



MINUTES OF THE 19th BOARD OF MANAGEMENT MEETING

DATE: 28.6.2018 (Thursday)

TIME: 11 a.m.

VENUE: Board Room, 6th Floor, Founder's Block

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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| 1. | Dr. Mrs. Elizabeth Verghese, Chancellor | Patron |
| 2. | Dr. Anand Jacob Verghese, Pro Chancellor | Patron |
| 3. | Dr. K.P. Isaac, Vice Chancellor | Chairperson |
| 4. | Prof. P.J. Kurien, Hon'ble Deputy Chairman / Rajya Sabha | Member |
| 5. | Prof. S.N. Hegde, Former Vice-Chancellor
University of Mysuru. | Member |
| 6. | Mr. Ashok Verghese, Director, HITS. | Member |
| 7. | Dr. Annie Jacob, Director, KCG College of Technology | Member |
| 8. | Dr. Susan Marthandan, Director, HCAS, Padur | Member |
| 9. | Dr. G. Ilavazhagan, Director (Research) | Member |
| 10. | Dr. Jessy Rooby, HOD (Civil). | Member |
| 11. | Mr. Shyam R Nair, Asst. Prof., Centre for Robotics &
Automation. | Member |
| 12. | Dr. A. Udhayakumar, Controller of Examinations i/c | Invitee |
| 13. | Dr. Pon. Ramalingam, Registrar, HITS. | Non-Member
Secretary |

Dr. V. Ramakrishnan, Director, IISER, Thiruvananthapuram, Prof. Amitabh Mattoo, former Vice Chancellor of University of Jammu, Dr. Aby Sam, Director, HITS, Dr. N. Vasudevan, Dean (Academics), Dr. Dilip A. Shah, HoD-Aero HITS and Mr. C. Robin, Legal Advisor had expressed their inability to attend the meeting and granted leave of absence.

1. Opening remarks by the Chancellor.

The Chancellor welcomed all the members of the Board of Management. She informed that Golden Jubilee Anniversary of the Hindustan Group of Institutions

was celebrated in a grand manner. Many programmes were conducted as a part of Golden Jubilee Celebrations. HGI Golden Jubilee Valedictory function was conducted on 16th March 2018 and Honourable Vice-President of India, Mr. M. Venkaiah Naidu was the Chief Guest for the function. She expressed her profound thanks to Prof. P.J. Kurien, Hon'ble Deputy Chairman, Rajya Sabha for facilitating the visit of Hon'ble Vice-President of India as Chief Guest for the function. She informed that on the recommendation of the Search-cum-Selection constituted as per UGC Regulations, Dr. K.P. Isaac has been appointed as Vice Chancellor of HITS by the Chancellor and hoped that his experience will take the University to greater heights and to become one of the top universities in India. This Board of Management meeting has been convened for the ratification of the minutes of the statutory body meetings and approval for other important items. The next Convocation is scheduled to be held on 6th October 2018 and Prof. Anil. D. Sahasrabudhe, Chairman AICTE has given his consent to be the Chief Guest. She requested the members to suggest names of distinguished persons for the award of Honoris Causa during the Convocation.

The UGC has Graded our University as Category II Deemed to be University as per the provision of the UGC Regulations. We are now eligible for all the privileges under Clause 5 of the UGC Regulations, 2018.

2. **Address by the Vice Chancellor.**

The Vice Chancellor welcomed all the members. He specially thanked Prof. P.J. Kurian, Honourable Deputy Chairman of Rajya Sabha for his presence, in spite of his busy schedule, and also showing interest in the activities of HITS and also thanked Prof. S.N. Hegde, Former Vice-Chancellor, University of Mysuru for his presence.

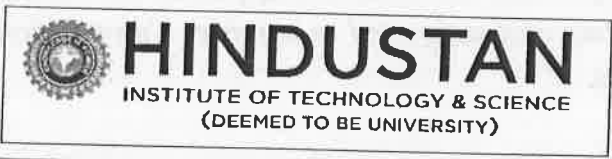
3. **Confirmation of Minutes of the 18th Board of Management Meeting held on 07.10.2017.**

The Minutes of the 18th Board of Management Meeting held on 07.10.2017 was confirmed.

4. **Action Taken Report on the 18th Board of Management Meeting held on 07.10.2017.**

Action Taken report on the Minutes of the 18th Board of Management meeting held on 07.10.2017 was approved.

5. **Items for Ratification:**

No	Item	Decision
(a)	In view of the direction from the UGC as well as based on the Supreme Court verdict, our Logo has been modified as follows, which is placed before the Board of Management. 	<i>Ratified and members suggested to take up the issue along with other Deemed Universities for using the term 'University' along with name, as the term 'Deemed to be University' creates a lot of confusion among foreign Universities.</i>
(b)	Minutes of the Fee Fixation Committee Meeting held on 27.11.2017	<i>Ratified</i>
(c)	Minutes of the 11 th Finance Committee Meeting held on 27.11.2017	<i>Ratified</i>
(d)	Minutes of the 23 rd Academic Council Meeting held on 20.01.2018	<i>Ratified</i>
(e)	Minutes of the 9 th Planning and Monitoring Board Meeting held on 28.03.2018	<i>Ratified</i>
(f)	Minutes of the 24 th Academic Council Meeting held on 30.05.2018	<i>Ratified</i>
(g)	Minutes of the 12 th Finance Committee Meeting held on 31.05.2018	<i>Ratified. The Vice Chancellor informed that the financial commitments of the University for implementing 7th Pay Commission will be very high. We cannot also increase tuition fees as paying capacity of many parents is not high.</i>

6. Award of degrees of P.G. and U.G. who have passed out during November – December 2017 University examinations.

S.No.	Course	No. of Graduates
1.	U.G. (B.Tech. / B.Arch.)	96
2.	P.G. (M.Tech. / M.Arch. / MCA	8
3.	Professional Diploma	5
4.	Arts & Science courses	8
Total		117

Approved. The members felt that the intervening period between the passing out and award of degrees is long and suggested to conduct Convocation in the month August from 2019 onwards.

7. Items for information:

(a) Observations/Suggestions of UGC-AICTE Experts Committee:

The UGC - AICTE Expert Committee visited HITS from 14th to 16th September 2017. The UGC in its letter F.No.6-104/2000(CPP-I / DU) dated 2nd January 2018, communicated the decision taken in its 527th meeting for continuation of the Deemed to be University status to Hindustan Institute of Technology and Science, together with some suggestions to bring about qualitative improvement in the programmes offered. Similarly, the UGC in its letter F. No. 6-104 / 2004 (CPP-I) dated 16th January 2018 has forwarded a copy of the AICTE Expert Committee Report along with the advice of the Council to implement to improve the quality of education in HITS.

Noted. The Vice Chancellor informed that steps are being taken to fulfill the observations / suggestions given by the UGC – AICTE Experts Committee. Prof. S.N. Hegde suggested to bring in highly qualified academicians to the Institution with enhanced salary, if necessary. The Vice Chancellor informed that the Management is always very magnanimous in granting enhanced salary for the outstanding faculty members.

(b) **Students Intake for UG and PG courses for 2018 - 2019.**

The given below statement shows the approved intake by the AICTE, vide their letter F. No. Southern / 2018-19 / 1-3698454481 dated 30th April 2018 for the academic year 2018-19, together with the decision of BoM against each course:

S. No	Program	Shift	Level	Course	Full / Part time	As per AICTE approval	Decision of BoM
1	Engineering and Technology	1st	UG	Civil Engineering	FT	120	30
2	Applied Arts and Crafts	1st	UG	Fashion and Apparel Design	FT	60	30
3	Architecture	1st	UG	Interior Design	FT	60	30
4	Architecture	1 st	UG	B.Arch.	FT	120	120
5	Engineering and Technology	1 st	UG	Aeronautical Engineering	FT	300	300
6	Engineering and Technology	1 st	UG	Aerospace Engineering	FT	120	120
7	Engineering and Technology	1 st	UG	Mechanical Engineering	FT	300	120
8	Engineering and Technology	1 st	UG	Mechatronics	FT	60	60
9	Engineering and Technology	1 st	UG	Automobile Engineering	FT	180	120
10	Engineering and Technology	1 st	UG	Chemical Engineering	FT	60	30
11	Engineering and Technology	1 st	UG	Bio Technology	FT	60	30
12	Engineering and Technology	1 st	UG	Computer Science and Engineering	FT	300	300
13	Engineering and Technology	1 st	UG	Information Technology	FT	120	90
14	Engineering and Technology	1 st	UG	Electrical and Electronics Engineering	FT	60	30
15	Engineering and Technology	1 st	UG	Electronics and Communication Engineering	FT	240	210
16	Management	1 st	PG	Master in Business Administration	FT	120	120
17	Engineering and Technology	1 st	PG	Aeronautical Engineering	FT	30	30
18	Engineering and Technology	1 st	PG	Mechanical Engineering	FT	18	18
19	Engineering and Technology	1 st	PG	Automobile Engineering	FT	30	18

20	Engineering and Technology	1 st	PG	Civil Engineering	FT	30	30
21	Engineering and Technology	1 st	PG	Computer Science and Engineering	FT	18	18
22	Engineering and Technology	1 st	PG	Information Technology	FT	18	18
23	Engineering and Technology	1 st	PG	Electronics and Communication Engineering	FT	18	18
24	Engineering and Technology	1 st	PG	Electrical and Electronics Engineering	FT	18	18
25	MCA	1 st	PG	Master of Computer Applications	FT	60	30
26	Architecture	1 st	PG	Planning	FT	20	20

Noted.

8. Items for Presentation: -

No.	Item	Decision
(a)	Research Promotion Activities in the last three years – By Director (Research)	<i>Noted. Prof. S.N. Hegde suggested to focus on mega funded projects from the funding agencies to improve the funded research projects by the staff members.</i>
(b)	Result Statistics for November 2017 & May 2018; Question Papers Setting and Valuation Reforms; Accreditation by IET & NBA, Academic Reforms; B.Tech Regulations & Curriculum Revised; New ERP for HITS; Performance Based Appraisal System; Research Targets and Road Map for Growth for 2018-19 – By Vice Chancellor	<i>Noted.</i>

(c)	Growth in International Academic Collaborations – By Dr. David T. Easow, Deputy Director, International Affairs.	<i>The Members appreciated the efforts taken by the International Affairs Office and emphasized further to intensify it. Prof. S.N. Hegde suggested to present an action plan for the coming years.</i>
(d)	Plans for Students Placement for 2018-19 – By Mr. B. Thirumaran, Head, Placement	<i>Noted. Prof. S.N. Hegde suggested for continuous strong tie-up with local industries. The faculty members need to visit local industries regularly, try to identify and address their problems. The industry experts should be invited to the campus. This will help the students' internship and placement.</i>

9. Any other items with the permission of the Chair.

- (a) Prof. P.J. Kurien, Hon'ble Deputy Chairman / Rajya Sabha appreciated the Chancellor for appointing an outstanding person, Dr. K.P. Isaac as Vice-Chancellor of this University.
- (b) Prof. S.N. Hedge suggested the following: -
- (i) To keep record of alumni, excel in their field and use them as brand ambassadors.
 - (ii) To introduce Professional B.A. and B.Sc. courses besides courses in Pharmacy.
 - (iii) To improve upon the faculty development, art of teaching, teaching pedagogy etc.
 - (iv) To increase number of foreign students by offering international hostel facilities and other required facilities.
 - (v) To recruit competent teachers with required qualifications and experience.
 - (vi) To confer Honoris Causa to a maximum of two eminent personalities in a Convocation, in future.

- (c) The members suggested that any two of the following eminent personalities may be considered for the award of Honoris Causa during the Convocation, scheduled to be held on 6th October 2018: -
- (i) Mr. E. Sreedharan, Civil Engineer, Retired Indian Engineering Service (IES) Officer.
 - (ii) Mr. Lalit Gupta, Joint Director General, Directorate General of Civil Aviation, Government of India.
- (d) The Vice-Chancellor informed the following: -
- (i) Faculty members may be encouraged to be part of startups and they can also get benefits out of the new ventures.
 - (ii) The newly joined faculty members will be given in-house training on 5th & 6th July 2018 and Induction Programme from 9th to 14th July 2018 by NITTTR, Chennai.
 - (iii) The 20th meeting of the Board of Management will be held on 6th October 2018 prior to the Convocation. After discussion with members, the 21st meeting of the Board of Management will be scheduled on 12th January 2019 (Saturday).

The meeting concluded with vote of thanks by the Chairperson of the meeting.


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