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Indian Institute of Technology Palakkad

Minutes of the 20th Meeting of Board of Governors

Minutes of the Twentieth BoG meeting of the Indian Institute of Technology Palakkad held on 08th May 2024 at 11:30 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
3.	Dr Piyush P Kurur	Member
4.	Dr Subbiah Shanmugam	Member (through VC)
5.	Dr. Ganesh Natarajan	Registrar (I/C), Secretary

Prof.L.S Ganesh, Smt. Saumya Gupta, Dr V Venu, Shri Raghu Verabelli, Dr Sovan Lal Das 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 06 May 2024 ([Annexure- 27](#)).

Procedural Matters

BoG 20.1	Welcome address by the Chairman.
	<i>The Chairman welcomed the members to the 20th BoG Meeting of IIT Palakkad. He then requested the Member – Secretary to proceed with the agenda items.</i>
BoG 20.2	Confirmation of the minutes of the Nineteenth Meeting of the Board of Governors of IIT Palakkad held on 28 th November 2023 at 11:30 AM. Action Taken: Modifications to items BoG 19.10 and 19.11 have been incorporated in the modified minutes (Annexure - 1)
	Decision (BoG 20.2): <i>The minutes of the 19th meeting of the Board of Governors were confirmed.</i>
BoG 20.3	Presentation of the Director's overview report.
	<i>The Director presented the overview report highlighting the activities of the institute from November 2023. The progress of overall construction of Phase 1A was presented and the Director informed that CPWD has terminated the services of M/s SPCL owing to delays despite several time extensions and that</i>

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the latter has filed a case with Hon'ble High Court of Kerala. Director also discussed the achievements of faculty, staff and students and briefed regarding the efforts leading to funds from Mehta Family Foundation for setting up a School for Data Science and AI. The Director also informed regarding the staff and faculty recruitments including the promotion of staff members at the institute.

Items for consideration and approval

BoG 20.4	To consider the decision taken in the 27th Senate Meeting and approve the award of degree to Mr. Jose George, PhD Scholar, Ms. Sreeshna T. R, MS Scholar, Mr. Chandrasekhar, MSc Chemistry, Ms. Radharani Bhakta, MSc Mathematics, Mr Basit Ahmad Sheikh, MSc Mathematics and Mr Ranjan Yadav, MSc Physics. <p style="text-align: right;">(Annexure - 2) Pages 10,23</p>
	<i>Decision (BoG 20.3): The BoG accepted the recommendation of the 27th Senate and approved the award of degrees to the students.</i>
BoG 20.5	To consider and approve the Provision of Special Casual Leave for Project Investigators/ Co-Project Investigators of Sponsored/ Consultancy Projects. <p style="text-align: right;">(Annexure -3)</p>
	<i>Decision (BoG 20.5): The Board considered the provision of SCL for PIs/Co-PIs of sponsored/consultancy projects and approved a total of 30 SCLs (inclusive of 15 SCLs already available to faculty) in a calendar year.</i>
BoG 20.6	To consider and approve the Sabbatical leave of Dr. Vivek Chaturvedi. <p style="text-align: right;">(Annexure - 4)</p>
	<i>Decision (BoG 20.6): The Board considered the request for sabbatical leave of Dr Vivek and approved the same for a period of one year as per rules applicable for sabbatical leave.</i>
BoG 20.7	To consider and approve a policy proposed on the disclosure of Annexures of FC/BoG meetings on public domain. <p style="text-align: right;">(Annexure -5)</p>

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	<p>Decision (BoG 20.7): The Board discussed the matter and decided to follow the RTI Act as per extant guidelines on matters of disclosure of annexures.</p>
BoG 20.8	<p>To consider and approve the recommendations of the 22nd BWC meeting held on 29.04.2024.</p> <p>a. Preliminary Estimate for Construction of Building for the School of Data Science and Artificial Intelligence in Main Campus (Sahyadri), IIT Palakkad at Pudukkottai Village, Kanjikode West, Palakkad, Kerala jointly funded by Mehta Family Foundation (MFF) and IIT Palakkad.</p> <p>b. Proposal for the Prospective Research Park Location in the Main Campus Master Plan</p> <p>c. Proposal for adopting CPWD form of Contract “Form 7 & 8” for IIT works tendered and executed by EWD</p> <p style="text-align: right;">(Annexure - 6)</p>
	<p>Decision (BoG 20.8): The Board approved the preliminary estimates for the infrastructure necessary for the School of Data Science and AI to be jointly funded by Mehta Family Foundation (MFF) and IIT Palakkad as well as the proposal for a prospective for a new research park on main campus. The Board also suggested that the forms from CPWD be adopted with necessary changes for all works “that are tendered and executed by EWD within IIT Palakkad” and approved this proposal.</p>
BoG 20.9	<p>a) To consider and approve the MoU between Mehta Family Foundation and IIT Palakkad for the establishment of a School of Data Science and Artificial Intelligence.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">(Annexure -7A)</p> <p>b) To consider and approve the remaining infrastructure costs from funds available under capital heads in the IRG account.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">(Annexure - 7B)</p>
	<p>Decision (BoG 20.9): The Board approved the MoU between Mehta Family Foundation (MFF) and IIT Palakkad for the establishment of the School for Data Science and AI. The Board also noted that guidelines need to be framed for appropriate use of IRG funds for different purposes. The Board accorded in-principle approval for use of funds from the IRG account for the remaining infrastructure development, with the bulk of the cost being funded by the MFF.</p>
BoG 20.10	<p>To consider and approve the recommendations of the confirmation committee for the Confirmation of Probation of Medical Officer.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">(Annexure - 8)</p>

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Decision (BoG 20.10): The Board approved the recommendations of the confirmation committee for confirmation of probation of the medical officer

Items for Ratification

BoG 20.11	<p>The approval accorded by the Chairman, BoG for reconstitution of external members of the Senate: Prof Vetrivel, Department of Mathematics, IIT Madras, Prof. Swarnalatha, Department of Humanities and Social Sciences, IIT Madras and Prof. Arockiarajan, Department of Applied Mechanics, IIT Madras.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">(Annexure - 9)</p>
	<p>Decision (BoG 20.11): The Board ratified the approval accorded by the Chairman, BoG for the reconstitution of external members of the Senate.</p>
BoG 20.12	<p>The approval accorded by the Chairman, BoG for the selection committee report for the selection of Registrar (Notification - IITPKD/R/NF/01/2024 dated 01 January 2024)</p> <p style="text-align: right;">(Annexure - 10)</p>
	<p>Decision (BoG 20.12): The Board ratified the approval accorded by the Chairman, BoG for the Selection of Registrar</p>
BoG 20.13	<p>The approval accorded by the Chairman, BoG for the recommendations of the Selection Committee for the Upgradation of faculty members from Assistant Professor Gr. II to Assistant Professor Gr. I</p> <p style="text-align: right;">(Annexure - 11)</p>
	<p>Decision (BoG 20.13): The Board ratified the approval accorded by the Chairman, BoG for upgradation of faculty members from Assistant Professor Gr. II to Assistant Professor Gr. I</p>
BoG 20.14	<p>The approval accorded by the Chairman, BoG for the recommendations of the confirmation committee for the Confirmation of Probation for faculty members</p> <p style="text-align: right;">(Annexure - 12)</p>
	<p>Decision (BoG 20.14): The Board ratified the approval accorded by the Chairman, BoG for confirmation of probation of faculty members</p>
BoG 20.15	<p>The approval accorded by the Chairman, BoG for the Appointment of Deans and Associate Deans for Administration and Student Affairs.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">(Annexure -13)</p>

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Decision (BoG 20.15): The Board ratified the approval accorded by the Chairman, BoG for appointment of Deans and Associate Deans for Administration and Student Affairs.

Items for Noting/Reporting

BoG 20.16	<p>To note the approval accorded by the Board through a circular resolution to amend the provisions contained in clause 12 (2) (xv) of statutes to have a clear distinction between the responsibilities of the Director and Chairperson and to prevent any overlap.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">(Annexure - 14)</p> <p>Decision (BoG 20.16): The Board noted the approval accorded through circular resolution for amendment to provisions in clause 12(2)(xv) which was conveyed to MoE.</p>
BoG 20.17	<p>To note the approval accorded by the Board through a Circular Resolution on the proposal for the creation of posts.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">(Annexure - 15)</p> <p>Decision (BoG 20.17): The Board noted the approval accorded through circular resolution for creation of new posts for faculty and staff, which has been submitted to the MoE for their consideration and approval.</p>
BoG 20.18	<p>To note the resignation of the following faculty members.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Dr. Anilkumar Dasanna2. Dr. Mahesh R Panicker <p style="text-align: right;">(Annexure - 16)</p> <p>Decision (BoG 20.18): The Board noted the resignation of Dr Anilkumar and Dr Mahesh.</p>
BoG 20.19	<p>To note the relieving/resignation of the following members of administrative/technical staff.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Mr. Arun S (JA)2. Mr. Dinesh (MTS)3. Mr. Ramesh (JS) <p style="text-align: right;">(Annexure - 17)</p> <p>Decision (BoG 20.19): The Board noted the relieving of Mr Arun S and resignation of Mr Dinesh and Mr Ramesh, the latter after completion of his lien period.</p>

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BoG 20.20	To note the revocation of the offer of the post of Assistant Security Officer to Mr. Jyotish P J and joining of Mr. Prince K V to the same position. (Annexure - 18)
	Decision (BoG 20.20): <i>The Board noted that the offer of post of ASO to Mr Jyothish had been revoked for technical reasons and the offer to the waiting list candidate had been made.</i>
BoG 20.21	To note the recommendations of the Departmental Promotion Committee for the promotion of Group B and C employees by Selection (LDE). (Annexure - 19)
	Decision (BoG 20.21): <i>The Board noted the recommendations of the DPC for the promotion of Group B and C by selection through LDE.</i>
BoG 20.22	To note the recommendations of the confirmation committee for the Confirmation of Probation of Staff Nurse. (Annexure - 20)
	Decision (BoG 20.22): <i>The Board noted the recommendations of the confirmation committee confirming the probation of Staff Nurse</i>
BoG 20.23	To note the appointment of twenty members of staff in Group B and Group C positions. (Annexure - 21)
	Decision (BoG 20.23): <i>The Board noted the appointment of 20 new staff members (JTS - 7, JS - 6, Horticulture Asst - 1, Assistant Security Officer - 1, Multi Tasking Staff - 5) through direct recruitment in Group B and C posts.</i>
BoG 20.24	To note the summary of proceedings of the 27th Senate meeting held on 12th January 2024 respectively. (Annexure - 22)
	Decision (BoG 20.24): <i>The Board noted the summary of proceedings of the 27th Senate.</i>
BoG 20.25	To note the summary of the 56th, 57th and 58th meetings of the Project Monitoring Committee for the permanent campus construction, held on 16.11.2023, 13.12.2023 and 24.01.2024 respectively. (Annexure - 23)

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Decision (BoG 20.25): The summary of the PMC meetings in Nov and Dec 2023 as well as the meeting in Jan 2024 were noted by the Board.

Tabled items for consideration and approval

BoG 20.26	<p>To consider and approve the award of PhD degree to Mr Pramod S, Research Scholar, Dept. of Mechanical Engineering, who defended his thesis on 25-01-2024.</p> <p>To consider and approve the award of PhD degree to Ms Abilasha S, Research Scholar, Dept. of Computer Science and Engineering, who defended her thesis on 06-02-2024.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">(Annexure - 24)</p>
	<p>Decision (BoG 20.26): The Board considered the recommendations of the Senate and approved the award of PhD degrees to Mr Pramod and Ms Abilasha.</p>
BoG 20.27	<p>To consider and approve the additional list of experts for faculty selection at IIT Palakkad.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">(Annexure - 25)</p>
	<p>Decision (BoG 20.27): The Board considered and approved the additional list of experts for faculty recruitment across different areas in all departments.</p>

Tabled items for Noting

BoG 20.28	<p>To note the Summary of proceedings of the 28th Senate meeting held on 19th April 2024.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">(Annexure - 26)</p>
	<p>Decision (BoG 20.28): The Board noted the proceedings of the 28th Senate meeting.</p>



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