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**INDIAN INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY MANDI**

**Minutes of the 42<sup>nd</sup> Meeting of the Board of Governors held on September 19, 2024, from 14:30 hrs in the Board Room, North Campus, IIT Mandi.**

The following were present:

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| 1.  | Lt. Gen. Kanwal Jeet Singh Dhillon (Retd.)<br>Chairperson, BoG IIT Mandi                            | Chairperson  |
| 2.  | Prof. Laxmidhar Behera<br>Director, IIT Mandi   | Member   |
| 3.  | Shri Sandeep Kadam<br>The Secretary (TE)<br>Government of Himachal Pradesh                          | Member   |
| 4.  | Shri Kishan Chandra Sharma<br>Site Head & Sr. Vice President<br>Manufacturing, LUPIN Pharma Limited | Member   |
| 5.  | Dr. Pradeep Kumar Agrawal<br>Scientist, Research Centre Imarat (RCI)<br>D.R.D.O. Hyderabad          | Member   |
| 6.  | Prof. Manoj Thakur<br>Professor, SMSS, IIT Mandi  | Member   |
| 7.  | Prof. Satinder Kumar Sharma<br>Professor, SCEE, IIT Mandi   | Member   |
| 8.  | Dr. Kumar Sambhav Pandey<br>Registrar, IIT Mandi  | Secretary  |
| 9.  | Dr. Deepak Swami<br>Dean (I&S), IIT Mandi   | Special Invitee for Agenda BoG-42.1.2                                    |
| 10. | Prof. Aniruddha Chakraborty<br>Dean (Academics), IIT Mandi  | Special Invitee for Agenda BoG-42.2.1<br>(ii), BoG-42.5.2 and BoG-42.5.3 |
| 11. | Dr. Bindu Radhamany<br>Chair ICC, IIT Mandi   | Special Invitee for Agenda BoG-42.2.2<br>(viii) and BoG -42.4.2          |
| 12. | Dr. Viswanath Balakrishnan<br>Dean (F&A), IIT Mandi   | Special Invitee for Agenda BoG-42.4.3                                    |

Leave of absence was granted to the following:

1. Shri Hemant Sood Member  
Managing Director & Promoter  
Findoc Financial Services Group  
Ludhiana

The Comments of the Additional Secretary (TE) / Joint Secretary (Ex-Officio) Ministry of Education, Government of India were not received on the items before the scheduled date and time of the meeting.

The Chairperson welcomed all present at the meeting including special invitees.

The Director also welcomed all the members present at the meeting including special invitees.

Thereafter, the agenda item was taken up by the Registrar as follows:

**BoG-42.1.0           PROCEDURAL**

**BoG-42.1.1           To confirm the minutes of the 41<sup>st</sup> meeting of the Board of Governors held on June 05, 2024.**

It was noted that the minutes of the 41<sup>st</sup> meeting of the Board of Governors held on June 05, 2024, approved by the Chairperson, BoG were circulated and no comments have been received so far. Therefore, the minutes of the 41<sup>st</sup> meeting of the Board of Governors held on June 05, 2024, were confirmed, as circulated.

**BoG-42.1.2           To note the Action Taken Report (ATR) on the minutes of previous meetings of the Board of Governors (BoG).**

Dr. Deepak Swami, Dean (Infrastructure & Services) presented the ATR on the ongoing works along with the likely completion dates to the Board.

The Chairperson BoG emphasized the importance of ensuring that all details are complete and provided to the Registrar when preparing the agenda. This would enable all members to review the relevant information in advance and come prepared for discussions.

Dean (I&S) apologized for this confusion and assured the Board that due care shall be exercised in the future and reported the ATR on Item No. 40.4.2, Dr. Swami also confirmed that there were no major issues on the ongoing work.

The Board noted the progress.

The Chairperson, BoG suggested that in future construction projects, a team of officers should visit other IITs, such as IIT Hyderabad, to observe best practices and identify potential challenges. This knowledge could then be incorporated in the design and execution of future projects at IIT Mandi.

Dr. Swami appreciated the suggestions and committed to incorporating them in future planning.

The Registrar remarked that IIT Hyderabad's construction involved an architect from Japan and was not executed by CPWD, unlike IIT Mandi. Despite these constraints, IIT Mandi is striving to improve with each project.

The Chairperson acknowledged the constraints but emphasized that adopting good practices and designs from other institutions is crucial, regardless of the executing agency or architect.

The Board noted the report.

The Registrar presented the Action Taken Report on items not related to construction. The Board reviewed and acknowledged the updates on the non-construction ATR items, with specific instructions provided regarding the timely submission of reports and the potential reconsideration of certain proposals based on community interest.

#### **BoG-42.2.0**

#### **ROUTINE MATTERS**

#### **BoG-42.2.1**

**To ratify the decisions / actions taken by the Chairperson, Board of Governors on the recommendations of the Director / designated Committee(s), on behalf of the Board of Governors:**

The Board perused the decisions and approvals accorded by the Chairperson, Board of Governors.

Further, the Board thanked the Chairperson, BoG for the decisions and approvals and ratified the same.

#### **BoG-42.2.2**

**To note other developments at the Institute.**

**(i) To report the status of filling up of backlog vacancies in the teaching cadre.**

The Board noted the report.

**(ii) Details regarding Global Tender Enquiry (GTE) Proposals.**

The Board noted the details.

**(iii) To note the update on cases (if any) reported to the Internal Complaints Committee (ICC).**

The Chairperson BoG, advised for strict adherence to procedures in harassment cases, noting the importance of protecting both individuals and the Institution's reputation. Also directed that all such cases must be thoroughly documented and handled with utmost seriousness.

**(iv) Faculty members who have joined the Institute after the last BoG meeting until September 03, 2024:**

The agenda item was noted by the Board.

**(v) Faculty members who have resigned/relieved after the last BoG meeting till August 30, 2024:**

The agenda item was noted by the Board.

**(vi) Regular Staff members who have joined after the last BoG meeting till September 04, 2024:**

The agenda item was noted by the Board.

**(vii) Temporary/Consolidated/Consultant Staff members who have joined after the last BoG meeting till September 04, 2024.**

The agenda item was noted by the Board.

**(viii) Staff members who have resigned/relieved after the last BoG meeting till September 04, 2024.**

The agenda item was noted by the Board.

**BoG-42.3.0 MATTERS DISCUSSED / RECOMMENDED BY THE STATUTORY BODIES / COMMITTEES/FUNCTIONARIES**

**BoG-42.3.1 The 36<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Finance Committee held on June 05, 2024.**

The agenda item was noted by the Board.

**BoG-42.3.2 The 43<sup>rd</sup> Senate Meeting of the Institute held on May 16, 2024.**

The agenda item was noted by the Board.

**BoG-42.4.0 STANDING AGENDA**

**BoG-42.4.1 To consider the revised case of Mr. Kumar Kirsh (B20295) for relaxation in fees.**

The Board deliberated on the matter regarding a student who was admitted to IIT Mandi as a foreign national from Pakistan. The student's mother had acquired Indian citizenship, while his father had not. The student has now been granted Indian citizenship on a naturalization basis, effective from the date he entered Indian territory eight years ago, prior to his admission to IIT Mandi.

The student was admitted through the JEE Advanced, meeting the cutoff for Indian students without any special concessions, and currently holds a CGPA of around 9. Due to financial constraints, the student was unable to pay the foreign national fees, and the Institute referred the matter to the MoE, Gol, for which a response is still awaited.

After deliberation, the Board noted that the student's performance and admission process were consistent with the standards applied to Indian

students. Considering that he has now been granted Indian citizenship, the Board unanimously approved the proposal to align his fee structure with that of Indian students. It was clarified that this alignment pertains only to the fee structure, with no other relaxations or benefits such as Economically Weaker Section (EWS) status or any additional concessions.

The Board also agreed that the following points be explicitly recorded:

- The student's admission was on merit, without any special privilege as a foreign national.
- The only change to his status is the alignment of fees with Indian students, effective from the date of his Indian citizenship, with no further benefits accruing to him now or in the future.

The Board approved the proposal to charge the student fees equivalent to Indian students, with the understanding that this would be the sole adjustment made in his case.

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### **BoG-42.4.3**

**To present the agenda regarding the delegation of financial powers to various Functionaries of the Institute.**

The Registrar presented the agenda on the delegation of financial powers to various Functionaries of the Institute.

The Chairperson, BoG desired to reassign financial powers as Competent Financial Authorities (CFAs) to various functionaries of the Institute based on the source of funds (Government grants, IRG, HEFA, and others), types of expenditure (such as consumables, consumer durables, permanent fixtures, etc.) and the cumulative frequency of expenditures (one time or monthly).

In order to ensure ease of operation, transparency, and accountability, the Chairperson, BoG emphasized that the sanctioning, executing, and auditing responsibilities should be handled by different officers.

Finally, the Board advised that a committee, chaired by the Registrar and supported by two faculty/staff members with finance expertise, should be constituted to review and revise the existing delegation of financial powers. The Committee will submit its recommendations within 45 days from the date of signing of the convening order and committee's recommendations will be reviewed by the Director and subsequently presented to the Board of Governors (BoG) for final approval in its next meeting.



**BoG-42.5.0 REGULAR AGENDA****BoG-42.5.1 To consider the appointment of Dean (Finance & Accounts).**

The Registrar presented the agenda for the appointment of Dean (Finance & Accounts) to the Board.

The Board deliberated on the ongoing financial system and the appointment of a new Dean (Finance & Accounts) and acknowledged that the incumbent Dean (Finance & Accounts) shall continue to discharge as officiating Dean till the next Board meeting.

**BoG-42.5.2 To consider the award of Ph.D., I-Ph.D., M.Tech. (Research), M.Tech., M.Sc., M.A., MBA, B.Tech. Degrees.**

The 44<sup>th</sup> Senate Meeting held on September 17, 2024, recommended to the Board, the list of students who have fulfilled all the requirements for the Award of Degree.

The Board congratulated all the graduands for the award of degrees. Further, the board considered the recommendations of the Senate and approved the same as placed at **Annexure – A; Pages No. 10 to 27.**

**BoG-42.5.3 To consider the award of Medals and Awards to the winner among the graduates, which will be awarded during the 12<sup>th</sup> Convocation of the Institute.**

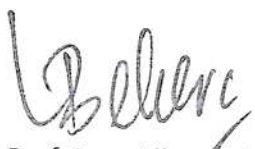
The 44<sup>th</sup> Senate Meeting held on September 17, 2024, recommended to the Board, the list of awardees of Medals and Prizes among the graduands.

The Board congratulated all the awardees of medals and prizes among the graduands. Further, the Board considered the recommendations of the Senate and approved the same as placed at **Annexure – B; Page No. 28.**

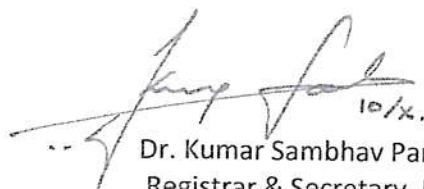
**BoG-41.6.0 TABLE AGENDA****BoG-41.6.1 Additional agenda placed on the table with the permission of the Chairperson, if any.**

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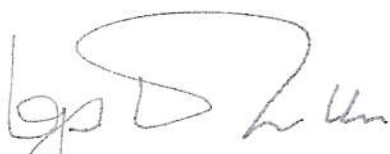
The meeting concluded with a vote of thanks to the Chair.



Prof. Laxmidhar Behera  
Director, IIT Mandi



Dr. Kumar Sambhav Pandey  
Registrar & Secretary, BoG



Chairperson, Board of Governors