INDIAN INSTITUTE OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY, KALYANI

An Institute of National Importance

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Resolutions of the 8th Meeting of the Board of Governors of Indian Institute of Information Technology, Kalyani held on 27th June, 2024 at 12.00 noon through Hybrid Mode

The following members attended the meeting.

Sl.No	Name and Designation
	In offline mode
1.	Prof. Santanu Chattopadhyay, Director IIIT Kalyani, Chairperson
2.	Prof. Meenakshi Balakrishnan, Honorary Professor, IIT Delhi , Member
3.	Prof. Chittaranjan Mandal, Professor, IIT Kharagpur, Member
4.	Dr. Imon Mukherjee, Assistant Professor, IIIT Kalyani, Member
5.	Dr. Uma Das, Assistant Professor, IIIT Kalyani, Member
6.	Dr. Kaoushik K Mukherjee, Registrar, IIIT Kalyani: Secretary
	In online mode
7.	Shri K. K Singh, Founder and Executive Chairman, ROLTA Group, Member
8.	Shri Apurba Bhattacharya,Distinguished Professor, IIT Jodhpur, Member
9.	Shri Sanjay Das, Additional Secretary, Dept. of IT & E, Govt. of West Bengal and Managing Director, WEBEL, Member

Welcome note: At the outset, the Chairman welcome all the members present in the 8th meeting of the Board of Governors of the institute.

Then agenda items were then taken up and the following resolutions were adopted.

Item No. 1: Confirmation of minutes of the 7th BoG Meeting held on December 04, 2023.

Resolution: There being no comments made on the minutes of the 7th BoG Meeting held on December 04, 2023, the same was confirmed.

Item No. 2: Action taken report on the resolution of the 7th BoG Meeting.

Action: Formation of Section 8 Company for IIIT Kalyani

Resolution: The BoG noted the action as had been initiated by IIIT Kalyani towards formation of the Section 8 Company. Also noted that IISER Kolkata had introduced IIIT Kalyani to the CA farm in Pune, Maharashtra which has been handholding them and several other institutions in setting up incubation centre and similar Section 8 Companies.

Item No. 3: Director's reporting.

Resolution: The Director apprised the BoG about the current status in the permanent campus construction of the institute. Both physical and financial progress were reported. The flow of funds in non-recurring and recurring heads was enumerated.

Item No. 4: Ratification of the appointment of Registrar

Resolution: The BoG noted the approval of the Ministry of Education while approving the recommendation of the selection committee for appointment of the Registrar at IIIT Kalyani and ratified the same.

Item No. 5: Senate Recommendation - To consider credit overloading in pre-final semesters for students with a good academic record.

Resolution: Board discussed over the Senate recommendations in details and ratified the Senate recommendations of credit overloading in pre-final semesters for students with a good academic record which is for being considered for such credit overloading in pre-final semesters, students with CGPA 7.5 and higher would only be considered.

Item No. 6: Senate Recommendation - To consider branch change options for B. Tech programs.

Resolution: The Board discussed over the Senate recommendations to consider branch change options for B.Tech programs with the following conditions:
- Branch change option to be made available to the students based on the result of the first semester.
- At most 5% of the number of students registered in a program may be allowed to change branches, subject to vacancy in the destination branch.
- Vacancy in a branch will be decided based upon the number of seats available considering the total sanctioned seats in the branch.
- Selection will be made on descending order of CGPA among all students applied for branch change within a program.

While ratifying, the BoG further added that in addition to the CGPA criteria, at least a "B" grade should be obtained by the intending students in the course 'Programming – I (C Language) (CSC101)', core course for CSE, for changing into CSE and in the course 'Basic Electrical and Electronics Engineering (ECC101)', core course for ECE, for changing into ECE only, in their first semester examination.

Item No. 7: Senate Recommendation - To consider reservation policy in Ph.D. admission.

Resolution: The Board discussed over the Senate recommendations in details and ratified the reservation policy with the following salient points:

- No reservation for part-time and project category as there is no upper-limit on the number of such candidates.
- For full-time scholars receiving fellowships/TA, each semester the number of vacant seats will be decided based on the seats available with each faculty member. The seats will be distributed into different categories as per the existing reservation norms. Advertisement for posts will be made accordingly.
- Ph.D. seats will not be carried forward across semesters, as the number of advertised posts in a semester is dependent on the number of regular faculty members on roll at that time.

Item No. 8: Senate Recommendation - Introducing New B. Tech. program in Mathematics and Computing.

Resolution: After having a threadbare discussion on the item, BoG resolved to ask the Senate to revisit the program curricula taking inputs from the industry. Further resolved that the curricula should focus more on Advanced Statistics, AI and, Data Science subjects.

Item No. 9: To nominate three persons from amongst educationists of repute to the Senate.

Resolution: The Board nominated the following three educationists of repute to the Senate:

a.) Prof. Shamik Sural
   Professor, Dept. of Computer Science & Engg.
   IIT Kharagpur
b.) Prof. Mrinal Kanti Mandal
   Professor, Dept. of Electronics & Elec. Comm. Engg.
   IIT Kharagpur
c.) Prof. Sarbani Roy
   Professor, Dept. of Computer Science & Engg.
   Jadavpur University

While discussing on the item the Board also suggested that the institute should explore the possibilities of recruiting Professor of Practice.

Item No. 10: Implementation of Recruitment and Promotion Norms 2016, Cadre Restructuring, and Rationalization of Pay Scales for Non-Faculty Staff at IIIT Kalyani.

Resolution: After a threadbare discussion the Board recommended the institute to revisit the Cadre Restructuring and mapping of its Non-Faculty positions as was proposed.

Item No. 11: To consider sanction of adequate number Faculty positions at IIIT Kalyani.

Resolutions: The BoG kept in view that IIIT Kalyani is following Student to Faculty Ratio as 12:1 as per Ministry of Education norms and agreed that based on this, it should have a sanctioned strength of 50 (fifty) Faculty positions. The BoG also felt the institute's current full time Faculty strength of 13, against a sanctioned position of 22 is inadequate. The BoG in the above backdrop considered and approved the proposal for creation of 28 additional Faculty positions, and also resolved that the break-up of the same may be submitted to the next BoG on due deliberations at the level of the Senate.

Item No. 12: Confirmation of the Recommendation of the Departmental Promotion Committee.

Resolution: Accepting the recommendation of the Departmental Promotion Committee (DPC) meeting held on Wednesday, February 8, 2023, the BoG considered and approved the promotion of the following non-teaching employee as detailed below w.e.f. June 27, 2024:

Sl. No.	Name	Current Designation	Date of Joining	Status of Recommendation	Recommended Designation
1.	Ms. Sreejoyee Das	Technical Assistant 7th CPC Pay Scale 6	06.11.2018	Recommended	Senior Technical Assistant 7th CPC Pay Scale 7

Item No. 13: Fund status of IIIT Kalyani (Cap-Ex)

Resolution: The BoG noted the current finds status of IIIT, Kalyani as below:

Sl. No.	Contributor	Sanctioned	Received	Expended	Balance in Hand	Receivable
1	MoE, Govt. of India	64,00,00,000.00	64,00,00,000.00	62,73,00,000.00	1,27,00,000.00	-
2	Govt. of West Bengal	44,80,00,000.00	38,65,31,324.00	32,88,37,000.00	5,76,94,324.00	6,14,68,676.00
3	Rolta Foundation	6,40,00,000.00	4,48,92,851.00	4,48,92,851.00	-	1,91,07,149.00
4	WBEIDC Ltd. (WEBEL)	6,40,00,000.00	6,40,00,000.00	6,40,00,000.00	-	-
5	Coal India	6,40,00,000.00	6,40,00,000.00	6,40,00,000.00	-	-
	Total (Rs.)	1,28,00,00,000.00	1,19,94,24,175.00	1,12,90,29,851.00	7,03,94,324.00	8,05,75,825.00

Item No. 14: Report on permanent campus of IIIT Kalyani

a.) Progress of Construction of the permanent campus of IIIT Kalyani as on April 2024

Resolution: The Board of Governors noted the following progress as reported by CPWD on 2nd May 2024:

Physical progress: **90%**
Financial progress: **82%**
Projected completion date: **September 2024**

b.) Status of Land documents in favour of IIIT Kalyani

Resolution: The Board of Governors noted the status of the land documents in favour of IIIT, Kalyani which is at present lying with the Additional Secretary to Govt. of West Bengal, Dept. L&LR and RR&R, LRA-III for further necessary action. The Director reported that the institute is expecting a positive response in this regard at an early date.

Item No. 15: Finance Committee Recommendation - Approval of the Budget for the Financial Year 2024-2025.

Resolution: Based on the recommendation of the Finance Committee, the BoG approved the budget for the FY 2024-25. Also approved the specific proposal for the creation of corpus fund as was recommended by the Finance Committee.

Item No. 16: Finance Committee Recommendation - Approval of the Annual Accounts for the Financial Year 2023-2024

Resolution: Based on the recommendation of the Finance Committee, the BoG approved the Annual Accounts for the Financial Year 2023-2024, duly certified by the Internal Auditor. Also agreed to the specific recommendation of the Finance Committee towards appointing a tax consultant.

Item No. 17: Finance Committee Recommendation – Remarks made by CAG on Short payment of Minimum wages to Contractual Staff for Rs.67.46 lakh

Resolution: The BoG noted the resolution of the Finance Committee towards requesting the BoG to reconsider paying the outsourced manpower at central government rate and paying the wages adhering to the minimum wages as per the Government of WB order from time to time so that the Audit objection raised earlier for the short payment of minimum wages may be reviewed in the backdrop of BoG resolution. But considering the pros and cons, the BoG while agreeing to the proposal of the Finance Committee in

principle proposed the institute to obtain legal recommendation/opinion before such deviation/implementation.

Item No. 18: Finance Committee Agenda - To consider the pay fixation and payment of NPS as retirement benefit to the Registrar of IIIT Kalyani joined on January 15, 2024

Resolution: The BoG noted the discussion that took place in the 6th meeting of the Finance Committee in this regard and also noted the provisions of the Statutes of Indian Institute of Information Technology, Kalyani, notified by the then Ministry of Human Resource Development, New Delhi, dated 22.10.2018 read with clause 14 (page 19) under Retirement Benefit, which envisages inter alia that the employees of the Institute shall be governed by the New Pension Scheme of the Central Government. Also noted the benefit of NPS as extended to the Registrars of other IIITs. Keeping in view everything the BoG approved the fixation of pay and payment of NPS as retirement benefit to the Registrar of IIIT Kalyani who joined on January 15, 2024.

Item No. 19: Finance Committee Recommendation - To consider the clarifications given against some comments made by some members of the BoG against some entries of the annual accounts 2022-2023 for which explanations were sought (Genesis lying with Item No. 3 of the 7th BoG held on December 04, 2023).

Resolution: The BoG and the members concerned who sought clarifications against some entries of the annual accounts 2022-2023 noted the clarifications given, expressed their satisfaction and accepted the same.

Item No. 20: To report: Minutes of the 9th Senate Meeting held on Tuesday, April 16, 2024.

Resolution: The Board noted the Minutes of the 9th Senate Meeting held on April 16, 2024.

Item No. 21: To report: Minutes of the 6th Finance Committee held on Friday, May 24, 2024.

Resolution: The Board noted the Minutes f the 6th Finance Committee Meeting held on May 24, 2024.

Item No. 22: Any other matter with the permission of the chair

The following agenda were discussed:

a.) **Recommendation of the Selection Committee for the position of Assistant Professor (on contract) at IIIT Kalyani against Advt. No. IIITK/Rectt/F-23-24/49/ dated March 12, 2024**

Resolution: Based on the recommendation of a duly constituted selection committee, the BoG approved the selection of the following candidates for the position of Assistant Professor (on contract) against a consolidated pay of Rs. 65000/- per month:

i) Dr. Soumen Pandit
ii) Dr. Dipen Bepari

Further resolved that appointment letters be issued to the selected candidates at an early date.

b.) **Recommendation of the Expert Committee for the appointment of Visiting Professor**

Resolution: Based on the recommendation of an Expert Committee comprising the following persons, the BoG approved the appointment of Dr. Rabindranath Bera considering his vast academic and research

experience, especially in the domain of 5G communication and IIITs recent initiative in building up a specialty 5G lab.

Expert Committee:
- i.) Prof. Santanu Chattaopadhyay, Director, IIIT Kalyani – Chairman
- ii.) Prof. Bhargab B. Bhattacharya, Retired Professor, ISI Kolkata and IIT Kharagpur – Member
- iii.) Prof. Pradip Mandal, Professor, Dept. Of ECE, IIT Kharagpur – Member
- iv.) Prof. Sumit Kundu, Professor, Dept. Of ECE, NIT Durgapur – Member

Further resolved that appointment letter be issued to Dr. Bera at an early date.

c.) Confirmation of Faculty Member

Resolution: Based on the recommendation of a duly constituted Evaluation Committee, the BoG approved the confirmation of the service of the following faculty member from his date of joining in the post of Assistant Professor (Grade-II):

Dr. Amit Ranjan Azad

d.) Ratification of Expenditure made in connection to holding of student activity in collaboration with RISE Foundation, IISER Kolkata

Resolution: Keeping in view the ratification in the Finance Committee, the BoG ratified the expenditure of Rs. 3,10,424/- incurred while conducting a thirty-six hour in-person hackathon namely "Status Code Zero" held between August 12 and 13, 2023 in terms of a MoU executed between IIIT Kalyani & RISE Foundation of IISER Kolkata.

e.) Ratification of expenses made in connection to holding Third Convocation of IIIT Kalyani held on December 07, 2023.

Resolution: Keeping in view the ratification in the Finance Committee, the BoG ratified the expenditure of Rs. 14,78,934/- made in connection to holding Third Convocation of IIIT Kalyani held on December 07, 2023 against a budgetary allocation of Rs.15,00,000/-.

f.) Anonymous allegations made through email regarding online Master of Technology course and integrated Ph.D in IIIT Kalyani.

Resolution: The Board observed that an anonymous complain mail has been received by some of the BoG members regarding the online Executive M.Tech program of the institute. The Board reviewed the provisions created under the course and compared with existing such online M.Tech courses offered by many other institutions of national repute. It was observed that the course offered by the institute is at par with similar courses in the country. However, to refine it further, the following modifications have been incorporated.

- The word "online" should be mentioned in the degree certificate for easier understanding of potential employers.
- The degree should be accepted as one of the qualifying degrees to get admitted into the part-time PhD program of the institute.
- PhD will be decoupled from the M.Tech program. Students of the M.Tech program, willing to pursue a PhD at IIIT Kalyani, should be encouraged to apply for part-time PhD of the institute separately.

The Board eventually didn't find any substance in the anonymous complaint.

g.) **Special Agenda: Clause modification in the Statute**

Resolution: The BoG noted and approved the following proposals for modification in the IIIT Kalyani Statutes as placed by the Director, IIIT Kalyani and Acting Chairman as Special Agenda:

The first Statutes of the Indian Institute of Information Technology, Kalyani be modified as follows:

1. In Statute 15 after clause (2), the following clause shall be inserted: "(3) In the event of occurrence of any vacancy in the office of the Chairperson of the Board of Governors by reason of expiry of his or her tenure, death, resignation or otherwise or in the event of the Chairperson being unable to discharge his or her functions owing to absence, illness or any other cause, the Chairperson of an Institute of National Importance, may discharge the functions assigned to the Chairperson, for a period of six months or till the nomination of a regular Chairperson, whichever is earlier, with the approval of the Visitor and in case of expiry of tenure, the Visitor may extend the term of the incumbent Chairperson for a period of six months or till the nomination of a regular Chairperson, whichever is earlier."

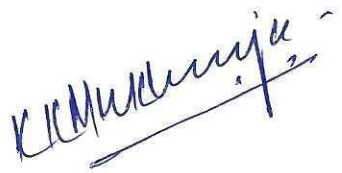2. In Statute 16, clause (15) shall be omitted.

h.) **Matters related to Grievance Redressal Committee**

1. The BoG resolved that the minutes of the 2nd meeting of Grievance Redressal committee be ratified and circulated amongst the members of the BoG.

2. Further resolved by the BoG that henceforth the Registrar, IIIT Kalyani will be the Convenor (non-member) of the said committee.

The meeting ended with thanks from and to the Chair.

Chairman & Director

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