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Minutes of the Twenty Sixth Meeting of the Board of Governors held (virtual mode) on Thursday, August 26, 2021

The Twenty Sixth meeting of the Board of Governors of the Institute of Chemical Technology (ICT) was held in the Board Room of Institute on Thursday, August 26, 2021 at 11.00 am:

Following members were present physically:

- (i) Professor A.B. Pandit, Vice-Chancellor (Chairman)
- (ii) Shri J.R. Shah, Director, Jayvee Organics & Polymers Pvt. Ltd.
- (iii) Professor P.R. Vavia, Dean, Academic Programmes (AP)
- (iv) Professor B.M. Bhanage, Dean, ICD
- (v) Professor Padma Devarajan, Sr. Most Professor, Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences and Technology
- (vi) Professor R.R. Deshmukh, Registrar (Member Secretary)

Following members joined online :

- (vii) Smt. Sandra Shroff, Vice President, United Phosphorous Ltd.
- (viii) Shri Nitin Deshmukh, CEO-Private Equity, Kotak Investment Advisors Ltd.
- (ix) Dr. Abhay Jere, Chief Innovation Officer, MHRD's Innovation Cell
- (x) Professor Manoj Kumar Tiwari, Director, National Institute of Industrial Engineering (NITIE)
- (xi) Shri U. Shekhar, Chairman, Galaxy Surfactants Ltd.

Following members were granted leave of absence:

- (xii) Shri Vikas Chandra Rastogi, Secretary, Higher and Technical Education, Government of Maharashtra
- (xiii) Shri M.B. Parekh, Chairman and Managing Director, Pidilite Industries Ltd.

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Resolutions under agenda item of Twenty sixth Board meeting dated August 26, 2021.

No.	Item	Resolution
1.	Confirmation of the minutes of the BOG meeting held on March 22, 2021	<p>The minutes were confirmed with following amendment in resolution under item-3.</p> <p>“i. Internal auditor should submit the audit report directly to the Board and not through finance committee or Vice Chancellor.”</p> <p>should be read as –</p> <p>“i. Internal auditor should submit the audit report to the Board through Finance Committee chaired by the Vice Chancellor.”</p>
2.	Action Taken Report (ATR) against the resolutions of the Twenty Fifth Meeting of the Board held on March 22, 2021.	Board has noted and approved the ATR.
3.	<p>Minutes of the Finance Committee meeting held on 3rd June, 2021</p> <p>The minutes of the Finance Committee dated 3rd June, 2021 is placed for information as per Annexure – 2.</p>	Board has noted the minutes with instructions to present the accounting procedure in detail during next board meeting.
4.	<p>Revised Career Advancement Scheme (CAS) and Recruitment Rules for Direct Appointment of the faculty of the Institute as per the norms of UGC, AICTE, State Government under 7th Pay commission</p> <p>The Career Advancement Scheme for the faculty of the Institute is required to be reformulated under the guidelines of UGC and AICTE notified vide notifications dated 18th July, 2018 and 1st March, 2019 respectively.</p> <p>Government of Maharashtra has issued the new norms for direct appointment and appointment through CAS on various faculty positions as based on the guidelines of UGC and AICTE vide the Government Resolution dated 11th September, 2019.</p> <p>In consideration of above notifications and Government Resolution, it has become mandatory for the Institute to issue new Ordinances for promotion through Career Advancement and also for the direct</p>	The Board approved the Revised Career Advancement Scheme (CAS) and Recruitment Rules for Direct Appointment of the faculty of the Institute.

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	<p>recruitment of the faculty and is required to be considered and approved by the Board of Governors as provided under Statutes 8(E) and also under the powers granted to the Institute vide Government Resolutions of Higher and Technical Education Department of Government of Maharashtra, dated 1st March, 2008 and 23rd October, 2012.</p> <p>Accordingly, the draft notifications for Career Advancement Scheme as well as Direct Recruitment of the faculty are drafted which are seen and approved by the related authorities of the Institute and attached with this agenda as Annexure – 3 and 4.</p> <p>Board is requested to consider and approve the same.</p>	
5.	<p>Suspension of ongoing construction activity of DAE Research Centre and termination of contract with M/s. Capacite Infraprojects Ltd. (CIL)</p> <p>Since the possibility of further funding/donations for the DAE-Research Centre Project is highly unlikely due to the current market condition considering the ongoing pandemic and being future possibilities for acquiring the funds for the construction of DAE Research Centre are uncertain, it has become difficult to sustain the continuous financial responsibilities of the huge project like DAE- Research Centre. As it is, no construction activity could be taken up for the last one and half year due to Covid-19 pandemic which is putting unnecessary financial burden on account of certain equipments of the contractor lying unutilized on the Institute campus.</p> <p>In view of above, the matter was taken up for the consideration and guidance of Research Centre Committee and Building and Works Committee during meetings on 24th April, 2021 and 29th June, 2021 respectively (Annexure - 5 and 6). As recommended by these committees, Institute has initiated the activities to safeguard the already constructed part of the Centre and also taken legal advice in the matter. In consideration of the legal advice,</p>	The Board has approved.

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	<p>it is proposed to suspend the ongoing construction activity and initiate the steps under legal guidance for the termination of ongoing contract. As and when the funds shall become available as per the requirement, the suspended activity can again be taken up under new contract.</p> <p>Board is requested to approve the same.</p>	
6.	<p>Financial agreement between Institute and M/s. Cryogen Instruments Pvt. Ltd. for the maintenance, hiring of required man power and acquiring business from across the industry to undertake testing of samples by Nuclear Magnetic Resonance (NMR) machines:</p> <p>Institute has procured two NMR machines (One 500 MHz and one 400 MHz) through various project funds. After completion of such project, these machines are now in the custody of the Institute. These machines, being highly sophisticated, Institute has to spend on an average Rs. 20-25 Lakhs per Machine per year for its Maintenance.</p> <p>At present, these machines are hardly used for 1-2 hours daily as Institute doesn't get required number of samples in ICT for testing by NMR machine. These machines are procured for Speciality Chemicals Technology Department and Pharmaceutical Sciences and Technology department and these two departments have now proposed collaboration with M/s. Cryogen Instruments Pvt. Ltd. in order to utilize the NMR machines fully and to generate revenue and also sustain the maintenance cost.</p> <p>Accordingly, the matter was negotiated with M/s. Cryogen Instruments Pvt. Ltd. and the terms of agreements were put up for the approval of purchase committee during the meeting dated 30th July, 2021 (Annexure – 7). As advised by the purchase committee, the matter was put up for the legal scrutiny and accordingly the draft MoU for the same is attached herewith as Annexure – 8.</p> <p>Approval is requested to draft MoU and to enter into financial agreement as proposed under clause 7.1 of the draft MoU.</p>	The Board has approved.

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7.	<p>Policy for re-designation, duties, powers and honorarium / allowances of various authorities of the Institute</p> <p>As the Institute has acquired the Status of Deemed to be University in the year 2008 and as the Government of Maharashtra has issued new Statutes to govern the functioning of the Institute, the designation, duties, powers and honorarium / allowances of various authorities of the Institute need revision accordingly. Based on the provisions of the Statutes a new policy for re-designation, duties, powers and honorarium / allowances of various authorities of the Institute is drafted for the approval of the Board under the provision of Statutes 8(E). The draft policies are attached with this agenda as Annexure – 9 and 10. On approval of the Board, these policies shall be incorporated as the Ordinances of the Institute.</p> <p>Board is requested to approve for the same.</p>	The Board has approved.
8.	<p>Items for information to the BoG</p> <p>1. Annual Quality Assignment Report AQAR 18-19 has been submitted to NAAC this is for information.: Professor P.R. Vaiva, Dean IQA will brief to the BoG about AQAR (Annexure – 11)</p> <p>2. TEQIP activity : Professor P.V. Devarajan, TEQIP, Coordinator will brief to the BoG about TEQIP activities</p> <p>3. ICT- Nurturing Innovations and Catalysing Entrepreneurship (ICT-NICE): Professor P.V. Devarajan, Dean (R&I), will brief to the BoG about ICT-NICE activities</p>	The Board noted the same.
9.	<p>Development of both the campuses</p> <p>Hon'ble Vice Chancellor shall brief the development status of both the campuses during meeting.</p>	The Board has noted

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10. **Any other items with the permission of the Chair**

(v) DAE-ICT Compliance certificate :

Based on the Action Take Report item No. 6 (4), Shri Shekhar raised a point that there should be accountability for the over spending of project funds. Shri Nitin Deshmukh as a member of the Finance Committee informed that Finance Committee in 2019-2020 has already approved over runs, by following protocols and have taken approval from various levels. The Vice Chancellor informed that 15% of total sanctioned project is allowed for over spending. Rs. 20 crores have been generated from General Fund for this project. Finance Committee is trying to fix the financial gaps.

(vi) National Education Policy (NEP):

The Vice Chancellor informed that a Committee will be formed with all Deans and Heads of the Departments for the revision of courses and activities related to start up and innovations, etc. as a vision document for ICT for next 10 years. To implement NEP, we need to change our degree structure. Professor Deshmukh added that Government of Maharashtra has also taken initiative to implement NEP in Maharashtra. Dr. Jere expressed that ICT's NEP will be a role model not only for Maharashtra but for the entire nation. It has been assured that the vision document will be ready by December 2021.

(vii) The Vice Chancellor informed that there is a request from Dr. Ratnesh Jain who a faculty as well as resident of Gunavti and Janan Nath Kapoor Faculty Tower. His wife Dr. Prajakta Dandekar-Jain also resides with him and ICT deducts HRA from the salary of both of them. As the Faculty Tower is not a Government owned building and is built with the donation received from Kapoor Trust, the rent deducted from them do not go the Government funds. Dr. Jain requests that the rent should be deducted from the salary of any one of them.

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(viii) Mis-leading emails from Shri Raju Waghmode :

The Vice Chancellor briefed about the mass mailing by Shri Raju Waghmode which is stigma to the image of ICT.

About the case of Shri Sachin Kadam the Vice Chancellor told that he has verified the appointment papers of Shri Kadam and there is no truth in the allegations made by Shri Waghmode.

The Vice Chancellor informed that Shri Milind Talathi has been suspended and further actions will be taken after following Government Civil Code and legal advice.

An inquiry committee having a District level Police Commissioner as one of the member has been formed to investigate the case of Shri Talathi. Investigation is going on, based on the files found from his office and within next 8-10 days charge sheet may be filed against him.

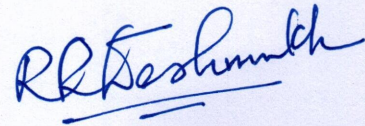
It has been found that Shri Waghmode is promoted by some unsatisfied souls.

Dr. Jere requested Vice Chancellor that ICT should send reply to Board members indicating the clear status about such fraud and misleading emails.

The Vice Chancellor informed that he has elaborated and discussed all cases with Hon'ble Chancellor. In next few days, he will be having a meeting with some of senior faculty, who also got carried away by these emails.

At the end the Vice Chancellor shared a good news that IOC has started a Chair of Professorship in the name of Professor Damodar Acharya, Ex-Director, IIT, Kharagpur at ICT-IOC Odisha Campus, Bhubaneswar. The Board congratulated the Vice Chancellor for valuable and constructive inputs.

The meeting ended with thanks to the Chair.



Professor R.R. Deshmukh
Member Secretary and Registrar

Date : August 27, 2021