

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

**MINUTES OF THE
EIGHTEENTH MEETING OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS**

The 18th meeting of the Board of Governors was held on 12th January, 2019 at DA-IICT, Gandhinagar. The following members were present:

- 1) Prof R Natarajan (in Chair)
- 2) Prof D Narasimha Reddy
- 3) Prof K.S. Dasgupta
- 4) Shri Shrenik Vaishnav
- 5) Prof Suman Mitra
- 6) Prof Sanjeev Gupta
- 7) 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.

The Board designated Prof R Natarajan as Chairman of the meeting.

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

The following items were discussed at the meeting:

Item No. 1

To confirm the minutes of the meeting of the Board held on 20th January, 2018

The Board confirmed the minutes of the 17th meeting of the Board held on 20th January, 2018.

Item No. 3

To review matters arising from the minutes of the meeting

on 20th January, 2018

The Board reviewed the actions taken on the minutes as follows:

- The representation made to the Department of Higher and Technical Education, Government of Gujarat to restrict 50% of national category seats of B. Tech program to the applicants domiciled outside State of Gujarat is pending for a decision.
- The Centre for Entrepreneurship Development, Gandhinagar has approved implementation of the Anchor Institute project with effect from 1st June, 2018 with a five year budgetary allocation of Rs.999.70 lakh. An Anchor Institute Cell headed by Prof Amit Bhat has been instituted and the Cell started implementation of the project.
- The Strategic Vision Plan is under preparation.
- Revision of age of superannuation of faculty to 65 years has been implemented.
- The degrees have been awarded to the students at the convocation held on 21st January, 2018.
- Notified to faculty the approved 'Faculty Promotion to Higher Rank – Policies and Procedures.'
- Academic Performance Index (API) will be part of the Strategic Vision Plan.

Item No. 3

To note the minutes of the meetings of the Academic Council and Finance Committee

The Board noted the minutes of the following meetings of the Academic Council and Finance Committee:

Academic Council:

- Thirtieth meeting held on 19th January, 2018
- Thirty first meeting held on 15th November, 2018

Finance Committee:

- Seventeenth meeting held on 16th March, 2018
- Eighteenth meeting held on 15th November, 2018

Briefing by the Director:

Partnership with Indian Institute of Technology, Jammu (IIT Jammu): The Director, briefed the Board on the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) dated 2nd November, 2018 signed between DA-IICT and IIT Jammu for academic and research collaboration. He stated that, as part of the MoU, one of the initiatives taken is to jointly design and offer an M. Tech Program in Computer Science (CS) with specializations in Data Science (DS) and Information Security (IS) from the academic year 2019-20. He reported that the Academic Council at its meeting held on 15th November, 2018 approved the proposal and the roles and responsibilities of DA-IICT and IIT Jammu in conducting the program. He summarized them as follows:

- IIT Jammu shall conduct the admission process and DA-IICT will participate in the final selection of students.
- IIT Jammu will conduct first semester courses at its Jammu Campus whereas second semester onwards (thesis work in third and fourth semesters, if opted by the students), DA-IICT will enrol and host the students.
- DA-IICT shall transfer the credits earned by the students to IIT Jammu. DA-IICT Jammu will issue official transcripts to the students with a noting that the credits transferred are from DA-IICT.
- IIT Jammu will award the Degree to the students.
- IIT Jammu shall collect the approved tuition fees of second, third and fourth semesters and remit the fees to DA-IICT.

The Board noted the approval accorded by the Academic Council to launch the M. Tech Program in Computer Science (CS) with specializations in Data Science (DS) and Information Security (IS) from the academic year 2019-20.

Item No. 4

To approve the Audited Accounts for the year ended 31st March, 2017

The Board noted that the Finance Committee at its 17th meeting held on 16th March, 2018 considered the Audited Accounts and Auditors Report for the year ended 31st March, 2017 and recommended them for approval by the Board. After detailed discussions, the Board approved the same and adopted the following Resolution:

“RESOLVED THAT, the Audited Accounts and Auditors Report of the Institute for the year ended 31st March, 2017 with schedules and explanatory notes forming part of the financial statements, Auditor’s Report be and are hereby approved.”

Item No. 5**To approve the Audited Accounts for the year ended 31st March, 2018**

The Board noted that the Finance Committee at its 18th meeting held on 16th November, 2018 considered the Audited Accounts and Auditors Report of the Institute for the year ended 31st March, 2018. Based on the recommendations of the Committee, the Board approved the Audited Accounts and Auditors Report of the Institute for the year ended 31st March, 2018 as placed before the meeting. The following Resolution was adopted:

“RESOLVED THAT, the Audited Accounts and Auditors Report of the Institute for the year ended 31st March, 2018 with schedules and explanatory notes forming part of the financial statements, Auditor’s Report be and are hereby approved.”

“ALSO RESOLVED THAT, Mr Soman Nair, Executive Registrar and Secretary to the Board be and is hereby authorised to sign the Annual Returns and all other documents on behalf of the Board under his digital signature and present the Audited Accounts and Auditors Report for the year ended 31st March, 2017 and 31st March, 2018 before the Statutory Authorities.”

Item No. 6**To consider creation of honorary posts of Associate Dean (Academic Programs) and Associate Dean (Research & Development)**

The Director briefed the Board that the Dean (Academic Programs) and Dean (Research & Development) are appointed by the Director with the approval of the Chairman of the Board of Governors, from amongst the faculty members at the ‘Professor’ level under the provisions of clause 21(1) of the DA-IICT Act, 2003. They are appointed to assist and support the Director in managing the academic, research and development activities of the Institute. He stated that with the plans to offer more teaching programs, increase in intake of students, expansion in research and consultancy activities, the duties and responsibilities of the Deans have increased manifold. Therefore, to support the respective Deans and share their workload, it is

necessary to create honorary positions of Associate Dean (Academic Programs) and Associate Dean (Research & Development).

The Board approved the proposal and decided that appointment of Associate Deans be made from faculty holding the designation of Associate Professor and authorised the Director to take appropriate steps in appointing the Associate Deans.

Item No. 7

To approve award of Degrees to the students who have completed their academic requirements in the academic year 2017-18

The Director placed before the Board the recommendations of the Academic Council to award Degrees to the students who have successfully completed their studies during the academic year 2017-18. 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 the students of fourteenth batch of B. Tech (ICT), second batch of B. Tech (Honours) in ICT with minor in Computational Science, fifteenth batch of M. Tech (ICT) and M.Sc (IT), fourteenth batch of M. Sc (ICT-ARD), eleventh batch of M. Des (CD) and 11 PhD Scholars who have successfully completed their studies during the academic year 2017-18 numbering 465 students, whose names appear in the list placed before the meeting, at the Convocation scheduled to be held on 12th January, 2019.”

“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 at the Convocation scheduled to be held on 12th January, 2019.”

Sr No	Student Id	Student Name	CPI	Program
1	201401008	Akshat Dua	9.33	B Tech (ICT)
2	201401114	Damle Omkar Vishwesh	9.63	B. Tech (Honours) in ICT with minor in Computational Science
3	201611007	Lokesh Kumar	9.47	M Tech (ICT)
4	201611027	Tapkir Prasad Anil	9.47	M Tech (ICT)
5	201612009	Ashwani Tanwar	9.53	M Sc (IT)
6	201614006	Shah Shailaja Shalinbhai	8.39	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) Dr Anjan Ghosh, Professor
- 2) Dr Pankaj Kumar, Associate Professor
- 3) Dr Bakul Gohel, Assistant Professor
- 4) Dr Srimanta Mandal, Assistant Professor
- 5) Vinay Palparthy, 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 August, 2019 preferably at Reliance ADA Group office, Mumbai.

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

Additional Item No. 10(a)**To note the decision taken by the Academic Council to partner with CR Rao Advanced Institute for Mathematics, Statistics and Computer Science (CR Rao AIMSCS), Hyderabad:**

The Director briefed the Board on the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) signed between DA-IICT and CR Rao AIMSCS on 5th March, 2018 for academic exchange and co-operation in teaching and research. He stated that, as part of the MoU, DA-IICT and CR Rao AIMSCS decided to jointly design and offer an M. Tech Program in Electronics and Communication Engineering with specialization in Wireless Communication and Embedded Systems. The Academic Council at its 32nd meeting held on 10th January 2019 had reviewed and approved the proposal.

At the invitation of the Director, Professors Sanjeev Gupta and Yash Vasavada presented before the Board the design and content of the program. They highlighted that the course structure will contain courses having high focus on Wireless Communication and Embedded Systems like Digital Communication System, Space

Time Wireless Systems, VLSI and FPGA Design, Cognitive and Software Defined Radio, Side Channel Analysis and Internet of Things. The next generation wireless technologies like 5G, IOTs and Wi-Fi holding great promise in future have also been included in the course structure.

Prof DN Reddy in his position as Director, CR Rao AIMSCS, presented a brief on the institute. He stated that the Institute is named after Professor C.R. Rao, as an honour for his outstanding achievements. The Institute, located at the University of Hyderabad campus, plays an important role in improving the quality of teaching, encouraging basic research in mathematical and social sciences and promoting applications of science and technology in all areas of human endeavor. The Institute is working in the areas that cover national security.

The Director summarized the administrative arrangements for the program, as approved by the Academic Council, as follows:

- The programme will be of 4 semester duration with an initial intake of 23 students, i.e., 18 students openly selected and 5 sponsored students. DA-IICT shall handle the admission process. The programme will be launched from the academic year 2019-20.
- The students will be enrolled at DA-IICT and DA-IICT will award the Degree.
- DA-IICT will offer first and second semester courses at its Campus. The third and fourth semester courses and thesis work will be offered by CR Ro AIMSCS at its campus. .
- DA-IICT will pay a student scholarship/fellowship of Rs.12,400/- per month as per DA-IICT rules for first and second semesters. CR Rao AIMSCS will pay scholarship/fellowship for third and fourth semesters.
- The examinations and evaluation shall be conducted on the existing DA-IICT guidelines.

The Board noted the approval accorded by the Academic Council to partner with CR Rao AIMSCS in launching the M. Tech Program in Electronics and Communication Engineering with specializations in Wireless Communication and Embedded Systems from the academic year 2019-20.

The Director highlighted that the MoU with the IIT Jammu and CR Rao AIMSCS and launching the two separate M. Tech Programs jointly with them will positively improve the perception of DA-IICT among academics and general public. Responding to a query on the faculty resources, the Director stated that the three Institutes together could manage the programs with the existing faculty and if required, mobilise limited faculty resources from other national institutes as visiting faculty.

Additional Item No. 10(b)

To approve submission of application to All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) for recognition

Prof DN Reddy suggested that DA-IICT may seek recognition of All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE). He stated that if the granted, the PG Programs, particularly M. Tech Programs will be able to receive financial support to grant scholarship/fellowship to the students. Prof R Natarajan, while supporting the recommendation, cautioned that there are administrative and statutory compliances DA-IICT has to carry out to sustain the recognition and they be considered before submitting the application for recognition. The Director responded that they have been reviewed and the application and the documents required for submission to AICTE are being prepared. He stated that the recognition will not only benefit the PG students, but also the faculty to apply for government funding for their research.

The Board thereafter, approved the proposal to apply for AICTE recognition and adopted the following Resolution:

‘RESOLVED THAT approval be and hereby accorded to apply to All India Council for Technical Education for approval for the Institute and its technical education programs in Information and Communication Technology and allied areas being conducted on the land, measuring 50 acres, numbered as Plot No. 44 in Gandhinagar, Gandhinagar District, Gujarat, allotted by the Government of Gujarat vide Land Allotment Order No.JAF/U.A./VASHI/1770-1777/2000 dated 11.08.2000, and the buildings and all required infrastructure facilities set up therein for which investments have already been made.”

“ALSO RESOLVED THAT THE recognition presently encompasses the following undergraduate and post graduate programmes that are being conducted by the Institute:

Sl.No	Programmes	Year of comm.	Duration (years)	Annual Intake
1	B.Tech (Information and Communication Technology)	2001	4	288
2	B.Tech (Hons) in ICT with minor in Computational Science	2013	4	72
3	M.Tech (Information and Communication			

	Technology	2002	2	64
4	M.Tech (Electronics and Communication Engineering)	2019	2	23
5	M.Sc (Information Technology)	2002	2	120
6	M.Des (Communication Design)	2004	2	20
7	PhD	2002	3-5	10-20

“FURTHER RESOLVED THAT THE Non Resident Indians, Persons of Indian Origin and Foreign Nationals are being granted admissions to the following programs as per the Notification No.GII/SH/75/2017/PVS/102013/317/S dated 25th July, 2017 issued by the Education Department, Government of Gujarat:

- 1) B.Tech (Information and Communication Technology)
- 2) B.Tech (Hons) in ICT with minor in Computational Science

“ALSO FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Mr Soman Nair, Executive Registrar and Secretary to the Board and other officials nominated by Prof K.S. Dasgupta, Director, DA-IICT be and are hereby authorized to complete the application submission procedures and all other matters associated with it and represent before the AICTE on behalf of the Institute.”

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

