS



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**MINUTES OF THE 15TH MEETING OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS,
IIT ROPAR HELD ON 24TH MARCH, 2015 AT 12:00 NOON IN THE
BOARD ROOM OF IIT DELHI.**

P R E S E N T

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| 1. | Mrs. Lila Poonawalla | - | Chairperson |
| 2. | Prof. M. K. Surappa | - | Member |
| 3. | Prof. N. Sathyamurthy | - | Member |
| 4. | Sh. M. P. Singh, PSTE&IT (Pb.) | - | Representative
Chief Secretary Punjab. |
| 5. | Prof. S.M. Ishtiaque | - | Member |
| 6. | Dr. V. Sumantran | - | Member |
| 7. | Prof. P. K. Raina | - | Member |
| 8. | Prof. R.K. Shevgaonkar | - | Special Invitee |
| 9. | Shri Alok Mishra | - | Special Invitee |
| 10. | Prof. Javagal K. Sridhar | - | Secretary |

The Director welcomed the Chairperson and all the Board Members and informed the Board that the following members have conveyed their inability to attend the meeting due to some pre-occupation and they were granted leave of absence:

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| 1. | Shri Chetan Pahwa | - | Member |
| 2. | Shri Sanjiv Goyal | - | Member |

The Chairperson also welcomed all the members.

Before taking up the agenda, the Board desired that

- i. To review the progress of construction work in the main campus, in future Chief Engineer, CPWD be invited to the Board Meeting for presentation of the work executed during the said period.

- ii. The institute should take industry engagement inputs from Dr. Sumantran who has long industrial experience. The institute should also organize Industry Academia meet. The Director informed the Board that the Industry-Academia Conclave is going to be organized on 11th May, 2015 at IIT Ropar.
- iii. The audit of the Administrative, Academic and Financial processes already made may also be done from time to time to improve the system.

ITEM NO. 1 TO CONFIRM THE REVISED MINUTES OF THE 14TH MEETING OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS HELD ON 25.10.2014.

The Revised Minutes of the 14th Meeting of the Board of Governors held on 25.10.2014 as circulated, were considered.

RESOLUTION: RESOLVED THAT the Revised Minutes of BG15/R1/15/181 the 14th Meeting of the Board of Governors held on 25.10.2014 be confirmed.

ITEM NO. 2 TO RECEIVE A REPORT OF THE ACTION TAKEN ON THE DECISIONS OF THE 14TH MEETING OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS.

Prof. M. K. Surappa, Director presented the Action Taken Report on the decisions of the 14th Meeting of Board of Governors held on 25.10.2014.

RESOLUTION: RESOLVED THAT the Action Taken Report BG15/R2/15/182 be noted with the following observations:

1. The process for filling up of the post of Chief Engineer be completed by 31st May, 2015.

2. Copy of the External Peer Review Report dated September 29-30, 2014 submitted by External Peer Review Committee headed by Prof. R. Natarajan, Former Director, IIT Madras to assess the performance of IIT Ropar be circulated to all the Board Members and placed on the Institute's Website. Further it was desired that an Analysis Report be prepared at the institute level on the basis of External Peer Review Report and placed before the Board for future vision and prepare strategy for further development and improvement.

3. The Manuals/Rules along with deviation statement from those of IIT Delhi be placed before the Finance Committee in the next meeting. These Manuals/Rules are related to Stores Purchase Manual, Leave Rules and Internal Audit Manual.

ITEM NO. 3 TO RECEIVE A REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR ON THE MAJOR ACHIEVEMENTS/ DEVELOPMENTS SINCE THE LAST MEETING OF THE BOG HELD ON 25.10.2014.

The Director, IIT Ropar presented the major achievements/developments taken place in the Institute since the last meeting of the Board.

The Board congratulated Professor M. K. Surappa, Director for the award of Honorary Doctorate degree by the Karnataka State Open University, Mysore.

The Board also appreciated:

- a) The visits of the external experts/officers to the institute for Academic and Research work.
- b) The Statutory Audit Report (SAR) submitted by the Comptroller and Auditor General of India.

THE BOARD FURTHER DESIRED THAT:

- a) A report on the placement of students be placed before the Board indicating the number of students placed, number of students opted for higher studies and the number of students non-placed stream-wise with reasons for non-placement. The institute should make efforts and take necessary steps to get the data about the students getting placed at their own or opting for higher studies.
- b) The institute should prepare the data for Sectoral sources of project funds.
- c) The External funding being a matter of pride for the institute, therefore, the projects be monitored/reviewed by the Professor In charge (A&R) or Co-ordinator (R&D) to be appointed separately. The monitoring be done as to the utilization of funds, time schedule given by the funding agencies. On the basis of such monitoring, the quality and quantum of Research be reported to the Board. Efforts be made at the institute level to improve the broader strategic evaluation and diversity of sources of funds.

- d) A questionnaire be prepared and circulated to the faculty to know the factors contributing to research excellence at IIT Ropar.
- e) The achievements of the institute be reported to the Board as well as MHRD from time to time.

The Board also unanimously agreed to put on record the report of the USAID Team about IIT Ropar circulated at the time of Board meeting and appreciated the efforts made by the institute fraternity to bring the institute to this high level.

The Board appreciated the achievements of the Institute.

RESOLUTION: BG15/R3/15/183 **RESOLVED THAT IIT Ropar has made spectacular progress with respect to research impact (citations), students placement and governance during the last 5 years under the leadership of Prof. M. K. Surappa, Director.**

RESERVED FURTHER THAT the Director's report be noted with great appreciation.

ITEM NO. 4 TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE 8TH MEETING OF FINANCE COMMITTEE HELD ON 25.10.2014.

The Board considered the Minutes of the 8th Meeting of Finance Committee held on 25.10.2014.

RESOLUTION: BG15/R4/15/184 **RESOLVED THAT the Minutes of the 8th Meeting of Finance Committee be approved.**

ITEM NO. 5 TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE 15TH MEETING OF SENATE HELD ON 18.12.2014.

The Board considered the Minutes of the 15th Meeting of Senate held on 18.12.2014.

**RESOLUTION:
BG15/R5/15/185**

RESOLVED THAT the Minutes of the 15th Meeting of Senate be approved.

RESOLVED FURTHER THAT Disciplinary Committee be constituted on IIT Delhi pattern to deal with the student related issues. Students representative be also included in the Disciplinary Committee.

ITEM NO. 6 TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE BUDGET ESTIMATES OF IIT ROPAR FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 2015-16.

The Board considered the Budget Estimates of IIT Ropar for the Financial Year 2015-16.

**RESOLUTION:
BG15/R6/15/186**

RESOLVED THAT the Budget Estimates of IIT Ropar (Annexure-IV of 15th BOG Agenda) for the Financial Year 2015-16 be approved subject to availability of funds from MHRD.

RESOLVED FURTHER THAT the revised estimates on the basis of pace of actual expenditure be put up to Board for Mid-Term Review.

ITEM NO. 7 TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE CONFERMENT OF PH.D DEGREES TO THE STUDENTS.

The Board considered the conferment of Ph.D Degree to the following students:

Sl. No.	Name of the Student	Entry No.	Title of Thesis
1.	Mr. Rajkumar Kore	2010CYZ0004	<i>"Design of Ionic Liquids for Zeolite Synthesis and Catalysis".</i>
2.	Mr. Anu Pratap	2009CYZ0001	<i>"Synthesis of Nanostructured Polyaniline and Metal Oxide for Electrochemical Sensing Applications"</i>

RESOLUTION:
BG15/R7/15/187

RESOLVED THAT the conferment of Ph.D degree to Mr. Rajkumar Kore and Mr. Anu Pratap be approved.

ITEM NO. 8 TO CONFIRM/RATIFY THE DECISIONS TAKEN BY THE CHAIRPERSON, BOARD OF GOVERNORS/DIRECTOR ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS.

The Board considered the decisions taken by the Chairman BOG/Director on behalf of the Board of Governors.

RESOLUTION:
BG15/R8/15/188

RESOLVED THAT the decisions taken by the Chairperson, BOG/Director on behalf of the Board of Governors be ratified.

ITEM NO. 9 REPORTING ITEMS

The Board considered the reporting items.

RESOLUTION:
BG15/R9/15/189

RESOLVED THAT the reporting items be noted.

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair.