



Minutes of the ninth BoG meeting of the Indian Institute of Technology Palakkad held on 26th Feb 2021 at 14.30 Hrs through video conferencing is furnished below. The following members attended the meeting.

1.	Shri. Ramesh Venkateswaran	Chairperson
2.	Prof. P. B. Sunil Kumar	Director, Ex-officio Member
3.	Prof. L. S. Ganesh	Member
4.	Dr. Subbaiah Shanmugam	Member
5.	Shri. Raghu Verabelli,	Member
6.	Prof. P. S. Mehta	Member
7.	Prof. S. H. Kulkarni	Member
8.	Col S Chakraborty (Retd)	Secretary

Shri Rakesh Ranjan, AS(TE), HE, MoE and Shri. Amit Satija, Secretary, Dept. of Education, Union Territory of Lakshadweep Administration, could not attend the meeting. Comments were received from the Higher Education Bureau of the Ministry of Education which are attached at Appendix A.

The following agenda items were taken up for consideration.

Procedural Matters

BoG 9.1	Welcome address by the Chairperson.
	The Chairman welcomed all the members to the 9 th BoG Meeting of IIT Palakkad. He expressed his satisfaction on the increase in the frequency of the meetings which is now being planned at least once every quarter. He also intimated the members about the meeting of the IIT Council held on 24 th Feb 2021. He said that he would discuss salient aspects of the council meeting at the end of the planned agenda items. He then requested the Member Secretary to proceed with the Agenda Items.

BoG 9.2	<p>Confirmation of the minutes of the eighth Meeting of Board of Governors held on 26th Nov 2020.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">(Annexure - 1)</p>
	<p>The minutes of the 8th Board of Governors meeting held on 26th Nov 2020 were confirmed.</p>
BoG 9.3	<p>To consider and note the Director's overview report.</p> <p>The Director made a presentation regarding the progress of the Institute and its future plans. He gave a brief overview of the various course programmes and the planned intake of students in the next academic session. He highlighted the recent activities of the institute and briefed the members on the progress of the on going construction work in the permanent campus. The salient aspects of the presentation are given below:</p> <p>Salient points in the Director's overview report at the 9th BoG meeting are as given below:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) The total number of students who have actually enrolled in the institute is now 978 with 735 male and 243 female students and the total sanctioned strength is above one thousand. 2) The institute is currently running 4 B.Tech programs, three M.Sc programs and six M.Tech programs in addition to the research programs leading to MS and Ph.D degrees. 3) The total faculty strength of the institute is 93. 4) The total non-teaching staff strength of the institute is 97. 5) A section 8 company, TECHIN, established by IIT Palakkad as a vehicle for its innovation and incubation activities, was launched on 20th January 2021 by Shri Kris Gopalakrishnan, co-founder Infosys. 6) The 5th Institute Day celebrated on 22nd January as a virtual event. Prof. Padmanabhan Balram, Former Director, IISc Bangalore was the Chief Guest for this event. 7) The student strength in the institute at the beginning of the next academic year is expected to be 1222. 8) The current availability of beds in the hostel is 1003, and in view of the delay in the construction of the permanent hostel, the institute is planning to rent 120 rooms in the Ahalia foundation hostels. <p>The Board expressed concern with the slow pace of construction work related to the permanent campus. The additional expenditure being incurred on rent for the temporary campus and the cost escalations due to the delay in construction of the permanent campus were discussed. The Director was requested to inform the Ministry to direct CPWD so that the pace of construction could be enhanced suitably. The Board placed the presentation made by the Director on record.</p>

BoG 9.4	To note the changes in the membership of the BoG.
	<p>The Chairman informed the members about the following changes in the composition of the BoG:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Consequent upon the superannuation of Dr Usha Titus, Secretary, HE, Government of Kerala, the institute had requested GoK to nominate a new member. The detailment from the GoK is still awaited. (b) Prof. SH Kulkarni had been nominated to the BoG by the Senate of IIT Palakkad in place of Prof K.L. Sebastian who had completed his tenure of re-employment with IIT Palakkad. (c) The UTLA had nominated Sh Amit Satija who had taken over as Secretary (Education), UTLA to the BoG IIT Palakkad in place of Sh Shiv Kumar. <p>The Chairman welcomed the new members, Sh S. H. Kulkarni from the Senate and Sh Amit, Satija, Secretary (Education), UTLA (who could not attend the meeting due to prior commitments).</p>

Items for Consideration and Approval

BoG 9.5	<p>To consider and approve the proceedings of the faculty selection committee meetings in the disciplines of Computer Science and Engineering and Chemistry held on 12-13th February and 24-25th February 2021.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">(Annexure - 2)</p> <p>The Board considered and approved the proceedings of the faculty selection committee meetings in the disciplines of Computer Science and Engineering and Chemistry held on 12-13th February and 24-25th February 2021.</p>
BoG 9.6	<p>To consider and approve the travel and accommodation charges to the faculty candidates who are attending the interview in-person.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">(Annexure - 3)</p> <p>The Board noted the comments on this Agenda Item received from the HE Bureau, MoE. It was decided to include this agenda in the next Finance Committee meeting and then discuss this in the next BoG based on the recommendations of the Finance Committee.</p>
BoG 9.7	<p>To consider and approve the procedure for Disposal of Computers & Electronics.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">(Annexure - 3)</p> <p>The Board approved the procedure for Disposal of Computers & Electronics with minor amendments which have now been included in Annexure 3.</p>

BoG 9.8	To consider and approve the policy for granting compensatory leave for employees. (Annexure - 4)
	The Board considered and approved the policy for granting compensatory leave for employees.
BoG 9.9	To consider and approve the proceedings of the committee for up-gradation of faculty from Assistant Professor Grade-II to Grade I. The up-gradation meeting was held on 12th February 2021.
	The Board considered and approved the proceedings of the committee for up-gradation of faculty from Assistant Professor Grade-II to Grade I as per the up-gradation meeting held on 12th February 2021.
BoG 9.10	To consider and approve the confirmation of seven faculty members in the disciplines of Electrical Engineering, Mechanical Engineering, Mathematics, Physics, and Computer Science and Engineering. The confirmation meetings were held on 28th January 2021 and 12th February 2021. (Annexure - 6)
	The Board considered and approved the confirmation of seven faculty members in the disciplines of Electrical Engineering, Mechanical Engineering, Mathematics, Physics, and Computer Science and Engineering based on the confirmation meetings held on 28th January 2021 and 12th February 2021.
BoG 9.11	To consider and approve the guidelines for providing insurance coverage under various schemes to the employees of IIT Palakkad. (Annexure - 7)
	The Board noted the comment on this Agenda Item received from the HE Bureau, that the Ministry was planning to finalise a uniform policy on insurance schemes for employees which would be applicable to all IITs. It was decided to postpone this item to the next meeting of the BoG to wait for the policy guidelines to be framed by the MoE in this regard.
BoG 9.12	To consider and approve the external peer review committees for all disciplines. (Annexure - 8)
	The Board considered and approved the external peer review committees for all disciplines. The Board was of the opinion that the members should visit the institute to conduct the review in person.
BoG 9.13	To consider and approve the appointment of Prof. Manoj Gopalakrishnan, IIT Madras, as Visiting Professor at IIT Palakkad for a period of one year under a faculty exchange program between IITs. (Annexure - 9)

The Board considered and approved the appointment of Prof. Manoj Gopalakrishnan, IIT Madras, as Visiting Professor at IIT Palakkad for a period of one year under a faculty exchange program between IITs.

Items for Ratification

BoG 9.14	<p>The approval accorded by the Chairman, BoG, for the acceptance of the recommendation of the Selection Committee for the appointment of Assistant Registrar at IIT Palakkad.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">(Annexure - 10)</p>
	<p>The Board Noted the Chairman's approval for the appointment of Assistant Registrar at IIT Palakkad based on the recommendation of the Selection Committee.</p>
BoG 9.15	<p>The approval accorded by the Chairman, BoG, for the panel of experts for the faculty positions at the level of Assistant Professor and Associate Professor for the disciplines of Computer Science and Engineering and Chemistry at IIT Palakkad as per Advertisement No. IITPKD/R/F/01/2020 dated September 1, 2020.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">(Annexure - 11)</p>
	<p>The Board Noted the Chairman's approval for the panel of experts for the faculty positions at the level of Assistant Professor and Associate Professor for the disciplines of Computer Science and Engineering and Chemistry at IIT Palakkad as per Advertisement No. IITPKD/R/F/01/2020 dated September 1, 2020.</p>
BoG 9.16	<p>The permission accorded by the Chairman, BoG, to forward the appointment request of Prof. T. Sundararajan, as re-employed Professor at IIT Palakkad for a period of three years from 01/08/2021, for the approval of the Visitor.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">(Annexure - 12)</p>

	The Board Noted the Chairman's permission to forward the appointment request of Prof. T. Sundararajan, as re-employed Professor at IIT Palakkad for a period of three years from 01/08/2021, for the approval of the Visitor.
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Items for Noting / Reporting

BoG 9.17	To note the decision taken in the 13th and 14th Senate meetings held on 13th November 2020 and 29th January 2021. (Annexure - 13)
	The Board Noted the decisions taken in the 13th and 14th Senate meetings held on 13th November 2020 and 29th January 2021.
BoG 9.18	To note the summary of the 23rd, 24th, and 25th meeting of the Project Monitoring Committee for the permanent campus construction, held on 02/12/2020, 06/01/2021, and 03/02/2021. (Annexure - 14)
	The board noted the summary of the 23rd, 24th, and 25th meeting of the Project Monitoring Committee for the permanent campus construction, held on 02/12/2020, 06/01/2021, and 03/02/2021. .
BoG 9.19	To note the decision taken in the 15th Building Works Committee meeting held on 27/01/2021. (Annexure - 15)
	The Board Noted the decisions taken in the 15th Building Works Committee meeting held on 27/01/2021.
BoG 9.20	To note the initiative taken by the institute to revise the B.Tech regulations to meet the following main objectives. A) To make the curriculum and pedagogy contemporary with top national and international programmes. B) Allow for incorporation and use of the New Education Policy objectives, guidelines, and framework for curriculum design.

	<p>The Board Noted the initiatives taken by the institute to revise the B.Tech regulations. al Engineering. at IIT Palakkad.</p>
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TABLED ITEMS

<p>BOG 9.21</p>	<p>To consider and approve the grant of two years lien to Dr. Soumya G Rajan on her technical resignation as Assistant Registrar from IIT Palakkad from 19 Feb 2021 to 18 Feb 2023.</p> <p>Dr. Soumya G Rajan had joined IIT Palakkad on the regular post of Assistant Registrar on 17 Aug 2018 and was confirmed as a permanent employee on completion of one year probation on 17 Aug 2019. Her technical resignation has been accepted by the Director and she has been relieved from her duties to report for her new assignment as Assistant Professor in Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Mumbai.</p> <p>Being a permanent employee, she is eligible for retaining her lien in the institute for a period of 2 years. (Reference DoPT OM on consolidated guidelines regarding technical resignation and lien dated 17 Aug 2016 attached at Annexure 16). Presently, the institute has 95 (including contract and outsourced staff) staff members against the sanctioned strength of 110.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">(Annexure - 16)</p> <p>The board considered the fact that Dr. Soumya G Rajan had been performing her duties at IIT Palakkad with due diligence and sincerity and had submitted her technical resignation as Assistant Registrar from IIT Palakkad to join a prestigious institute of national importance like the Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Mumbai. The Board approved the grant of two years lien to Dr. Soumya G Rajan from 19 Feb 2021 to 18 Feb 2023.</p>
<p>BoG 9.22</p>	<p>To consider and approve grant of NOC from the institute for incorporation of a private limited company by two faculty members, Dr. Satyajit Das and Dr. Sreenath Vijayakumar, of IIT Palakkad.</p> <p>A request is submitted by two faculty members, Dr. Satyajit Das and Dr. Sreenath Vijayakumar, for no objection from the institute for incorporation of a private limited company for developing innovative solutions for assisting automotive users for enhancing vehicle performance and drivability. It is mentioned that they are required to start such a company in order to continue their participation in the Swadeshi Microprocessor Challenge conducted by the Ministry of Electronics</p>

and Information Technology, Govt. of India, in which they are currently in the semi-final stage.

The board discussed various aspects related to the request for grant of NOC by the faculty of IIT Palakkad. It was decided that NOC can be given with the following additional conditions:

1. The primary registration address must NOT be IIT Palakkad. It is preferable to use TECHIN address. The full address may contain the term "IIT Palakkad" and the corresponding PIN code.

2. We need to have a clear process on how we will address such requests in the future. The approval given now cannot be treated as a precedent.

3. Legal advice to be taken to draft the MOU with the proposed start up to make sure that a) IIT Palakkad must be absolved of all liabilities relating to the start up, b) the status of the start up office if the promoter faculty members leave the services of IIT Palakkad, and c) The start up must not imply any form of technical, commercial or financial backing of IIT Palakkad at this stage.

4. The MoU will be prepared and circulated to the members before it is finalised.

Other Matters:

The Chairman discussed salient aspects of the IIT council meeting held on 24 Feb 2021 and suggested that an in person meeting of the members of the BoG with the faculty of the institute could be held during the second half of April to discuss the research, innovation and education focus of the institute.

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