

INDIAN INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY GANDHINAGAR

Summary of the Minutes of Nineteenth Meeting of the Board of Governors held on 05 August 2016

1. The Chairman welcomed all the members and invitees present for the meeting. He expressed special thanks to Shri Pankaj Joshi, Principal Secretary (Higher & Technical Education), Government of Gujarat for attending the meeting and informed the Board about the plans for the 5th Convocation on 06 August 2016.
2. The Board noted the Director's Overview Report as presented by him and appreciated the overall progress of the Institute and congratulated the IITGN community for the achievements.
3. The Board confirmed the minutes of its Eighteenth meeting held on 16 and noted the actions taken on the matters arising from it.
4. The Board noted the progress on development of the Institute campus.
5. Minutes of the twenty second meeting of the Building and Works Committee held on 28 July 2016 were presented to the Board during the meeting. The Board considered and endorsed the recommendations of the Committee made in its Twenty Second meeting.
6. The Board considered and endorsed the recommendations of the Finance Committee made in its Eighth meeting held on 05 August 2016. The Board approved the Revised Estimates 2016-17 and the Budget Estimates 2017-18 of the Institute
7. The Board noted the Separate Audit Report and Inspection Report by CAG for the year 2014-15 and the Institute's replies thereof and endorsed the same. The Board appreciated that no major irregularities has been reported by CAG.
8. The board considered and approved the Annual Accounts of the Institute for the year 2015-16 as recommended by the Finance Committee in its eighth meeting held on 05 August 2016. While discussing the accounts, the Board suggested that efforts should be made to reduce the cash transactions and as far as possible payments be made through electronic transfers.
9. The Board noted the report on the faculty appointments and non-teaching staff positions of the Institute.
10. The Board noted the new MOUs signed by the Institute.
11. The Board considered and adopted the Annual Report for the year 2015-16 and Director was authorized to make any corrections in the report before final printing.
12. The Board noted that the Cost Estimates for IITGN has been revised to Rs. 1716 crores against the initial outlays of Rs. 760 crores.

13. The Board noted that the Project Report for the new IITs approved in 2008 provided for 2,21,000 square meters of built up area for a student strength of 2360 students. The Board noted with concern that the communication from MHRD dated 08 July 2016 mentions constructed area of 2,50,000 square meters (25 lakh square feet) for 5,000 student capacity and it does not appear feasible to create a residential campus of an IIT. The Board desired that the matter be brought to the attention of the MHRD.
14. The Board noted various letters received from MHRD as mentioned in the Agenda.
15. The Board considered the developments related to USAID initiative and appreciated the progress made by the Institute in the short period.
16. The Board noted that the Fifth Convocation of the Institute will be solemnized on 06 August 2016 and that Shri Senapathy "Kris" Gopalakrishnan, Co-founder, Infosys and Founder, Axilor Ventures Pvt. Ltd. will be the Chief Guest for the Convocation.
17. The Board considered and approved the recommendations of the Senate to award the following degrees to the number of students mentioned against each program.
 - a. Bachelor of Technology to 114 students.
 - b. Post Graduate Diploma of the Institute (PGDIIT) to 04 students.
 - c. Master of Arts in Society and Culture to 12 students.
 - d. Master of Science to 30 students.
 - e. Master of Technology to 79 students.
 - f. Doctor of Philosophy to 22 students
18. The Board considered and approved the recommendation of the Senate for various medals and awards to the students.
19. The Board considered and approved the proposal to accept a major donation from Jasubhai Foundation.
20. The Board considered the progress made towards establishment of IIT Gandhinagar Research Park and endorsed the decisions outlined in minutes of the meeting held on 26 July 2016 for deciding further actions on the development of the Park. The Board also approved that design and construction of the permanent building of the Park to be handled by IITGN following the same process as it follows for its regular building construction and the actual expenditure so incurred will be reimbursed by the Park to IITGN.
21. The Board approved in principle the proposed budget towards cost of annual maintenance and service charges for maintenance of the buildings at permanent campus for the year 2016-17.
22. The Board approved the proposal to initiate the process for the next set of constructions to be undertaken at the permanent campus.

23. The Board considered and approved the proposal for providing central air-conditioning in the new students' hostel. The Board suggested for also considering and exploring other innovative options of air-conditioning so as to reduce energy consumption and provide better comfort.
24. The Board considered and approved the proposal for opening a separate bank account for Works Accounts. The Board resolved that a bank account in the name of "IIT Gandhinagar Works" should be opened by the Institute with the Canara Bank, IIT Gandhinagar Branch. Authorized signatories for this account will be the same as those at present in the other accounts of the Institute.
25. The Board noted that shifting of the institute from the temporary campus to the permanent campus is nearing completion. The Board also endorsed the recommendation of the Building & Works Committee that the items which are surplus to the requirement of the Institute (such as air conditioners, almirahs, etc.) be offered to the Institute community (employees as well as associated workers) at the depreciated cost or 10% of the purchase value of the item, whichever is higher.
26. The Board noted and ratified the items approved by the Chairman and the Director.