



IIT PALAKKAD

## Indian Institute of Technology Palakkad

Minutes of the 17th Meeting of Board of Governors

Minutes of the Seventeenth BoG meeting of the Indian Institute of Technology Palakkad held on 25<sup>th</sup> April 2023 at 10:00 AM at Nila Campus, IIT Palakkad is furnished below. The following members attended the meeting.

1.	Shri Ramesh Venkateswaran	Chairperson
2.	Prof. A Seshadri Sekhar	Director, Ex-officio Member
3.	Dr. Sovan Lal Das	Member
4.	Dr Piyush P Kurur	Member (through VC)
5.	Dr. Subbiah Shanmugam	Member (through VC)
6.	Dr. Ganesh Natarajan	Registrar (I/C), Secretary

Smt. Saumya Gupta, Dr V Venu, Prof. L. S. Ganesh and Shri A Anbarasu could not attend the meeting due to prior commitments. No comments on the agenda items were received from the Technical Division, MoE.

### Procedural Matters

BoG 17.1	Welcome address by the Chairman.
	<i>The Chairman welcomed the members to the 17th Board of Governors Meeting of IIT Palakkad. He then requested the Director to proceed with the agenda items.</i>
BoG 17.2	Confirmation of the minutes of the Sixteenth Meeting of the Board of Governors of IIT Palakkad held on 21st November 2022 at 11.00 AM. <b>(Annexure - 1)</b>
	<b>Decision (BoG 16.2):</b> <i>The minutes of the 16th meeting of the BoG were confirmed.</i>
BoG 17.3	Presentation of the Director's overview report.
	<i>The Director presented an overview of the activities of the institute and highlighted the efforts towards completion of priority buildings and plans for shifting to the permanent campus. The Director also apprised the Board of the faculty and staff recruitments planned in May-June 2023.</i>

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BoG 17.4	<p>To note the <b>action taken report</b> of 16th BoG of IIT Palakkad.</p> <p><u>BoG 13.12</u>: Setting up of the Endowment Advisory Board.</p> <p>Action Taken: Director informed the Board that the Endowment Advisory Board shall be constituted shortly after discussions with other IITs on possible structure for the board.</p>
	<p><b>Decision (BoG 17.4):</b> <i>The committee noted the action taken/planned on various actionable points.</i></p>

**Items for consideration and approval**

BoG 17.5	<p>To consider and approve the remuneration for the Independent External Monitors (IEMs) at IIT Palakkad as per the directions in the Central Vigilance Commission's letter 023/VGL/012/542752 dated 24 March 2023.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>(Annexure - 2)</b></p>
	<p><b>Decision (BoG 17.5):</b> <i>The Board discussed the matter of remuneration for the two IEMs who were appointed as per directions of the CVC. In accordance with Clause 5.10 of the letter 023/VGL/012/542752 dated 24 March 2023, the Board decided that the sitting fees for IEMs shall be at par with the honorarium for independent board members.</i></p>
BoG 17.6	<p>To consider and approve the request received from Dr Anoop George, Assistant Professor, Department of Humanities and Social Sciences for a one-year sabbatical leave at the University of Albany, State University of New York, USA from 01 August 2023 to 31 July 2024.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>(Annexure - 3)</b></p>
	<p><b>Decision (BoG 17.6):</b> <i>The Board considered the request from Dr Anoop George, Assistant Professor, Department of Humanities and Social Sciences for sabbatical leave for a period of one year to carry out research at Univ. of Albany. It was informed to the Board that Dr. Anoop had completed six years of continuous service mandatory for eligibility of sabbatical leave and that the department had strongly recommended the application. In view of the satisfaction of eligibility requirements and the recommendations from the department, the Board approved the grant of sabbatical leave to Dr. Anoop</i></p>

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	<i>George for a period of one year starting from August 1, 2023.</i>
BoG 17.7	<p>Approval of award of PhD degree to Ms Veena Prabhakran, Research Scholar, Department of Computer Science and Engineering, who defended her thesis on 17 November 2022.</p> <p>Approval of award of PhD degree to Mr Deepu Benson, Research Scholar, Department of Computer Science and Engineering, who defended his thesis on 02 January 2023.</p> <p>Approval of award of MS degree to Mr Shubang Jain, Department of Civil Engineering.</p> <p>Approval of award of BTech degree to Ms Anagha M S, Department of Computer Science and Engineering and Mr Bhanu Prakash Kompelly, Department of Mechanical Engineering.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>(Annexure - 4)</b></p> <p><b><i>Decision (BoG 17.7):</i></b> <i>Following the recommendations of the Senate, the Board approved the award of degrees to Ms Veena Prabhakran, Mr Deepu Benson, Mr Shubang Jain, Ms Anagha M S and Mr Bhanu Prakash Kompelly.</i></p>

**Items for Ratification**

BoG 17.8	<p>The approval accorded by the BoG members for the circular resolution for constructing the RCC building (G+1) for additional laboratories and classrooms (C6) on the permanent campus.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>(Annexure - 5)</b></p> <p><b><i>Decision (BoG 17.8):</i></b> <i>The Board was apprised of the construction of the new C06 building in the permanent campus that shall accommodate additional labs and classrooms. The approval for the RCC building that was obtained through circular resolution was ratified by the Board.</i></p>
BoG 17.9	<p>The approval accorded by the Chairman BoG for the appointment of Dr T N C Anand as Dean (Academics) and Dr Lakshmi Sankar as Associate Dean (Academics, PG)</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>(Annexure - 6)</b></p>

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	<p><b>Decision (BoG 17.9):</b> The Board ratified the approval of Chairman, BoG for appointment of Dr T N C Anand and Dr Lakshmi Sankar as Dean (Academics) and Associate Dean (Academics, PG) respectively.</p>
BoG 17.10	<p>The approval accorded by the Chairman, BoG, for the extension of tenure of Dr Ganesh Natarajan as Dean Administration.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>(Annexure - 7)</b></p>
	<p><b>Decision (BoG 17.10):</b> The Board ratified the approval of Chairman, BoG for the extension of tenure of Dr Ganesh Natarajan as Dean (Administration) until Dec 31, 2023.</p>
BoG 17.11	<p>The approval accorded by the Chairman, BoG of the selection committee report for the selection of Registrar (Notification - IITPKD/R/NF/02/2022 dated 24 May 2022) and Medical Officer (Notification - IITPKD/R/NF/03/2022 dated 21 December 2022).</p> <p>One candidate has been selected for the post of Medical Officer. No suitable candidate was identified for the post of Registrar.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>(Annexure - 8)</b></p>
	<p><b>Decision (BoG 17.11):</b> The Board ratified the approval accorded by Chairman, BoG for the selection committee report for selection of Registrar and Medical Officer. It was informed that while one candidate was selected for the post of Medical Officer, no candidates were found suitable for the post of Registrar.</p>
BoG 17.12	<p>The approval accorded by the Chairman, BoG of the selection committee report for the selection of Assistant Registrars against the 02 vacancies per the notification IITPKD/R/NF/02/2022 dated 24 May 2022.</p> <p>Two candidates have been selected for the said vacancies.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>(Annexure - 9)</b></p>
	<p><b>Decision (BoG 17.12):</b> The Board ratified the approval accorded by Chairman, BoG for the selection committee report for selection of Assistant Registrar. It was informed that two candidates were selected against the advertised positions.</p>
BoG 17.13	<p>The approval accorded by the Chairman, BoG for the panel of experts for the conduct of faculty recruitments as per the notifications IITPKD/R/F/01/2023 Dated: 15 February 2023 and IITPKD/R/F/02/2023 Dated: 24 February 2023.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>(Annexure - 10)</b></p>

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**Decision (BoG 17.13):** The Board ratified the approval accorded by Chairman, BoG for the panel of experts for faculty recruitment.

**Items for Noting/Reporting**

BoG 17.14	To note the construction of the road connecting D03 Research Complex to L01 Dining Hall to facilitate the movement of inmates, separated from the construction activities. The proposal has been considered as an extra item of the D03 Construction, with the BWC Approval obtained through a circular resolution.  <b>(Annexure - 11)</b>
	<b>Decision (BoG 17.14):</b> The Board noted the BWC approval for the construction of the road between D03 Research Complex and L1 Dining Hall.
BoG 17.15	To note the appointment of Shri Ashok Kumar Poddar and Shri Venugopal Reddy as Independent External Monitors at IIT Palakkad as per the directions in the Central Vigilance Commission's letter 023/VGL/012/542752 dated 24 March 2023.  <b>(Annexure - 12)</b>
	<b>Decision (BoG 17.15):</b> The appointment of Sh Ashok Poddar and Sh Venyugougopal Reddy who were nominated by CVC as the Independent External Monitors (IEMs) was noted by the Board.
BoG 17.16	To note the appointment of staff nurse at IIT Palakkad  <b>(Annexure - 13)</b>
	<b>Decision (BoG 17.16):</b> The Board took note of the appointment of Staff Nurse at IIT Palakkad.
BoG 17.17	To note the correspondence with the Ministry of Education and comments from AS (TE) and JS (TE) with reference to RPN of IIT Palakkad approved by the BoG in the 8th meeting and staff promotion norms that were provisionally approved by BoG in the 16th meeting.  <b>(Annexure - 14)</b>
	<b>Decision (BoG 17.17):</b> The correspondence with MoE with regard to the staff promotion policy was reported to the Board. The proposal approved by the Board in the 16th BoG was sent to the MoE who instructed that DoPT norms for staff promotion be followed. However, it was submitted to MoE that there

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	<p><i>had been recent promotion policies adopted in other IITs and approved by the MoE, where deviations from DoPT norms were allowed. The ministry then requested for the details on deviations from DoPT guidelines in the present proposal and justification for these deviations. A detailed reply along with the existing RPN document and proposed changes was also submitted to MoE for their consideration and the Board took note of these developments.</i></p>
BoG 17.18	<p>To note the summary of proceedings of the 23rd Senate meeting held on 13th January 2023.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>(Annexure - 15)</b></p>
	<p><b><i>Decision (BoG 17.18):</i></b> <i>The summary of proceedings of 23rd Senate meeting was reported to the Board which took note of it.</i></p>
BoG 17.19	<p>To note the summary of the 20th BWC meeting held on 2nd January 2023.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>(Annexure - 16)</b></p>
	<p><b><i>Decision (BoG 17.19):</i></b> <i>The summary of proceedings of 20th BWC meeting was reported to the Board which took note of it.</i></p>
BoG 17.20	<p>To note the summary of the 46th, 47th, 48th and 49th meetings of the Project Monitoring Committee for the permanent campus construction, held on 09.11.2022, 14.12.2022, 18.01.2023 and 22.12.2023 respectively.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>(Annexure - 17)</b></p>
	<p><b><i>Decision (BoG 17.20):</i></b> <i>The Board also noted the summary of proceedings of the 46th, 47th, 48th and 49th Project Monitoring Committee meetings.</i></p>



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### Tabled Items

BoG 17.21	Construction of Chain-link fencing in Main campus to cordon academic complex, dining hall and hostels from the labour camps and other construction sites
	<b>Decision (BoG 17.21):</b> <i>The Board noted the plan to construct the Chain-link fencing in the Main Campus to cordon the academic complex, dining hall and hostels from other construction sites. It was informed that the cost for constructing the Chain-link fencing is well within the financial budget that had been previously approved by the Board.</i>

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