



भारतीय विज्ञान शिक्षा एवं अनुसंधान संस्थान बरहमपुर
Indian Institute of Science Education and Research Berhampur
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Minutes of the 2022-3/21st Meeting of the Board of Governors of IISER Berhampur

The meeting of the Board of Governors (BoG) of IISER Berhampur (2022-3/21st) was held through Zoom at 15:30 hr on Thursday, September 22, 2022. The following members were present:

• Sri Sudhir Uttamlal Mehta, Chairman, Torrent Ltd.	Chairperson
• Professor K. V. R. Chary, Director, IISER Berhampur	Member
• Sri Priyank Chaturvedi, Deputy Secretary (IISER), DHE, MoE (represented Sri K Sanjay Murthy, IAS, Secretary, Dept. of HE, MoE)	Member
• Sri Shankar V Nakhe, Director, RRCAT, Indore (represented Dr. K. N. Vyas, Secretary, DAE & Chairman, AEC, Mumbai)	Member
• Professor Govindan Rangarajan, Director, IISc Bangalore	Member
• Professor Yogendra Sharma, Deputy Director & Dean of Faculty Affairs, and Professor of Biological Sciences, IISER Berhampur	Member
• Sri Anil Kumar, Director (Finance), IFD, MoE (represented Ms. Leena Johri, IAS, AS and Financial Advisor, MoE)	Member
• Sri B. J. Acharyulu, 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 Srivari Chandrashekhar, Secretary, DST, New Delhi	Member
• Sri Suresh C Mahapatra, IAS, Chief Secretary to Govt. of Odisha	Member
• Professor Raghavendra P. Tiwari, Vice-Chancellor, Central University of Punjab	Member
• Director, IIT Bhubaneswar	Member
• Dr. Ruchi Badola, Senior Scientist, Wildlife Institute of India, Dehradun	Member

1. Opening remarks of the Chairperson

The Chairperson welcomed the members present at the 21st meeting of the BoG of IISER Berhampur. As it was the first meeting of Sri Sudhir Mehta after taking over the charge of the Chairperson, BoG of IISER Berhampur, he requested an introduction of all members. After a brief introduction by all members, he 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 Director welcomed Sri Sudhir Mehta as the new Chairperson of the BoG and expressed gratitude to the outgoing Chairperson. The BoG appreciated the services of Dr. M. S. N. Reddy as the Chairperson and opined that his contributions to the governance of the Institute would go a long way. The BoG was updated on the academic and non-academic activities of IISER Berhampur in the recent past. The Director presented the status of the construction of the permanent campus, the financial status of the Institute, MoUs signed with different Institutes/agencies since the last meeting of the BoG, and the status of the human resource (teaching and non-teaching). The Director highlighted the hosting of three world-class International events at IISER Berhampur in the coming couple of months. Despite being the youngest among the IISERs, the Institute could attract the following International meetings to be hosted in the Permanent Campus: the European Molecular Biology Organization (EMBO) / India Lecture Course in December 2022, the 28th Annual symposium of the NMR Society of India (NMRS) in January 2023, and the International Union of Pure and Applied Biophysics (IUPAB) supported Workshop on Big-Data in Biophysics in March 2023.

The Director reiterated the long pending human resource issue and the difficulty in managing the Institute in the absence of the fresh sanctions of teaching and non-teaching personnel from the Ministry. He requested the BoG (particularly the representatives of the Ministry) for an early

resolution of the issue. Sri Priyank Chaturvedi and Sri Anil Kumar informed the BoG that the proposal is pending with the Ministry of Finance and MoE is continuously pursuing the same.

The Director informed that the Ministry in a recent meeting chaired by the Secretary, Higher Education urged all Vice Chancellors/Directors of all Central Universities/CFTIs to fill all faculty and non-faculty vacancies during the second phase of the Mission Mode recruitment within 10 months. However, the Institute has carried out the recruitment process for all the sanctioned positions and waiting for the new sanction as per the approved Student, Faculty, Non-faculty ratio of 10:1:1.1. As a new Institute, the total sanction of the faculty and non-faculty positions are below 50% (at present) and is struggling hard to cope up with the increasing academic and administrative load.

The Chairperson took cognizance of the issue and volunteered to speak to the Hon'ble Ministers of Education and Finance to address this issue on priority.

3. Confirmation of the Minutes of the 2022-2/20th Meeting of the BoG, IISER Berhampur

The BoG resolved to confirm the minutes of the 2022-2/20th meeting held on June 27, 2022, 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 2022-2/20th Meeting of the BoG, IISER Berhampur

The Action Taken Report on the items requiring follow-up action on the decisions of the 2022-2/20th meeting of the BoG held on June 27, 2022, was taken on record with a note of appreciation.

The Director requested the representatives of the Ministry of Education to take note of and pursue it with the highest priority regarding the pending sanction of faculty and non-teaching positions since the intake of the students is a continuous process and the present faculty will not be able to handle the entire strength of students, and the current strength of non-teaching staff also will not be able to cope up with the increasing loads of work.

For the BOG-19-14 item, the Institute vide letter IISERBPR/RO/MoE/2022/07 dated April 20, 2022, has requested MoE to take up the issue with the concerned Department/Ministry of Govt. of India. The response is still awaited from MoE.

5. To take on record the appointment of Sri Sudhir Uttamlal Mehta as the Chairperson, BoG of IISER Berhampur w.e.f. August 05, 2022

The BoG noted the appointment and welcomed Sri Sudhir Uttamlal Mehta and expressed that in his guidance the Institute will benefit a lot.

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

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

(a) Approval of Minutes of the Selection Committee for the faculty positions as mentioned below:

Department	Selection Committee as per First Statutes of IISERs	Selected Candidate	Remarks
(Earth & Environmental Sciences) (Interview held on July 19, 2022)	- Prof. KVR Chary, FTWAS, FNASc, FNA, Director, IISER Berhampur - Professor Raghavendra P Tiwari, Vice Chancellor, Central University of Punjab (Council's Nominee) - Professor Virendra M Tiwari, FASc, FNA, FNASc, FTAS, JC Bose Fellow, Director, CSIR-NGRI, Hyderabad - Professor Bedangadas Mohanty, FNA, FNASc, FASc, JC Bose Fellow, Dean, NISER Bhubaneswar Professor - Yogendra Sharma, FNA, FNASc, FASc, JC Bose Fellow, Dept. of Biological Sciences, IISER Berhampur	Professor Joydip Mukhopadhyay	--

	• Prof. Surendra Nath Mishra, Professor & Dean of Academic Affairs, IISER Berhampur		
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- (b) Approval of the minutes of the Departmental Confirmation Committee meeting for the confirmation of probation in respect of Dr. Abhishek Rai, Scientific Officer w.e.f. June 24, 2022.
- (c) Approval for the Board's Nominee in the Selection Committee for recruitment of Assistant Security Officer-cum-Transport Manager.
- (d) Approval for the Board's Nominee in the Selection Committee for recruitment of Laboratory Technician, Registrar, Librarian, and Technical Officer.

7. Ratification of the items approved by the Director, IISER Berhampur

The Board noted and ratified the approval accorded by the Director for the minutes of the Selection Committee for the recruitment of Assistant Security Officer-cum-Transport Manager, and Laboratory Technician held on August 03 and 25, 2022, respectively.

8. To consider and approve the recommendations of the 2022-2/19th meeting of the FC of the Institute held on June 27, 2022

The Board resolved to approve the minutes of the 2022-2/19th meeting of the FC.

9. To take on record and approve the minutes of the 15th Senate meeting held on June 23, 2022

The Board took on record the minutes of the 15th Senate meeting of IISER Berhampur and resolved to approve the items requiring specific approvals of the BoG.

10. To take on record and approve the minutes of the 13th B&WC meeting held on June 21, 2022

The Board took on record the minutes of the 13th meeting of the B&WC of IISER Berhampur and resolved to approve the items requiring specific approvals of the BoG.

11. To take on record the status of manpower (Teaching and Non-Teaching)

The Board noted the status of the manpower as follows:

Teaching Posts:

Sanctioned Posts	In Position	Offer Accepted	Selection completed and offer letter being issued
40 (flexi cadre)	35*	01	04

* Asst. Professors: 33; Associate Professor: 01; Professors: 01

Non-Teaching Posts:

Sanctioned Posts	In Position	Vacant*
42	38	04

* Recruitment of vacant positions scheduled/conducted. Offer letters will be issued to the selected candidates soon.

12. To take on record the superannuation of Professor Surendra Nath Mishra, Department of Physical Sciences as on August 31, 2022

The Board noted the superannuation of Prof. Surendra Nath Mishra.

13. To report on the list of regular faculty and non-faculty members who joined/confirmed/relieved.

The Board noted the following:

Fresh Recruitment of Faculty:

S. No.	Name & Designation	Department	Joining Date
1	Dr. Rahul Sharma, Assistant Professor (Gr II)	Physical Sciences	Aug 2, 2022
2	Dr. Vyas Akondi, Assistant Professor (Gr-I)	Physical Sciences	Aug 2, 2022

Fresh Recruitment of Non-Teaching Staff:

S. No.	Name & Designation	Department	Joining Date
1	Shri Sanjay Kumar Muduli, ASO-cum-TM	Security Wing (Admin)	Aug 23, 2022

Confirmation of Non-Teaching Staff:

S. No.	Name & Designation	Department	Confirmation Date
1	Dr. Abhishek Rai, Scientific Officer	Physical Sciences	June 21, 2022

Relived from Service (Faculty):

S. No.	Name & Designation	Department	Relieving Date
1	Professor Surendra Nath Mishra	Physical Sciences	Aug 31, 2022

14. To consider and adopt the Uniform Recruitment Rules for Non-Faculty Posts

Sri Anil Kumar informed that as per the Ministry's letter dated Sep 07, 2022, regarding the Uniform Recruitment Rules for Non-faculty posts, only Part-A of the Uniform RRs has been approved. The Institutes shall amend Part-B (financial upgradation and career progression), wherever required, as per their statutes and the DoPT guidelines. In this regard, he mentioned one of the recent guidelines by the DoPT for the minimum qualifying service for career progression to be incorporated while carrying out the amendment by all IISERs. The amended Uniform RRs shall be adopted after incorporating the above suggestion by the Ministry.

The BoG agreed to the above suggestion and advised the Institute to put up the amendment of Uniform RRs for the Non-faculty posts for consideration.

15. To consider and approve the draft Annual Report 2021-22 of IISER Berhampur for placing the same in both the houses of the Parliament

The Director informed that though the draft Annual Report was ready, the Institute received the Separate Audit Report (SAR) for the FY 2021-22 on the day of the meeting of the BoG from the office of the C&AG, Bhubaneswar. The SAR was vetted by the FC on the same day and it was recommended to the BoG for including in the Annual Report 2021-22.

The BoG resolved to approve the Annual Report 2021-22 along with the Annual Accounts and SAR for the FY 2021-22 for placing it in both houses of the Parliament.

16. To take on record the revoking of exemption/concession of GST for Scientific and Technical instruments, Apparatus, Equipment

Sri Anil Kumar informed that the above is a decision of Govt. of India. However, the Ministry may compensate in the budgetary provisions towards the expenditure due to the increased rate of GST, if the Institute approaches with a proposal for such a short-fall in budget.

The BoG noted and agreed to the above suggestion

17. To consider and approve the technical resignation of Sri Gaurav Chowdhury, Deputy Registrar w.e.f. October 07, 2022

The Board considered and resolved to approve the technical resignation of Sri Gaurav Chowdhury, Deputy Registrar w.e.f. October 07, 2022, by waiving of the shortfall of the notice period.

18. To consider and approve an amendment to the Statutes of Indian Institute of Science Education and Research (IISER) Berhampur – Temporary arrangement in the event of a vacancy to the post of Director

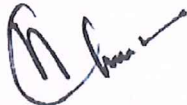
The Board resolved to approve an addendum to Statute 11 in the Statutes of IISER Berhampur which reads as follows:

Statute 11.18: "In the event of a vacancy arising to the post of Director, IISER Berhampur on account of completion of her/his tenure, resignation or death, the Central Government with the approval of the Visitor may either extend the term of the incumbent Director, if she/he is so willing, or entrust the charge of the post of Director to the senior-most willing Professor, clear from vigilance angle, for a period not exceeding six months at a time or till the appointment of the regular Director or till further orders, whichever is the earliest."

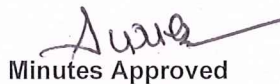
In this regard, a proposal shall be sent to the Ministry for approval of the Competent Authority for the addendum in the Statutes of IISER Berhampur.

The Chairperson thanked all members for their active participation.

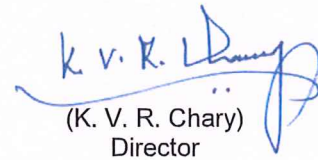
The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair.



(B. J. Acharyulu)
Acting Registrar



Minutes Approved



(K. V. R. Chary)
Director

(Chairperson, BoG)