



IIT PALAKKAD

Indian Institute of Technology Palakkad

Minutes of the 18th Meeting of Board of Governors

Minutes of the Seventeenth BoG meeting of the Indian Institute of Technology Palakkad held on 22nd July 2023 at 09:00 AM at Nila Campus, IIT Palakkad is furnished below. The following members attended the meeting.

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| 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 |
| 5. | Dr Subbiah Shanmugam | Member (through VC) |
| 6. | Shri. Raghu Verabelli | Member (through VC) |
| 7. | 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. Comments on the agenda items were received from the Technical Division, MoE via email on 19 July 2023 (Annexure-16).

Procedural Matters

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| BoG 18.1 | Welcome address by the Chairman. |
| | <i>The Chairman welcomed the members to the 18th BoG Meeting of IIT Palakkad. He then requested the Member – Secretary to proceed with the agenda items.</i> |
| BoG 18.2 | Confirmation of the minutes of the Seventeenth Meeting of the Board of Governors of IIT Palakkad held on 25th April 2023 at 10.00 AM. (Annexure - 1) |
| | Decision (BoG 18.2): <i>The minutes of the 17th meeting of the Board of Governors were confirmed.</i> |
| BoG 18.3 | Presentation of the Director's overview report. |
| | <i>The Director presented an overview of the activities since the last meeting, including the placement and admission statistics and the fund position as on June 30, 2023. He apprised of the progress of construction work in the Sahyadri Campus and informed that the priority buildings which include the Academic Complex, Hostels and Dining Block would be ready for occupation</i> |

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| | <i>by end July. The progress of construction of other buildings including the additional classroom complex C06 and Research block D03 were also presented.</i> |
| BoG 18.4 | To note the action taken report of 17th BoG of IIT Palakkad. <u>BoG 13.12</u> : Setting up of the Endowment Advisory Board. |
| | Decision (BoG 18.4): <i>The proposal for setting up an Endowment Advisory Board was presented to the Board. The Board discussed the proposal and approved the constitution consisting of the Director as the Chairperson which shall be tasked with mobilising and operating the funds. It was decided that the Advisory Board will consist of members internal to the institute and nominees from external institutions and industry including alumni may be added at a later stage.</i> (Annexure A) |

Items for consideration and approval

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| BoG 18.5 | To consider and approve the Annual Accounts of the institute for the Financial Year 2022-23. (Annexure - 2) |
| | Decision (BoG 18.5): <i>The Annual Accounts of the institute for FY 22-23 was presented and it was informed that there was a query in the FC meeting pertaining to "Unutilised grants" around Rs 165 Cr. The Annual accounts were approved by the BoG subject to necessary clarification of this query. It was subsequently clarified over e-mail to the FC (dt 21 July, 2023) that this amount were funds transferred to CPWD (on requests raised) and since the construction work is progressing slowly, the funds with CPWD have not been utilised to the extent expected (based on the timeline) which explains the high amount under the head of unutilized grants.</i> |
| BoG 18.6 | To consider and approve the remuneration for the Independent External Monitors at IIT Palakkad as per the revised guidelines in the Central Vigilance Commission's Circular No. 04/06/2023 015/VGL/091 dated 14 June 2023. (Annexure - 3) |
| | Decision (BoG 18.6): <i>The remuneration of IEMs as per the revised guidelines from the Central Vigilance Commission has been enhanced to Rs 25000/- per sitting and the same was approved by the committee.</i> |

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| BoG 18.7 | <p>To consider and approve the payment of Non-Practicing Allowance and Patient Care Allowance to the Medical Officer as applicable under Central Health Services.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">(Annexure - 4)</p> |
| | <p>Decision (BoG 18.7): <i>The committee discussed the payment of NPA and PCA for the Institute Medical Officer. Although it was informed that the NPA was being paid to medical officers in other institutions, the BoG seconded the suggestion from the FC that a proposal in this regard be submitted to MoE for their advice and the same was submitted to Sh Prashant Agarwal (Director, IITs).</i></p> |
| BoG 18.8 | <p>To consider and approve the award of degrees to students graduating in the year 2023, as per the recommendation of the 24th and 25th Senate of IIT Palakkad.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">(Annexure - 5) (Annexure - 5A)</p> |
| | <p>Decision (BoG 18.8): <i>The BoG accepted the recommendation of the 24th and 25th Senate and approved the award of degrees to the graduating batch of students.</i></p> |
| BoG 18.9 | <p>Approval of lien for Dr H V R Mittal, Assistant Professor, Department of Mathematics who has been offered the position of Assistant Professor at IIT Ropar.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">(Annexure - 6)</p> |
| | <p>Decision (BoG 18.9): <i>The BoG considered the matter of lien accorded to Dr H V R Mittal who has been offered the position of Assistant Professor at IIT Ropar. It was noted that the request for lien was not informed to the BoG and it was decided that such requests in a short time frame should not be encouraged in the future, while also approving this request. The BoG also decided that those who wish to take up positions in other organisations on lien must tender a request for “relieving from the institute with lien” rather than put up a “technical resignation” to avoid confusions arising with the resignation from service.</i></p> |
| BoG 18.10 | <p>To consider and approve the request received from Dr Arun Rahul, Assistant Professor, Department of Electrical Engineering for a 120 days sabbatical leave at Concordia University, Canada from 30 August 2023 to 29 December 2023.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">(Annexure - 7)</p> |

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| | <p>Decision (BoG 18.10): <i>The BoG considered the request from Dr Arun Rahul for availing sabbatical leave for four months as part of the SERB-SIRE program. The request was approved with the sabbatical period being counted as one year and other guidelines pertaining to sabbatical leave shall be strictly adhered to without fail.</i></p> |
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Items for Ratification

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| BoG 18.11 | <p>The approval accorded by the Chairman, BoG for the selection committee report for the selection of Associate Professor and Professor vide Notification IITPKD/R/F/01/2023 dated 15 February 2023.</p> <p>A total of 32 candidates have been selected (29 as Associate Professors and 3 as Professors).</p> <p style="text-align: right;">(Annexure - 8)</p> |
| | <p>Decision (BoG 18.11): <i>The Board ratified the approval accorded by the Chairman, BoG for the selection committee report for selection of Associate Professors and Professors held in May 2023.</i></p> |
| BoG 18.12 | <p>The approval accorded by the Chairman, BoG for the panel of experts for the conduct of faculty recruitments in the departments of Data Science and Computer Science and Engineering.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">(Annexure - 9)</p> |
| | <p>Decision (BoG 18.12): <i>The Board ratified the approval accorded by the Chairman, BoG for additional expert faculty for faculty selection in the Departments of Data Science and Computer Science and Engineering.</i></p> |

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Items for Noting/Reporting

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| BoG 18.13 | To note the resignation of Mr Doddi Ravi Kumar, Horticulture Officer from service (Annexure - 10) |
| | Decision (BoG 18.13): <i>The Board noted the resignation of Mr D Ravi Kumar, Horticulture Officer as he has accepted a position at NALCO.</i> |
| BoG 18.14 | To note the rejection of the offer of appointment of Mr M Srinivasan as Assistant Registrar. (Notification IITPKD/R/NF/02/2022 dated 24 May 2022) (Annexure - 11) |
| | Decision (BoG 18.14): <i>The Board noted the rejection of the offer for the post of Assistant Registrar from Mr M Srinivasan citing personal reasons.</i> |
| BoG 18.15 | To note the recommendations of the Departmental Confirmation Committee for Confirmation of Probation for Administrative Staff. (Annexure - 12) |
| | Decision (BoG 18.15): <i>The Board noted the recommendations of the Departmental Confirmation Committee for confirmation of probation of administrative staff.</i> |
| BoG 18.16 | To note the resignation of four Administrative staff members (Group B & C) from service (Annexure - 13) |
| | Decision (BoG 18.16): <i>The Board noted the resignation of four administrative staff members (from Group B and C positions) from service. The Board also expressed their concerns on the recent attrition and hoped that changes to the RPN, pending with the MoE, would help resolve this issue.</i> |
| BoG 18.17 | To note the summary of proceedings of the 24th Senate meeting held on 27th April 2023. (Annexure - 14) |
| | Decision (BoG 18.17): <i>The Board noted the summary of proceedings of the 24th Senate meeting.</i> |



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| BoG 18.18 | <p>To note the summary of the 50th, 51st and 52nd meetings of the Project Monitoring Committee for the permanent campus construction, held on 12.04.2023, 10.05.2023 and 14.06.2023 respectively.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">(Annexure - 15)</p> <p>Decision (BoG 18.18): <i>The Board noted the summary of the meetings of the Project Monitoring Committee (PMC) pertaining to the construction of the permanent campus. The Board also expressed their hope that the buildings in the permanent campus would be ready for occupation in the near future and that the institute would be able to shift from the Ahalia Integrated Campus to the permanent campus in a few months' time.</i></p> |
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