

INSTITUTE OF CHEMICAL TECHNOLOGY

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Minutes of the Twenty First Meeting of the Board of Governors held on Wed, March 11, 2020

The Twenty First meeting of the Board of Governors of the Institute of Chemical Technology (ICT) was held in the Institute of Chemical Technology in the Board Room, Matunga, Mumbai-400019, on Wednesday, March 11, 2020 at 11.00 am:

Following members were present:

- (i) Professor A.B. Pandit, Vice-Chancellor (Chairman)
- (ii) Smt. Sandra Shroff, Vice President, United Phosphorous Ltd.
- (iii) Shri M.B. Parekh, Chairman and Managing Director, Pidilite Industries Ltd.
- (iv) Shri J.R. Shah, Director, Jayvee Organics & Polymers Pvt. Ltd.
- (v) Shri Nitin Deshmukh, CEO-Private Equity, Kotak Investment Advisors Ltd.
- (vi) Dr. Abhay Jere, Chief Innovation Officer, MHRD's Innovation Cell
- (vii) Professor Manoj Kumar Tiwari, Director, National Institute of Industrial Engineering (NITIE)
- (viii) Shri U. Shekhar, Chairman, Galaxy Surfactants Ltd.
- (ix) Professor P.R. Vavia, Dean, Academic Programmes (AP)
- (x) Professor Padma Devarajan, Sr. Most Professor, Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences and Technology
- (xi) Professor R.S. Singhal, Dean, RCRM
- (xii) Professor R.R. Deshmukh, Registrar (Member Secretary)

Following members were granted leave of absence:

- (i) Shri. Saurabh Vijay, Secretary, Higher and Technical Education, Government of Maharashtra

The following items were discussed in the meeting:

The Board welcomed Professor A.B. Pandit as Chairman of the Board and Vice Chancellor of ICT.

1) Induction and welcoming of new Chairman and the Members on the Board of Governors of the Institute

As Professor A.B. Pandit has taken over the charge of the post of Vice Chancellor of the Institute w.e.f. 29th November, 2019, he replaces Professor G.D. Yadav, Ex-Vice Chancellor as the Chairman of the Board. The vacancies created due to the resignation of Shri Suhas Mokashi, retirement of Dr. Devang Khakkar and Completion of term of Shri Nikhil Meswani and Shri C.V. Gogari are filled by the appointment of new members as following:

- i. Shri J.R. Shah, Director, Jayvee Organics Polymers Pvt. Ltd. is appointed as a Distinguished Alumni Member on the Board in place of Shri Suhas Mokashi.
- ii. Shri Nikhil Meswani and Shri C.V. Gogari are replaced by the appointment of Shri Nitin Deshmukh, CEO- Private Equity, Kotak Investment Advisors Ltd. And Dr. Abhay Jere, Chief Innovation Officer, MHRD's Innovation Cell.
- iii. Dr. Devang Khakkar, Ex-Director of IIT is replaced after his retirement by the appointment of Professor Manoj Kumar Tiwari, FNAE, FNASc, Director, National Institute of Industrial Engineering, Mumbai

- iv. As Professor A.B. Pandit was actively participating member of the Board as senior Dean of the Institute and now has taken over the charge as Vice Chancellor, Professor Rekha S. Singhal, Dean (RCRM) is replaced as senior Dean of the Institute.

Registrar who is the Member Secretary of the Board shall welcome the Chairman and the new Members on the Board of Governors. The letters of appreciation to the outgoing members has been sent by the Chairman.

Decision :

Registrar who is the Member Secretary of the Board welcomed the Chairman and the new Members on the Board of Governors. The letters of appreciation to the outgoing members has been sent by the Chairman, thanking them for their services. The Vice Chancellor welcomed all new members of the Board with the floral bouquets.

2) Permission to reconstitute the statutory committees of the Institute as per the recommendations of University Grants Commission-

The University Grant Commission (UGC) has published revised regulation for the Deemed to be Universities through its notification No. F.1-2/2018(CPP-I/DU), dated 20th February, 2019 UGC (Institution Deemed to be Universities) Regulations, 2019 which are required to be suitably adopted for the Institute. As recommended under this notification Institute should have following bodies as the authorities of the Institute –

1. Board of Management
2. Academic Council
3. Planning and Monitoring Board
4. Finance Committee
5. Board of Studies
6. Selection Committees for faculty and staff

Decision : Approved

3) Creation of New Departments, Renaming of Departments, Redistribution and Allocation of Additional Positions-

The proposal of the Institute under Agenda Item 5 of the previous Board meeting for the creation of new Departments, Renaming of Departments, Redistribution and Allocation of Additional Faculty positions was approved by the Board.

Decision : It has been suggested that the name of Department of Dyestuff Technology should be changed to “Department of Speciality Chemicals Technology” and not “Department of Speciality Molecules Technology”.

4) Approval to award the honorary degrees to the renowned scientist / scholars. Information of the award of various degrees to the eligible students of the Institute during the forth coming Convocation Ceremony

Ninth Convocation ceremony of the Institute is proposed to be held on 24th March, 2020. It is proposed to honour the following renowned scientist / scholars by bestowing the Honorary Degree D.Sc. (*Honoris Causa*)

1. Padmavibhushan Dr. Anil Kakodkar
2. Padmashri Dr. K.H. Gharda

The eligible students who have successfully completed the Bachelors / Masters / Ph.D. Degrees from the Institute shall also be Honoured with the related degrees during the ceremony on 24th March, 2020.

Permission is requested under rule – 8(E)(j) of the Institute Statutes.

Decision : Approved

5) Voluntary retirement of Dr. V.V. Shertukde, Department of Polymer and Surface Engineering

Decision : Approved

6) Any additional items :

- (i) **QS World Ranking:** The Vice Chancellor shared a good news that recently, ICT has performed exceedingly well in QS World Ranking. The ranks are as follows :

Chemical Engineering: 101-150 (India Rank 6)

Pharmacy and Pharmacology: 251-300 (India Rank 7)

Chemistry: 301-350 (India Rank 9).

The Board congratulated the stakeholders of ICT for these excellent records.

- (ii) The Vice Chancellor informed that he has been serving ICT since 1991 as UGC Scientist. In 1996, he was promoted to the grade of Professor and from October 2000, his post was named as UGC Scientist-C in Professor's grade. On November 29, 2019, he was appointed as Vice Chancellor of ICT. He has requested UGC to continue his salary as UGC Scientist-C in Professor's grade. He will also be eligible for pension from UGC. This way ICT is not required to spend any funds for his salary or pension as Vice Chancellor.

Decision : Approved

- (iii) **Consultancy services :** The Vice Chancellor requested the Board the permission to continue his consultancy services. He assured Board that it will be carried out without any conflict of interest.

Decision : Approved

- (iv) **Renovation of Vice Chancellor residence:** The Vice Chancellor informed that the Vice Chancellor residence at the second floor of ICT needs lot of renovation and furniture. For this purpose, funds to the tune of Rs.15 lakhs are required.

Decision : The Board sanctioned the necessary funds.

- (v) **Council of Deans :** The Vice Chancellor informed that the Council of Deans is automatically dissolves on the superannuation of the earlier Vice Chancellor. But, he wishes to continue with the same Deans Committee till the end of the Semester. New Deans will be suggested in June 2020.

Decision : Noted

- (vi) **Appointment of Professor G.D. Yadav as “Emeritus Professor of Eminence”**

Decision : Approved

- (vii) **Suspension of Professor A.M. Lali:** Institute has appointed Advocate Ashutosh Kulkarni, High Court Advocate for scrutiny of the documents related to the suspension of Professor Lali and framing of the Charge Sheet in this matter.

Decision : To overcome such issues in future, Dr. Jere suggested to have auto back-up facility of all computers in the campus on a centralized server. He even suggested to appoint IP Lawyer/ Counsellor/ Patent Attorney to guide while filing patents in the name of the Institute. Because of increased commercial involvement, IPR policy should be redefined/ modified with elaborated terms/ rules.

(i) **Current status of 2G Ethanol Project of HPCL :**

The Vice Chancellor explained the current status of the 2G Ethanol project of HPCL in detail. He informed that during the meeting with HPCL and DBT personals, it has been decided with mutual agreement to close the project. Shri Shah suggested to have an MOU with HPCL as closing agreement to avoid future hitches.

Decision : Noted

(ii) **DBT-ICT Centre :** The Vice Chancellor informed that DBT funding will be available till June 2020 for DBT-ICT Centre. There are ample research projects with the Centre to run the Centre. The faculty positions will be adjusted with the new faculty positions required in other Departments as suggested in item no 3.

Decision : Noted

(iii) **Health check up of ICT employees :** The Vice Chancellor informed that ICT would like to carry health check up facility to all faculty as well as support staff of ICT. For this purpose, ICT has contacted Dr. Pradeep Rane from Dr. Rane's Diagnostic Centre, who carries this activity at United Phosphorous Ltd. The Vice Chancellor further informed that this activity will be costing about Rs. 7 lakhs and requested Mrs. Sandra Shroff, Vice Chairman, United Phosphorus Ltd. to support it under CSR.

Decision : Mrs. Shroff kindly consented to this activity with the financial help.

(iv) **Water proofing of terrace :** The Vice Chancellor informed that ICT the terrace of the main building of ICT has been severely leaking. The water proofing will be costing about Rs. 57 lakhs. He requested Shri M. B. Parekh, Managing Director, Pidilite Industries Ltd. to donate these funds under CSR.

Decision : Shri M. B. Parekh was generous to to help with Rs. 50 lakhs under CSR for this activity.

(v) **Sewage and Water charges :** The Vice Chancellor informed that due to construction activity going on of DAE ICT building, the Sewage and Water charges have gone significantly high i.e. Rs.77 lakhs. Approval of the Board is requested for the payment of the same.

Decision : Approved

(vi) **Endowments by Shri K.V. Mariwala :** Shri K.V. Mariwala has donated for three endowments in the past. One of his endowment, Professor J.B. Joshi Chair in Chemical Engineering is going on. Other two endowments will be merged to utilize needy students and an MOU to this effect will be signed shortly. Till the formation and approval of the new statutes, Statistics of 2009 will be considered valid.

Decision : Approved

- (vii) **Statutes** : ICT statutes are not yet approved by the Government of Maharashtra and in the due course of time needs revision. For this purpose, a Committee under the Chairmanship of Professor S.D. Samant has been appointed. These statutes may be finalized within six months.

Decision : Approved

- (viii) The Vice Chancellor informed that the Institute is undertaking various campus development activities like construction of new buildings, development of new campuses at Jalna, Bhubaneswar, major renovation works etc. Institute currently have General Engineering Department, who is mainly involved in teaching and maintenance activities. There is a need to have separate department to undertake these activities in line of national institutes like IITs. The proposed department will be headed by Dean (Infrastructure and Campus Development, ICD).

Decision : Approved

- (ix) Professor Padma Devarajan, Co-ordinator, TEQIP circulated a booklet about TEQIP related activities.

Decision : Noted

The meeting ended with thank to the Chair.

Professor R.R. Deshmukh
Member Secretary and Registrar

June 20, 2020