



भारतीय विज्ञान शिक्षा एवं अनुसंधान संस्थान बरहमपुर
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Minutes of the 2024-1/25th Meeting of the Finance Committee of IISER Berhampur

The 25th meeting of the Finance Committee (FC) of IISER Berhampur (2024-1/25th) was held in hybrid mode in the Boardroom, Transit Campus, IISER Berhampur at 11:00 AM on Thursday, Feb 29, 2024. The following members/Chairperson were present during the meeting:

• Professor Ashok Kumar Ganguli, Director, IISER Berhampur	Chairperson
• Professor Ashok Kumar Ganguli, Director, IISER Berhampur	Member
• Professor Hirendra Nath Ghosh, Director, NISER Bhubaneswar	Member
• Shri Priyank Chaturvedi, Director (IISERs), DHE, MoE (online) {represented Shri Saumya Gupta, IAS, Joint Secretary (TE)}	Member
• Shri Anil Kumar, Director (Fin), IFD, DHE, MoE (online) {represented Shri Sanjog Kapoor, JS & FA, DHE, MoE}	Member
• Shri Pradeep Kumar Ray, Registrar and Secretary, FC of IISER Berhampur	Secretary

Professor Ashok Kumar Ganguli and Shri Pradeep Kumar Ray attended the meeting in person (physically) whereas all other above members have joined the meeting through Video Conferencing.

Professor Shreepad Karmalkar, Director, IIT Bhubaneswar couldn't attend the meeting due to preoccupation and leave of absence was granted.

1. Opening remarks of the Chairperson

The Chairperson welcomed the members present at the 25th Meeting of the FC of IISER Berhampur. After a brief introduction of all members and his opening remarks, he requested the Secretary, FC to present the agenda items.

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

An overview report was presented by the Director. The FC was updated on the status of the construction of the permanent campus, the financial status, important activities of the Institute, and the status of the human resource (teaching and non-teaching). The overview report was earlier shared with the FC.

The Director mentioned about the difficulty and challenges being faced in the functioning of the Institute in the absence of regular faculty and non-teaching staff and requested the MoE representatives to expedite the process for sanction of faculty and non-teaching positions for the Institute. Further, he requested to expedite the appointment of Chairperson, and some other members of BoG which are vacant.

The Director's Overview Report is enclosed at **Annexure-A**.

3. Confirmation of the Minutes of the 2023-4/24th meeting of the FC held on Dec 19, 2023

The FC has confirmed the Minutes of their 2023-4/24th meeting held on Dec 19, 2023 as circulated and in view of the fact that no comments were offered by the members.

4. To consider the Action Taken Report (ATR) on the decisions taken in the 2023-4/24th meeting of the FC held on Dec 19, 2023

The Action Taken Report on the items requiring follow-up action on the decisions of the 2023-4/24th of the FC held on Dec 19, 2023, was taken on record with a note of appreciation.

5. To take on record the expenditure incurred towards the construction of the permanent campus and recommend its ratification by the BoG

The FC noted the following expenditure incurred towards the construction of the permanent campus since the last FC Meeting held on Dec 19, 2023:

Date	Particulars	Amount (₹ in crore)
25.01.2024	To CPWD for construction works (RA-34)	20.00
09.02.2024	To CPWD for construction works (RA-35)	20.00

The detailed head-wise expenditure as on Feb 28, 2024) on Project as per the Sanction of MoE:

	Equipment Cost	Furnishing Cost	ICT Infra- structure Cost	Construction Cost	Cost of Escalation & Contingencies	Total (OH- 35)	Recurring Expenditure	Total Cost
Sanction	243.53	108.36	34.34	773.76	69.33	1229.32	353.46	1582.78
Expenditure incurred till 20/12/2023	124.03	3.64	2.42	734.02*	0.00	864.11	97.66	961.77
Available Balance	119.50	104.72	31.92	39.74	69.33	365.21	255.80	621.01

* Includes the expenditure on ICT which is a part of the same NIT for construction of the Permanent Campus. This amount is being calculated for separating it from the civil construction expenditure and subsequently the amount will be included under head of expenditure for ICT Infrastructure.

Comments of the MoE:

(i) The Institute is required to share with the Ministry all the details regarding head-wise expenditure till date against various heads under which AA&ES was given by the MoE.

(ii) Further, a tabular format was also shared with the institute under which they were asked to share building-wise details of plinth area as approved under DPR and plinth area constructed, as also plinth area yet to be constructed. The institute shall Provide the same to the MoE.

(iii) All the AA & ES given till date may be compiled to arrive at the actual receipt of funds and expenditure.

The table shared by CPWD was discussed. However, the Director informed that the information in the requested format by MoE was not shared by CPWD. This matter will be taken up with CPWD and the information in correct format will be forwarded to the MoE soon.

6. To consider and recommend to the BoG for approval of the policy document on Seed Grant of the Institute as recommended by RAAC in respect of faculty members for initiating the research work

The Institute presented the recommendation of a committee comprising of three external members as constituted by the BoG in its 25th meeting held on Dec 19, 2023. The IFD representative informed that a uniform guideline on Seed Grant is being prepared by the MoE. He suggested to implement the Institute's proposed policy till a uniform guideline is implemented for all IISERs. Further, he suggested that the fund towards the capital equipment be booked under OH-35 and the same towards chemicals/ consumables be met from the IRG. The FC noted and recommend the same to the BoG for approval.

7. To consider and recommend to the BoG for approval of the guidelines for the appointment of Honorary Professor, Visiting Faculty, Adjunct Faculty, Guest Faculty in IISER Berhampur

The FC discussed the above guidelines presented by the Institute.

Comment of the MoE: May be considered

The FC recommended the draft guidelines to the BoG for approval.

8. To consider and recommend to the BoG for approval of appointment of Honorary Professors of the Institute

The FC recommended to the BoG for approval for appointment of the following academicians as Honorary Professors of the Institute as per the terms and conditions of Policy for such appointments:

S. No.	Name / Affiliation	Department
1.	Professor Ramakrishna Ramaswamy, FNA, FTWAS, Adjunct Professor, IIT Delhi, Former Vice Chancellor, University of Hyderabad	Physical Sciences

2.	Professor K N Ganesh, FNA, FNASc, FASc, FTWAS, Former Director, IISER Tirupati	Chemical Sciences
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The terms and conditions of the above appointment will be regulated as under:

- Tenure: 3 years w.e.f. the date of appointment extendable by another two years.
- Visiting the Institute for a few days at least twice a year for series of lectures to be delivered
- Institute shall provide travel cost, accommodation and honorarium as admissible as per the Institute rules.
- No salary shall be paid.

It is informed that the tenure of appointment of Honorary Professor was wrongly proposed to be capped at 70 years, which is not case. The same has been ignored in the minutes.

9. To consider and approve additional fund allocation under OH-31 for IISER Berhampur as a special case due to its locational disadvantages

The FC discussed the agenda at length. The MoE representative suggested the Institute to forward a proposal for extra budget under OH-31 while preparation for Revised Estimate in September 2024. The FC recommended to the same to the BoG for approval.

10. To consider and recommend to the BoG the Payment of monthly conveyance allowance in terms of the Supplementary Rule (SR)-25 to the eligible Faculty and Non-Teaching staffs who are traveling extensively between Transit Campus and Permanent Campus of IISER for academic/official work

The FC discussed the proposal at length. The MoE suggested to implement the Govt. of India guidelines i.e. Supplementary Rule-25 and follow the terms and conditions scrupulously provided in the SR-25.

The FC recommended to the BoG for approval of the proposal along with the suggestions of the MoE.

11. To take on record and ratify the approval of the Chairperson, B&WC regarding grant of provisional EoT to M/s GPIL for 33KV

The FC noted the above recommendation of the Chairperson, B&WC and recommended to the BoG for its ratification with the following observation:

As the time overrun of the project is over three years and in order to avoid any arbitration in future, the Institute must ascertain (through a committee or B&WC) the hindrances towards impose of LD i.e. the delay attributable to the agency.

12. To take on record and ratify the approval of the Chairperson, B&WC regarding AA & ES of ₹ 51,31,382/- for Security Deposit to TPSODL for providing 33KV power to IISER Berhampur Permanent Campus

The FC noted the above and recommend the same to the BoG for ratification.

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to all the members of the FC.


(Pradeep Kumar Ray)
Registrar and Secretary, FC


(Ashok Kumar Ganguli)
Director

Minutes Approved


(Chairperson, FC)
6/3/24