

**Minutes of 2021-1/15<sup>th</sup> Board of Governors (BoG) Meeting of IISER Berhampur**

The meeting of the Board of Governors (BOG) of IISER Berhampur (2021-1/15<sup>th</sup>) was held on *Google Meet* at 11:30 hr on Monday, March 15, 2021. The following members were present during the meeting:

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| • Dr. M.S.N. Reddy, Chairman and Managing Director, MSN Laboratories Pvt. Ltd.                                                            | Chairperson |
| • Professor K. V. R. Chary, Director, IISER Berhampur                                                                                     | Member      |
| • Sri Pandey Pradeep Kumar, Dy Secretary (IISER), DHE, MoE<br>(represented Sri Amit Khare, IAS Secretary, Dept. of Higher Education, MoE) | Member      |
| • Professor Govindan Rangarajan, Director, IISc Bangalore                                                                                 | Member      |
| • Professor Yogendra Sharma, Deputy Director & Dean of Faculty Affairs,<br>and Professor of Biological Sciences, IISER Berhampur          | Member      |
| • Professor Surendra Nath Mishra, Dean of Academic Affairs and R&D,<br>and Professor of Physical Sciences, IISER Berhampur,               | Member      |
| • Dr. Ruchi Badola, Senior Scientist, Wildlife Institute of India, Dehradun                                                               | Member      |
| • Dr. Jose Sebastian, Acting Registrar & Secretary, BoG of IISER Berhampur                                                                | Non-Member  |

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

- Professor Ashutosh Sharma, Secretary, DST, New Delhi, Member
- Dr. K. N. Vyas, Secretary, DAE & Chairman, AEC, Mumbai, Member
- Sri Asit Kumar Tripathy, IAS, Chief Secretary to Govt. of Odisha, Member
- Professor Raghavendra P. Tiwari, Vice-Chancellor, Central University of Punjab, Member
- Ms. Darshana M. Dabral, IAS, JS and Financial Advisor MoE, Member

**BOG 15****Agenda Items and Resolution**

Item No.

**1. Opening remarks of the Chairperson**

The Chairperson welcomed the members present at the 15<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the BoG of IISER Berhampur. After a brief introduction by all members, the Chairperson requested the Director to initiate the proceedings of the meeting.

**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 Director highlighted the co-operation and support from all members of the Institute in managing the academic activities. He also announced some of the achievements of the faculty for their excellent publications, awards and externally funded research grants for the period since last BoG meeting. The progress of the construction of permanent campus of IISER Berhampur was also explained to the BoG. A two-min video was played covering the progress of works as on March 14, 2021 related to construction of permanent campus. The BoG appreciated the initiatives taken by the Institute. The Director also presented the fund position of the Institute as on March 14, 2021. The aforesaid was taken on record.

*With regard to the achievement of faculty for a good number of publications, Prof. Govindan Rangarajan suggested to include the number of faculty in each department to have a clear picture of productivity of the faculty in terms of publications. The Director assured the same and even promised to attach a list of publications with all the details.*

*To a query of Prof. R V Raja Kumar regarding the number of research scholars present on campus, the Director intimated that all the research scholars and post-doctoral fellows are on the campus. He further shared that the 5<sup>th</sup> year BS-MS students, who are involved on their research projects and the 4<sup>th</sup> year BS-MS students, who have to complete their laboratory classes were brought back to the campus in a phased manner. All of them have undergone seven-days of mandatory quarantine before entering the Institute.*

Prof. Surendra Nath Mishra shared that some of the 5<sup>th</sup> yr. BS-MS students have secured admissions into Ph.D. programs in the top tier academic institutions such as University of California and Cornell University in USA and University of Mainz in Germany.

Sri Pandey Pradeep Kumar, Dy Secretary (IISER), DHE, MoE appreciated the complimented entire faculty for these achievements.

**3. Confirmation of the Minutes of the 2020-3/14th Meeting of the BoG, IISER Berhampur, held on December 16, 2020**

The BoG resolved to confirm the minutes of the 2020-3/14<sup>th</sup> meeting held on December 16, 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 2020-3/14th Meeting of the BoG, IISER Berhampur, held on December 16, 2020**

The Action Taken Report on the items requiring follow-up action on the decisions of the 2020-3/14<sup>th</sup> meeting of the BoG held on December 16, 2020, was taken on record with a note of appreciation.

**5. Ratification of the items approved by the Chairperson BoG, IISER Berhampur**

The Board noted and ratified the following approvals of the Chairperson, BoG:

- (a) Approval to take up the case for sanction of the MoE for 39 additional faculty and 45 non-teaching positions considering the projected student strength including the intake for the forthcoming academic year 2021-22, as per the approved student, faculty and staff ratio.
- (b) Approval of minutes of selection committees for the following faculty positions:

| Designation                                         | Selection Committee as per First Statutes of IISERs                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | Selected Candidate              | Remarks             |
|-----------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------|
| Asst. Professor (Gr-I)<br><br>(Biological Sciences) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Prof. KVR Chary, FTWAS, FNASc, FNA, Director, IISER Berhampur</li> <li>Dr Giriraj R Chandak, MD, PhD, FASc, FNAMSc, FNASc, FAPASc, Former Director, CDFD, Hyderabad, Chief Scientist and Group Leader, CCMB, Hyderabad</li> <li>Professor Yogendra Sharma, FNA, FNASc, FASc, JC Bose fellow, Dept. of Biological Sciences, IISER Berhampur</li> </ul>                                                              | Dr. Vivek Tiwari (Cat: UR)      | Offer letter issued |
| Professor<br><br>(Biological Sciences)              | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Professor KVR Chary, FTWAS, FNASc, FNA Director, IISER Berhampur</li> <li>Professor Appa Rao Podile, FNA, FASc, FNAASc, Vice Chancellor, University of Hyderabad</li> <li>Professor Rakesh Mishra, FNA, FASc, FNASc, Director, CCMB, Hyderabad</li> <li>Dr Giriraj R Chandak, MD, PhD, FASc, FNAMSc, FNASc, FAPASc, Former Director, CDFD, Hyderabad, Chief Scientist and Group Leader, CCMB, Hyderabad</li> </ul> | Professor T S Sridhar (Cat: UR) | Offer accepted      |

**6. Ratification of the items approved by the Director, IISER Berhampur**

No such items.

**7. To consider and approve the recommendations of the 2021-1/14<sup>th</sup> meeting of the FC of the Institute scheduled on March 15, 2021**

The board considered the recommendations of the 2021-1/14<sup>th</sup> meeting of the FC of the Institute scheduled on Monday, March 15, 2021, 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 and condoned a typo error in the agenda notes

**Fresh Recruitments**

| S. No. | Name                                | Department            | Remarks              |
|--------|-------------------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|
| 1.     | Dr. A. Krishnan (Asst. Professor)   | Biological Sciences   | Joined on 07/12/2020 |
| 2.     | Dr. Ratna Pal (Asst. Professor)     | Mathematical Sciences | Joined on 07/12/2020 |
| 3.     | Prof. (Dr.) T S Sridhar (Professor) | Biological Sciences   | Accepted the offer   |
| 4.     | Dr. Vivek Tiwari (Asst Professor)   | Biological Sciences   | Offer letter issued  |

**Service Confirmations**

| S. No. | Name                   | Department            | Confirmation Date |
|--------|------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------|
| 1.     | Dr. Bikashkali Midya   | Physical Sciences     | 01/01/2021        |
| 2.     | Dr. Amiya Kumar Mondal | Mathematical Sciences | 17/02/2021        |

**Relived from Service**

| S. No. | Name                    | Department     | Relieving Date |
|--------|-------------------------|----------------|----------------|
| 1.     | Brig PC Vyas, Registrar | Administration | 04/01/2021     |

**9. To report the status on recruitment of sanctioned non-teaching posts**

The Board noted the following:

- i. The status of the Non-teaching posts advertised vide Advt. No. NT-01/20 dated May 16, 2020 is as follows:

| S. No. | Name of the Post               | Pay Level | No. of Vacancy & reserved for as per roster | Mode of recruitment             |
|--------|--------------------------------|-----------|---------------------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 1.     | Superintending Engineer        | 13        | 01-Unreserved                               | Direct Recruitment / Deputation |
| 2.     | Junior Translator              | 06        | 01-Unreserved                               | Direct Recruitment              |
| 3.     | Office Assistant (Multi Skill) | 05        | 01-Unreserved                               | Direct Recruitment              |

As the selected candidate for the post of Superintending Engineer declined the offer, the post has become vacant again.

The written test/interviews for other two posts were scheduled in March 2021. However, on receipt of the Government of Odisha letter no. HFW-SCH-I-EMER-0001-2020/6101 dated February 26, 2021 regarding mandatory home quarantine of persons coming from 12 states due to upsurge of COVID-19 cases in such states, the written tests have been postponed to a later date. The recruitment tests will be conducted once the guidelines are withdrawn or relaxed.

- ii. The status of the Non-teaching posts advertised vide Advt. No. NT-02/20 dated Aug 01, 2020 is as follows:

| 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                                     |

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iii. Further, the following three vacant/ backlog posts have not been advertised and are kept in abeyance:

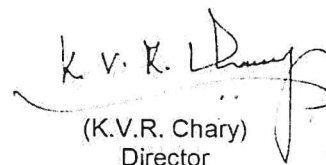
- One post of Librarian has been kept in abeyance till the end of this year due to nonexistence of immediate functional requirement of the post considering the size of the Library and the strength of students.
- One backlog post of Junior Superintendent (PwD) shall not be filled until the judgment on 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 is decided to keep the recruitment of this post in abeyance, to avoid any fresh appeal/modified WP/contempt etc.
- One vacant post of Registrar will be advertised in due course of time.

At the end of the agenda, the Chairperson thanked all members for their active participation.

Meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair.

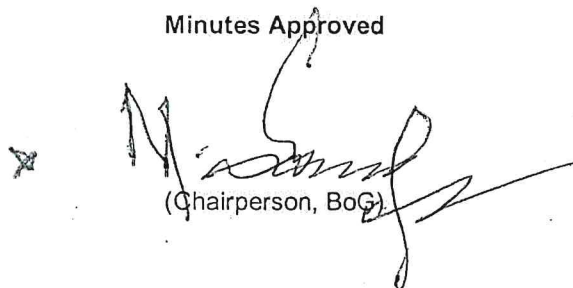


(Dr. Jose Sebastian)  
Acting Registrar



K. V. R. Chary  
(K.V.R. Chary)  
Director

Minutes Approved



(Chairperson, BoG)