HINDUSTAN
INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY & SCIENCE
(DEEMED TO BE UNIVERSITY)

MINUTES OF THE 20th BOARD OF MANAGEMENT MEETING

DATE: 15.9.2018 (Saturday)
TIME: 10 a.m.
VENUE: Board Room, 6th Floor, Founder's Block

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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, Former Deputy Chairman, Rajya Sabha	Member
5.	Prof. S.N. Hegde, Former Vice-Chancellor University of Mysuru	Member
6.	Mr. Ashok Verghese, Director	Member
7.	Dr. Aby Sam, Director	Member
8.	Dr. Annie Jacob, Director, KCG College of Technology	Member
9.	Dr. N. Vasudevan, Dean (Academics)	Member
10.	Dr. Dilip A. Shah, HoD-Aero	Member
11.	Dr. Jessy Rooby, Professor - Civil	Member
12.	Mr. Shyam R Nair, Asst. Prof., Centre for Robotics & Automation.	Member
13.	Mr. C. Robin, Legal Advisor	Invitee
14.	Dr. A. Udhayakumar, Controller of Examinations	Invitee
15.	Dr. Pon. Ramalingam, Registrar	Secretary

Prof. Amitabh Mattoo, Former Vice Chancellor, University of Jammu, Dr. V. Ramakrishnan, Director, IISER, Thiruvananthapuram, Dr. G. Ilavazhagan, Director (Research) and Dr. Susan Marthandan, Director, HCAS have expressed their inability to attend the meeting and the leave of absence was granted to them.

1. **Opening remarks by the Chancellor.**

The Chancellor welcomed all the members to the 20th Board of Management meeting. This meeting has been called for passing the resolution for the award of Degree of Doctor of Science (Honoris Causa) to two eminent personalities and also the award of degrees of Ph.D., M.Phil., Postgraduate, Undergraduate and Diploma during the 9th Convocation to be held hereafter. The students completed the courses successfully will be awarded degrees during this Convocation. Dr. E. Sreedharan, who has been nominated for the award of Honoris Causa during this Convocation is unfortunately hospitalized due to his ill health and he is unable to attend the Convocation.

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

The Vice Chancellor welcomed all the members. The last Board of Management meeting was held on 28th June 2018. He specially thanked Prof. P.J. Kurien, former Deputy Chairman of Rajya Sabha, who has taken pains to come over here to attend this meeting. He also thanked Prof. S.N. Hegde, former Vice-Chancellor, University of Mysuru and other members for their presence. He extended an invitation to all members of the Board of Management to the 9th Convocation, scheduled at 11 a.m. immediately after the BOM Meeting.

3. **Confirmation of Minutes of the 19th Board of Management Meeting held on 28.06.2018.**

The Minutes of the 19th Board of Management Meeting held on 28.06.2018 was confirmed.

4. **Action Taken Report on the 19th Board of Management Meeting held on 28.06.2018.**

Action Taken report on the Minutes of the 19th Board of Management meeting held on 28.06.2018 was approved.

5. Award of Honoris Causa to eminent personalities.

(i) The Vice Chancellor moved the following resolution: -

By virtue of authority vested with the Chancellor, Hindustan Institute of Technology and Science, I am placing before the Board of Management to consider for awarding of Degree of Doctor of Science (Honoris Causa) to Mr. Lalit Gupta, Joint Director-General, Office of the Director-General of Civil Aviation and Honorary Secretary-General, Aeronautical Society of India.

The Board of Management, unanimously, approved for the award of Degree of Doctor of Science (Honoris Causa) to Mr. Lalit Gupta, Joint Director-General, Office of the Director-General of Civil Aviation and Honorary Secretary-General, Aeronautical Society of India and the same be conferred in the 9th Convocation to be held today.

(ii) The Vice Chancellor moved the following resolution: -

By virtue of authority vested with the Chancellor, Hindustan Institute of Technology and Science, I am placing before the Board of Management to consider for awarding of Degree of Doctor of Science (Honoris Causa) to Dr. E. Sreedharan, Civil Engineer, Retired Indian Engineering Service (IES) Officer.

The Board of Management, unanimously, approved for the award of Degree of Doctor of Science (Honoris Causa) to Dr. E. Sreedharan, Civil Engineer, Retired Indian Engineering Service (IES) Officer and the same be conferred in a special Convocation to be held later, as the recipient has been hospitalized due to illness.

6. **Award of degrees of Ph.D., M.Phil., P.G., U.G. and Diploma during the 9th Convocation.**

The Board of Management approved the award of 1,327 Diploma / U.G. / P.G. / M.Phil. / Ph.D. degrees as detailed below:

S.No.	Course	No. of Students
1.	U.G. (B.Tech. / B.Arch.)	854
2.	U.G. (Arts / Science)	266
3.	P.G. (M.Tech. / M.Arch. / MBA / MCA / M.Sc. / M.A.)	164
4.	M.Phil.	003
5.	Ph.D.	035
6.	Diploma	005
	Total	**1,327**

7. **Organization of "Second International Conference on Sustainable Environment and Energy (ICSEE2019)".**

The Department of Civil Engineering, HITS submitted application to Science and Engineering Research Board (SERB), Department of Science and Technology (DST), Government of India to organize "Second International Conference on Sustainable Environment and Energy (ICSEE2018)". The SERB, DST has sanctioned a sum of Rs.2 lakhs as partial grant-in-aid to HITS to organize the same. As per the SERB conditions, we have to execute a Bond to receive the funds. One of the conditions in the bond is that a resolution as stated below has to be approved by the Board of Management.

Hence the following resolution was moved by the Vice Chancellor for approval of the Board of Management:

> "It is resolved to receive a sum of Rs.2 lakhs as partial grant-in-aid sanctioned by the Science and Engineering Research Board, Department of Science and Technology, Government of India to organize the 'Second International Conference on Sustainable Environment and Energy' on 21-22, February 2019 by the Department of Civil Engineering."

*Approved by the **BOM.***

8. **Any other item with the permission of the Chair.**

(a) Prof. P.J. Kurien informed that 4th India International Science Festival (IISF) 2018 is being organized by the Ministry of Science and Technology, Ministry of Earth Sciences in association with Vijnana Bharati at Indira Gandhi Pratishthan, Lucknow during 5-8 October, 2018. He suggested HITS staff and students to actively participate in the Science Festival.

(b) The Vice Chancellor submitted a Brief Report on new initiatives taken since 1st March 2018 to the members and invited suggestions, if any, from the members. He highlighted the following new initiatives: -

(i) Fee for all full time research scholars has been reduced to Rs. 30,000/- per year to enhance Full-Time Ph.D. registrations.

(ii) The ERP and Learning Management System (LMS) is under implementation. The faculty members are given training to the ERP and Learning Management System.

(iii) Research at Undergraduate Level. In order to bring research at Undergraduate level, the HITS has hired the services of the agency, M/s CL Educate Ltd. to guide and motivate the undergraduate students to involve in the live projects. He informed that a project named "JAIHIND - 1S" which is an experimental satellite developed by the students of first year Aeronautical Engineering which weighs only 33.39 grams ("lightest micro satellite" awarded by India book of records) has been launched successfully on 9th September 2018 by NASA at Columbia Scientific Balloon Facility. The Board congratulated the students on their unique achievement and wished many more such projects to emerge from the University in the days to come.

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

REGISTRAR.

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