INDIAN INSTITUTE OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY, ALLAHABAD

(An Institution of National Importance established by the Act of the Parliament of India)

Minutes of the First Meeting of the Board of Governors of IIIT-Allahabad held on 23.09.2016 from 3.30 p.m. onwards in the Board Room of IIIT-Allahabad.

The Meeting was held in the Board Room of the Admin. Block of IIIT-Allahabad Campus. The members in attendance were as follows:

1.	**Hon'ble Shri Ravi Kant** Indian Institute of Information Technology, Deoghat, Jhalwa, Allahabad-211012	**- Chairperson**
2.	**Prof G.C.Nandi** Director, Indian Institute of Information Technology, Allahabad	**– Member**
3.	**Prof. Indranil Manna** Director IIT-Kanpur	**- Member** – through SKYPE
4.	**Prof. Gautam Sinha** Director, IIM, Kashipur Uttarakhand – 244713	**- Member**– through SKYPE
5.	**Ms. Tripti Gurha** Director, IIITs & IITs, MHRD Representative of Sh. Rakesh Ranjan Joint Secretary (ICC&TE), MHRD	**- Member**
6.	**Shri Sanjay Sharma** Representative of The Principal Secretary, IT & Electronics Deptt, Govt. of UP, Lucknow	**- Member**
7.	**Prof. U.S.Tiwary** Professor Department of IT, Indian Institute of Information Technology, , Allahabad	**- Member**
8.	**Prof. S.Sanyal** Professor, Dept. of IT Indian Institute of Information Technology, Allahabad	**- Member**
9.	**Dr. Asheesh Kumaar** Indian Institute of Information Technology, Allahabad	**– Secretary**

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The Chairman, BOG welcomed the members present in the meeting. He also introduced the members with each other and also thanked Prof. Gautam Sinha, Director, IIM, Kashipur and Prof. Indranil Manna, Director, IIT-Kanpur for making it possible to attend the Board meeting through SKYPE. The Chairman also welcomed Ms. Tripti Gurha, Director, MHRD who was representing the Joint Secretary (ICC & TE), MHRD and Shri Sanjay Sharma who was representing the Principal Secretary, IT and Electronics Department, Govt. of U.P. for the present meeting. Dr. Ajay Kumar, Addl. Secretary, Department of Electronics & IT, MCIT, New Delhi could not attend the meeting due to an urgent meeting at Delhi and was therefore granted the leave of absence. After a brief exchange of pleasantries thereafter, the members took up the Agenda Items as follows:

1.01) To receive the formation of the First Board of Governors of the Institute under the IIIT's Act 2014.

The members received the contents of IIITs Act, 2014 along with MHRD letter vide F.No. 51-2/2015-TS-I(Pt) dated 11 August 2016, communicating to the Institute about the constitution of the First Board of Governors of IIIT-Allahabad.

The Chairman requested the MHRD representative to kindly pursue the matter appropriately so that the remaining four nominations, which were to be done by the IIITs Council, were received by the Institute at the earliest. It was expected that consequent upon the joining of the said members, the Board would further be enriched by their valued experience and wisdom.

1.02) To undertake a motion of thanks for the members of the erstwhile Board of Management.

The members adopted the motion of thanks in favour of the members of the erstwhile Board of Management of the Institute. The members desired to put on record their gratitude for the outgoing members.

1.03) To receive the status of the minutes of the 16th and the last meeting of the erstwhile Board of Management of the Institute.

The members received the Minutes of the Sixteenth (and also the last) Meeting of the erstwhile Board of Management of the Institute. The approval of the minutes received electronically from various members was also noted.

With reference to the reporting of various faculty selections vide the minutes in respect of Agenda Item no. 5 of the 16^{th} BOM meeting, the MHRD representative pointed out that it was mandatory for the Institute to follow the Four Tier Flexi Structure as communicated by MHRD to all the IIITs. No relaxations at Institute level were permissible thereupon. The same was also noted by the members.

With reference to the minutes in respect of agenda item no. 14 of the 16^{th} BOG meeting, it was pointed out by one of the members (who was also the member for the erstwhile BoM of the Institute) that following text needed to be added after the recorded minutes "*and approved the actions taken by the Institute*". The BOG members accepted the same.

1.04) To receive the Action Taken Report on the Minutes of the Sixteenth and the last meeting of the erstwhile Board of Management of the Institute.

The members reviewed the Action Taken Report on the Minutes of the 16th Meeting of the Board of Management and pointed out as follows:

S.No	Ref. Agenda Item No. of the Minutes of the 16th BoM Meeting	Comments of BOG members
1.	Item No. 9	1. Appointment on contract should be seen as an interim solution only. 2. Dean (R&D) should pursue the matter further to ensure that IIIC is established as per its true intent and spirit. For the same a detailed proposal should be made by him and pursued with appropriate authorities. 3. For the present, an Assistant Professor level person from the Institute, who is keen to take up the assignment and also enthusiastic about the activity, should be identified for the purpose. 4. The appointing procedure and authority for various R&D Officers under question shall be same as that for other regular academic positions of the Institute.
2.	Item No. 10	1. Since being taken up as separate Agenda Item no. 1.12 of the First BOG Meeting, the deliberations are being recorded thereupon.
3	Item No. 1	The present strength of 15 in the said programme was neither here nor there. The Director although pointed out that the current strength of 15 is temporary and will change when students already admitted through JEE under Dual Degree B.Tech. (IT)-MBA & B.Tech. (ECE)-MBA will reach the programme in their 5th year of study. Following suggestions were however made: 1. A peer Committee under the Chairmanship of Prof. Gautam Sinha be formed to undertake a Departmental review. 2. Faculty members from IIIT-A may visit IIT-Bombay/IIT-Kharagpur to see how they function as they were also primarily technology oriented institutions but were running their Management programmes to the institutional as well as the societal satisfaction. 3. The faculty members of the Institute may learn from their experiences and thereafter the matter may be reviewed by the Senate and a fresh proposal be then put up to the Board for its consideration.
		1. Dean (R&D) should explore to apply under "Startup India" Scheme of MHRD-DST of Govt. Of India. 2. That whether MHRD permission was required for establishment of IIIC should also be checked up by him.

4	Item No. 12	3. Prof. Murthy at IIM, Rohtak may be contacted by Dean (R&D) to seek assistance and guidance in the matter.
5	Item No. 13	1. The Govt. directive in respect of waiving tuition fee for SC & ST students of IIIT-A should be searched and put up. 2. The matter may accordingly be looked up and put up as a separate agenda item in the next meeting of the BOG.
6.	Item No. S-2	1. Since being taken up as separate Agenda Item no. 1.11 of the First BOG Meeting, the deliberations are being recorded thereupon.

1.05) To receive the Institutional Factsheet as on date.

The members received the information provided.

1.06) To devise a roadmap for taking the Institute towards financial self-sufficiency & excellence.

Considering the matter to be the one where the heart of the members actually lied, the members opined that in order to become a centre of excellence, Institute should set up for itself few goals and then work backwards.

a) The Chairman desired that it would have been good if the Board could have been able to form a sub-committee of its Board Members to suggest in the matter, as also desired in the MHRD letter F.No. 77-1/2015 TS.I dated 6.6.2016, but owing to the limitations due to lack of four nominated members from the Council, for the present, he requested the two Deans of the Institute namely Dean (IRP) and Dean (FA & R&D) for some spade work.

   It was desired that they, in consultations with the various constituents of the Institute, identify few areas where Institute could excel in over a five year period. Also, after reviewing the list of areas where some of the best institutions of the country had already excelled, Institute may look to dwell into the areas other than those, for the overall benefit of the scientific community and the mankind at large. The Institute may look at the neighboring institutions but may not be bound by their objectives and methodologies, in this respect.

b) In order to identify its current standing, Institute should participate in NIRF rankings, necessarily.

c) Dean (IRP) & Dean (FA & R&D) were collectively, desired to come up with a white paper on the subject within about 30 days time for the consideration of the Hon'ble Chairman and then to the Board.

1.07) To undertake nominations by the BOG on various bodies of the Institute, in line with the provisions of the IIITs Act 2014.

The members noted the committees on which the Board was expected to make its nominations and accordingly resolved as follows:

1) **Senate**:-
   a) u/Section 16 (1) (f)-Three persons from amongst educationists of repute or persons from another field related to the activities of the Institute who are not in service of the Institute, nominated by the Board of Governors.

Resolution: The Director may suggest few names in the next meeting for the consideration. The Board authorized the Chairman, to nominate accordingly.

2) **Building Works Committee**:-

a) u/Section 20 (c)- One person nominated by the Board from amongst its members.

Resolution: Deferred until the next meeting, pending the nomination of the four nominees from the Council.

b) u/Section 20 (e)-A civil engineer not below the rank of superintending engineer in the Government or Government Agency nominated by the Board.

Resolution: The Chief Engineer, CPWD or his nominee, but not below the rank of SE.

c) u/Section 20 (f)-An electrical engineer not below the rank of superintending engineer in the Government or Government Agency nominated by the Board.

Resolution: Commander of works/Garrison Engineer or the suitably ranked officer from Defence Services like Air Force/Army having their presence at Allahabad.

3) **Finance Committee**:-

a) Section 18 (1) (a)- The Chairperson, Board of Governors ex officio who shall be the Chairperson of the Committee

Resolution: No further action required at present. The matter shall however be taken up by the Chairman with MHRD separately as it was not proper that the Chairman of the Board also sat as Chairman on any of its subordinate Committees.

b) Section 18 (1) (d)- Two persons nominated by the Board.

Resolution: Suggestions from the Board as well as the Institute may be put up such that out of the two persons to be nominated by the Board one person belonged to the industry and possessed the experience of running an overall business, preferably as its CEO whereas the other one may be someone like an independent CA etc. to be able to advise upon the balance sheet, taxation etc. related aspects.

The Chairman, BOG was accordingly authorized to identify the person so that the Finance Committee could be duly constituted and made operational.

1.08) To approve the conduct of the Eleventh Convocation of the Institute and take note of the various arrangements for the same.

At the outset, the Chairman congratulated the Director and put on record his appreciation for him and his team for making it possible to hold the Eleventh Convocation of the Institute at a very short notice upon his insistence. He also apprised the members present that in the process he had taken it upon himself to find a Chief Guest for the occasion and accordingly succeeded in having the concurrence of Padma Bhushan Dr. F.C.Kohli ji for the same.

The members also desired, that for the future years, Institute should have a fixed day/date for the regular annual conduct of Institute Convocation. This would infuse confidence amongst the graduating class on one hand and on the other give sufficient time to the Institute to plan the activity. The attendance of the graduating students at such planned and pre-declared Convocations would also expected to be enhanced significantly. The Director, in consultations with others at the Institute, was requested to suggest at least two days/dates to the Chairman for their collective decision on the fixation of the Convocation day/date w.e.f. 2017 and onwards.

With the above remarks, the Board approved the conduct of the Eleventh Convocation, along with various other arrangements being made by the Institute for the purpose.

1.09) To approve the names of such students who have been recommended by the Institute Senate for award of various Degrees and Medals.

The Members accepted the recommendations of the Institute Senate for award of various degrees and medals in the Eleventh Convocation of the Institute to be held on 24th September, 2016. Accordingly, names of 446 students were approved for the award of degrees and 17 for the award of various Institute medals.

1.10) To consider and approve various other recommendations of the Institute Senate.

The members accepted the recommendations of the Institute Senate as communicated to it vide the minutes of 4th meeting and draft minutes of 5th meeting of the IIIT-A Senate, that were held on 22.6.2016 and 21.09.2016 respectively.

The "Ordinances" as proposed by the Senate in pursuance to the resolutions of its 5th meeting were also approved for being sent to MHRD, Govt. of India.

1.11) To take note of the developments regarding the Amethi Campus of the Institute and the actions taken to implement the Manna Committee report along with the MHRD directions in this respect.

In addition to the agenda notes in respect to the agenda item, the Director briefed about the various developments in respect of the Amethi Campus of the Institute. Taking keen interest in the matter, the members resolved as follows:

a) So as to pursue the matter of land transfer to BBAU, Institute should make a specific request to that effect to MHRD for being taken up with the Office of the Hon'ble Visitor under section 7 (1) (j) and Section 7 (2) of the IIITs Act, 2014.
b) While ratifying the actions taken by the Institute in the matter so far, the Board authorized the Director to take further decisions as may be necessary in this respect.
c) The Board further accepted the need of maintenance of a Camp Office at RGIIT, Amethi till the complete transfer of assets including land etc. was not effected.

With this, the Board noted the developments regarding the Amethi campus.

1.12) To consider various decisions taken in the second meeting of the IIITs Council, for adoption or action as deemed proper.

In addition to the circulated minutes of the 1st and 2nd meetings of the IIITs Council, the Chairman apprised the members about the various deliberations held at the Council level, as he was himself present during the 2nd meeting of the Council which was held on 12.7.2016. In the same context, he reiterated the Govt. of India's desire to ensure that each of the IIITs became self-sufficient in due course of time.

After brief discussions, the members adopted the various resolutions of the Council.

Some resolutions of the Council, which were however adopted with few remarks, were as follows:

a) Revision in tuition fee of PG programmes as under:

1st Year Rs. 50,000/- per year w.e.f. 2017-18
2nd Year Rs. 60,000/- per year w.e.f. 2018-19

The members were of the view that each of the CFIIITs had its own reason for being established and to meet their said objectives, each of them had their own specific roadmaps to be followed. The costs incurred accordingly were also therefore expected to be specific to the respective institution. Accordingly, having a uniform fee to be charged from students across the different IIITs was therefore not in line with their roadmap for becoming self-sufficient.

Against this backdrop, the members authorized the Chairman to take up the issue with the Hon'ble Chairman, Council of IIITs.

b) Pay Parity and Harmonization of uniform of non-faculty norms:
In the context, the Board adopted the Harmonization Committee Report for its implementation at the Institute.

In respect of the anomaly pointed out with respect to recommendation no. 8 of the said report, regarding the appointment on the post of Registrar, not only the discrimination made between the internal and the outside candidates irked the members, the members also took note of the recommendation that the regular and important post of the Registrar was directed to be filled only through contractual appointment which was not correct. The Chairman then took it upon himself to take up the matter of making a regular appointment on the regular post of Registrar with the Hon'ble Chairman, Council of IIITs and MHRD.

With these remarks, the members advised the Secretary, Board to implement the recommendations of the Harmonization Committee at the Institute and bring up further such inconsistencies/anomalies as may be observed in the due course of its implementation.

1.13) To ratify the transfer of funds to CPWD for Building the residual 26 quarters at the Institute campus.

The transfer of funds of Rs. 8.00 crores to CPWD was ratified with the remarks that the type of quarters to be built should be relooked by the Institute. Accordingly, CPWD may be asked to meet the Dean (IRP) for assessing the revised requirement. CPWD may also be advised not to go ahead with the release of tender on the earlier requirements of the Institute, as Dean (FA) pointed out that Institute was now in need of quarters for senior level appointments instead of the ones which were at present proposed.

Since the outside world was changing at an unprecedented pace, in terms of quality of life and also the facilities expected by incomers, wanting to join the institute either as a student or an employee, Institute should strive for providing world class facilities in every sphere. Also, upgradation of the existing facilities, roads, etc., to meet such societal expectations was therefore a must. Residential facilities on campus also should be taken up for upgradation, to make them more livable and more users friendly so that they also become a point of attraction.

1.14) To ratify the Release of payment of Rs. 2,39,400/- to IIT-Kanpur as balance payment for consultancy work and Rs. 10.5 crores to CPWD, Allahabad as advance for upgradation, expansion & redesigning of 33/11/0.4 kV electrical substations & networks of the Institute.

Release of payment of Rs. 2,39,400/- to IIT-Kanpur as balance payment of consultancy work was ratified. The transfer of Rs. 10.5 crores to CPWD as advance for undertaking upgradation, expansion etc. of Institute substation and related activities was also ratified with the remarks that consultant officials may sit over with Dean (IRP) to clarify his doubts over the proposed expansion activity. The tender for the substation activities may accordingly be brought out by CPWD only thereafter.

1.15) To be apprised of the Legal issues (Court cases as well as RTI matters) of the Institute.

Court Cases: The members after receiving the current status of the matters ratified the actions taken by the Institute in the context.

RTI matters: The members received the Information.

Tribunal's decision: The decision was received and the joining of Shri Anil Bhadauria on the post of Assistant Engineer at the Institute accepted. In the context the members pointed out that the evaluation of his performance should be taken up in advance of his proposed completion of the probation period and brought before the BOG for its decision, in line with the Tribunal's directions.

As a matter arising out of general discussions thereof, it was opined that as a policy, appraisals/evaluations of the incumbents on various positions, where their confirmation/continuation was subject to such kind of appraisals/evaluations, the same should be undertaken timely and Institute should take its call on them well in advance of the due date. The policy applied both to teaching as well as non-teaching employees of the Institute.

1.16) Any other item with the permission of the Chair.

S-1:To receive the change on the post of Director, IIIT-Allahabad w.e.f. July 2016.

The members noted the chronology of events following the putting in of the papers by Prof. Somenath Biswas (the Former Director of the Institute) and also that of Prof. G.C.Nandi taking over the mantle as the Officiating Director of the Institute w.e.f. 25.07.2016 (FN).

S-2: To receive the advt. of the post of Director, IIIT-A issued by MHRD, Govt. of India.

The members noted the issuance of the advertisement for the post of the Director, IIIT-Allahabad. In the context it was pointed out as follows:

a) The detailed advertisement should also be made available on the MHRD website for better visibility by MHRD.

b) Institute should put up an attractive advertisement which should be visible prominently and issued at all such places, where their were more chances of the relevant candidates being found, like national and international journals/magazines/newspapers. The advertisement should *inter alia* give a gist of Institute's activities, its accomplishments, etc. together with the direction in which it wanted to go further. This would assist the Institute in reaching out to more candidates and in the processing allowing the Search-cum-Selection Committee to select from a wide array of persons.

S-3: To receive the First Statutes of the Institute.

The Board adopted the First Statutes duly approved by the Hon'ble President of India in his capacity as the Visitor of IIITs, as communicated to the Institute by MHRD vide their letter F.No. 79-2/2015-TS.I dated 21.09.2016.

As a matter arising out of discussions thereupon, in respect of serial no. 14 (1) of the said "Statutes", it was resolved that in line with the earlier BoM resolutions regarding applicability of GPF-Cum-Pension-Cum-Gratuity Scheme for employees of the Institute who joined prior to 1.1.2004, the Board stood by it. Further, for implementation of the same, the matter should be taken up with MHRD appropriately.

It was also resolved that members may go through the Statutes in further details and point out the gaps in it, so that the same could be taken up with MHRD appropriately.

S-4: To approve the proposal on implementation of 300 kwp grid connected rooftop solar power project at IIIT-Allahabad through Solar Energy Corporation of India Limited (SECI).

It was resolved that the proposal be put up through the Building and Works Committee and also the Finance Committee of the Institute, for consideration of the Board subsequently.

After discussions among the Members, it was further decided as follows:

i) To hold the next meeting of the Board on 5th December, 2016 afternoon.
ii) In future, only Agenda Items and Notes be circulated to the members in advance. A separate volume containing the annexures be prepared by the Secretary, Board, for its circulation to members just prior to the meeting.

The meeting then ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair.

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5/12/16

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