

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

**MINUTES OF THE NINETEENTH MEETING OF THE  
BOARD OF GOVERNORS**

The nineteenth meeting of the Board of Governors was held on 18<sup>th</sup> January, 2020 at DA-IICT, Gandhinagar. The following members were present:

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

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

The Board designated Prof D Narasimha Reddy as the Chairman of the meeting.

Leave of absence was granted to Shri Anil D Ambani, Ms. Anju Sharma and Shri Hareet Shukla.

The Director informed the Board that Prof BS Sonde, Member of the Board of Governors and Prof SC Sahasrabudhe, former Director of DA-IICT passed away on 9<sup>th</sup> November, 2019 and 28<sup>th</sup> December, 2019 respectively. He recalled that Prof Sonde, as a member of the Board, participated commendably in the deliberations of the Board and advised DA-IICT on various aspects of its working and functions over the years and Prof Sahasrabudhe with his wealth of knowledge and experience, built DA-IICT into a leading teaching and research institution.

The Board recollected that Prof Sonde and Prof Sahasrabudhe were great teachers, motivators and administrators and their demise is a great loss for the technical

education in the country. The Board stood in silence for a few minutes as a mark of respect to the departed souls.

**The following Resolution was adopted:**

**“RESOLVED THAT** the Board hereby records the sad demises of Late Prof BS Sonde, Member, Board of Governors and Late Prof SC Sahasrabudhe, former Director, DA-IICT on 9<sup>th</sup> November, 2019 and 28<sup>th</sup> December, 2019 respectively and condole their demises.”

**“ALSO RESOLVED THAT** the Board took on record the irreplaceable contributions made by Late Prof Sonde by participating in the deliberations of the Board commendably and advising and guiding on the teaching and research programs of the Institute and Late Prof Sahasrabudhe in building up DA-IICT into a prominent teaching and research institution in the country.”

The following items were discussed at the meeting:

**Item No. 1**

**To confirm the minutes of the meeting of the Board held on 12th January, 2019**

The Board confirmed the minutes of the meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> January, 2019.

**Item No. 2**

**To review matters arising from the minutes of the meeting on 12<sup>th</sup> January, 2019**

The Board noted the actions taken on the minutes of the meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> January, 2019 as details placed before the meeting.

**Item No. 3**

**To ratify the approval of the Academic Council to launch a new B Tech Program In Mathematics and Computing**

The Director briefed the Board the procedures followed in finalizing the proposal to launch the new B Tech Program In Mathematics and Computing. He stated that the Academic Council at its meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> January, 2020 has approved the Program and its Curriculum. The Board ratified the decision taken by the Council and accorded its approval to launch the program from the academic year 2020-21

with an intake not exceeding 60 students including supernumerary seats. In view of the decision to launch one more B. Tech Program, the Board decided to reduce the in-take of B. Tech (ICT) and B. Tech (CS) Programs from 360 to 340 with effect from the academic year 2020-21.

**Item No. 4**

**To ratify the approval of the Academic Council to launch an MSc in Data Science**

The Director placed before the Board the recommendations of the Academic Council to launch an M.Sc in Data Science Program. The Board studied the proposal and curriculum and approved launching of the program with effect from the academic year 2020-21 with an intake of 60 students. The Board authorized the Director to determine the tuition fee and other fees chargeable for the Program.

**Item No. 5**

**To consider admission of NRI/OCI/Foreign Nationals to the Post Graduate Programs**

The Board approved admit of Non-Resident Indians, Overseas Citizens of India and Foreign Nationals to the Post Graduate programs limited to 10% of the approved seats effective from the academic year 2020-21. In case of PhD program, to begin with, the Board advised to admit 1-2 Scholars and increase the in-take later if the response is encouraging. The Board approved the tuition fee at US \$ 2500 per semester for M.Tech (ICT), M.Sc (IT) and M.Des (CD) Programs and US \$ 3000 per semester for PhD Program. . It was decided that all other fees be charged as per the prevailing norms applicable to NRI/OCI/Foreign Nationals.

**Item No. 6**

**To approve award of Degrees to the students who have fulfilled their academic requirements for graduation**

The Director informed the Board that the Academic Council at its meeting held 7<sup>th</sup> January, 2020 approved and recommended to the Board the award of Degrees to the students who have successfully completed their studies during the academic year 2018-19. The Board approved the recommendations and adopted the following Resolution:

**“RESOLVED THAT** the Board hereby accept the recommendations of the Academic Council and approve award of Degrees to 8 PhD Scholars, 61 students of sixteenth batch of M.Tech (ICT), 110 students of sixteenth

batch of M.Sc (IT), 7 students of twelfth batch of M. Des (CD), 232 students of fifteenth batch of B. Tech (ICT) and 57 students of third batch of B. Tech (Honours) in ICT with minor in Computational Science Programs who have successfully completed their studies during the academic year 2018-19 whose names appear in the list placed before the meeting, at the Convocation scheduled to be held on 18<sup>th</sup> January, 2020.”

**“ALSO RESOLVED THAT** the Board hereby accept the recommendations of the Academic Council and approve award of President’s Gold Medals to the following students.”

| Sr No | Student Id | Student Name                 | CPI  | Program  |
|-------|------------|------------------------------|------|--|
| 1     | 201501020  | Shubham D Annadate           | 9.60 | B Tech (ICT)   |
| 2     | 201501099  | Agam Alkeshkumar Shah        | 9.51 | B. Tech (Honours) in ICT with minor in Computational Science |
| 3     | 201711001  | Dimple Jayendrabhai Shah     | 9.32 | M. Tech (ICT)  |
| 5     | 201712001  | Ranade Archan Chandrashekhar | 9.14 | M Sc (IT)  |

The Board noted that none of the graduating students of M.Des (CD) Program is eligible for award of Gold Medal as all of them have obtained less than CPI 8. The Board also noted that Mr Shah Ketul Tejabhai, MTech (ICT) Student who is the topper in the class (CPI 9.49) became ineligible for award of Gold Medal as per rules since he received an ‘F’ Grade in the Course 'Computational Optimization' which he registered as an Audit course in Autumn 2018-19 semester. The Board accepted the recommendations of the Academic Council to award the Gold Medal to Ms. Dimple Jayendrabhai Shah who has obtained next highest CPI (9.32).

The Board amended the Rules on award of Gold Medals by adopting the following Resolution: .

**“RESOLVED THAT** a Clause numbered as 4 be and is hereby added to the Rules on Award of President’s Gold Medals reading as follows and the Clauses following Clause 4 be renumbered in ascending order with immediate effect.”

**Clause 4:**

In case a student becomes ineligible for award of President's Gold Medal under the provisions of Clause 3, the next student in the list of merit who meets the eligibility conditions shall be awarded the President's Gold Medal.

**Item No. 7****To consider creation of honorary posts of Professors-in-charge**

The Board approved the proposal to introduce the designation of 'Professor-in-charge' for those faculty members who are assigned to head Academic, Research, Training and other Centres/Units within the Institute in order to facilitate them to discharge their duties and responsibilities relating to them in a formal manner.

**Item No. 8****To note additions to faculty**

The Board noted that the following faculty members have joined the Institute during April to December, 2019:

- 1) Dr Priyanka Singh, Assistant Professor
- 2) Dr Supantha Pandit, Assistant Professor
- 3) Dr Ahlad Kumar, Assistant Professor
- 4) Mr Avijit Dutta, Assistant Professor
- 5) Dr Abhishek Jindal, Assistant Professor
- 6) Dr Tapas Kumar Maiti, Associate Professor

The following items were discussed with the permission of the Chair:

**Item No. 9(a)****To institute Shri Dhirubhai Ambani and Prof SC Sahasrabudhe Memorial Lectures**

The Director sought the approval of the Board to institute Public Lectures in memory of Shri Dhirubhai Ambani and Prof SC Sahasrabudhe. He stated that these lectures will inspire the faculty, staff, alumni, students and public since they are in memory of the founder and the second Director of the Institute. The eminent industrialists or academicians will be invited to deliver the lectures once in a year on themes that were

treasured by Shri Ambani and Prof Sahasrabudhe. He informed the Board that a Committee of faculty will be assigned the responsibility to draft the policy and procedures in organizing the Lectures including the dates on which the respective lectures are to be held.

The Board approved the proposal.

**Item No. 10 (b)**

**To institute a President's Gold Medal for an all rounder  
PG/UG student**

The Director recommended instituting two more President's Gold Medal to be awarded to one each of the graduating UG and PG students who are adjudged to be the best all-rounders among the graduating students. The Board approved the recommendation and advised to prepare guidelines in awarding the Medals with distribution of weightage to different activities carrying highest percentage of weightage for academic performance.

**Item No. 10 (c)**

**To institute the 'Distinguished Alumni' Award**

The Board decided to institute a 'Distinguished Alumni' award which is to be conferred upon to a distinguished Alumna/Alumnus on the Convocation day. The Board advised the Director to constitute a Committee to prepare the modalities in selecting the Alumna/Alumnus for the award.

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

