

# **MINUTES OF THE 36<sup>th</sup> MEETING OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS**



**13.12.2021  
(Virtual)**

**INDIAN INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY ROPAR**  
Rupnagar, Punjab-140001

## **MINUTES OF THE 36<sup>th</sup> MEETING OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS, IIT ROPAR HELD ON 13.12.2021 AT 11:30 AM (VIRTUAL)**

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### **PRESENT**

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| 1. | Dr. K.Radhakrishnan<br>Chairperson, BoG, IIT Ropar  | - Chairperson |
| 2. | Prof. Rajeev Ahuja<br>Director, IIT Ropar   | - Member      |
| 3. | S. Mohanbir Singh Sidhu,<br>Additional Director, Tech. Edu. and Ind.<br>Training (Nominee of Chief Secretary,<br>Govt. of Punjab) | - Member      |
| 4. | Prof. N. Sathyamurthy<br>Honorary Professor, IISER Mohali   | - Member      |
| 5. | Prof. Sanjoy Roy,<br>Professor, Department of Electrical<br>Department, IIT Ropar   | - Member      |
| 6. | Prof. P. K. Raina,<br>Professor, Department of Physics, IIT<br>Ropar  | - Member      |
| 7. | Sh. Ravinder Kumar<br>Officiating Registrar   | - Secretary   |

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

At the outset, the Chairman welcomed all the Members to the 36<sup>th</sup> Meeting of Board of Governors.

### **ITEM NO.1 TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE 35<sup>th</sup> MEETING OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS HELD ON 25.05.2021**

The Officiating Registrar briefed that the minutes of the 35<sup>th</sup> Meeting of Board of Governors held on 25.05.2021 were circulated to the

members of the Board on 27.05.2021. After incorporating the changes suggested by Prof. N. Sathayamurthy, the modified minutes were circulated on 31.05.2021 and after that no comments have been received.

**RESOLUTION: BG36/R1/36/577**      **RESOLVED THAT the modified minutes of the 35<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Board of Governors held on 25.05.2021 are confirmed as circulated.**

**ITEM NO. 2      TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF EMERGENCY MEETING OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS HELD ON 19.11.2021.**

The Officiating Registrar briefed that the Minutes of the emergency Meeting of the Board of Governors held on 19.11.2021 were circulated to the members of the Board on 26.11.2021 and no comments have been received. As approved by the Board, the letter was sent to the MoE for approval. In response, the MoE *vide* letter no. F.No. 9-9/2016-TS-I dated 06.12.2021 (Annexure) has communicated that IIT Ropar can take a decision in the interest of the Institute.

**RESOLUTION: BG36/R2/36/578**      **RESOLVED THAT the Minutes of the emergency Meeting of the Board of Governors held on 19.11.2021 are confirmed as circulated.**

**FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the response received from the MoE *vide* letter no. F.No. 9-9/2016-TS-I dated 06.12.2021 (Annexure) is noted.**

**(Annexure-I)**

**ITEM NO. 3      TO RECEIVE A REPORT OF THE ACTION TAKEN ON THE DECISIONS OF THE 35<sup>th</sup> MEETING OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS HELD ON 25.05.2021.**

The Officiating Registrar, IIT Ropar presented the Action Taken Report on the decisions of the 35<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Board of Governors held on 25.05.2021. He briefed that:

- (i) In compliance to the resolution No. BG35/R5/35/564, the institute submitted letter to the MoE for approval of HEFA term loan of Rs.150.00 crores and the MoE has approved the proposal *vide* letter No. 9-13/2019-TS-I dated 03.12.2021 (Annexure-II).
- (ii) In compliance to the resolution No. BG35/R6/35/565, the revised budget estimates for the financial year 2021-22 and budget estimates for the financial year 2022-23 are being placed before the Board as Table Agenda in today's meeting.

(Annexure-II)

**RESOLUTION: BG36/R3/36/579**      **RESOLVED THAT the Action Taken Report on the decisions of the 35<sup>th</sup> meeting of Board of Governors held on 25.05.2021 is noted with satisfaction.**

**RESOLVED FURTHER THAT the action taken on the decision of emergency meeting of the Board held on 19.11.2021 is also noted with satisfaction.**

**ITEM NO. 4    TO RECEIVE A REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR ON THE MAJOR ACHIEVEMENTS / DEVELOPMENTS SINCE THE LAST MEETING OF THE BOG HELD ON 25.05.2021.**

The Director, IIT Ropar presented the major achievements / developments since the last meeting of the Board held on 25.05.2021.

The Chairperson, BoG appreciated the efforts made by IIT Ropar. The Chairperson suggested that the Agricultural entrepreneurship and Rural Technology Centre are the important areas for Punjab that need to be focused. The Industry collaboration also needs to be strengthened.

Prof. N. Sathyamurthy suggested that the Institute needs to focus on the utilization/commercialization of patents.

**RESOLUTION: BG36/R4/36/580**      **RESOLVED THAT the Director's presentation (Annexure) on major achievements/developments is noted with appreciation.**  
**(Annexure-III)**

**ITEM NO. 5      TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE 28<sup>TH</sup> MEETING OF FINANCE COMMITTEE HELD ON 25.05.2021.**

The Board considered the Minutes of 28th Meeting of the Finance Committee held on 25.05.2021.

**RESOLUTION: BG36/R5/36/581**      **RESOLVED THAT the Minutes of the 28<sup>th</sup> meeting of Finance Committee held on 25.05.2021 are approved.**

**ITEM NO. 6      TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE 34<sup>TH</sup> MEETING OF B&WC HELD ON 28.09.2021 (VIRTUAL).**

The Board considered the Minutes of the 34th Meeting of the Building and Works Committee held on 28.09.2021.

**RESOLUTION: BG36/R6/36/582**      **RESOLVED THAT the Minutes of the 34th Meeting of the Building and Works Committee are noted.**

**ITEM NO. 7      TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE 41<sup>ST</sup> (VIRTUAL) AND 42<sup>ND</sup> (VIRTUAL) MEETINGS OF THE SENATE HELD ON 15.07.2021 AND 02.12.2021 RESPECTIVELY.**

The Board Considered the Minutes of the 41<sup>st</sup> and 42<sup>nd</sup> Meetings of the Senate held on 20.07.2021 and 02.12.2021 respectively. The Board discussed and resolved that the minutes of Senate are an academic in nature, therefore, these can be noted by the Board and does not require any approval of Board.

**RESOLUTION: BG36/R7/36/583**      **RESOLVED THAT the Minutes of the 41st (Virtual) and 42nd (Virtual) Meetings of the**

Senate held on 15.07.2021 and 02.12.2021 respectively are noted.

**ITEM NO.8 TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE CONFERMENT OF B.TECH DEGREE TO THE STUDENTS.**

The Board considered the proposal for Conferment of B. Tech. degree to the students of IIT Ropar.

**RESOLUTION: BG36/R8/36/584** RESOLVED THAT the conferment of B. Tech. degree to the following 243 (Two Hundred Forty Three) students as recommended by the Senate is approved.

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

The Board considered the proposal for Conferment of M. Tech./M. Sc. degree to the students of IIT Ropar.

**RESOLUTION: BG36/R9/36/585** RESOLVED THAT the conferment of M.Tech degree to the following 122 (One Hundred Twenty Two) students / M.Sc. degree to the following 78 (Seventy Eight) students as recommended by the Senate is approved.

**ITEM NO. 10 TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE CONFERMENT OF MS (RESEARCH) DEGREE TO THE STUDENTS.**

The Board considered the proposal for conferment of MS (Research) degree to the students of IIT Ropar.

**RESOLUTION: BG36/R10/36/586** RESOLVED THAT the conferment of MS (Research) degree to the following 02 (Two) students as recommended by the Senate is approved.

**ITEM NO. 11 TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE CONFERMENT OF B.TECH - M.TECH DUAL DEGREE TO THE STUDENTS**

The Board considered the proposal for conferment of B. Tech. - M. Tech. Dual degree to the students of IIT Ropar.

**RESOLUTION:** **RESOLVED THAT** the conferment of B.Tech - BG36/R11/36/587 **M.Tech. Degree to the following 08 (Eight) students as recommended by the Senate is approved.**

**ITEM NO. 12 TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE CONFERMENT OF PH.D DEGREE TO THE STUDENTS.**

The Board considered the proposal for conferment of Doctor of Philosophy Degree to the students of IIT Ropar.

**RESOLUTION:** **RESOLVED THAT** the conferment of Ph.D. BG36/R12/36/588 **degree to the following 37 (Thirty Seven) students as recommended by the Senate is approved.**

**ITEM NO. 13 TO CONSIDER THE AUDIT AND INSPECTION REPORT OF IIT ROPAR FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 2019-20 AND CLASSIFICATION OF OUTSTANDING CAG PARAS AS PER AUDIT REPORT.**

The Board considered the recommendations of the Finance Committee on the audit and inspection report of IIT Ropar for the Financial Year 2019-20 and classification of outstanding CAG paras as per Audit Report.

**RESOLUTION:** **RESOLVED THAT** the transaction audit BG36/R13/36/589 **report and classification of outstanding audit paras for the financial year 2019-20 is noted.**

**RESOLVED FURTHER THAT** a specific item on the outstanding audit paras be placed before the Board in its next meeting.

**ITEM NO. 14 TO CONSIDER THE AMENDMENTS IN EXISTING POLICY OF FACULTY RESEARCH & INNOVATION AWARD.**

The Board considered the recommendations of the Finance Committee for the amendments in existing policy of Faculty Research and Innovation Award. The Director briefed that the Institute is proposing to reduce the grant of Rs. 20.00 lakhs for Early Career

Award to Rs. 1.00 Lac, and grant of Rs. 30.00 lakhs for Mid Career Level Award to Rs. 2.00 lakhs. The Director further briefed that the source of funding for Faculty Research and Innovation Award is the Grant from MoE. The existing and proposed policy was presented to the Board.

**RESOLUTION: RESOLVED THAT the proposal for BG36/R14/36/590 amendments in the existing policy of Faculty Research and Innovation Award is approved:**

S.N.	Existing	Amendments
a.	For Early Career Level: (Maximum 03 awards)  An additional international conference attendance sponsorship outside CPDA each year, for 2 years.	For Early Career Level: (Maximum 02 awards)  A Post Doc Fellow for a period of 1 year.
b.	Professional activities (such as equipment, travel, inviting collaborators, etc.) grant of Rs. 20 lakhs.	Professional activities (such as equipment, travel, inviting collaborators, etc.) grant of Rs. 1 lakh to be credited to PDF (Professional Development Fund) that can be utilized within 2 years.
c.	Awardees will be nominated by the Institute for Young Scientist / Young Engineer Awards, if eligible.	Awardees will be nominated by the Institute for Young Scientist / Young Engineer Awards, if eligible.



	For Mid Career Level: (Maximum 02 awards)	For Mid Career Level: (Maximum 02 awards)
a.	One additional conference attendance sponsorship outside CPDA each year, for 2 years	Nil.
b.	Professional activity (such as equipment, travel, inviting collaborators, etc.) grant of Rs. 30 lakhs.	Professional activity (such as equipment, travel, inviting collaborators, etc.) grant of Rs. 2 lakhs can be credited to PDF (Professional Development Fund) that to be utilized within 2 years.
c.	A Post Doctoral Scholar for two years at Institute's cost / two professional society membership costs outside CPDA for two years.	One Post Doc Fellow for 2 years
d.	Awardees will be deemed automatically eligible for Institutional nomination to suitable prestigious national / international recognition.	Awardees will be deemed automatically eligible for Institutional nomination to suitable prestigious national / international recognition.

**ITEM NO. 15 TO CONSIDER THE POLICY FOR PROCUREMENT OF LAPTOP / DESKTOP / TABLETS OR DEVICES OF SIMILAR NATURE FROM CPDA GRANT.**

The Director informed the Board that this agenda item is withdrawn.

**RESOLUTION: RESOLVED THAT the item stands withdrawn.  
BG36/R15/36/591**

**ITEM NO. 16 TO CONSIDER THE POLICY FOR PURCHASE, RETENTION/ REPLACEMENT OF LAPTOPS / NOTEBOOKS / NOTEPADS AND SIMILAR DEVICES FOR ALL REGULAR FACULTY AND STAFF (PAY LEVEL 12 & ABOVE).**

The Director informed the Board that this agenda item is withdrawn.

**RESOLUTION: RESOLVED THAT the item stands withdrawn.  
BG36/R16/36/592**

**ITEM NO. 17 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, BoG/ Director on behalf of the Board of Governors.

**RESOLUTION BG36/R17/36/593 RESOLVED THAT the following ratification items are noted:**

- I. Restructuring of CDCRC into two parts Industrial & corporate Relations Cell and Career Development & Placement Cell.**
- II. Signing of MoU of IIT Ropar with Ministry of Education for the Year 2021-22.**
- III. The Separate Audit Report on the Annual Accounts of IIT Ropar for the Financial Year 2019-20.**
- IV. The Separate Audit Report on the annual accounts of IIT Ropar for the Financial Year 2020-21.**
- V. Annual Report of IIT Ropar for the year 2020-21**

**RESOLVED FURTHER THAT the decisions taken by the Chairman, BoG may only be placed before the Board for ratification.**

**ITEM NO. 18 REPORTING ITEMS**

The Board considered the reporting items.

**RESOLUTION: BG36/R18/36/594**      **RESOLVED THAT** the following reporting items are noted:

- I. Approval for exemption from the Global Tender Enquiry (GTE) given by the MoE vide letter no. No.32-5/2021-TS-I dated 17.06.2021.
- II. Delegation of financial powers to Associate Deans at par with Deans.
- III. MoU signed with KVS for opening of KV IIT Ropar.
- IV. MoUs signed with i) Sebelas Maret University Indonesia on September 29, 2021 and ii) Taipei Economic and Cultural Center on September 27, 2021.
- V. Details of non-faculty members who have joined the Institute since last BoG meeting held on 25.05.2021.
- VI. Details of non-faculty member(s) who have been relieved from the Institute since last BoG meeting held on 25.05.2021:
- VII. Details of faculty members who have resigned / relieved from the Institute since last BoG meeting held on 25.05.2021.

### **TABLE AGENDA**

#### **ITEM NO. 19 TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE CONFERMENT OF PH.D DEGREE TO THE STUDENTS.**

The Board considered the proposal for conferment of Doctor of Philosophy Degrees to the following students of IIT Ropar:

**RESOLUTION: BG36/R19/36/595**      **RESOLVED THAT** the conferment of Doctor of Philosophy degree to the following 05 (Five) students as recommended by the Senate is approved.

**ITEM NO. 20 TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE AWARD OF MEDALS TO THE STUDENTS OF IIT ROPAR FOR THE YEAR 2020-21**

The Board considered the proposal for award of President of Indian Gold Medal, Director's Gold Medal and Institute Silver Medals to the following students of IIT Ropar for the year 2020-21.

**RESOLUTION: BG36/R20/36/596**      **RESOLVED THAT the award of President of Indian Gold Medal, Director's Gold Medal and Institute Silver Medals to the following 17 (Seventeen) students are approved.**

**ITEM NO. 21 TO CONSIDER SUNNY OBEROI BEST M.TECH THESIS AWARDS 2021.**

The Board considered the proposal for award of Sunny Oberoi Best M.Tech thesis Award 2021 to the following students:

**RESOLUTION: BG36/R21/36/597**      **RESOLVED THAT the award of Sunny Oberoi Best M.Tech. Thesis 2021 to the following 03 (Three) students is approved.**

**ITEM NO. 22 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 on behalf of the Board of Governors.

**RESOLUTION: BG36/R22/36/598**      **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 Selection Committee Meeting held on 10.11.2021 (Afternoon) for the post**

of Professor in the Department of Mathematics.

II. Minutes of the Selection Committee Meeting held on 10.11.2021 (Forenoon) for the post of Professor in the Department of Electrical Engineering.

III. Minutes of the Selection Committee Meeting held on 11.11.2021 for the post of Professor in the Department of Mechanical Engineering.

IV. Minutes of the Selection Committee Meeting held on 12.11.2021 for the post of Professor in the Department of Chemistry.

V. Minutes of the Assessment Committee Meetings for the Movement of Assistant Professor Grade-II to Grade-I / confirmation of following faculty members of IIT Ropar.

VI. Minutes of the Departmental Promotion Committee for promotion to the post of Senior Lab Assistant held on 23.09.2021.

VII. Minutes of the Departmental Promotion Committee for promotion to the post of Technical Superintendent held on 24.09.2021.

VIII. Minutes of the Departmental Promotion Committee for promotion to the post of Senior Assistant held on 24.09.2021.

IX. The additional list of Board Nominees for selection committees for faculty positions.

X. Minutes of the Selection Committee Meeting held on 04.10.2021 for the post of Registrar, IIT Ropar.

## **ITEM NO. 23      REPORTING ITEMS.**

The Board considered the following reporting items.

**RESOLUTION:      RESOLVED THAT the following  
BG36/R23/36/599      reporting items are noted.**

**(i) Details of faculty members joined from Associate Professor to Professor.**

- (ii) Details of non-faculty members who have been promoted through Departmental Promotion Committee (DPC) the Institute since last BoG meeting held on 25.05.2021.
- (iii) Details of non-faculty member(s) who have been relieved from the Institute since last BoG meeting held on 25.05.2021.

**RESOLVED FURTHER THAT a separate item for RE 2021-22 and BE 2022-23 be placed before the Board in its next meeting.**

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

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