

Minutes of 2020-2/13th Board of Governors (BoG) Meeting of IISER Berhampur

The meeting of the Board of Governors (BOG) of IISER Berhampur (2020-2/13th) was held on *Google Meet* at 15:30 hr on Friday, August 14, 2020. The following members were present during the meeting:

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| • Professor Ashutosh Sharma, Secretary, DST, Government of India | Acting Chairperson |
| • Professor K. V. R. Chary, Director, IISER Berhampur | Member |
| • Sri Chandra Shekhar Kumar, JS (IISER), DHE, MoE
(represented Sri Amit Khare, Secretary, Dept. of Higher Education, MoE) | Member |
| • Professor R. V. Raja Kumar, Director, IIT Bhubaneswar | Member |
| • Professor Sudhakar Panda, Director, NISER Bhubaneswar | Special Invitee |
| • Sri Ajay Kumar Nayak, OAS, Jt. Secretary to Govt. of Odisha
(represented Sri Asit Kumar Tripathy, IAS, Chief Secretary to Govt. of Odisha) | Member |
| • Professor Yogendra Sharma, Deputy Director & Dean of Faculty Affairs,
and Professor of Biological Sciences, IISER Berhampur | Member |
| • Professor Surendra Nath Mishra, Dean of Academic Affairs and R&D,
and Professor of Physical Sciences, IISER Berhampur, | Member |
| • Dr. Ruchi Badola, Senior Scientist, Wildlife Institute of India, Dehradun | Member |
| • Sri Udaya Kiran, Under Secretary, Finance Division, MoE
(represented Ms. Darshana M. Dabral, IAS, JS, and Financial Advisor MoE) | Member |
| • Brig PC Vyas, Registrar & Secretary, BoG of IISER Berhampur | Non-Member |

The following members could not attend the meeting due to their prior commitments and were granted a leave of absence:

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| • Professor Govindan Rangarajan, Director, IISc Bangalore | Member. |
| • Dr. K. N. Vyas, Secretary, DAE & Chairman, AEC, Mumbai) | Member |
| • Prof. Raghavendra P. Tiwari, Vice-Chancellor
(Dr. Harisingh Gour Vishwavidhyalaya, Sagar, Madhya Pradesh) | Member |
| • Professor Sandeep Verma, Secretary, SERB-DST & Professor, IIT Kanpur | Special Invitee |

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Agenda Items and Resolution

Item No.

1. Opening remarks of the Chairperson

The Chairperson welcomed the members present at the 13th Meeting of the BoG of IISER Berhampur including the two newly joined members (nominated by the Council of IISERs), namely Prof. Raghavendra P. Tiwari, Vice-Chancellor Dr. Harisingh Gour Vishwavidhyalaya, Sagar, Madhya Pradesh, and Dr. Ruchi Badola, Senior Scientist, Wildlife Institute of India, Dehradun.

The Chairperson thanked the outgoing members Prof. Sudhakar Panda and Prof. Sandeep Verma for their valuable contribution while serving in the Board. The Chairperson requested the newly joined members to be proactive and put forth their ideas to strengthen the Institute apart from participating actively in the Board. After a brief introduction by all members, the Chairperson requested the Director, IISER Berhampur to start the proceedings.

2. Overview report of the Director, IISER Berhampur on the activities of the Institute

An overview report was presented by the Director, IISER Berhampur. The BoG was briefed on the activities of IISER Berhampur in the recent past and the initiatives taken by the Institute in combating the COVID-19 pandemic. The same was taken on record with a note of appreciation.

3. Confirmation of the Minutes of the 2020-1/12th Meeting of the BoG, IISER Berhampur, held on May 27, 2020

The BoG resolved to confirm the Minutes of their 2020-1/12th meeting held on May 27, 2020, as circulated and proposed for confirmation, in the absence of any comments from any member.

4. **To consider the Action Taken Report (ATR) on the decisions taken in the 2020-1/12th Meeting of the BoG, IISER Berhampur, held on May 27, 2020**

The Action Taken Report on the items requiring follow-up action on the decisions of the 2020-1/12th meeting of the BoG held on May 27, 2020, was taken on record with a note of appreciation.

For Item BoG-12-4:

The Director requested the member representative of the Secretary, DHE, MoE to expedite the approval of the recommended names as Council's Nominees to serve on the Selection Committee for the position of Professors of the Institute.

5. **Ratification of the items approved by the Chairperson**

No such items

6. **Ratification of the items approved by the Director**

Repatriation of Brig PC Vyas, Registrar

Brig PC Vyas joined IISER Berhampur on a deputation basis on July 01, 2019, from the Indian Army. The officer requested for reversion to his parent cadre due to personal reasons. The same has been recommended by the Director and a request letter, in this regard, has been sent to the Cadre Controlling Authority (Indian Army) of the officer vide letter No. 45934/Pers/2020 dated Jul 06, 2020. The officer will be repatriated on receipt of posting orders from the parent cadre.

The BoG noted the above.

7. **To consider and approve the recommendations of the 2020-2/12th meeting of the Finance Committee (FC) of the Institute scheduled on Friday, August 14, 2020**

The board considered the recommendations of the 2020-2/12th meeting of the FC of the Institute scheduled on Friday, Aug 14, 2020, and resolved to take on record and also approve the recommendations of the FC requiring specific approval of the BoG.

8. **To report the list of faculty and non-faculty members who joined/confirmed/relieved in the recent past**

The BoG noted the list of following faculty and non-faculty members those who have joined/confirmed/resigned/relieved in the recent past:

Fresh Recruitment

Faculty

S. No.	Name	Department	Joining Date
Nil			

Non-Teaching Staff

S. No.	Name	Department	Joining Date
Group -A			
Nil			
Group -B			
Nil			
Group -C			
Nil			

Confirmation of Service

Faculty

S. No.	Name	Department	Confirmation Date [#]
1	Dr. Pabibtra Barik	Mathematical Sciences	04/06/2020
2	Dr. Seshadri Chintapalli	Mathematical Sciences	18/06/2020

[#] These faculty have completed one year of service and their services are yet to be confirmed soon. Their performance could not be evaluated due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Non-Teaching Staff

S. No.	Name	Name of the Position	Department	Confirmation Date
1.	Sri Surajit Patro	Junior Assistant (MS)	Administration	24/04/2020
2.	Sri Subrat Kumar Pattnaik	Office Assistant (MS)	Administration	26/04/2020

Relieved from Service

Faculty

S. No.	Name	Department	Release Date
Nil			

Non-Teaching Staff

S. No.	Name	Department	Release Date
Nil			

9. Recruitment notice for the following seven (07) Non-teaching posts has been advertised vide Advt No. NT-02/20 dated August 1, 2020:

S. No.	Name of the Post	Pay Level	No. of Vacancy & reserved for as per roster	Mode of recruitment
1.	Scientific Officer	10	02 (01-UR, 01-OBC)	Direct Recruitment/ Deputation/ Transfer-on-Absorption
2.	Scientific Assistant	06	02 (01-UR, 01-OBC)	Direct Recruitment
3.	Laboratory Assistant	05	02 (02-UR)	Direct Recruitment
4.	Junior Assistant (Accounts)	03	01 (01-UR)	Direct Recruitment

Further, the following two vacant/ backlog posts have not been advertised and kept in abeyance:

- One (01) post of Librarian has been kept in abeyance till the end of this year due to nonexistence of immediate functional requirement of the post considering the size of the Library and students running from a transit campus

One backlog post of Junior Superintendent (PwD) shall not be filled until the judgement on the pending WP in the Hon'ble High Court of Odisha by a petitioner who was one of the candidates for the said post during the previous recruitment. Even though the Hon'ble HC did not grant any stay on the Interim Petition by the petitioner, it has been decided to keep the recruitment of this post in abeyance, to avoid any fresh appeal/modified WP/contempt, etc.

The BoG noted the above.

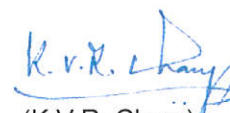
At the end of the agenda, the Chairperson thanked all members for their active participation and requested for any concluding remarks or suggestions. The Chairperson also requested the members to write to the Director regarding any ideas for improvement. The Board put forth the following general points:

- As there is going to be online teaching and learning process for the period of the pandemic, the students may be engaged by giving lots of assignments and the same be followed up by the faculty.
- To build up teams for solving open problems of synthesis, rather than text book problems, with the cooperation and even long-distance collaborations. Rather than getting themselves prepared for only competitions, the students should be encouraged to get to know how basic science could contribute to "Atmanirbhar Bharat".
- Message to the faculty that we are not preparing our people 100% for the academic jobs. There is life outside to the academia and the people should be encouraged to aspire to become successful entrepreneurs with their knowledge of pure and applied science.
- The Chairperson advised the Director to bring back the researchers to the campus by following the guidelines of Govt. of India and the State Govt.

The Director clarified to a question asked by Prof. R V Raja Kumar that the payments being made to the architect and the construction agency after in-house verification of the bills. The Director also answered to a question asked by Sri Ajay Nayak that the repayment to HEFA loan is wholly by the grant received from the Govt and not from the inhouse generated revenues.

Meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair.


(Brig PC Vyas)
Registrar


(K.V.R. Chary)
Director

Minutes Approved



(Chairperson, BoG)