

INSTITUTE OF ADVANCED STUDY IN SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY
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MINUTES OF THE FOURTH GOVERNING COUNCIL MEETING OF THE INSTITUTE OF ADVANCED STUDY IN SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (IASST), GUWAHATI HELD ON JULY 4, 2012 AT 10.00 A.M. IN TECHNOLOGY BHAWAN, DEPARTMENT OF SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY, NEW DELHI.

Members present

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| 1. | Dr. T. Ramasami
Secretary
DST, Government of India | Chairperson |
| 2. | Ms. Anuradha Mitra
JS & FA, DST, New Delhi | Member |
| 3. | Mrs. Archana Varma
Commissioner & Secretary
Science and Technology Department, Govt. of Assam | 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 Prof. Sibaji Raha, Director, Bose Institute, Kolkata could not attend the meeting due to their preoccupations.

Agenda item No. 1: Welcome address by the Chairman

Dr. T. Ramasami, Honourable Chairman welcomed the members to the 4th Governing Council meeting of the Institute of Advanced Study in Science and Technology, Guwahati. In his speech he said that he wished to hold the Governing Council Meeting at Guwahati but circumstances compelled him to arrange it in New Delhi.

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Agenda item No. 2: Confirmation of the Minutes of the Governing Council meeting held on February 23, 2012

Regarding minutes of the last Governing Council meeting where it was written to induct Registrar and FAO from organised accounts service, the Honourable Chairman commented that it is framed as rule and will be followed in case of future appointment. He also commented that the appointment of Registrar and FAO on contract is not recommendable for good governance as the administrative responsibility carries legal obligation. If these two posts are on contract they can't represent court cases, so these posts should be filled by following proper procedure. The Secretary advised that the Director should be an appellate authority rather than an executive authority and he/she shouldn't be made vulnerable and no agreement should be signed by the Director.

As no comment from any member was received on the minutes of the Governing Council meeting held on February 23, 2012, 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: Statement of audited accounts (2011-12) and present status of the accounts (2012-13):

In the financial year 2011-12, the institute received total grants-in-aid of Rs.10.50 crore and incurred an expenditure of Rs10.07crore. The Governing Council in its meeting held on February23, 2012 approved a total budget of Rs19.00 crore for the financial year2012-13. In the year 2012-13, an amount of Rs1.36crore has been received by the institute as the first instalment and has spent Rs19971330/- till date. The meeting after discussion approved the audited accounts of 2011-12.

Agenda item No.5: Report on the approval of the instruments (2012-13) by the Scientific Advisory Council (SAC), IASST:

The Director, IASST presented the list of instruments approved by the Scientific Advisory Council (SAC) of IASST in its meeting held on May 11 for purchase during the year 2012-13. The meeting opined that the entire instrument should be in 5 years comprehensive annual maintenance contract (AMC).

Agenda item No.6: Approval of Rules and Regulations of IASST

The Honourable Chairman opined that checking of the Rules, Regulations and Bye laws of IASST has been completed by the DST and it will be sent to Finance Ministry for approval.

Agenda item No.7: Discussion on Annual report of IASST (2011-12)

The Annual report of IASST, Guwahati for the year 2011-12 is being prepared as per format and instruction received from the DST. The draft Annual Report has been placed in the meeting for approval. The members after discussion commented to take it as approved but advised to send a copy of the Annual report to members of the Council who were not present in the meeting for their valuable comment.

Agenda item No.8: Progress report on construction of Students and Scientist home at IASST

The Director, IASST presented the progress report of the construction work of the building namely "Student and Scientists' Home" at IASST, Guwahati. The work order for the construction was issued on 30-03-2012 to M/S Buildrite Construction, Guwahati after following proper procedure. The construction work started in the month of April, 2012.

Tender value of the work-Rs.7, 95, 03,461/-

Time of completion- 18 months

The progress of the work is as below:

1. Site mobilisation - completed
2. Site cleaning - completed
3. Piling - 75 nos. pile completed
4. Initial load test - completed
5. Construction of approach road is in progress

The meeting expressed satisfaction over the progress of the work.

Agenda item No.9: Proposal for development of the Eco-park

The institute is having a low lying area of 20 bighas(about7acre) which is still unused. The institute is proposing for developing an Eco-park for harbouring of endangered and unique life species. The total proposed area for the Eco-park is 26747.67m². The estimated cost of development of Eco-park is approximately 3.34 crore. The Chairman appreciated the proposal but advised that immediate emphasis should be given on development of manpower and R&D facilities and to bring the Ecopark development proposal later on.


**Agenda item No.10: Any other matter with permission of the chair:
Pension benefits of Prof. Joyanti Chutia, Director, IASST**

Prof. Joyanti chutia, Director, IASST is going to retire on 31-07-2012 who joined in the service of the IASST in the year 1986. Regarding her pension benefits, the Honourable Chairman suggested an option to provide pension by the State Government for the period before 09-03-2009 but the Commissioner and Secretary, Science and Technology, Govt. of Assam present in the meeting expressed inability of the state Government to provide pension. Therefore, the Chairman suggested sending a proposal in this regard to DST to fit her in the Old pension Scheme.

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



Chairman,
Governing Council, IASST



Director, IASST
Member-Secretary.