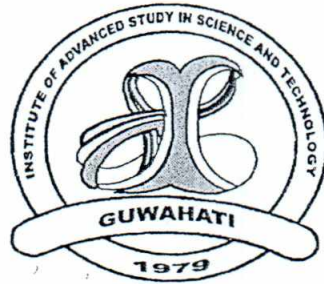


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MINUTES OF THE THIRD MEETING OF THE GOVERNING COUNCIL OF INSTITUTE OF ADVANCED STUDY IN SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (IASST), GUWAHATI HELD ON 23RD FEBRUARY, 2012 AT 3.00 P.M. AT TECHNOLOGY BHAWAN, DEPARTMENT OF SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY, NEW DELHI.

Members present

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| 1. Dr. T. Ramasami
Secretary, DST, Govt. of India. | Chairperson |
| 2. Ms. Anuradha Mitra
JS & FA, DST, New Delhi | Member |
| 3. Prof. Sibaji Raha
Director, Bose Institute, Kolkata | Member |
| 4. Prof. Rabindranath Pal
Saha Institute of Nuclear Physics, Kolkata | Member |
| 5. Prof. Joyanti Chutia
Director, IASST | Member Secretary |

Prof. A.N.Rai, Vice-Chancellor, NEHU, Shillong, Prof. Okhil Kumar Medhi, Vice-Chancellor, Gauhati University, Guwahati and Mr. Anurag Goel, IAS, Secretary to the Department of Science and Technology, Govt. of Assam, could not attend the meeting due to their preoccupations.

Agenda item No. 1: Opening remarks of the Chairman

Dr. T. Ramasami, Chairman welcomed the members of the Governing Council of Institute of Advanced Study in Science and Technology, Guwahati and said that IASST is one of the new institutes of DST and being a new institute, IASST has to overcome lots of challenges, however, despite having less number of faculties and limited facilities, the scientists of IASST are publishing quality research and are also running number of projects. While appreciating the work done by the Scientists, the Chairman compared the functioning of IASST with that of a University because of its multidisciplinary approach to

research. He stated that before taking over by DST, Govt. Of India, the Institute was provided partial funding by the State Govt. and DST provided financial support for construction of the present buildings and development of infrastructure facilities. He also commented that the Institute has been progressing slowly but steadily.

The Chairman suggested that it is necessary to hold Governing Council Meeting frequently, at least twice a year.

Agenda item No. 2: Confirmation of the Minutes of the Governing Council meeting held on 13th August, 2010

As no comment from any member was received on the minutes of the Governing Council meeting held on 13th August 2010, the minutes were confirmed.

Agenda item No. 3: Follow-up actions taken on Agenda items of the last Governing Council Meeting

The Governing Council noted the action taken on the agenda items of the previous meeting and approved.

Agenda item No. 4: Submission of Minutes of the Finance Committee Meeting held on 23.02.2012 at Technology Bhawan, DST, New Delhi

Prof. Joyanti Chutia, Director placed the minutes of the Finance Committee meeting held on 23.02.2012 at Technology Bhawan, DST, New Delhi, before the Governing Council Meeting for its approval.

The Council Meeting discussed the said agenda items in detail under Agenda Item No. 8.

Agenda item No. 5: Discussions on the Institutional Research proposal of IASST, approved by the Scientific Advisory Council, IASST

Prof. Joyanti Chutia, Director submitted the minutes of the last Scientific Advisory Meeting held on 09.01.2012 at Saha Institute of Nuclear Physics(SINP), Kolkata to the Governing Council for discussion.

The Governing Council directed that in future, detailed research plan and proposals should be placed before the Scientific Advisory Council for approval. All new equipments may be procured only after obtaining necessary approval from the Scientific Advisory Council.

Agenda item No. 6: Report on new appointment of four Academic Staff and one Finance and Accounts Officer

Prof. Joyanti Chutia, Director apprised the Governing Council about the appointment of four Academic Staff and one Finance and Accounts Officer. She informed the Council that all the new appointments were made following proper procedure. On the basis of recommendation of the Selection Committee, the Director had sent the names of the selected candidates to the Chairman, Governing Council for approval. After obtaining approval the following new appointments were made: Dr. Munima B. Sahariah, Dr. Sarathi Kundu in Physical Science Division as Faculty Members; Dr. Debajit Thakur and Dr. Mujibur Rahman Khan in Life Science Division of IASST, as Faculty Members and Mr. Pradyut Borkataki as Finance and Accounts Officer, IASST.

The GC noted and ratified the appointments made by the Institute.

Agenda item No. 7: Discussion on promotion of faculty members under Flexible Complementing Scheme (FCS)

Prof. Joyanti Chutia, Director apprised the Governing Council of the recommendations of Interview Boards constituted for promotion of Faculty Members under Flexible Complementing Scheme(FCS).

The Governing Council approved the recommendations and resolved that effective date of promotion under F.C. Scheme will be 01.12.2011 without interfering *inter se* seniority.

Agenda item No. 8: Statement of Audited Accounts of (2010-11) and present status of the (2011-12) budget and budget estimate for (2012-13)

The statement of Audited Accounts for the Financial Year 2010-11 was placed before the Financial Committee and Governing Council. FA DST advised that IASST should submit audited statement in approved format and also to submit audit observations with reply, if any, with the statement.

The Council approved the audited statement of accounts for the financial year 2010-11 showing expenditure of Rs.8,14,59,669.00 against Rs.7,67,00,000.00 received as grants-in-aid from DST, Govt. of India. The Council discussed about the expenditure of Rs. 8,36,44,720.00 incurred up to 31.01.2012 and approved an amount of Rs.19.00 crore for 2012-13 as against Rs.23.13 crore proposed by the Institute. For 2012-13, minor equipments for Rs. 2.00 crore and major equipments for Rs. 3.85 crore were approved for procurement. For any other requirement the proposals should be submitted with justification.

Agenda item No. 9: Discussion on 12th Five Year Plan

The 12th Five Year Plan of Rs. 130.73 crore submitted by FAO, IASST was discussed in the Finance Committee. The Council discussed about the budget estimates in detail and approved a total amount of Rs.120.00 crore.

Agenda item No. 10: Modification of Rules and Regulations of IASST

Prof. Joyanti Chutia, Director informed the Governing Council about the modifications of following Rules and Regulations of IASST:

- (i) Modification of Clause: 7.2 of Recruitment Rules 2009 of IASST.
- (ii) Inclusion of promotional avenues to the Technical and Administrative Staff on the basis of other DST Funded Institutes.

The Chairman opined that the appointment for the post of Registrar and Finance and Accounts Officer should not be on contractual basis due to the responsibility entrusted to these two posts. The posts should be filled up by deputation from organized accounts service personnel. Contractual appointment for these two posts may affect the developmental activities of the Institute. The Chairman also said that IASST has become an aided institute under Government of India w.e.f. 09.03.2009. Since IASST is a very new Institute, therefore, the Service and Recruitment Rules followed by other existing DST Institutes like Indian Association for the Cultivation of Science, Jadavpur, Kolkata and Bose Institute, Kolkata could not

be followed in this case. The Chairman assured that the Service and Recruitment Rules of IASST will be examined and approved by DST shortly and he further entrusted the task of scrutinising the rule & regulations submitted by IASST for finalisation to JS&FA, DST. The modified and duly approved Rules and Regulations, Bye-Laws & Recruitment Rules would automatically supersede the existing Rules and Regulations, Bye-Laws & Recruitment Rules and, in case, any matter is not covered by the new Rules, Bye-Laws etc. of IASST, then the Rules and Regulations followed by Council for Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR), New Delhi would prevail.

The Chairman stated that total no. of faculty positions of IASST is 28. The vacancy of faculty can be filled up on contractual basis by following the proper procedure for recruitment. Faculty to be appointed newly should have, with other requirements, at least 1st class marks in the subject concerned. In case a Technical Officer has Ph.D. Degree or posses higher educational qualification in the subject concerned, he may be considered for appointment as faculty, however procedure for appointment of a new faculty has to be followed scrupulously on that case also. In such cases, however, preference may be given to the Institutional candidate. In case a Technical Officer of the Institute is appointed as faculty then the new post will be purely on personal basis and the post initially filled by him/her will automatically be cancelled as and when he/she is promoted to the next higher post.

Regarding up-gradation of the post of Assistant Librarian it was decided that the matter should be referred to Ministry of Finance through DST.

Agenda item No. 11 : Discussion on Director's Post

Prof. Joyanti Chutia, Director apprised the Governing Council that the tenure of the present Director will be over by July 31, 2012 and therefore, as per the direction of the DST, Govt. of India, the process for appointment of the new Director has been initiated with the advertisement for the post.

Agenda item No. 12: Any other matter with permission of the Chair

(i) Sanction for the post of PS to the Director

The Chairman stated that the Finance Ministry did not approve the post of PS to the Director. Therefore sanction for the post of PS to the Director could not be accorded. However the Governing Council recommended that the Institute may send a fresh proposal for creation of the post of PS to the Director in PB-II with GP up to Rs. 4800/- to DST for consideration.

There being no other item for discussion, the meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair.



Chairman,
Governing Council, IASST

*Confirmed
by the
Chairman*



Director, IASST
Member-Secretary.