



IIT PALAKKAD

Indian Institute of Technology Palakkad

Minutes for 12th Meeting of Board of Governors

Minutes of the twelfth BoG meeting of the Indian Institute of Technology Palakkad held on 25th September 2021 at 10.00 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.	Dr. Subbaiah Shanmugam	Member
4.	Shri. Raghu Verabelli	Member
5.	Dr. V Venu	Member
6.	Prof. S. H. Kulkarni	Member
7.	Dr. Piyush P Kurur	Member
8.	Col S Chakraborty (Retd)	Secretary

Shri. Rakesh Ranjan, Prof. L. S. Ganesh and the member from Union Territory of Lakshadweep Administration could not attend the meeting due to prior commitments. Comments on the Agenda Items received from the Technical Division, MoE, through email on 21st September 2021 are attached as **Annexure 14**.

Procedural Matters

BoG 12.1	Welcome address by the Chairman.
	The Chairman welcomed all the members to the 12th Meeting of the Board of Governors of IIT Palakkad. He then requested the Director to proceed with the agenda items.
BoG 12.2	Confirmation of the minutes of the Eleventh Meeting of Board of Governors of IIT Palakkad held on 30th July 2021 at 10.00 AM. (Annexure - 1) (Page 1 to 8)
	The minutes of the 11th meeting of the Board of Governors of IIT Palakkad were confirmed.



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BoG 12.3	<p data-bbox="392 394 991 421">Presentation of the Director's overview report.</p> <p data-bbox="392 472 1414 613">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 number of students and faculty at the beginning of the present academic session.</p> <p data-bbox="392 651 1414 792">The members were informed about the MoUs signed by IIT Palakkad for research collaboration with (i) M/s. AMD India Private Limited (AMD), Bangalore and (ii) and for innovation and product development with CMS IT Service Private Limited, Mumbai.</p> <p data-bbox="392 831 1414 1016">The Director informed that the SINE in IIT Bombay, MEITY, DERBI organized a nationwide hackathon on AI for healthcare and a team from IIT Palakkad named Team RSG composed of Rimmon Saloman Bhosale, Shikha Mallick, Gaurav Jain (all are MS students working in ML) have won the first prize and prize money Rs. 2,00,000.00.</p> <p data-bbox="392 1055 1414 1196">The Director informed the Board about the ongoing discussions with industry groups (i) Auto Components Manufacturing Association of India (ACMA), (ii) ANAND Group, (ii) Tata AutoComp Systems, (iv) TVS Motors and (v) Continental Corporation.</p> <p data-bbox="392 1234 1414 1420">The Director briefed the members on the progress of the ongoing construction work in the permanent campus. The concern of the institute on slower than expected progress in construction, due to cash flow issues within the construction agency, was highlighted. Steps taken to speed up construction were discussed.</p> <p data-bbox="392 1458 1414 1599">The Chairman and other members noted the salient aspects of the presentation and appreciated the progress made by the institute in various spheres. The members also shared the concern about the delay in achieving the targets set for construction activities in the main campus.</p>
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BoG 12.4	<p>To note the action taken report of 11th BoG of IIT Palakkad.</p> <p><u>Agenda Item BoG 11.5:</u> The convocation is scheduled for 25-09-21</p> <p><u>Agenda Item BoG 11.6:</u> To consider and approve the appointment request of Dr. Satyadev Nandakumar, Associate Professor, IIT Kanpur, as Visiting Associate Professor at IIT Palakkad for a period of one year from the date of joining.</p> <p>Action taken: Dr. Satyadev Nandakumar joined on 20-09-2021</p> <p><u>Agenda Item BoG 11.8:</u> To consider and approve the Annual Accounts of the Institute for the year 2020-21.</p> <p>Action taken: CAG audit completed for the FY 2020-21, report awaited.</p>
	<p>The Board noted the actions taken.</p>

Items for consideration and approval

BoG 12.5	<p>The Senate of the institute, in its 17th meeting, discussed the new academic administrative structure for the institute. Ten new departments, one interdisciplinary research centre, and a Graduate Research Council for the administration of research students is proposed to be established. The Senate also discussed and approved the process for the mobility of faculty between departments and centres. The ten departments are,</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Department of Biological Sciences and Engineering2. Department of Chemistry3. Department of Computer Science and Engineering4. Department of Civil Engineering5. Department of Data Science6. Department of Electrical Engineering7. Department of Humanities and Social Sciences8. Department of Mathematics9. Department of Mechanical Engineering10. Department of Physics <p>The proposed interdisciplinary research centre is,</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Environmental Sciences and Sustainable Engineering Centre (ESSENCE) <p>Since this is only a restructuring of the existing faculty grouping, there is no</p>
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	<p>immediate financial implication. Departments will be asked to come up with their growth plans in terms of infrastructure and human resources.</p> <p>The Senate resolution on the academic administrative structure is attached as Annexure - 2, and was submitted to the BoG for approval.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">(Annexure - 2) (Page 9 to 12)</p>
	<p>The Board considered and approved the creation of the above-mentioned ten departments and one interdisciplinary centre at IIT Palakkad.</p>
BoG 12.6	<p>To consider and approve the extension of the term of Dean Academics and Dean IC&SR.</p> <p>The first one-year term of Dr. Sovan Lal Das, Associate Professor, as the Dean (Academics), and Dr. Santhakumar Mohan, Associate Professor, as the Dean (Industry Collaboration & Sponsored Research), is ending on 30-09-2021.</p> <p>It is requested to extend their term for another year.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">(Annexure - 3) (Page 13 to 15)</p>
	<p>The Board considered and approved the extension of the term of Dr. Sovan Lal Das as Dean Academics and Dr. Santhakumar Mohan as Dean (IC&SR) for one year with effect from 01.10.2021.</p>
BoG 12.7	<p>To consider and approve Honorary Professor Positions.</p> <p>Since most of the faculty at IIT Palakkad are young assistant professors, it is felt that senior faculty superannuated from other similar institutions could be invited as mentors. The Deans Committee in its 84th meeting considered the matter and recommended the creation of "Honorary Professor" positions for this purpose. The resolution of the Deans committee is attached as Annexure-4. The total expected expenditure per year is Rs.15 Lakhs.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">(Annexure - 4) (Page 16)</p>
	<p>The Board considered and approved the creation of Honorary Professor positions as suggested in Annexure-4. The procedure for the appointment of an honorary professor will be the same as that for the appointment of an Adjunct Professor.</p>

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BoG 12.8	<p>To consider and approve the addition of names to the panel of experts for the selection of faculty in the discipline of Chemistry, Civil Engineering, Computer Science and Engineering, Electrical Engineering, Mathematics, Mechanical Engineering, and Physics.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">(Annexure - 5) (Page 17 to 19)</p>
	<p>The Board considered and approved the addition of names to the panel of experts, as suggested in Annexure-5, for the selection of faculty in the discipline of Chemistry, Civil Engineering, Computer Science and Engineering, Electrical Engineering, Mathematics, Mechanical Engineering, and Physics.</p>

Items for Ratification

BoG 12.9	<p>Approval accorded by the Chairman, BoG, to accept the recommendations of the selection committee for the appointment of Registrar at IIT Palakkad.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">(Annexure - 6) (Page 20 to 24)</p>
	<p>The Board ratified the recommendation of the selection committee for the appointment of Registrar at IIT Palakkad.</p>
BoG 12.10	<p>Approval accorded by the Chairman, BoG, to grant permission to Dr. Lakshmi Narasimhan Thegarajan to proceed on Extra Ordinary Leave for one year tentatively beginning 15 September 2021. The EOL was requested to take up Fulbright-Nehru Postdoctoral Research Fellowship at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, MA, for a period of one year</p> <p style="text-align: right;">(Annexure - 7) (Page 25 to 33)</p>
	<p>The Board ratified the permission granted to Dr. Lakshmi Narasimhan Thegarajan to proceed on Extra Ordinary Leave for one year to take up Fulbright-Nehru Postdoctoral Research Fellowship at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, MA.</p>
BoG 12.11	<p>The approval accorded by the Chairman, BoG, to accept the recommendation of the Selection Committee for the appointment of Assistant Professor in the discipline of Mathematics at IIT Palakkad.</p>



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	<p style="text-align: right;">(Annexure - 8) (Page 34 to 48)</p> <p>The Board ratified the recommendation of the Selection Committee for the appointment of Assistant Professor in the discipline of Mathematics at IIT Palakkad.</p>
BoG 12.12	<p>Approval accorded by the Chairman, BoG, to accept the recommendation of the Selection Committee for the appointment of Assistant Registrar at IIT Palakkad.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">(Annexure - 9) (Page 49 to 73)</p> <p>The Board ratified the recommendation of the Selection Committee for the appointment of Assistant Registrar at IIT Palakkad.</p>
BoG 12.13	<p>The approval accorded by the Chairman, BoG, to accept the recommendation of the Selection Committee for the appointment of Associate Professor and Assistant Professors in the discipline of Data Science at IIT Palakkad.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">(Annexure - 10) (Page 74 to 105)</p> <p>The Board ratified the recommendation of the Selection Committee for the appointment of one Associate Professor and two Assistant Professors in the discipline of Data Science at IIT Palakkad.</p>
BoG 12.14	<p>The approval accorded by the Chairman, BoG, for the acceptance of the recommendation of the Selection Committee for the appointment of Horticulture Officer at IIT Palakkad.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">(Annexure - 11) (Page 106 to 128)</p> <p>The Board ratified the recommendation of the Selection Committee for the appointment of Horticulture Officer at IIT Palakkad.</p>

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Items for Noting/Reporting

BoG 12.15	To note the summary of proceedings of the 17th Senate meeting held on 20th August 2021.			(Annexure - 12) (Page 129 to 143)
	The Board noted the summary of proceedings of the 17th Senate meeting held on 20th August 2021.			
BoG 12.16	To note the summary of the 31st and 32nd meetings of the Project Monitoring Committee for the permanent campus construction, held on 11/08/2021 and 09/09/2021.			(Annexure - 13) (Page 144 to 146)
	The Board noted the summary of the 31st and 32nd meetings of the Project Monitoring Committee for the permanent campus construction, held on 11/08/2021 and 09/09/2021.			
BoG 12.17	Current status of total strength of faculty members under different categories			
	Details as on 23-Sep-2021			
		Assistant Professor	Associate Professor	Professor
Faculty Members (Total: 91)	GEN : 65 OBC : 11 SC : 6 ST : 0 Total: 82	GEN : 5 OBC : 1 SC : 0 ST : 0 Total: 6	GEN : 3 OBC : 0 SC : 0 ST : 0 Total: 3	
A special call for recruitment of faculty under SC/ST/OBC/EWS categories is currently live, wide advertisement no. IITPKD/RF/03/2021, dated September 15, 2021.				
The Board noted the current status of total strength of faculty members from reserved categories. The Board noted the action taken by the institute, through a special call for recruitment of faculty under SC/ST/OBC/EWS categories.				