

Minutes of 2020-1/12th Board of Governors (BoG) Meeting of IISER Berhampur

The meeting of the Board of Governors (BOG) of IISER Berhampur (2020-1/12th) was held at 11:30 hr on Wednesday, May 27, 2020. This meeting was earlier scheduled on Thursday, March 26, 2020, and couldn't be conducted due to COVID-19 pandemic. With the permission of Acting Chairperson, Board of Governors, the meeting was conducted on *Skype* in view of the restriction on travel in the country. 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, MHRD
(represented Sri Amit Khare, Secretary, Dept. of Higher Education, MHRD) | Member |
| • Professor R. V. Raja Kumar, Director, IIT Bhubaneswar | Member |
| • Professor Sudhakar Panda, Director, NISER Bhubaneswar | Member |
| • Dr. Debashis Das, Director, RRCAT
(represented Dr. K. N. Vyas, Secretary, DAE & Chairman, AEC, Mumbai) | 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 |
| • Professor Sandeep Verma, Secretary, SERB-DST & Professor, IIT Kanpur | Member |
| • Sri Anil Kumar, Under Secretary, Finance Division, MHRD
(represented Ms. Darshana M. Dabral, IAS, JS and Financial Advisor MHRD) | 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 connectivity issues, and were granted a leave of absence:

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| • Professor Anurag Kumar, Director, IISc Bangalore | Member. |
| • Sri Asit Kumar Tripathy, IAS, Chief Secretary to Government of Odisha | Member |

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1. Opening remarks of the Chairperson

The Chairperson welcomed the members present at the 12th Meeting of the BoG of IISER Berhampur including the two newly joined members (nominated by Senate of IISER Berhampur), namely Professor Yogendra Sharma and Professor Surendra Nath Mishra. Chairperson mentioned about the present trying times and exhorted all to brainstorm and come out with solutions to be effective in the 'New Normal' of the future. 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 COVID-19 pandemic. The same was taken on record with a note of appreciation.

(In response to the Chairperson Dr. Sharma's suggestion to upgrade the BSL2+ to BSL3 containment facility, the Director, IISER Berhampur responded by conveying that plans are on to set up a large BSL2+ facility and a smaller BSL3+ facility in the academic block of the permanent campus of IISER Berhampur. The BSL3+ would indeed provide additional enhanced biosafety level over BSL3, which is required for clinical, diagnostic, teaching, and research on agents that may cause serious or potentially lethal disease through inhalation and contaminate the environment.)

3. **Confirmation of the Minutes of the 2019-4/11th Meeting of the BoG, IISER Berhampur, held on December 26, 2019**

The BoG resolved to confirm the Minutes of their 2019-4/11th meeting held on Dec 26, 2019, 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 2019-4/11th meeting of the BoG held on December 26, 2019**

The Action Taken Report on the items requiring follow-up action on the decisions of the 2019-4/11th meeting of the BoG held on December 26, 2019, was taken on record with a note of appreciation.

For Item BoG-11-4:

The Director requested the member representative of the Secretary, DHE, MHRD 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.

(As a follow-up, a gentle reminder for the same, as suggested during the meeting, has been forwarded to MHRD on May 27, 2020)

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

The Board resolved to ratify the approvals given by the Chairperson, BoG for the following:

(a) Approval of Minutes of Selection Committee for the appointment of Deputy Director of IISER Berhampur

(b) Grant of special honorarium as Fellow of Academy Awards to Prof. Yogendra Sharma, Professor of Biological Sciences @ Rs. 15000/- PM w.e.f. October 14, 2019.

(Prof. Sandeep Verma, Secretary, SERB, suggested to ensure that two fellowships are not granted concurrently).

(c) Appointment of Professor Yogendra Sharma, Professor of Biological Sciences as Deputy Director of the Institute for a period of three (03) years w.e.f. January 15, 2020.

(d) Confirmation of service of Dr. Victor Mukherjee, Assistant Professor, Department of Physical Sciences w.e.f. November 05, 2019.

(e) Approval of Minutes of Selection Committee for the following Faculty positions:

Designation	Selection Committee as per First Statues of IISERs	Selected Candidate	Remarks
Asst. Professor (Biological Sciences)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prof. KVR Chary, FTWAS, FNASc, FNA, Director, IISER Berhampur • Dr Giriraj R Chandak, MD, PhD, FASc, FNAMSc, FNASc, FAPASc, Former Director, CDFD, Hyderabad, Chief Scientist and Group Leader, CCMB • Professor Yogendra Sharma, FNA, FNASc, FASc, JC Bose fellow, Dept. of Biological Sciences, IISER Berhampur 	Dr. Arunkumar Krishnan (Cat: UR)	Acceptance of our offer letter received
Asst. Professor (Biological Sciences)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Professor KVR Chary, FTWAS, FNASc, FNA Director, IISER Berhampur • Professor Bedangadas Mohanty, FNA, FNASc, FASc, JC Bose Fellow, Professor & Dean, Faculty Affairs, School of Physical Sciences, NISER Bhubaneswar • Professor Yogendra Sharma, FNA, FNASc, FASc, JC Bose Fellow, Dean of Faculty Affairs, IISER Berhampur • Professor Pramod Kumar Yadava, Adjunct Professor, IISER Berhampur, Ex-Dean and Professor, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi 	Dr. Mahipal Ganji (Cat: UR)	Offer letter issued

Asst. Professor (Biological Sciences)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Professor KVR Chary, FTWAS, FNASc, FNA Director & Professor, IISER Berhampur Professor Jyotsna Dhawan, FNA, Founder Dean, InSTEM, Emeritus Scientist, CSIR-CCMB, Hyderabad Professor Yogendra Sharma, FNA, FNASc, FASc, JC Bose Fellow, Dean of Faculty Affairs, IISER Berhampur Professor Pramod Kumar Yadava, Adjunct Professor, IISER Berhampur, Ex-Dean and Professor, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi 	Dr. Vinay Bulusu (Cat: UR)	Joined on May 14, 2020
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6. **Ratification of the items approved by the Director**

Repatriation of Lt Col Shailesh Bansal, Superintending Engineer:

Lt Col Shailesh Bansal joined IISER Berhampur on a deputation basis on July 22, 2019, from the Indian Army. A review of the present status of work at this Institute revealed that the services of the officer were not required. Therefore, it was decided to repatriate the officer w.e.f. A/N of March 31, 2020, to his parent organization. In this regard, advance information to the parent organization of the officer was forwarded vide this office letter IISERBPR/DIR/2020/49 dated February 24, 2020, to enable them to take necessary action at their end. The parent organization vide its letter A/12071/IISER/61172/2020/MS-3B dated March 03, 2020, accepted and released the posting order in respect of the Officer. Accordingly, he will be repatriated to his parent organization w.e.f. May 31, 2020.

7. **To consider and approve the recommendations of the 2020-1/11th meeting of the Finance Committee (FC) of the Institute scheduled on Wednesday, May 27, 2020**

The board considered the recommendations of the 2020-1/11th meeting of the FC of the Institute scheduled on Wednesday, May 27, 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
1	Dr. Yogendra Sharma	Biological Sciences	14/10/2019
2	Dr. Bikashkali Midya	Physical Sciences	01/01/2020
3	Dr. Amiya Kumar Mondal	Mathematical Sciences	17/02/2020
4	Dr. Vinay Bulusu	Biological Sciences	14/05/2020

Non-Teaching Staff

S. No.	Name	Department	Joining Date
Group -A			
1	Sri Swarup Narayan Behera	Assistant Registrar	24/12/2019
2	Sri. Arun Adrakatti	Assistant Librarian	29/01/2020
Group -B			
1	Sri. Ammanola Praveen Kumar	Assistant Engineer	30/10/2019
2	Sri Satya Siva Sankar Rao K	ASO cum TM	11/12/2019
3	Sri. Kalluri VVS Rajesh	Superintendent	27/01/2020
Group -C			
1	Sri. Monojit Ghosh	Laboratory Technician	27/01/2020

Confirmation of Service

Faculty

S. No.	Name	Department	Confirmation Date
1	Dr. Victor Mukherjee	Physical Sciences	05/11/2019

Non-Teaching Staff

S. No.	Name	Department	Confirmation Date
	None		

Relived from Service

Faculty

S. No.	Name	Department	Release Date
	None		

Non-Teaching Staff

S. No.	Name	Department	Release Date
i	Sri. Kalluri VVS Rajesh	Academic Affairs	26/01/2020

9. To report the advertisement of three (03) Non-Teaching Posts vide Advt. No. NT-01/20 dated May 16, 2020

The BoG noted the following recruitment notice for three (03) Non-teaching posts that has been advertised vide Advt No. NT-01/20 dated May 16, 2020:

S. No.	Name of the Post	Pay Level	No. of Vacancy & reserved for as per roster	Mode of recruitment
1.	Superintending Engineer*	13	01 Un-reserved	Direct Recruitment (OR) on Deputation basis as per DOPT orders in vogue and on annual performance-based assessment process.
2.	Junior Translator	06	01 Un-reserved	Direct Recruitment
3.	Office Assistant (Multi Skill)	05	01 Un-reserved	Direct Recruitment

*The incumbent SE (on deputation) will be repatriated to his parent cadre Indian Army w.e.f. May 31, 2020. Hence, the post has been advertised.


The BoG also noted the following two vacant/ backlog posts that have not been advertised and kept in abeyance:

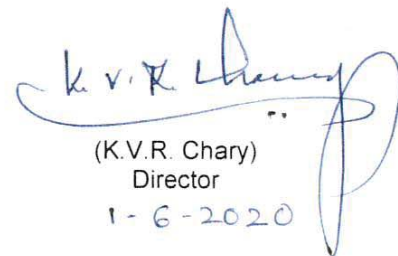
- i. One (01) post of Librarian has been kept in abeyance till the end of this year due to nonexistence of immediate functional requirement of the post considering the size of the Library and the Institute running from a transit campus
- ii. One backlog post of Junior Superintendent (PwD) shall not be 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.

At the end of the agenda, the Chairperson thanked all members for their active participation and requested for any concluding remarks or suggestions. The members put forth the following general points:

- Dr. Debashis Das, while mentioning about digital education system in the country, suggested to look for robust digital ICT platform for conducting online education including online examination. He emphasized the importance of directed research.
- Prof. R V Raja Kumar and Prof. Sudhakar Panda congratulated the fraternity of IISER Berhampur, for setting-up COVID-19 Testing Centre at IISER Berhampur. Prof. Raja Kumar complimented on joining of new faculty. He suggested to pay attention to paying advances to CPWD and also informed about the system of online examination being followed at IIT Bhubaneswar.
- The Chairperson concluded that the role of the Governing Body is not only to discuss the agenda points, but also to bring in the wisdom and ideas for the betterment of the Institute. He urged all members to feel free to send ideas to the Director. The following are highlighted in his concluding remarks:
 - Students, researcher and faculty may be stressed and anxious with respect to their studies and research. Endeavour be made to keep their motivation and enthusiasm level high.
 - Protocols and SOPs to overcome the constraints of online examination be put in place keeping in mind the practical issues and connectivity problems prevailing in the rural areas. An evolved mechanism should aim at eliminating disparity.
 - COVID-19 has taught us new lessons in life and work. We must insist on accountability in our scientific research activities. Planning of infrastructure and security in our new campuses should aim to promote digital education in the best possible manner.

Meeting ended with vote of thanks to the Chair.


(Brig PC Vyas)
Registrar


(K.V.R. Chary)
Director
1-6-2020

Minutes Approved


(Chairperson, BoG)