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The minutes of the 1st meeting of the Council of Indian Institute of Information Technology (IIIT) held under the Chairmanship of Hon'ble HRM on 7th April, 2015 at Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi is forwarded herewith for information and necessary action.

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MINUTES OF THE 1ST MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF INDIAN INSTITUTE OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY ESTABLISHED UNDER THE INDIAN INSTITUES OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY , ACT (IIIT ACT), 2014

The first meeting of the Council of Indian Institute of Information Technology was held under the Chairmanship of Smt. Smriti Zubin Irani, Minister of Human Resource Development at 11.00 A.M on 7th April 2015 at Shastri Bhawan , New Delhi. The list of participant is at **Annexure–1**.

The issues discussed and decisions taken at the meeting are summarized below:-

ITEM NO.1.1 : **WELCOMING THE MEMBERS OF THE NEWLY CONSTITUTED COUNCIL OF IIITs**

All members of the newly constituted Council of IIITs, were welcomed.

ITEM NO.1.2 : **TO APPRISE THE SALIENT FEATURES OF THE COUNCIL OF THE INDIAN INSTITUTES OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY(IIIT) ACT, 2014**

The Council noted the salient features of the IIIT Act, 2014.

ITEM NO.1.3 : **TO REPORT THE CONSTITUTION AND FUNCTIONS OF THE COUNCIL**

The Council noted the composition and functions of the IIIT Council.

ITEM NO.1.4 : **TO REPORT THE PRESENT POSITION AT EACH OF EXISTING FOUR IIITs AT ALLAHABD, GWALIOR, JABALPUR AND KANCHEEPURAM IN RESPECT OF THEIR DEVELOPMENT, COURSES AND ACHIEVEMENTS ETC.**

The Directors of each of the IIITs, namely, IIIT Allahabad, IIITM Gwalior, IIITD&M Jabalpur and IIITD&M Kancheepuram made a brief presentation in respect of their Institutes. The Faculty-students ratio, placements in various academic programmes and research areas being pursued by IIITs, were discussed.

The Council took note of the challenges faced by the Institute including faculty shortage and suggested that rolling advertisements for faculty recruitment, as prevalent

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in IITs, should be undertaken to ensure that as and when good candidates are available, they can be interviewed.

ITEM NO.1.5 : TO CONSIDER FRAMING THE FIRST STATUTE OF IIIT IN TERMS OF IIIT ACT, 2014

The Council resolved that a Committee should be constituted under the chairmanship of Prof. Ashok Jhunjhunwala with Joint Secretary (IIITs) and the Directors of the four Centrally Funded IIITs as Members for formation of the 1st Statutes of IIITs. The Committee will submit in report along with draft statutes within a period of 3 months. Till such a time those statutes are framed, the statutes of IIT Guwahati may be followed.

ITEM NO.1.6 : HARMONISATION OF UNIFORM NON-FACULTY NORMS

The Council noted that already nine months have elapsed since the Constitution of Dr. S.V. Raghavan Committee and the Report is awaited. The Council requested Prof. S. G. Deshmukh, Director, IIITM Gwalior to follow up the issue and get the report submitted within a month. The Committee was requested to refer to similar norms devised by NITs and also seek inputs from outside experts if required.

ITEM NO. 1.7 : TO REPORT CERTAIN ISSUES CONNECTED WITH THE IMPLEMENTATION OF 4-TIER FLEXIBLE CADRE FACULTY STRUCTURE IN THE IIITs

The Council confirmed that the 4-tier flexible cadre structure will continue to be applicable to IIITs after enactment of IIIT Act, 2014.

Dr. Gnanamoorthy, Director, IIITD&M Kancheepuram mentioned that the said Order on 4-Tier Flexible cadre Faculty Structure have some stringent guidelines which are difficult to implement. The Council resolved that a Committee has already been constituted for resolving issues related to implementation of the 4-tier flexible cadre faculty structure in NITs/ IIITs. These issues may be referred to the same Committee.

ITEM NO.1.8 : FACULTY-STUDENT RATIO IN IIITs

The Council observed that the approved norms of faculty student ratio is 1:12. However, Professor Ashok Jhunjhunwala said that a faculty Student ratio of 1:15 may serve the purpose reasonably well. The Council also confirmed that in view of the implementation of 4-tier flexible faculty structure, the division of posta among Professor/Associate Professor/Assistant Professor in the ratio of 1:2:4 may no longer be relevant. Shri Yogendra Tripathi, JS &FA mentioned that proposals of NITs for creation of non-faculty post are approved by MHRD. Secretary(HE) observed that it is difficult to replicate every good thing of IITs in IIITs mutatis-mutandis immediately though the same is provided in the IIIT Act, 2014.

ITEM NO.1.9 : COMMITTEE FOR TAKING IIITs TO EXCELLENCE

The Council noted that each IIIT specializes in atleast one field viz, IIITD&M Jabalpur and Kancheepuram specialises in Design and Manufacturing, while IIIT&M Gwalior focuses on IT and Management.

The Council resolved that instead of one Committee for all IIITs, a separate Committee for each individual IIIT should be constituted to recommend a roadmap for each IIIT. The composition of Committee, its nature and scope of work may be decided by the Ministry. The Committees should complete its work within six months.

ITEM NO 1.10 : EXTERNAL PEER REVIEW

Hon'ble Chairperson observed that once the roadmap for individual IIITs is ready, then only, the External Peer Review for IIITs should be undertaken.

ITEM NO.1.11 : TO CONSIDER ENHANCEMENT IN THE FEE STRUCTURE FOR ACADEMIC PROGRAMMES IN IIITs

The Council noted that the fees in the four IIITs range from Rs.25,000-35,000/-. Looking at the placements of these Institutes, some enhancement in fee is required especially in view of the fact that Central Government's non-plan support has not kept pace with requirements of the Institutions even in case of IITs. Shri Pankaj Jalote, Director, Indraprastha Institute of Information Technology, Delhi informed that the fee in

their Institute is Rs.1.8 lakh per year with an increase of 10% every year. Same is the for International Institute of Information Technology, Hyderabad. IITs, on the other hand, charge a tuition fee of Rs.45,000/- per semester. Hon'ble Chairperson observed that drastic increase may not be desirable. Secretary (HE) observed that in view of higher fees being charged by comparable institutions like IIIT Hyderabad and IIIT Delhi, and the fact that IIITs are operating in very niche domain with higher average remunerations for their students, it is imperative to increase the fees of various programmes.

After deliberation, the Council resolved as under:-

For UG Courses	: Rs.40,000/- per semester
For Ph.D scholars	: Rs.15,000/ per semester
For MBA	: Rs.50,000/-per semester
For M.Tech	: No change

The fee would be raised by 10% every year rounded off to the next whole number so that fees are in the multiple of thousands rupees. The Council further resolved that the revised fee structure will be applicable to **fresh admissions only** and directed that the prospectuses/admission Brochure should invariably indicate the fee structure.

ITEM NO.1.12 : BUILDING OF IIIT BRAND

Hon'ble Chairperson was of the view that all the IITs, IIITs and NITs could come together and devise a roadmap which complement each other.

ITEM NO.1.13 : INDUSTRY-INSTITUTE MEETS

The Council observed that once the roadmap is ready, then the issues relating to industry-academia collaboration and External Peer Review etc. could be discussed.

ITEM NO.1.14 : ON-LINE COURSES AND EXCHANGE OF FACULTIES ON MUTUAL CONSENTS AMONG IITs/IIITs

The Council suggested that the IIITs could be included in the Swayam platform and Director of four IIITs can decide on courses which could be introduced on the MOOC platform. The Institutes can have one or two on-line courses. However, the MOOC shall not be a substitute for class-room teaching.

ITEM NO.1.15 : CREDIT TRANSFER IN THE ACADEMIC PROGRAMS AMONG THE IIITs

The Council requested JS (IITs&IIITs) to convene a meeting with Directors of the four IIITs and resolve the issue.

ITEM NO.1.16 : IIIT-PPP SCHEME AND STATUS REPORT – A PRESENTATION

The Council took note of the status of the IIIT-PPP.

ITEM NO.1.17 : PROPOSAL OF IIIT IN PPP MODE AT RANCH IN JHARKHAND, NAGPUR IN MAHARASHTRA AND SURAT IN GUJARAT

Hon'ble Chairperson observed that the IIIT-PPP do not come under the purview of IIIT Act, 2014.

The Council took note of Industry Partners identified by the respective State Governments of Gujarat for IIIT Surat, IIIT Ranchi and IIIT Nagpur and recommended that the current proposals may be approved however any expansion beyond the 20 IIITs in PPP mode approved by the Union Cabinet should be considered after review of the functioning of IIITs in PPP mode and decision as regards to grant of degrees to their students.

ITEM NO.1.18 : DEGREE GRANTING POWER TO IIITs SET UP IN PPP MODE

The Council resolved that a Committee will be set up under the Chairmanship of JS(IIITs) which may consist of JS, Ministry of Communication and Information Technology, NASSCOM and one Academic legal expert. Prof. Rajeev Sangal, Director IIT BHU, who was earlier the Director of IIIT Hyderabad, may also be included in the Committee. The Committee shall look into the issues relating to grant of degrees to the students of IIITs in PPP mode and shall also delve into the status of IIIT-PPP vis-à-vis the Centrally-funded IIIT. The Council further directed that a decision in this matter should be taken in a time bound manner.

The meeting ended with vote of thanks to the Chair.

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