

**MINUTES
OF THE
FORTY FIFTH MEETING OF
THE
BOARD OF GOVERNORS**

Held on 28.02.2025 at 4.30 p.m.

**INDIAN INSTITUTE OF INFORMATION
TECHNOLOGY GUWAHATI**

Minutes of the Forty Fifth Meeting of the Board of Governors of Indian Institute of Information Technology Guwahati held on 28th Feb 2025

Members present:

Mr. Satyabrata Dey, Chairperson BOG (through VC)
Prof. Sarat Kumar Patra, Director IIIT Guwahati (through VC)
Prof. P. J. Narayanan, Director IIIT Hyderabad (through VC)
Prof. Ranjan Bose, Director IIIT Delhi (through VC)
Smt. Shakuntala D. Gamlin, IAS (Retd.) (through VC)
Dr. Arijit Mukherjee, Principal Scientist, TCS Research (through VC)
Prof. Ferdous Ahmed Barbhuiya, Professor CSE, Dean(Admin.) IIIT Guwahati
Dr. Bidisha Dasgupta, Associate Professor, ECE, AD (External Relations), (through VC)

Dr. P. Baruah, Registrar (i/c), IIIT Guwahati was present in his capacity as the Secretary of the Board.

At the outset of the meeting, the Secretary/Registrar(i/c) welcomed, Dr. Arijit Mukherjee Principal Scientist, TCS Research who had joined for the first time to the Board of this Institute.

Item No.IIITG/45-BOG/01:

Confirmation of the Minute of the Forty Fourth Meeting of the Board of Governors of the Institute held on 23/12/2024:

The Minute of the 44th meeting of the Board held on 23.12.2024 was circulated amongst all the members. Comments of Prof. Ferdous A. Barbhuiya and Prof. Sarat Kr. Patra have also been placed before the Board. The Board deliberated on the PDA rules at length and confirmed the minutes of 44th meeting with suggestions to incorporate of the following suggestions regarding PDA rules:

- i) The board decided to do away with the block years (3 years) concept of PDA where the unutilized fund lapses after competition of a block year period (3 years). With this modification, PDA fund shall not lapse after block year but will have a ceiling of three lakhs beyond which the unutilized fund shall lapse. Furthermore, the board also advised to bring membership fees payment under contingency category with an existing cap of Rs. 33000 per year.
- (ii) Expenses related to membership fee of professional bodies will comes under contingency.

Resolution No: IIITG/45-BOG/01:

Board resolved to confirm the minutes of the 44th meeting of the Board of Governors held on 23.12.2024 with incorporation of the suggested changes to the minute as above.

Item No.IIITG/45-BOG/02:

Action taken report on decisions of last board meeting:

Action Taken Report on the decisions of the last meeting (44th BOG held on 23rd Dec 2024) were apprised to the Board.

Board also discussed at length hurdles being faced by the Institute for implementing staff promotion/selection (with reference to action taken resolution no. IIITG/44-BOG/17) and registrar's appointment (with reference to action taken resolution no. IIITG/44-BOG/18) owing to the ministry's letter dated 30th Dec-2024 barring in-charge Director of the Institute for holding any interviews. Board

was apprised that advertisement for a regular Director of the Institute (along with Directors of few other IIITs) had been already floated by the ministry and the whole process is expected to be completed within next 6 months. The Board observed that the officiating Director has limitations for new appointments & similar administrative decisions and therefore, even though the present arrangement is commendable, appointment of a permanent Director at an early date would be highly advantageous in the overall interest of the Institute. The Board therefore felt that the Chairman may like to take up the issue with the ministry. The Board further advised that all appointment/selection related activities including that of the registrar might be taken up to the stages permitted by the ministry's letter dated 30th Dec-2024.

Resolution No: IIITG/45-BOG/02:

Board **noted** the actions taken by the Institute. Further the Board requested the Chairman to take up the issue of appointment of the Director with the Ministry for expediting the process of selection.

Item No.IIITG/45-BOG/03:

Director's report as on date (28th Feb-2025):

The Director, Prof. S. K. Patra presented his report for the period of Jan-2025 to Feb-2025. He also mentioned that this BoG meeting has to be convened within a short spell of time owing to some pre-occupied schedule of the Chairman in March-2025.

In his detailed presentation, he briefed the Board about the Institute's current student profile, faculty and staff status, construction activities, B. Tech Admission status and also highlighted on current financial status of the Institute.

The Board suggested that Director's report being the representative picture of the Institute as a whole, may be presented with more graphical presentations wherever applicable.

Resolution No: IIITG/45-BOG/03:

Board **noted** the Director's report.

Item No.IIITG/45-BOG/04:

Approval of Budget RE (2024-25) & next year Budget BE (2025-26):

Updated Revised Estimated Budget for (2024-25) and Budgeted proposal for (2025-26) were placed before the Board. Further, it was also intimated that the Finance Committee of the Institute in its meeting dated 28th Feb-2025 (on the day of BoG meeting) had already recommended for approval of the update RE (2024-25) and BE (2025-26) with minor suggestions regarding book keeping procedures to be followed. Accordingly, the summary of updated budget proposal is as given under and the detailed RE (2024-25) and BE (2025-26) is as per **Appendix- BOG-45/04**

Summary of the Budget:

Item	Expenditure (2024-25)	Budget (2025-26)
Establishment Expenditure	18,23,27,087	20,11,13,173
Other Revenue Expenditure	7,54,72,099	8,70,97,000
Capital Expenditure	4,84,78,957	5,38,79,000
Total	30,62,78,143	34,20,89,173

Board found that both the budgeted expenditures made (for 2024-25) and the expenditures proposed

(for 2025-26) are in order and therefore, agreed to the proposal. Further, the Board observed that on the revenue generation front, the Institute had been facing big difficulties as the source of fund was limited for an Institute under PPP model. The Board felt that fees enhancement to an optimum level might be the only option in hand.

Resolution No: IIITG/45-BOG/04:

Board resolved to **approve** the updated **RE(2024-25)** and the **BE (2025-26)**.

Item No.IIITG/45-BOG/05:

Release of arrears of 7 CPC revised Allowances:

Board was apprised about the pending payment in respect to 7th CPC allowances to the eligible employees (both current & past employees of the Institute) w.e.f. 01.07.2017 to 31.03.2019 totaling Rs. 66,63,565 /-. The release of arrear would be subjected to approved budget of the Institute. Board examined the proposal and found that in order.

Resolution No: IIITG/45-BOG/05:

Board resolved to **approve** the Arrear amount as placed before it and as provisioned in the budget.

Item No.IIITG/45-BOG/06:

Extension of tenure of Dean, Associate Deans, HOD's

Board was informed about the current tenure of the existing Dean/Associate Deans and HODs and the rationality behind the proposal to extend their tenures by another six months w.e.f. 1st of April 2025 till 30th Sept-2025.

Resolution No: IIITG/45-BOG/06:

Board **agreed** for extending the tenures as proposed.

Item No.IIITG/45-BOG/07:

Revision of tuition Fees of the B. Tech Programme:

Board was apprised about the proposal for revision of the fees of the B. Tech students who would be joining in 2025. It was stated that last year tuition fees had been increased to 2,75,000/ per year. It was proposed to revise it to Rs. 2,95,000 /- annually from the next Academic session i.e.in 2025 (july), with a proposal for increment the fee annually. However, considering the rationality of the incremental fee structure vis. a vis. acceptance of the same from the existing student community's point of view, it was felt that it would be appropriate to keep the B. Tech. fee of the batch joining in 2025 at Rs. 2,75,000 / annually and to implement the incremental mode of fees collection from 2026 onwards starting at Rs. 2,95,000 /-. Thus, the proposed fee structure will be:

Academic Year	Annual Tuition Fee for the Admission Batch 2025 (₹)	Annual Tuition Fee for the Admission Batch 2026 (₹)	Annual Tuition Fee for the Admission Batch 2027 (₹)	Annual Tuition Fee for the Admission Batch 2028 (₹)
2025-26	2,75,000/-	NA	NA	NA
2026-27	2,95,000/-	2,95,000/-	NA	NA
2027-28	3,15,000/-	3,15,000/-	3,15,000/-	NA
2028-29	3,35,000/-	3,35,000/-	3,35,000/-	3,35,000/-
2029-30	*NA	3,55,000/-	3,55,000/-	3,55,000/-

*** Students who have paid fees for the last four years, have backlogs, and are continuing into the fifth year will be charged on a credit-based system for subsequent years.**

This mode of incremental annual fees model would keep the B. Tech fees same for all B. Tech batches currently registered at the institute. The Finance Committee in its meeting dated 28-02-2025 (on the date of BOG meeting) had already recommended the proposal for consideration of the Board and the matter is also being placed in Senate of the Institute.

Resolution No: IIITG/45-BOG/07:

Board resolved to **approve in-principle** the proposed fee structure for the B. Tech students, implementation will be subjected to recommendation from the Senate.

Item No.IIITG/45-BOG/08:

Increase in Hostel Rent:

Proposal to increase the hostel rent from the current Rs. 27,750 /- annually to Rs. 30,000 /- for all students of the institute for the FY 2025-26 was placed before the finance committee. This was proposed with the rationale that since all the students will be using the same hostel facilities and accommodation, all students should pay the same amount of hostel rent.

Resolution No: IIITG/45-BOG/08:

Board resolved to **approve** the hostel rent to Rs. 30,000 /- per annum .

Item No.IIITG/45-BOG/09:

Minutes of the 17th Finance Committee meeting held on 23.12.2024:

Minutes of 17th Finance Committee meeting was placed before the Board

Resolution No: IIITG/45-BOG/09:

Board **noted** the minute of 17th Finance Committee as placed before it

Item No.IIITG/45-BOG/10:

Minutes of 27th BWC meeting held on 11th Feb-2025:

Minute of 27th BWC meeting was placed before the Board. Board was apprised about decision of the BWC regarding remaining work of the sports ground & courts as contained in the minute.

Resolution No: IIITG/45-BOG/10:

Board **noted** the minute of 27th BWC meeting as placed before it and also agreed to the decision of BWC regarding remaining work of the sports ground & courts.

Additional Item No.1 /45-BOG:

Proposal for Student's health insurance:

Board was apprised about the problem being faced in handling the emergency medical cases of the students. At present only Rs.5000/- is being provided as a support to OPD treatments. The Institute does not have own medical staff and a proposed infirmary could not be set up as yet due to lack of technically responsive bids. However, the Institute is exploring other possible alternatives including tie ups with few nearby hospitals. In the meantime, Institute intended for going to a group medical insurance for the students in line with group medical insurance of the employees.

Board deliberated on the proposal, including inputs from Prof. P. J. Narayanan and noted that a preliminary estimate for Rs.1 lakh sum insured would invite a cost of around Rs.7.5 lakh (for approx. 1200 students). Any top up will have to be borne by the students concerned.

Resolution No: IIITG/45-BOG/addl-01:

Board **agreed to the proposal in-principle**. Board also suggested for framing an appropriate mechanism so that only genuine medical referrals can be entertained.

Additional Item No.2/ 45-BOG:

Regarding upgradation of employees of the Institute:

Detailed discussion on the matter related to this agenda was taken up along with action taken resolution nos. IIITG/BOG-44/17 & 18. Board opined that since the Ministry has barred the in-charge Director from conducting interviews for selection, the same logic would apply in case of in-charge Director chairing any promotional committee for upgradation/DPC selections. Therefore, actions as per ministry's letter dated 30th Dec-2024 may be taken up in the case of upgradations/departmental promotions too. Further Board requested the Chairman, BOG to take up the issue with the Ministry for expeditious appointment of the new Director vis. a vis. administrative problems being faced by the Institute in such cases.

Resolution No: IIITG/45-BOG/addl-02:

Board **requested the Chairman BOG** to take up the issue with the Ministry.

As there was no other item to be discussed, the meeting ended with a Vote of thanks to the Chair

(Dr. Pallav Baruah)
Registrar(i/c) and Secretary,
Board of Governors, IIIT Guwahati

Approved

(Mr. Satyabrata Dey)
Chairperson,
Board of Governors, IIIT Guwahati