

**Indian Institute of Technology Palakkad**

Minutes of the 16th Meeting of Board of Governors

Minutes of the sixteenth BoG meeting of the Indian Institute of Technology Palakkad held on 21<sup>st</sup> November 2022 at 11:00 AM at Nila Campus, IIT Palakkad is furnished below. The following members attended the meeting.

1.	Shri Ramesh Venkateswaran	Chairperson
2.	Prof. A Seshadri Sekhar	Director, Ex-officio Member
3.	Dr. Sovan Lal Das	Member
4.	Dr Piyush P Kurur	Member (through VC)
5.	Prof. L. S. Ganesh	Member
6.	Dr. Subbiah Shanmugam	Member (through VC)
7.	Dr. Ganesh Natarajan	Registrar (I/C), Secretary

Shri. Rakesh Ranjan, Dr V Venu, Shri A Anbarasu and Shri Raghu Verabelli could not attend the meeting due to prior commitments. Comments on the agenda items received from the Technical Division, MoE, through email on 19th November 2022 are attached as **Annexure 13**.

**Procedural Matters**

BoG 16.1	Welcome address by the Chairman.
	<i>The Chairman welcomed the members to the 16th Board of Governors Meeting of IIT Palakkad. He then requested the Director to proceed with the agenda items.</i>
BoG 16.2	Confirmation of the minutes of the Fifteenth Meeting of the Board of Governors of IIT Palakkad held on 30th July 2022 at 10.00 AM. <b>(Annexure - 1)</b> <b>(Pages 1 - 5)</b>
	<b>Decision (BoG 16.2):</b> <i>The minutes of the 15th meeting of the BoG were confirmed.</i>
BoG 16.3	Presentation of the Director's overview report.
	<i>The Director made a presentation regarding the developments in the institute. He informed the members about the increase in student strength, placement, and internship statistics. The members were informed about the MoUs signed</i>

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	<p><i>by IIT Palakkad and recognitions received by the faculty members. He also updated the members on the slow progress of ongoing construction work on the permanent campus and the meetings with SPCPL and CPWD with regard to speeding up the work.</i></p> <p><i>The Chairman and other members noted the salient aspects of the presentation.</i></p>
BoG 16.4	<p>To note the <b>action taken report</b> of 16th BoG of IIT Palakkad.</p> <p><u>BoG 13.12</u>: Setting up of the Endowment Advisory Board.</p> <p>Action Taken: Director informed the Board that the Advisory Board shall be constituted shortly and approval sought through circular resolution.</p> <p>To note the <b>action taken report</b> of 14th BoG of IIT Palakkad.</p> <p><u>BoG 14.16</u>: To prepare a detailed proposal including the number of vacancies at each level for both administrative and technical cadres, modifications on the division of posts between promotion and direct recruitment as well as the number of years of service needed at lower feeder levels for promotion and formation of departmental promotion committee (DPC).</p> <p>Action Taken: The proposal was discussed as Agenda Item BoG 16.7</p>
	<p><b>Decision (BoG 16.4)</b>: <i>The committee noted the action taken/planned on various actionable points.</i></p>

**Items for consideration and approval**

BoG 16.5	<p>To consider and approve the list of candidates selected during the special recruitment drive.</p> <p>The special recruitment drive under mission mode to fill in the vacant teaching positions at IIT Palakkad is being held from 02 November 2022 to 16 November 2022 (in progress). Interviews are being conducted for nine departments and the list of selected candidates will be placed before the Board for their approval.</p>
	<p><b>Decision (BoG 16.5)</b>: The list of 11 selected candidates (6 from OBC-NCL category, 3 from SC category, 1 each from ST and PwD category) and one waitlisted candidate, for faculty positions in nine departments recommended by the various selection committees (also given below) was presented to the</p>

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	<p>Board which approved the selection list.</p> <p>List of Selected Candidates:</p> <table border="1"><thead><tr><th>SI. No.</th><th>Name of candidate</th><th>Category</th><th>Department</th></tr></thead><tbody><tr><td>1</td><td>Dr Anish Hirwe</td><td>SC</td><td>CSE</td></tr><tr><td>2</td><td>Dr Rahul Choragudi</td><td>SC</td><td>HSS</td></tr><tr><td>3</td><td>Dr Sudarshan R Kottai</td><td>OBC-NCL</td><td>HSS</td></tr><tr><td>4</td><td>Dr Naga Brahmendra Yadav Gorla</td><td>OBC-NCL</td><td>EE</td></tr><tr><td>5</td><td>Dr Anil Kumar Dasanna</td><td>ST</td><td>Physics</td></tr><tr><td>6</td><td>Dr Akshay Bhatnagar</td><td>PwD(GEN)</td><td>Physics</td></tr><tr><td>7</td><td>Dr Gopikrishnan C Remesan</td><td>OBC-NCL</td><td>Mathematics</td></tr><tr><td>8</td><td>Dr Athira Gopinath</td><td>OBC-NCL</td><td>CE</td></tr><tr><td>9</td><td>Dr Ankesh Kumar</td><td>SC</td><td>CE</td></tr><tr><td>10</td><td>Dr Vineed Narayanan</td><td>OBC-NCL</td><td>ME</td></tr><tr><td>11</td><td>Dr Yuvaraj K* (attended online and hence offer is on contract)</td><td>OBC-NCL</td><td>Chemistry</td></tr></tbody></table> <p>List of Waitlisted Candidates:</p> <table border="1"><thead><tr><th>SI. No.</th><th>Name of candidate</th><th>Category</th><th>Department</th></tr></thead><tbody><tr><td>1</td><td>Dr Guruprasad T Shetty (against Dr Vineed Narayanan)</td><td>OBC-NCL</td><td>ME</td></tr></tbody></table> <p>It was also informed to the Board that the offer letters to all selected candidates shall be dispatched on 22.11.2022 following directives from the Ministry of Education.</p>	SI. No.	Name of candidate	Category	Department	1	Dr Anish Hirwe	SC	CSE	2	Dr Rahul Choragudi	SC	HSS	3	Dr Sudarshan R Kottai	OBC-NCL	HSS	4	Dr Naga Brahmendra Yadav Gorla	OBC-NCL	EE	5	Dr Anil Kumar Dasanna	ST	Physics	6	Dr Akshay Bhatnagar	PwD(GEN)	Physics	7	Dr Gopikrishnan C Remesan	OBC-NCL	Mathematics	8	Dr Athira Gopinath	OBC-NCL	CE	9	Dr Ankesh Kumar	SC	CE	10	Dr Vineed Narayanan	OBC-NCL	ME	11	Dr Yuvaraj K* (attended online and hence offer is on contract)	OBC-NCL	Chemistry	SI. No.	Name of candidate	Category	Department	1	Dr Guruprasad T Shetty (against Dr Vineed Narayanan)	OBC-NCL	ME
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BoG 16.6	<p>To consider and approve the reconstitution of the Project Monitoring Committee (PMC) of IIT Palakkad with the following members.</p> <p><b>Chairperson</b></p>																																																								

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	<p>Prof. A. Seshadri Sekhar, Director, IIT Palakkad.</p> <p><b>Members</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Prof. P. B. Sunil Kumar, Former Director, IIT Palakkad &amp; Professor, Dept. of Physics, IITM</li><li>2. Prof. Job Kurian, Professor (Rtd.), IIT Palakkad</li><li>3. Mr. T V Prabhakaran, Rtd. Chief Architect &amp; Director (Infra), NPCIL, DAE</li><li>4. Mr. P Soundararaj, Rtd. DDG, CPWD</li><li>5. Mr. S Ramanujam, Rtd. Director, DCSEM, DAE</li><li>6. Dr.V. Senthilkumar, Associate Professor Civil Engineering &amp; Chairman (EWD), IIT Palakkad</li><li>7. Chief Engineer cum Executive Director, PPZ, CPWD</li><li>8. Mr. M Balachandran, Sr. Project Engineer (Civil), EWD</li><li>9. Representative of M/s. DDF Consultant Pvt. Ltd. New Delhi</li><li>10. Representative of M/s. Vastunidhi, Noida</li></ol> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>(Annexure -2 ) (Page 6)</b></p>
BoG 16.7	<p><b>Decision (BoG 16.6):</b> The Board considered the reconstitution of the PMC and approved the same.</p> <p>To consider and approve the detailed proposal including the number of vacancies at each level for both administrative and technical cadres (non-teaching staff), modifications on the division of posts between promotion and direct recruitment as well as the number of years of service needed at lower feeder levels for promotion and formation of departmental promotion committee (DPC).</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>(Annexure -3 ) (Pages 7-34)</b></p> <p><b>Decision (BoG 16.7):</b> The Board discussed the proposal on staff structure and promotion and recommended that the proposal with some minor modifications be sent to the Ministry for their consideration as per directives of AS(TE). The Board emphasised that the proposed Limited Departmental Examination (LDE) for Selection posts in Promotion shall be on merit and must be done in a strict and unbiased manner. It was also emphasised that the requested relaxation of considering current employees with minimum service of 5 years in Group C for promotion to Group B posts shall only be for 2023 and 2024 and must not be cited as a precedent in the future.</p>

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BoG 16.8	<p>To consider and approve the enhancement of remuneration from Rs 50,000 per credit to Rs 60,000 per credit for courses offered by Adjunct faculty/Guest faculty/Visiting faculty.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>(Annexure -4 )</b> <b>Page (35)</b></p>
	<p><b>Decision (BoG 16.8):</b> The Board considered the recommendation of the FC and approved the enhancement of remuneration to Rs 60,000 per credit and opined that allowances, in addition to remuneration, may be provided for setting of question papers and evaluation as follows (similar to that adopted at IIT Madras).</p> <p>Allowance for courses with less than 25 students: Rs 15,000/-</p> <p>Allowance for courses with 25-50 students: Rs 25,000/-</p> <p>Allowance for courses with more than 50 students: Rs 35,000/-</p>
BoG 16.9	<p>To consider and approve the Delegation of Financial Powers to the Executive Engineer, EWD for inviting tender up to 10 Crs.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>(Annexure -5 )</b> <b>Pages (36-37)</b></p>
	<p><b>Decision (BoG 16.9):</b> The Board discussed the proposal and recommendations of the FC and approved that “<b>the Executive Engineer (EWD) may invite tenders for up to Rs 10 Crs on behalf of the Chairman, BWC after AA &amp; ES of Director, BWC and BoG. Further, the Board also approved that EE (EWD) shall also be the Engineer-In-Charge for these works</b>”. It was clarified that there is no change in delegation of financial powers and the powers of EE(EWD) does not exceed that of EE(CPWD).</p>

**Items for Ratification**

BoG 16.10	<p>The approval accorded by the Chairman, BoG, for the extension of tenures of Dean Academics, Dean (ICSR) and Associate Dean (Academics, PG)</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>(Annexure -6 )</b> <b>(Pages 38-40)</b></p>
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	<b>Decision (BoG 16.10):</b> <i>The BoG ratified the decision.</i>
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### Items for Noting/Reporting

BoG 16.11	To note the summary of proceedings of the 22nd Senate meeting held on 21st October 2022.  <b>(Annexure -7 ) (Pages 41-42)</b>
	<b>Decision (BoG 16.11):</b> <i>The Board noted the summary of proceedings of the 22nd Senate meeting.</i>
BoG 16.12	To note the summary of the 19th BWC meeting held on 09th November 2022. <b>(Annexure -8) (Page 43)</b>
	<b>Decision (BoG 16.12):</b> <i>The Board noted the summary of the 19th Building Works Committee meeting.</i>
BoG 16.13	To note the summary of the 43rd, 44th and 45th meetings of the Project Monitoring Committee for the permanent campus construction, held on 17.08.2022, 14.09.2022, and 12.10.2022 respectively.  <b>(Annexure -9 ) (Pages 44-46)</b>
	<b>Decision (BoG 16.13):</b> <i>The Board noted the summary of the 43rd, 44th and 45th meetings of the Project Monitoring Committee.</i>

### Tabled Items

BoG 16.14	Approval of FC/BoG for annual report and final audited annual accounts.  <b>(Annexure -10) (Pages 47-414)</b>
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	<p><b>Decision (BoG 16.14):</b> The Board was informed that the permission of FC/BoG was taken for submission of the Annual Accounts for auditing but approval for submission of Annual Report and final Audited Annual Accounts to the Ministry was missed out inadvertently. The Board noted that the Annual Report and Audited Annual Accounts for the year 2022 were submitted well within the timeline to the Ministry and with no major comments from the CAG. The Board however recommended that a suitable internal control system/audit process may be considered so that periodic inspection reports are made available to the institute.</p>
BoG 16.15	<p>Approval of lien for Dr. Lakshmi Narasimhan Theagarajan, who has been offered the position of Asst. Prof. in IIT Madras</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>(Annexure -11)</b> <b>(Pages 415-416)</b></p>
	<p><b>Decision (BoG 16.15):</b> The Board approved the request from Dr. Lakshmi Narasimhan Theagarajan for a lien of two years to be granted on submission of a revised undertaking stating that <i>“I fully understand the terms and conditions associated with the sanction of lien to me for a period of two years on the post of Assistant Professor further to my technical resignation, and relieving from the Institute on 30 Nov 2022. I understand that, I should either tender a formal resignation from the Institute in order to initiate further proceedings related to transfer of service including leave balance or revert to the institute within the period of lien.”</i></p>
BoG 16.16	<p>Approval of award of PhD degree to Ms. Veena Prabhakran, Research Scholar, Dept. of Computer Science and Engg., who defended her thesis on Nov 17, 2022.</p> <p>Approval of award of PhD degree to Mr. Praveen Kumar, Research Scholar, Dept. of Electrical Engg., who defended his thesis on Sep 13, 2022. (Approved by the Senate on the 22nd Senate meeting)</p> <p>Approval of award of MS degree to Mr. Daney Alex, Dept. of Electrical Engineering and Mr. Gaurav Jain, Dept. of Computer Science and Engineering, who defended their thesis on 14 September 2022. (Approved by the Senate on the 22nd Senate meeting)</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>(Annexure -12)</b> <b>(Pages 417-419)</b></p>



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	<p><b>Decision (BoG 16.16):</b> The Board considered the recommendation of the Senate and approved the award of PhD degree to Mr. Praveen Kumar and MS degrees to Mr. Danny Alex and Mr. Gaurav Jain. Further, the Board suggested to obtain the recommendation of the Senate for award of PhD degree for Ms. Veena Prabhakran through a circular resolution which may then be forwarded by Chairman, Senate to Chairman, BoG for his approval.</p>
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