

# MINUTES OF THE 37<sup>th</sup> MEETING OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS



**31.05.2022**

**(Virtual)**

**INDIAN INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY ROPAR**

Rupnagar, Punjab-140001

## **MINUTES OF THE 37<sup>th</sup> MEETING OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS, IIT ROPAR HELD ON 31.05.2022 AT 3:00 PM (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. | Sh. DPS Kharbanda, IAS,<br>Director, Tech. Edu. and Ind. Training and<br>Dr. Jatinder Kaur Arora, Executive Director,<br>Punjab State Council for Science and<br>Technology<br>(Nominees of Chief Secretary, Govt. of<br>Punjab) | - Member      |
| 4. | Prof. N. Sathyamurthy<br>Honorary Professor, IISER Mohali  | - Member      |
| 5. | Prof. P. K. Raina,<br>Professor, Department of Physics, IIT Ropar  | - Member      |
| 6. | Dr. Dinesh K.S.<br>Officiating Registrar   | - Secretary   |

Leave of absence was granted to Shri Sanjiv Goel, Sh. Chetan Pahwa, Prof. Sanjoy Roy 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 37<sup>th</sup> Meeting of Board of Governors.

### **ITEM NO.1 TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE 36<sup>th</sup> MEETING OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS HELD ON 13.12.2021**

The Chairman, BoG briefed that the minutes of the 36<sup>th</sup> Meeting of Board of Governors held on 13.12.2021 were circulated to the

members of the Board on 12.01.2022 and no comments have been received.

**RESOLUTION: BG37/R1/37/600**      **RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the 36<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Board of Governors held on 13.12.2021 are confirmed as circulated.**

**ITEM NO. 2      TO RECEIVE A REPORT OF THE ACTION TAKEN ON THE DECISIONS OF THE 36<sup>th</sup> MEETING OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS HELD ON 13.12.2021.**

The Chairman, BoG briefed the Action Taken Report on the decisions of the 36<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Board of Governors held on 13.12.2021.

**RESOLUTION: BG37/R1/37/601**      **RESOLVED THAT the Action Taken Report on the decisions of the 36<sup>th</sup> meeting of Board of Governors held on 13.12.2021 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 13.12.2021.**

The Director, IIT Ropar presented the major achievements / developments since the last meeting of the Board held on 13.12.2021. The Board appreciated the efforts made by IIT Ropar.

**RESOLUTION: BG37/R3/37/602**      **RESOLVED THAT the Director's presentation (Annexure) on major achievements/developments is noted with appreciation.**

**ITEM NO. 4      TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE 29<sup>TH</sup> MEETING OF FINANCE COMMITTEE HELD ON 13.12.2021.**

The Board considered the Minutes of 29th Meeting of the Finance Committee held on 13.12.2021.

**RESOLUTION: BG37/R4/37/603**      **RESOLVED THAT the Minutes of the 29<sup>th</sup> meeting of Finance Committee held on 13.12.2021 are approved.**

**ITEM NO. 5 TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE 35<sup>TH</sup> MEETING OF B&WC HELD ON 27.12.2021 (VIRTUAL).**

The Board considered the Minutes of the 35th Meeting of the Building and Works Committee held on 27.12.2021.

**RESOLUTION: RESOLVED THAT the Minutes of the 35th Meeting of the Building and Works Committee are noted.**  
**BG37/R5/37/604**

**ITEM NO. 6 TO CONSIDER THE MINUTES OF THE 36<sup>TH</sup> MEETING OF B&WC HELD ON 20.02.2022 (VIRTUAL).**

The Board considered the Minutes of the 36th Meeting of the Building and Works Committee held on 20.02.2022.

**RESOLUTION: RESOLVED THAT the Minutes of the 36th Meeting of the Building and Works Committee are noted.**  
**BG37/R6/37/605**

**ITEM NO. 7 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 Doctor of Philosophy Degree to the following 09 (nine) students as recommended by the Senate is approved.**  
**BG37/R7/37/606**

**ITEM NO.8 TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE CONFERMENT OF B.TECH-M.TECH DUAL DEGREE, M.TECH/MSC DEGREE TO THE STUDENTS.**

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

**RESOLUTION:**  
**BG37/R8/37/607**

**RESOLVED THAT** the conferment of B.Tech-M.Tech Dual Degree, M.Tech/M.sc degree to the following students as recommended by the Senate is approved.

**ITEM NO. 9 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:** **RESOLVED THAT** the conferment of B.Tech BG37/R9/37/608 degree to the following 06 (Six) students as recommended by the Senate is approved.

**ITEM NO. 10 TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE PROPOSAL FOR HALF SEMESTER FEES TO THE STUDENTS**

The Board considered the proposal for Half semester fees to the Students of IIT Ropar.

**RESOLUTION:**  
**BG37/R10/37/609**

**RESOLVED THAT** the following proposal for Half Semester Fees to the Students as recommended by the Senate is approved:

- a) if a student submits his/her thesis on or before the last day of late registration and not getting any financial assistance, the fees may be waived off.
- b) the half registration fee (50%) may be charged from the students who are going to submit his/her thesis within two months from the start of the semester.

**ITEM NO. 11 TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE PROPOSAL FOR CONTINGENCY GRANT UTILIZATION GUIDELINES FOR EXTERNAL FUNDING GRANTS.**

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

**RESOLUTION: BG37/R11/37/610**      **RESOLVED THAT the item stands withdrawn.**

**ITEM NO. 12 TO CONSIDER THE ENHANCEMENT OF AGE OF SUPERANNUATION OF DOCTORS OTHER THAN CENTRAL HEALTH SERVICE (CHS) DOCTORS TO 65 YEARS**

The Board considered the Office Memorandum received from the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare vide O.M. No. Z16024/08/2020-CHS V dated 18.10.2021 through Ministry of Education vide O.M no. 10-76/2021-AR dated 01.12.2021 for enhancement of age of superannuation of Doctors.

**RESOLUTION: BG37/R12/37/611**      **RESOLVED THAT the age of superannuation of Doctors of IIT Ropar to 65 years is approved subject to the following condition as per Ministry guidelines:**

- i) The doctors shall hold the administrative posts till the date of attaining the age of 62 years and thereafter their services shall be placed in Non-Administrative positions.**

**ITEM NO. 13 TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE PROPOSAL FOR MEDICAL EXAMINATIONS ON FRESH JOINING OF FACULTY/STAFF**

The Board considered the proposal for medical examinations on fresh joining of Faculty/Staff. The Director informed that the Civil Hospital, Ropar have refused to examine the fresh recruits for group A and B as they are not empowered to take up such medical examination. The Institute has two regular Medical Officers as well as medical facilities. The Board decided that the medical examination may be done at the Medical Centre of IIT Ropar with the following procedure :

- a) Board/panel of doctors including regular Medical Officers of IIT Ropar will be constituted by the Director.**
- b) The experts will be chosen from the civil hospital/empanelled hospitals in Ropar depending on case to case and availability of the expert doctor.**

- c) All the lab tests will be done at the approved/empanelled labs in Ropar.

**RESOLUTION:** **RESOLVED THAT the Medical Examination of BG37/R13/37/612 Faculty/Staff on fresh joining at IIT Ropar through Medical Centre of IIT Ropar following the above mentioned procedure is approved.**

**ITEM NO. 14 TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE PROPOSAL FOR REVISION IN THE RELOCATION ALLOWANCE FOR JOINING THE INSTITUTE**

The Board considered the recommendations of the Finance Committee for Relocation Allowance for joining the Institute. The Director presented the proposal and briefed that the reimbursement for the relocation allowance to the newly joined faculty members and dependent family members to the maximum limit of Rs. 1.5 Lakhs may be given for International Travel and within India travel reimbursement may be given as per GoI Travelling Allowance norms.

**RESOLUTION:** **RESOLVED THAT the reimbursement of BG37/R14/37/613 Relocation Allowance to the newly joined Faculty members and dependent family members is approved as under:**

International Travel	Actual expenditure or Rs. 1.5 Lakhs whichever is less
Within India Travel	As per GoI Travelling Allowance norms

**ITEM NO. 15 TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE PROPOSAL FOR REVISION OF SITTING FEES / HONORARIUM TO THE EXTERNAL MEMBERS FOR VARIOUS OFFICIAL MEETINGS**

The Board considered the proposal for revision of Sitting Fees/Honorarium to the External Members for various official meetings.

**RESOLUTION:** **RESOLVED THAT the following revision of**

**BG37/R15/37/614** sitting fees/honorarium to the external members for various official meetings is approved:

<b>Members of various Academic and other administrative meetings</b>	<b>Rs. 4000 per session</b>
<b>Selection Committee Members</b>	<b>Rs.5000 per session</b>
<b>Members of Board of Governors / Finance Committee / Senate / Building &amp; Works Committee</b>	<b>Rs.5000 per session</b>

**ITEM NO. 16 TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE PROPOSAL FOR REVISION OF HONORARIUM TO THE ADJUNCT FACULTY AND PROFESSOR OF PRACTICE.**

The Board considered the recommendations of the Finance Committee for the revision of honorarium to the Adjunct Faculty and Visiting Faculty/Professor of Practice. The Chairman informed that the Institute may be followed the guidelines of IIT Council regarding payment of honorarium to the Adjunct Faculty and Visiting Faculty/Professor of Practice. The Director briefed the existing and proposed policy to the Board.

**RESOLUTION:** **RESOLVED THAT** the payment of Honorarium to the Adjunct Faculty and Visiting Faculty/Professor of Practice is approved as under:

- i) Based on the IIT Council resolution, Director may appoint Adjunct Faculty depending on the requirement of the Institute/department from time to time. Further, the Director may decide the fixation of honorarium in the range of Rs. 1,00,000/- to Rs. 1,20,000/- p.m. for the Adjunct Faculty who will be continuously working at the institute in the whole month. However, the existing norms of Rs. 5000/- per



day and Rs.35000/- per week will continue in other cases.

- ii) The Director may appoint Visiting Faculty /Professor of Practice following IIT Council norms depending on the requirement of the Institute/department from time to time.

**ITEM NO. 17 TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE REIMBURSEMENT OF OPD TREATMENT OTHER THAN EMPANELLED HOSPITALS.**

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

**RESOLUTION      RESOLVED THAT the item stands withdrawn.**  
**BG37/R17/37/616**

**ITEM NO. 18 TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE ANNUAL ACCOUNTS OF IIT ROPAR FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 2021-22.**

The Board considered the recommendations of the Finance Committee for the Annual Accounts of IIT Ropar for the Financial Year 2021-22.

**RESOLUTION:      RESOLVED THAT the Annual Accounts of IIT**  
**BG37/R18/37/617      Ropar for the Financial Year 2021-22 is**  
**approved.**

**ITEM NO. 19 TO CONSIDER REVISED ESTIMATES 2021-22 AND BUDGET ALLOCATION UNDER “SUPPORT TO IIT’S ” SCHEME FOR THE F.Y 2022-23.**

The Board considered the recommendations of the Finance Committee. The Chairman suggested to the Director to continue the ongoing exercise for reducing the expenditure and thereby reduces the budget, and then interact with Additional Secretary (TE) for the essential additional grant. The revised projected requirements under head OH 31 may, then, be sent to the Ministry.

**RESOLUTION:** **RESOLVED THAT** the augmentation of grant may be projected at the time of 1<sup>st</sup> supplementary and the Director, IIT Ropar may interact with the AS (TE) for the additional grant under OH 31 after exercising all possible economy in expenditure.

**ITEM NO. 20 TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE PROPOSAL FOR IMPLEMENTING ROSTER AND CAREER PROGRESSION OF FACULTY**

The Director briefed about the proposal for implementation Roster and Career Progression of Faculty. The Chairman briefed on the details of a similar exercise done at IIT Kanpur and advised that IIT Ropar may take benefit of this.

**RESOLUTION:** **RESOLVED FURTHER THAT** the proposal BG37/R20/37/619 may be redrafted accordingly.

**ITEM NO. 21 TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE AMENDMENTS IN RECRUITMENT RULES & PROMOTION POLICY OF IIT ROPAR.**

The Director presented the amendments in Recruitments Rules and Promotion Policy of IIT Ropar. The Chairman desired that a subcommittee of the Board may be constituted to examine the amendments in the Recruitment Rules and Promotion Policy of IIT Ropar and the Committee may submit its report in the next meeting. The Committee shall examine the amendments in the Recruitment Rules and Promotion Policy and submit its report to the Board in the next meeting.

**RESOLUTION:** **RESOLVED THAT** a subcommittee of the Board consisting of (NOT FOR PUBLIC DOMAIN) may be constituted to examine the amendments in Recruitment Rules and Promotion Policy.

**ITEM NO. 22 TO CONSIDER THE CLASSIFICATION AND POSITION OF OLD OUTSTANDING AUDIT PARAS AS ON 31.03.2022**

The Board considered the classification and position of old outstanding Audit Paras as on 31.03.2022. The Chairman desired that the Director should go through the Audit Paras and get in touch with CAG.

**RESOLUTION: RESOLVED THAT the Director may take BG37/R22/37/621 up the matter with CAG.**

**ITEM NO. 23 TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE REVISIONS OF FEE STRUCTURE FOR PG AND PHD STUDENTS OF IIT ROPAR**

The Board considered the recommendations of the Finance Committee and desired that the information about the existing fees structure from other IITs may be collected. The revised proposal may be placed in the next meeting.

**RESOLUTION: RESOLVED THAT the revised proposal BG37/R23/37/622 may be placed in the next meeting considering the existing fees structure followed at other IITs.**

**ITEM NO. 24 TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE PROPOSAL FOR NETWORKING OF PHASE IC AND REMAINING BUILDINGS OF PHASE IB.**

The Board considered the recommendations of Finance Committee for networking of following buildings of Phase IC and remaining buildings of Phase IB:

1. T2, T5, T6 residences of Phase 1C.
2. Library and Auditorium.
3. CRF Building.
4. Liquid Nitrogen Plant.

5. New Dining Hall.
6. Boys Hostel.
7. Substations 5 & 6.
8. AC Plant.
9. 66 KVA main

The proposal also includes the Super Academic Block. The Board approved the estimated expenditure for the work amounting to Rs. 25 (Twenty Five) crore for networking (both active & passive components) which is within the Revised Cost Estimates (Copy enclosed as **Annexure-I**).

**RESOLUTION:      RESOLVED THAT the proposal for BG37/R24/37/623      networking of Phase IC and remaining buildings of Phase IB amounting to Rs. 25 crore is approved.**

**ITEM NO. 25      TO CONFIRM / RATIFY THE DECISIONS TAKEN BY THE CHAIRPERSON, BOG ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS.**

The Board considered the decisions taken by the Chairperson, BoG on behalf of the Board of Governors.

**RESOLUTION:      RESOLVED THAT the following decisions BG37/R25/37/624      taken by the Chairperson, BoG on behalf of the Board are ratified / noted:**

- I.      Introduction of new M.Tech programs by the Department of Civil Engg. and Mechanical Engg:**
- II.      Minutes of the Selection Committee Meeting held on 02.03.2022 for the post of Associate Professor in the Department of Chemical Engineering.**
- III.      Minutes of the Selection Committee Meeting held on 03.03.2022 for the post of Associate Professor in the Department of Mathematics.**

- IV. Minutes of the Selection Committee Meeting held during 4<sup>th</sup>–5<sup>th</sup> March 2022 for the post of Associate Professor in the Department of Physics.**
- V. Minutes of the Selection Committee Meeting held on 09.03.2022 for the post of Associate Professor in the Department of Civil Engineering.**
- VI. Minutes of the Selection Committee Meeting held on 14.03.2022 for the post of Associate Professor in the Department of HSS.**
- VII. Minutes of the Selection Committee Meeting held on 15.03.2022 for the post of Associate Professor in the Department of Mechanical Engineering.**
- VIII. Minutes of the Selection Committee Meeting held on 24.03.2022 for the post of Associate Professor in the Department of Computer Science & Engineering.**
- IX. Appointments made since last BoG meeting held on 13.12.2021.**
- X. 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.**
- XI. The additional list of Board Nominees for selection committees for faculty positions.**

**ITEM NO. 26      REPORTING ITEMS:**

The Board noted the following reporting items:

- (i) Minutes of the 43rd (Virtual) Meeting of the Senate held on 11.03.2022.
- (ii) Details of faculty members who have joined the Institute since last BoG meeting held on 13.12.2021.
- (iii) Details of faculty members joined from Assistant Professor to Associate Professor.
- (iv) Details of non-faculty members who have joined the Institute since last BoG meeting held on 13.12.2021.
- (v) Details of non-faculty members who have been promoted through Limited Department Examination (LDE) the Institute since last BoG meeting held on 13.12.2021.
- (vi) Details of Non-faculty member(s) who have been relieved from the Institute since last BoG meeting held on 13.12.2021.
- (vii) Details of faculty members who have resigned / relieved from the Institute since last BoG meeting held on 13.12.2021.
- (viii) MoU signed with i) University of Saskatchewan, Canada, ii) Dalhousie University, Canada, iii) South Dakota State University, USA and iv) Shraman Foundation, a company incorporated under the laws of taxes, the United States of America.

**RESOLUTION:      RESOLVED THAT the above reporting  
BG37/R26/37/625      items are noted.**

**TABLE ITEMS**

**ITEM NO. 27      TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE JOINT MASTER DEGREE WITH IIM AMRITSAR.**

The Director presented the proposal for starting of Joint Master degree with IIM Amritsar. The Board discussed the proposal and after due deliberation, the Board desired that the proposal may be reviewed vis-à-vis the focus themes for the course(s) as well as sharing of responsibilities between IIT Ropar and IIM Amritsar.

**RESOLUTION:      RESOLVED THAT proposal may be BG37/R27/37/626      reviewed and recast.**

**ITEM NO. 28      TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE NEW B.TECH PROGRAM IN ENGINEERING PHYSICS.**

The Board considered the recommendations of the Senate for introduction of new B.Tech program in Engineering Physics with an initial intake of 25 students commencing for the Academic Year 2022-23.

**RESOLUTION:      RESOLVED THAT the B.Tech program BG37/R28/37/627      in Engineering Physics with an initial intake of 25 students commencing for the AY 2022-23 is approved.**

**ITEM NO. 29      TO CONSIDER AND RECOMMEND THE CONFERMENT OF PH.D DEGREE TO THE STUDENTS.**

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

**RESOLUTION:      RESOLVED THAT the conferment of BG37/R29/37/628      Doctor of Philosophy Degree to the following 11 (Eleven) students as recommended by the Senate is approved.**

**ITEM NO. 30      TO CONSIDER AND RECOMMEND THE CONFERMENT OF MS (RESEARCH) DEGREE TO THE STUDENT.**

The Board considered the recommendations of the Senate for the conferment of MS (Research) Degree to the students of IIT Ropar.

**RESOLUTION:**      **RESOLVED THAT the conferment of MS BG37/R30/37/629 (Research) degree to the following 01 student as recommended by the Senate is approved.**

**ITEM NO. 31      TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE PROPOSAL FOR PROVIDING THE RAMP IN THE SS BHATNAGAR BLOCK.**

The Board considered the recommendation of Finance Committee and decided to approve the construction of ramp in SS Bhatnagar Block. The Board accorded A/A and E/S of Rs. 1.83 crore for the work.

**RESOLUTION:**      **RESOLVED THAT the estimated cost of BG37/R31/37/630 Rs. 1.83 core for construction of ramp in the SS Bhatnagar Block is approved.**

**ITEM NO. 32      TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE LIST OF BOARD NOMINEES FOR THE SELECTION COMMITTEES FOR FACULTY POSTIONS.**

The Board considered the additional list of Board Nominees for Selection Committees for recruitment of faculty in various Departments of IIT Ropar.

**RESOLUTION:**      **RESOLVED THAT the following BG37/R32/37/631 additional list of Board Nominees for Selection Committees for different faculty positions is approved.**

**ITEM NO. 33      TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE SENATE NOMINEES IN THE BOARD**

The Director briefed that the tenure of existing Senate Nominees



to the Board has expired on 31.12.2021. The Director proposed that the tenure of existing members Prof. P.K. Raina, Professor, Department of Physics & Prof. Sanjoy Roy, Professor, Department of Electrical Engineering may be extended till 31.12.2022.

The Board considered the proposal and desired that the guidelines for the Senate nominees to the Board may be prepared by the Senate.

**RESOLUTION: BG37/R33/37/632**      **RESOLVED THAT the tenure of existing members is extended till 31.12.2022.**

**RESOLVED FURTHER THAT the guidelines for Senate Nominees to the Board may be prepared by the Senate.**

**ITEM NO. 34      RATIFICATION ITEMS:**

The Board considered the decisions taken by the Chairperson, BoG on behalf of the Board of Governors.

**RESOLUTION: BG37/R34/37/633**      **RESOLVED THAT the following decision taken by the Chairperson, BoG on behalf of the Board is ratified / noted:**

**i) The additional list of Board Nominees for selection committees for faculty positions.**

**ITEM NO. 35      REPORTING ITEMS:**

The Board considered the following reporting item:

(i) Minutes of the 44th (Virtual) Meeting of the Senate held on 25.05.2022.

**RESOLUTION: BG37/R35/37/634**      **RESOLVED THAT the above reporting item is noted.**

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