

MINUTES OF THE 35th MEETING OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS



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(Virtual)

INDIAN INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY ROPAR
Rupnagar, Punjab-140001

MINUTES OF THE 35th MEETING OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS, IIT ROPAR HELD ON 25th MAY, 2021 AT 12:00 NOON (VIRTUAL)

PRESENT

1.	Dr. K.Radhakrishnan	-	Chairperson
2.	Prof. Rajeev Ahuja	-	Member
3.	Sh. Kumar Saurabh Raj, Director Tech. Edu. And Ind. Training (Nominee of Chief Secretary, Govt. of Punjab)	-	Member
4.	Sh. Chetan Pahwa	-	Member
5.	Prof. N. Sathyamurthy	-	Member
6.	Prof. Sanjoy Roy	-	Member
7.	Prof. P. K. Raina	-	Member
8.	Sh. Ravinder Kumar	-	Secretary

Leave of absence was granted to Shri Sanjiv Goel since he could not attend the meeting. Shri Prashant Agarwal, Director (IITs) of Ministry of Education and Special Invitee could not participate.

At the outset, the Chairman welcomed the new Director, Prof. Rajeev Ahuja and all the Board Members to the 35th Meeting of Board of Governors. He appreciated the services rendered by Prof. S. K. Das as Director IIT Ropar and Prof. P.K. Raina as In-charge Director, IIT Ropar during the transition period. Prof. Rajeev Ahuja, Director, thanked the Chairman and the members of the Board and welcomed them to the meeting. Prof. Ahuja also appreciated the services rendered by the outgoing Director, Prof. S.K. Das and Prof. P.K. Raina as In-charge Director.

ITEM NO.1 TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE 34th MEETING OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS HELD ON 01.12.2020

The minutes of the 34th Meeting of BoG held on 01.12.2020 circulated to the members of the Board on 05.01.2021 were considered by the Board and noted that no comments have been received.

RESOLUTION: BG35/R1/35/560 **RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the 34th Meeting of the Board of Governors held on 01.12.2020 are confirmed as circulated.**

ITEM NO. 2 TO RECEIVE A REPORT OF THE ACTION TAKEN ON THE DECISIONS OF THE 34th MEETING OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS HELD ON 01.12.2020.

The Director, IIT Ropar presented the Action Taken Report on the decisions of the 34th Meeting of the Board of Governors held on 01.12.2020.

RESOLUTION: BG35/R2/35/561 **RESOLVED THAT the Action Taken Report on the decisions of the 34th meeting of Board of Governors held on 01.12.2020 is noted with satisfaction.**

ITEM NO. 3 TO RECEIVE A REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR ON THE MAJOR ACHIEVEMENTS / DEVELOPMENTS SINCE THE LAST MEETING OF THE BOG HELD ON 01.12.2020.

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

After the presentation, on the invite of the Chairman, BoG, the Board members expressed as under:

1. Prof. Sathyamurthy appreciated the efforts made by IIT Ropar since its beginning to come up to this level.
2. Sh. Chetan Pahwa expressed that IIT Ropar can play a bigger role in helping the local industry of Punjab. He can play a role in bringing IIT Ropar close to the local industry.
3. Sh. Kumar Saurabh appreciated the work done by IIT Ropar for Covid management. He informed the Director that he will be always available for any help by the Institute.

RESOLUTION: RESOLVED THAT the Director's presentation on major achievements /developments is noted with appreciation.
BG35/R3/35/562

(Annexure-I)

ITEM NO. 4 TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE 39TH and 40TH (VIRTUAL) MEETINGS OF SENATE HELD ON 21.01.2021 and 24.03.2021 RESPECTIVELY.

The Board considered the Minutes of the 39th & 40th (Virtual) Meetings of Senate held on 21.01.2021 & 24.03.2021 respectively.

RESOLUTION: RESOLVED THAT the Minutes of the 39th & BG35/R4/35/563 40th Meeting Senate held on 21.01.2021 & 24.03.2021 respectively are noted.

ITEM NO. 5 TO CONSIDER THE ADDITIONAL FINANCIAL SUPPORT OF ₹125.00 CRORE THROUGH HEFA TERM LOAN.

The Director presented the project details like area authorized to be constructed, area constructed so far and the balance area to be constructed. It was emphasized that there is no increase in the area as authorized to be constructed. Furthermore the additional financial support sought in this agenda is within the approved revised cost estimates of ₹1540.82 crore. The Director briefed that the project was to be completed by 31.03.2021, however the same has been delayed. A justification for delay and the future timeline for completion of the project shall be enclosed as **Annexure-II** while submitting the minutes of the Board for consideration by the MoE.

The Board considered the recommendations of the 28th Finance Committee on Agenda Item No. 4 wherein the Finance Committee has recommended to avail HEFA loan of ₹150.00 crore (in place of ₹125.00 crore proposed by the Institute in the agenda notes) in window-II as the Govt. of India may not be able to give Grant-in-aid of ₹25.02 crore to IIT Ropar in view of pandemic situation.

RESOLUTION: RESOLVED THAT HEFA Term Loan of BG35/R5/35/564 ₹150.00 crore in window II is approved.

(Annexure-II)

ITEM NO.6 TO CONSIDER REVISED ESTIMATES 2020-21 AND BUDGET ESTIMATES 2021-22 AND REQUEST FOR REVISION OF ALLOCATION OF BUDGET BY THE MOE FOR THE FY 2021-22.

The Director briefed that the MoE has allocated ₹97.78 crore to IIT Ropar for the FY 2021-22 against actual release of grant-in-aid of ₹113.28 crore (excluding the interest and principal repayment) during the FY 2020-21. The Director also briefed that the Institute has requested the MoE for revising the budget allocation to the tune of ₹132.00 crore for the FY 2021-22.

The Director, IIT Ropar briefed that during the Finance Committee Meeting held today:

- (i) The Director (Finance), MoE informed that the Govt. shall consider for additional grant as and when the funds are available.
- (ii) The Finance Committee desired the Institute to take up an exercise to effect economy in annual expenditure besides the specific excesses and savings due to the pandemic situation, and report the outcome in the next meeting while presenting the revised budget estimate.

The Board was briefed about the suggestions made in the Finance Committee by Prof. V. Ramgopal Rao, Director, IIT Delhi that

- (i) IIT Ropar can start online courses to increase the IRG.
- (ii) IIT Delhi has approached MoE regarding vaccination of faculty, staff and students. The MoE informed that the Institute may get them vaccinated and the expenditure on this account can be met from the IRG. Therefore, IIT Ropar may also think on the same lines and hasten the vaccination

drive in the campus. Any expenditure on this account if required can be met from IRG with the permission of the Director IIT Ropar, as it will be in the interest of the Institute and help in opening the campus at an early date.

**RESOLUTION:
BG35/R6/35/565**

RESOLVED THAT the budget allocation of ₹97.78 crore by the MoE is noted.

RESOLVED FURTHER THAT the Institute shall take necessary measures to economize the annual expenditure.

The Institute may prepare revised budget estimates as indicated above and the revised estimates may be placed before the Board in the next meeting.

ITEM NO. 7 TO CONSIDER THE EXTENSION OF FELLOWSHIP AFTER COMPLETION OF 5 YEARS OF PH.D PROGRAMME.

The Director briefed that some of the Research Scholars have completed or are going to complete 5 years Ph.D. programme but could not complete their course work due to the prevailing situation of Covid-19. He further briefed that recently in a meeting of all the Directors of the IITs with the Hon'ble Minister of Education, this matter was discussed and it was resolved that this difficulty is being faced by all the IITs across the country and the Govt. shall take appropriate decision. The Director further informed the Finance Committee that some of the Research Scholars are from poor background and they have to support their families. Therefore, the Institute proposes to pay the 50% fellowship, in the interim, subject to a maximum of 6 months on case to case basis. For the time being, the expenditure on this account may be met from Internal Revenue Generation of the Institute. As and when the Govt. notifies some policy on this issue, the amount will be recouped from grant-in-aid.

RESOLUTION:
BG35/R7/35/566

RESOLVED THAT the duly recommended proposal for grant of extension of fellowship to the research scholars after completion of 5 years of Ph.D. programme by the Finance Committee is approved subject to the following conditions:

1. The fellowship shall be 50% of the entitled fellowship subject to a maximum period of 6 months.
2. The Director shall consider such requests on case to case basis duly recommended by the supervisor and the HoD.

The expenditure shall be met from IRG for the time being. The same can be recouped as and when the Govt. of India notifies some policy on this issue.

ITEM NO. 8 TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE CONFERMENT OF PH.D DEGREE TO THE STUDENTS.

The Board considered the recommendations of the Senate for the Conferment of Ph.D degrees to 10 (Ten) Research Scholars who have completed all the requirements for the award of Ph.D. degree.

RESOLUTION:
BG35/R8/35/567

RESOLVED THAT the conferment of Ph.D degree to the following 10 (Ten) students of IIT Ropar is approved:

Sr. No.	Name of the student	Entry No.
1.	Ms. RituKapur	2015CSZ0005
2.	Ms. Apoorva Sikka	2014CSZ0003
3.	Ms. Natasha Sharma	2015MAZ0009
4.	Ms. Kanika Arora	2015PHZ0002
5.	Jagpreet Singh Sidhu	2015CYZ0005
6.	Mr. Sanchit	2016CYZ0004
7.	Mr. Anil Singh	2015CSZ0003
8.	Ms. Joohi Chauhan	2016BMZ0006
9.	Mr. AkshayDudhane	2017EEZ0001
10.	Mr. Prashant W. Patil	2017EEZ0006

(Ravinder Kumar)
Officiating Registrar

(Prof. Rajeev Ahuja)
Director

(Dr. K.Radhakrishnan)
Chairperson

ITEM NO. 9 TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE CONFERMENT OF M.TECH DEGREE TO THE STUDENTS.

The Board considered the recommendations of the Senate for the conferment of M.Tech degree to 03 (Three) students of IIT Ropar who have completed all the requirements for the award of M.Tech. degree.

RESOLUTION: **RESOLVED THAT the conferment of M.Tech degree to the following 03 (Three) students of IIT Ropar is approved:**

S. No.	Name	Entry Number	Programme
1	HEMABH TRIVEDI	2018MEM1013	M.Tech. (ME)
2	ISHTYAQ CHOUDHARY	2018EEM1011	M.Tech. (EE)
3	SOUMYA RANJAN PANIGRAHI	2018EEM1024	M.Tech (EE)

ITEM NO. 10 TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE CONFERMENT OF B.TECH. DEGREE TO THE STUDENTS.

The Board considered the recommendations of the Senate for the conferment of B.Tech. degree to 02 (Two) students of IIT Ropar who have completed all the requirements for the award of B.Tech. Degree.

RESOLUTION: **RESOLVED THAT the conferment of B.Tech degree to the following 02 (Two) students of IIT Ropar is approved:**

S. No.	Name	Entry Number	Programme
1	VIJENDRA MAHARDA	2013EEB1076	B.Tech. EE
2	JITEN KUMAR	2014MEB1094	B.Tech. ME

ITEM NO. 11 TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE ANNUAL ACCOUNTS OF IIT ROPAR FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 2020-21.

The Board considered the recommendations of the Finance Committee for the Annual Accounts of IIT Ropar for the Financial Year 2020-21.

RESOLUTION: RESOLVED THAT the Annual Accounts of BG35/R11/35/570 IIT Ropar for the FY 2020-21 are approved.

ITEM NO.12 TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE APPOINTMENTS OF NEW DEANS.

The Director presented his proposal for modification of the administrative structure within the Institute, conforming to the provisions in Statutes, as under:

1. Research and Development to be headed by a Dean, along with an Associate Dean;
2. International Relations and Alumni Affairs to be headed by a Dean;
3. Faculty Affairs & Administration to be headed by a Dean;
4. Three Associate Deans assigned for Academic Affairs of UG, PG & Research and CEOA, as Associate Dean (UG), Associate Dean (PG & Research) and Associate Dean (CEOA);
5. Student Affairs to be headed by an Associate Dean; and
6. Transit Campus to be looked after by the current Professor-in-charge of Transit Campus.

RESOLUTION: RESOLVED THAT the appointment of BG35/R12/35/571 following new Deans (in accordance with para #14 of IIT Ropar Statutes) as proposed by the Director is approved:

The tenure of Deans will be 02 years initially (extendable further for a period of one year) to be effective from 1st June 2021 or the date from which they will take over whichever is later (in accordance with Board resolution: BG31/R7/31/492).

ITEM NO. 13 TO CONSIDER THE REDISTRIBUTION OF SANCTIONED STRENGTH OF FACULTY.

The Board discussed the distribution of the number of positions in various ranks of the faculty, that is, Assistant Professor, Associate Professor and Professor. In keeping with the practice of flexi-cadre in faculty recruitment in the IITs, it was agreed that IIT Ropar would have the freedom to recruit faculty members at different levels keeping in mind the total number of positions approved by the Board (The approved formula is: 1 faculty member per 10 students).

RESOLUTION: BG35/R13/35/572 **RESOLVED THAT** the flexi-cadre in faculty recruitment of IIT Ropar is approved. The Institute shall remain within the total sanctioned faculty positions approved by the Board.

RESOLVED FURTHER THAT the Institute shall make moderate modifications keeping in view the existing structure.

ITEM NO. 14 TO CONSIDER THE RECRUITMENT RULES FOR THE POST OF REGISTRAR.

The Board considered the proposal for revision of norms for the post of Registrar as presented by the Director. The Board desired to keep the exiting norms to maintain the uniformity with other IITs.

RESOLUTION: BG35/R14/35/573 **RESOLVED THAT** the existing recruitment rules for the post of Registrar will remain the same.

ITEM NO. 15 TO CONFIRM / RATIFY THE DECISIONS TAKEN BY THE CHAIRPERSON, BOG / DIRECTOR ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS.

The Board considered the decisions taken by the Chairperson, Board of Governors and the Director, IIT Ropar on behalf of the Board of Governors.

RESOLUTION BG35/R15/35/574 RESOLVED THAT the following decisions taken by the Chairperson, BoG/ Director on behalf of the Board of Governors are ratified / noted.

- I. Minutes of the Assessment Committee Meeting for the Movement of Assistant Professor from Grade-II and Grade-I / confirmation of following faculty members of IIT Ropar:
- II. Minutes of the Assessment Committee Meeting for the Movement of Pay Level From 12 to 13A1 of following faculty members of IIT Ropar:
- III. Details of Group 'A' non-faculty members who have been confirmed to the post since last BoG meeting held on 01.12.2020:

ITEM NO. 16 REPORTING ITEMS

The Board considered the reporting items.

RESOLUTION: BG35/R16/35/575 RESOLVED THAT the following reporting items are noted:

- I. Details of non-faculty members who have joined the Institute since last BoG meeting held on 01.12.2020.
- II. Details of Director / faculty members who have resigned / relieved from the Institute since last BoG meeting held on 01.12.2020.

- III. Details of non-faculty member(s) who have been relieved from the Institute since last BoG meeting held on 01.12.2020:
- IV. To consider a deposit of ₹7.64 crore from IRG till the receipt of HEFA principal re-payment installment for deposit in Escrow 3 Principal re-payment account:
- V. Extension of the GoI order on special cash package in lieu of LTC fare for block year 2018-21 to IITs.
- VI. Approval for exemption from the Global Tender Enquiry (GTE) given by the MoE vide letter no. 32-5/2021-TS-I dated 01.04.2021

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