

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

**MINUTES OF THE
SEVENTEENTH MEETING OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS**

The 17th meeting of the Board of Governors was held on 20th January, 2018 at DA-IICT, Gandhinagar. The following members were present:

- 1) Prof D Narasimha Reddy (in Chair)
- 2) Prof K.S. Dasgupta
- 3) Shri Shrenik Vaishnav
- 4) Prof Suman Mitra
- 5) Prof Sanjeev Gupta
- 6) Shri Soman Nair (Secretary)

Prof B.S. Sonde Shri Suresh Rangachar, Shri N.K. Mangla, Dr Dharmendra Bhandari, Shri Manikantan Iyer and Shri Gurdeep Singh attended the meeting on teleconference mode. Shri Shrikant Kulkarni, Group President, CSR, Reliance ADA attended the meeting as a special invitee.

Prof D Narasimha Reddy was designated as Chairman for the meeting.

Leave of absence was granted to Shri Anil D Ambani, Prof R Natarajan, Ms. Anju Sharma and Shri Dhananjay Dwivedi.

The following items were discussed at the meeting.

Item No. 1

To ratify the appointment of Prof K.S. Dasgupta as Director, DA-IICT

The Chairman welcomed the members to the meeting. He recalled the resignation of Prof R. Nagaraj from the Directorship of the Institute vide his letter dated 6th July, 2017 addressed to the Chairman, Board of Governors. He also recalled the teleconference the Board of Governors had with Mr Suresh Rangachar on 13th July, 2017 in which Mr Rangachar announced the appointment of Prof K.S. Dasgupta as Director, DA-IICT

following the procedures laid down under the provisions of Clause 18 of the DA-IICT Act, 2003. The Board ratified the appointment of Prof Dasgupta as the Director and noted that he joined the Institute on 17th July, 2017.

The Board recalled that Prof R Nagaraj, during his tenure as Director, initiated certain institutional development activities such as NAAC accreditation process, review of curricula of teaching programs and strengthening the infrastructure facilities. The Board recorded its appreciation for the contribution made by him to the Institute and the deliberations of the Board.

Item No. 2

To confirm the minutes of the meeting of the Board held on 20th January, 2017

The Board confirmed the minutes of the 16th meeting of the Board held on 20th January, 2017.

Item No. 3

To review matters arising from the minutes of the meeting on 20th January, 2017

The Board noted the actions taken on the minutes of the meeting held on 17th January, 2017. The Director brought to the notice of the Board the following:

- NAAC Peer Team chaired by Dr Avinash C. Pandey, Nanotechnology Scientist and former Vice Chancellor, Bundelkhand University, Jhansi, Uttar Pradesh revisited DA-IICT during November 12-15, 2017.
- A five day summer school on Cyber Physical Systems - Theory and Applications was held during April 8-12, 2017 prior to holding the International Workshop on Cyber Physical Systems in collaboration with the School of Computer Science and Engineering, Nanyang Technological University (NTU), Singapore during July, 2018,
- DA-IICT's association with NTU has resulted in six DA-IICT students receiving internships with NTU under India Connect Program.
- Out of the five research proposals submitted by the faculty on various themes to Department of Science & Technology, Government of India under Inter-disciplinary Cyber Physical Systems (ICPS) during April-May 2017, three proposals with a total budgetary provision of Rs.1.5 crore have been shortlisted.
- Submitted the application to Niti Aayog's Atal Innovation Mission to set up Atal Incubation Center at DA-IICT with funding of Rs.10.00 crore for five years.

- The proposal on recognition of DA-IICT as an Anchor Institute for capacity building in the area of ICT in Gujarat on a five year budget of Rs.999.70 lakh is at the final stage of consideration by the Industries & Mines Department and Centre for Entrepreneurship Development, Government of Gujarat.
- DA-IICT Alumni Association has been registered as a separate legal entity under Societies Registration Act, 1860 and Bombay Public Trust Act, 1950.

The Director apprised the Board on the separate meetings Ms. Tina A. Ambani and he had with **Shri Vijay Rupani, Hon'ble Chief Minister and Shri Bhupendrasingh M. Chudasama, Minister of Technical and Higher Education, Government of Gujarat on 10th January, 2018.** He stated that, in these meetings, they brought to the notice of the Chief Minister and Minister of Technical and Higher Education the Institute's concern on the declining cultural diversity of students due to the changes made by the Government in the admissions policy, particularly opening up the 35% 'national category seats' of B. Tech (ICT) Programs also for Gujarat domiciled students in addition to the 50% seats exclusively reserved for them. He stated that the higher cultural diversity reflect the quality and reputation of an Institution and this has become an essential parameter for selection of an Institution as 'Centre of Excellence' or as an 'Institute of Eminence' by national/international bodies. He brought to the notice of the Board that a formal request has been submitted to the Principal Secretary, Department of Higher and Technical Education to amend Government notification on admissions and restrict the 'National category seats' for students domiciled outside Gujarat.

The Director informed the Board that in view of the recent guidelines announced by the Government of India to facilitate Institutions seeking to evolve into world-class teaching and research institutions called 'Institutions of Eminence - IOE', it has been decided to formulate a long term strategic vision plan with the intention of applying for 'IoE' in future. To prepare the plan, a Core Committee has been constituted on 13th January, 2018 with Prof. Anish Mathuria as Convener with seven other faculty members as members.

Item No. 4

To note the NAAC and NIRF accreditation results

The Chairman briefed the Board on the revisit of the NAAC Peer Team to the Institute during November 13-15, 2017 following the appeal submitted against the first accreditation result. The Board noted that based on the assessment carried out by the Team chaired by Dr Avinash C. Pandey, Nanotechnology Scientist and former Vice Chancellor, Bundelkhand University, Jhansi, NAAC has accredited DA-IICT with an 'A'

Grade with a CGPA of 3.11 valid for 5 years with effect from 27th November, 2017. It was also noted that DA-IICT participated at the ranking of the National Institutional Ranking Framework (NIRF) 2017 and obtained 70th rank nationally under engineering institutions category.

Item No. 5

To consider revision of age of Superannuation of faculty

The Director briefed the Board on the decisions taken by the Government of India and the University Grants Commission to enhance the age of superannuation of faculty in Central Educational Institutions to 65 years. He informed the Board that the DA-IICT has not been able to recruit the desired number of qualified faculty in spite of continuous recruitment efforts. He stated that the proposal for extension of retirement of faculty to 65 years is to ensure availability of experienced faculty in teaching and research and also to attract bright young faculty. The Board approved the proposal to extend the age of superannuation of faculty to 65 years with immediate effect.

Item No. 6

To note the minutes of the 29th meeting of the Academic Council and 16th meeting of the Finance Committee

The Chairman apprised the Board the highlights of the minutes of the 29th meeting of the Academic Council held on 17th January, 2017 and 16th meeting of the Finance Committee held on 21st March, 2017 as placed before the meeting. The Board noted the minutes.

Item No. 7

To approve award of Degrees to the students who have completed their academic requirements in the academic year 2016-17

The following Resolution was adopted:

“RESOLVED THAT the Board hereby accepts the recommendations of the Academic Council and approve award of Degrees to the thirteenth batch of B. Tech (ICT), first batch of B. Tech (Honours) in ICT with minor in Computational Science, fourteenth batch of M. Tech (ICT) and M.Sc (IT), thirteenth batch of M. Sc (ICT-ARD), tenth batch of M. Des (CD) and PhD Scholars who have successfully completed their studies during

the academic year 2016-17 numbering 437 students, whose names appear in the list placed before the meeting at the Convocation scheduled to be held on 20th January, 2018.”

“ALSO RESOLVED THAT the Board hereby accepts the recommendations of the Academic Council and approve award of President’s Gold Medals to the following students at the Convocation scheduled to be held on 20th January, 2018.”

Sr No	Student Id	Student Name	CPI	Program
1	201301098	Panchal Parth Dixitbhai	9.41	B Tech (ICT)
2	201301177	Zarana Pareshkumar Parekh	9.37	B. Tech (Honours) in ICT with minor in Computational Science
3	201511002	Desai Meet Nitin	9.55	M Tech (ICT)
4	201512005	Sunil Suresh Chawla	9.61	M Sc (IT)
5	201513009	Patel Ashviniben Kanubhai	8.53	M Sc (ICT-ARD)
6	201514001	Saurav Sharma	8.47	M Des (CD)

Item No. 8

To note additions to faculty

The Board noted that the following faculty members have joined the Institute during the last year:

- 1) Mr Lavneet Singh, Adjunct Faculty (full time)
- 2) Dr Santanu Kole, Assistant Professor
- 3) Dr Manish Khare, Assistant Professor

Item No. 9

To fix the date for the next meeting of the Board

The Board decided to hold the next meeting of the Board sometime in June 2018, preferably at Reliance ADA Group office, Mumbai.

The following additional item was discussed with the permission of the Chair:

Item No. 10**To review the faculty promotion policy**

The Director briefed the Board on the existing Career Progression Policy 2016. He stated that this policy has been reviewed based on the experience in assessing faculty for promotion following the eligibility criteria and process contained in the policy and prepared the revised policy placed before the meeting titled as 'Faculty Promotion to Higher Rank Policies and Procedures.' The Board discussed the revised policy in detail and accorded its approval.

The Director reported to the Board on the proposal to prepare and implement an appropriate Academic Performance Indicator (API) system for performance assessment and career advancement of faculty. He stated that the proposed API will depart from the API contained in UGC Regulations applicable to Universities and Colleges since the academic ambience of DA-IICT is distinctly different from them. The Board approved the proposal and authorized the Director to take necessary steps to formulate and implement the API from the next academic year.

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