

# INDIAN INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY GANDHINAGAR

## Summary of the

### Minutes of the Fifteenth Meeting of the Board of Governors held on 2<sup>nd</sup> December, 2014

1. The Chairman, in his opening remarks, drew attention to the meeting at the Rashtrapati Bhawan, wherein both the President and the Prime Minister made several very valuable suggestions for the IITs. He felt that the Institute is already working on several of those suggestions, and must continue to aggressively pursue the ideas that provide great opportunities.
2. The Board NOTED the Director's Overview Report and congratulated the Director and his colleagues for achievements of the Institute. It opined that the Institute must continue to emphasize research at all levels (undergraduate, masters, PhD, faculty and the Centres).
3. The Board CONSIDERED and NOTED the actions taken on the matters arising from its fourteenth meeting held on 02 August 2014 and SUGGESTED that when faculty members travel overseas for participation in conferences, they be encouraged to also spend a few additional days to visit some neighboring universities and conduct a road show for the Institute.
4. The Board NOTED the progress report on development of the Institute campus and expressed satisfaction over it. Initiatives and efforts made by the Building and Works Committee (CB&WC) for its active guidance and supervision on development of the Institute campus were appreciated by the Board.
5. The Board CONSIDERED and NOTED the status of interim arrangements for housing the Institute at its temporary campus at Chandkheda, Ahmadabad.
6. The Board NOTED the recommendations of the Finance Committee made in its sixth meeting held on 02 December 2014. The Board APPROVED Revised Budget Estimates 2014-15 and Budget Estimates 2015-16 of the Institute.
7. The Board NOTED the recommendations of the Endowment Management Committee (EMC) made in its fourth meeting held on 24 November 2014. The Board expressed its pleasure over the donations receipt of about Rs 4.22 crore by the Institute over a period of last one year.
8. The Board NOTED the Draft Separate Audit Report and Inspection Report by CAG for the year 2013-14 and the Institute's replies thereof and ENDORSED the same.
9. The Board NOTED the report on receipt of donations since its ninth meeting held on 28 March 2013 and expressed its pleasure over the amount of donations received.
10. The Board NOTED the report on the faculty appointments.

11. The Board NOTED the report on non-teaching staff appointments.
12. The Board CONSIDERED and NOTED the six MOUs signed by the Institute.
13. The Board NOTED the decisions taken by the IIT Council in its 48th meeting held on 22 September 2014, and by the Standing Committee of IIT Council in its 7th meeting held on 12 September 2014. The Board also NOTED the summary of discussions of the meeting with the Visitor on 22 August 2014, and with Chairperson of the IIT Council on 29 June 2014.
14. The Board APPRECIATED the norms on mobility of faculty and non-faculty personnel to the newly established Central Educational Institutions issued by the Government of India on 13 October 2014.
15. The Board NOTED the progress in the process for setting up of a bank branch at permanent campus of IITGN. The Board SUGGESTED that while finalizing the bank, adequate focus be placed on quality of services to be provided by the bank.
16. The Board APPROVED the proposal for writing off of missing items by supplementing the SP Manual of the Institute.
17. The Board NOTED the report of the new curriculum of Ph.D.
18. The Board CONSIDERED the report of the External Peer Review Committee and NOTED that the Committee has appreciated the rigour and sincerity in operations of the Institute, has recognized its strengths and given some directions for future improvements. The Board expressed its gratitude for the members of the Review Committee and DESIRED that letters of appreciation be sent to them on its behalf by the Director.
19. The Board APPROVED the proposal on creation of Centres in,
  - a. Cognitive Science, and
  - b. Sustainable Development.
20. The Board APPROVED the proposal for creating IIT Gandhinagar Explorer's Fellowship. The Board APPRECIATED the initiatives of the Institute for creating such schemes which will prepare the students in taking up challenging problems of the real world.
21. The Board NOTED with appreciation the provision of partial support to cover educational expenses of children of the members of IITGN community who are not its regular employees. The Board DECIDED to enhance the limit of Children's Education Allowance to Rs. 10,000/- per year per family with one school going child, and to Rs. 20,000/- per year per family with more than one school going children.
22. The Board APPROVED the proposal on providing research opportunity elsewhere to young faculty members substantially involved in administration. The Board further DECIDED that the

Standing Committee on faculty affairs may extend period of such absence from the Institute up to one year on case to case basis with proportionately higher Financial support from the Institute.

23. The Board APPRECIATED the proposal for creation of a few non-teaching staff positions requiring specialized skill for appointment on contract in regular scale.
24. The Board CONSIDERED the recommendation of the committee constituted to review remuneration/ honorarium for senior faculty appointed on contract at IIT Gandhinagar. The Board APPROVED the proposal and authorized the Director to implement the same in consultation with the Standing Committee for the concerned faculty currently with the Institute, as well as those to be appointed in future. To revise remuneration of senior faculty members who are members of the Standing Committee, the Director may form an ad-hoc committee with himself as the Chairman.
25. The Board CONSIDERED the proposal for expanding scope of the "Palaj Village Outreach Fund. The Board APPRECIATED the efforts of the institute towards outreach activities. The Board APPROVED that the Palaj Village Outreach Fund be renamed as \_Community Outreach Fund, and that its interest income be used for supporting various community outreach activities of the Institute.
26. The Board APPROVED the proposal authorizing B&WC to make re-appropriation in Detailed Estimates (DEs) of works within the approved Preliminary Estimates of the major works. The revised sanction of the Board of Governors will be required in case the total expenditure exceeds the sanctioned amount plus permissible variations.
27. The Board CONSIDERED the recommendation of the B&WC on preliminary estimates of next set of constructions at permanent campus of the Institute.

The Board NOTED that in the first instance, the Institute has undertaken some constructions of (a) academic buildings, (b) housing for faculty and staff, and (c) student hostels for about 1200 students so that the Institute could move to the permanent campus at the earliest, These constructions are likely to be completed by summer of 2015. The Board further NOTED that the next set of major constructions to be undertaken consist of Sports Complex, Central Arcade, Workers Housing along with a part of Block 4 of Academic Complex coming on to the ravines.

The Board RESOLVED to approve that the said constructions be undertaken and GRANTED financial approval and expenditure sanction of Rs 41.49 crore for the Sports Complex, Rs. 61.74 crores for the Central Arcade, Rs. 23.83 crores for the workers housing, and Rs. 15.44 for part of the Block-4.

28. The Board APPROVED the proposal for creation of IIT Gandhinagar Innovation and Entrepreneurship Centre. The Board AUTHORISED the Director to take necessary steps to

register a nonprofit company (under Section 8th of Companies Act, 2013) limited by guarantee.

- 29.** The Board APPROVED the Incubation facilities of the Institute. The Board also DECIDED that the Institute may provide one year pre-incubation support to its alumni, faculty and others on a case to case basis.
- 30.** The Board APPROVED the Intellectual Property (IP) Policy of the Institute.
- 31.** The Board APPROVED the proposal on apprenticeship at the Institute. The Board APPRECIATED the efforts being made by the Institute towards such activities.
- 32.** The Board CONSIDERED the report containing recommendations of the committee on reconfiguration of IITGN academic administration.
- 33.** The Board APPROVED the proposal suggesting course of action with regard to IITGN Cell at IIT Bombay.