

**DHIRUBHAI AMBANI INSTITUTE OF INFORMATION  
AND COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGY  
GANDHINAGAR**

**MINUTES OF THE  
SIXTEENTH MEETING OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS**

The 16<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Board of Governors was held on 21<sup>st</sup> January, 2017 at DA-IICT, Gandhinagar. The following members were present:

- 1) Shri Suresh Rangachar (in Chair)
- 2) Prof R Natarajan
- 3) Prof D Narasimha Reddy
- 4) Prof R Nagaraj
- 5) Prof Suman Mitra
- 6) Prof Sanjeev Gupta
- 7) Shri Soman Nair (Secretary)

Shri N K Mangla, Dr Dharmendra Bhandari, Shri Manikantan Iyer, Shri Gurdeep Singh and Shri Shrenik Vaishnav attended the meeting on teleconference mode.

Shri Suresh Rangachar was designated as Chairman for the meeting.

Leave of absence was granted to Shri Anil D Ambani, Prof B S Sonde, Ms. Anju Sharma and Shri Dhananjay Dwivedi.

The Chairman welcomed the members to the meeting. The Director informed the Board that Dr G Athithan, Distinguished Scientist and Director General, Defence Research & Development Organisation, Government of India and Prof Sanghamitra Bandyopadhyay, Director, Indian Statistical Institute are the Chief Guest and Guest of Honour respectively for the Convocation to be held on 21<sup>st</sup> January, 2017. The Board noted the same.

**Item No. 1**

**To note the nomination of Shri Punit Garg, President, Corporate Strategy and Regulatory Affairs, Reliance Communications Limited to the Board**

The Board welcomed the nomination of Shri Punit Garg, President, Corporate Strategy

and Regulatory Affairs, Reliance Communications Limited to the Board. The Chairman expressed his concern that some of the nominated members, particularly experts representing disciplines other than ICT and industry representatives, are not able to spare their time to participate at the meetings of the Board.

**Item No. 2**

**To confirm the minutes of the meeting of the Board held on 11<sup>th</sup> November, 2016**

The Board confirmed the minutes of the meeting of the Board held on 11<sup>th</sup> November, 2016.

**Item No. 3**

**To review matters arising from the minutes of the meeting on 11<sup>th</sup> November, 2017**

The Director recalled that it is only over two months since the last meeting of the Board was held and hence, the actions taken on some of the items of the minutes are incomplete. Referring to the appeal submitted to the NAAC on the accreditation result, he informed the Board that on contacting NAAC, the official handling the appeals has informed us that the Appeal Committee has taken a decision on our appeal and the same is pending for approval by the Executive Committee of NAAC. He brought to the attention of the Board that the Appeal Committee did not summon us for any submission/hearing. He also pointed out that those who have studied our Self Study Report including Prof Sonde, who was involved in several NAAC Assessments, opined that DA-IICT should have been awarded an 'A' Grade with at least 3.5 grade points. The Board emphasized that the Institute should strive to maintain faculty student ratio and all other requirements prescribed by the national statutory bodies so as to ensure that they do not come in the way of deserving accreditation grade.

As regards the implementation of Strategic Plan, the Chairman advised the Director to prepare a brief document prioritising the items that are to be implemented financial year-wise with financial outlay and forward it to him. He stated that this document is basically for RCom team to prepare for a special meeting planned to be held sometime in March 2017 with the Institute faculty and Board of Governors and decide on a well-defined strategy for implementation and funding.

**Item No. 4****To note the proposal to organize an International Workshop on Cyber-Physical Systems**

The Board noted the proposal and commented that Cyber-Physical Systems (CPS) is an emerging area in the ICT field and holding the International Workshop on CPS is the right direction to initiate research and teaching in the area at the Institute.

**Item No. 5****To examine the letter dated 4<sup>th</sup> January, 2017 from Admission Committee for Professional Courses (ACPC), Government of Gujarat**

The Board examined in detail the letter dated 4<sup>th</sup> January, 2017 received from the Admission Committee for Professional Courses (ACPC), Government of Gujarat and expressed its concern that ACPC has infringed upon the autonomy of the Institute. The Board studied the sequence of decisions of the Government in allocating Gujarat and National Categories of seats in B. Tech Programs for admissions by enacting the *Gujarat Professional Technical Educational Colleges or Institutions (Regulation of Admission and Fixation of Fees) Act, 2007* (Act No. 2 of 2008) and advised the Director to submit a representation to the higher authorities in the Government urging them to intervene and direct ACPC to end interfering in the National and NRI/OCI/Foreign students categories of admissions.

The following Resolution was adopted:

**“RESOLVED THAT** the Board of Governors of DA-IICT hereby records its concern on the attempts that are being made by the Admission Committee for Professional Courses, Government of Gujarat to interfere in the admission process adopted by DA- IICT to admit students for its B. Tech Programs under National and NRI/OCI/Foreign Nationals Categories and the directions issued by the ACPC, from time to time, violate the autonomy enshrined in the Dhirubhai Ambani Institute of Information and Communication Technology Act, 2003 (Gujarat Act No. 6 of 2003) and the mission set forth by DA-IICT to grow as an institution of international standard in ICT in accordance with the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) signed with the Government of Gujarat in setting up the Institute in the year 2000 and particularly, in the light of several judgments of the Apex Court upholding autonomy of the Universities even in relationship with National Statutory Agencies/Councils .”

**Item No. 6****To approve the Annual Report for the Academic Year 2015-16**

The Director informed the Board that the draft Annual Report for the academic year 2015-16 placed before the meeting is a preliminary draft and it will undergo further scrutiny and editing by the Annual Report Committee before the Report is printed. The Board noted and approved the Report.

**Item No. 7****To approve the Audited Accounts and Auditor's Report for the financial year 2014-15**

The Board accepted the recommendations of the Finance Committee and approved the Audited Accounts and Audit Report for the financial year 2014-15 as placed before the meeting.

**Item No. 8****To approve award of Degrees to the Students who have graduated in the academic year 2015-16**

The following Resolution was adopted:

**“RESOLVED THAT** the Board hereby accepts the recommendations of the Academic Council and approve award of Degrees to the twelfth batch of B Tech (ICT), thirteenth batch of M Tech (ICT) and M Sc (IT), twelfth batch of M Sc (ICT-ARD), ninth batch of M Des (CD) and PhD Scholars who have successfully completed their studies during the academic year 2015-16 numbering 349 students whose names appear in the list placed before the meeting at the forthcoming Convocation on 21<sup>st</sup> January, 2017.”

**“ALSO RESOLVED THAT** the Board hereby accepts the recommendations of the Council and approve award of President's Gold Medals to the following students at the forthcoming Convocation on 21<sup>st</sup> January, 2017:

Sr No	Student Id	Student Name	CPI	Program
1	201201133	DEVANSHU JAIN	9.79	B Tech (ICT)
2	201411005	PARIKH SAGAR SAMIRBHAI	9.44	M Tech (ICT)
3	201411019	THAKKAR DEVANG JAYANTILAL	9.44	M Tech (ICT)
4	201412006	SOUMIK BANERJEE	9.39	M Sc (IT)
5	201413005	MAHENDRA KUMAR YADAV	8.23	M Sc (ICT-ARD)
6	201414001	RIDDHI MEHTA	8.23	M Des (CD)

**Item No. 9****To note additions to faculty**

The Board noted the following additions to the faculty:

- 1) Dr Arnab Kumar Ray, Associate Professor
- 2) Dr Yash Agrawal, Assistant Professor
- 3) Dr Rajendra Mitharwal, Assistant Professor

**Item No. 10****To fix the date for the next meeting of the Board**

The Board authorised the Director to take a decision on holding the next Convocation by September 2017 and communicate the decision to the members.

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair.