

Indian Institute of Advanced Study
Rashtrapati Nivas, Shimla-171005

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE HUNDREDTH MEETING OF THE GOVERNING BODY HELD AT 11.00 A.M. ON TUESDAY, 21 SEPTEMBER 1999 IN THE COMMITTEE ROOM NUMBER 1, INDIA INTERNATIONAL CENTRE, NEW DELHI 110003.

Present

1. Professor G.C. Pande (in Chair)
2. Professor M.D. Srinivas
3. Dr. Yoganand Kale
4. Dr. J.P. Singh (Special invitee)
5. Shri R.C. Meena (representative of the Secretary Education, Ministry of Human Resource Development)
6. Shri K.S. Sharma (representative of the Financial Adviser, Ministry of Human Resource Development)
7. Dr. R.R. Prasad (representative of the Chairman, ICSSR)
8. Shri Sushil Kumar (representative of the Chairman, ICHR)
9. Professor S.C. Bhattacharya

Professor R.A. Mashelkar, Professor Hari Gautam, Professor Goverdhan Mehta, Professor Abdul W. Khan, Dr. Kireet Joshi and Dr. Lakhan Lal Mehrotra could not attend the meeting.

Item No.1: To confirm the minutes of the 99th meeting of the Governing Body held on 23 July 1999.

Dr. R.R. Prasad, representative of the Chairman, ICSSR, pointed out that since Dr. Arun Bali attended the 99th meeting of the Governing Body as representative of the Chairman, ICSSR, the name of Professor D.M. Nanjundappa should not figure in the category of members who could not attend the meeting. Subject to this correction, the minutes were confirmed.

Item No.2: To note and consider the action taken on the minutes of the 99th meeting of the Governing Body held on 23 July 1999.

The action taken was noted with the following observation against item No.2(2).

It was suggested that the possibility may be explored for construction of a hostel for the Fellows outside the heritage zone of the Rashtrapati Nivas campus, or to identify a suitable site outside the campus.

Item No.3: To consider the Director's report on the academic activities of the Institute and the progress of expenditure during the period between the last meeting and the present one.

The Governing Body noted the Director's report on the academic activities of the Institute and the progress of expenditure with the following observations:

1. Henceforth, the seminar coordinators should be requested to submit a brief report on completion of the seminars. The same may be incorporated in the Director's report.
2. Details regarding the nature of the Audio-Visual Documentation Centre may be drawn up for consideration of the Governing Body.
3. The CPWD may be requested to draw up a plan for making suitable heating arrangement in the Library.
4. It was suggested that the Director's report pertaining to the academic activities should contain two parts: (a) brief resume of the academic activities already organized; and (b) activities scheduled for the rest of the academic session.
5. The report of the Committee regarding collaboration with other Universities/Institutions may be placed at the next meeting of Governing Body. The Governing Body also suggested that the Director should explore the possibilities for specially utilizing the winter months for such collaborative activities.

Item No.4: To consider and approve the recommendations made by the Selection Committee for the award of Fellowship at the Institute.

The Governing Body approved the award of Fellowships to the following scholars:

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| 1. Dr. (Ms.) Jeanne Openshaw | one year |
| 2. Dr. Motilal Lidhoo | one year |
| 3. Dr. Vinod Mishra | one year |
| 4. Dr. H.S. Gill | one year |
| 5. Dr.(Mrs.) Shashi Joshi | one year |
| 6. Dr. Ajit Kumar Sinha | one year |
| 7. Dr. Udai P. Arora | one year |
| 8. Dr. A.K. Chakraborty | one year |
| 9. Dr. Arup Maharatna | Three months |
| 10. Dr. R.K. Kochhar | Three months |
| 11. Dr. Hanuman Ram | one year |
| 12. Dr. Nirbhai Singh | one year |

Item No.5: To consider the request of Dr. S.K. Raina, Fellow for extension of term of his Fellowship.

The Chairman was authorised by the Governing Body to take necessary decision in the light of the recommendations made by the concerned Selection Committee.

Item No.6: To consider and approve the recommendations made by the Committee constituted by the Governing Body to consider revision of the Bye-Laws of the Institute.

The Governing Body approved the recommendations made by the Bye-Laws Committee in regard to Bye-law numbers 3,4,5,6,8,9,12,15 and 17.

The Governing Body also approved the recommendations of the Bye-Laws Committee in regard to Bye-Law number 7 with some modifications. The modified Bye-Law approved by the Governing Body is as follows:

"Bye-Law 7

The Director shall have full powers to reappropriate funds from one unit of appropriation to another approved unit of appropriation provided that the reappropriation should not exceed Rs.1.00 lakh. For reappropriation beyond this limit, prior approval of the Chairman, Finance Committee, or the Chairman, Governing Body, shall be necessary. Any reappropriation from an academic head to a non-academic head should have the prior approval of the Chairman, Governing Body".

While considering the amendments to the Bye-Law 25(b) recommended by the Bye-Laws Committee, it was brought to the notice of the Governing Body that at its 75th meeting held on 25 March 1991 the Governing Body resolved to institute National Fellowships at the Institute with the stipulation that at any given point of time, the number of National Fellows should not be more than five. Further, the Governing Body resolved that these Fellowships may be offered to scholars of eminence by invitation only. Also, their emoluments were fixed at Rs.7300/- p.m., later revised to Rs.22400/- p.m. The institution of National Fellowship also received the approval of the Government of India. It was also brought to the notice of the Governing Body that so far eight National Fellowships have been awarded by the Institute over the years.

In the light of the facts mentioned above and keeping in view the recommendations made by the Bye-Laws Committee in regard to appointment of Fellows, the Governing Body approved the amendments to the Bye-Law as under:

Bye-Law 25

- "(a) The number of Fellowships to be awarded each year and the terms and conditions of grants of Fellowships will be determined by the Governing Body according to the instructions contained in the directives of the Government issued from time to time and in the light of revision of emoluments of Fellows in other research organisations of the Ministry of Human Resource Development."
- "(b) There should be a multiplicity of approach in the selection of Fellows, which need not be restricted only to the applicants, who respond to advertisements. Names of the eminent scholars suggested by the Director and Members of the Governing Body/Society, talents identified through efforts made on a regional or sub-regional basis, and participants in seminars, whose potentialities could be assessed, may also be considered for award of Fellowships. In all these cases, however, the final selection of Fellows should be through a Fellowship Award Committee which should have an appropriate number of outside Experts. For this purpose, a panel of Experts should be drawn up at the beginning of year. The Director should be the Chairman of all the Selection Committees and the recommendations of the Selection Committees should be subject to the approval of the Governing Body. The Governing Body may define the composition of the Fellowship Award Committee by a resolution."
- "(c) National Fellowships shall be awarded as per the resolutions of the Governing Body."
- "(d) The Governing Body may constitute an Academic Committee to advise on the planning, research and other academic programmes. The Director shall be its Chairman. The Academic Committee may be constituted by the Director in consultation with the Chairman, Governing Body."

Apart from the two members of the Selection Committee (Reference - Decision of the Governing Body taken at its 97th meeting held on 15 October 1998), it was resolved to add one nominee of the Chairman, Governing Body, to the Fellowship Award Committee.

The Governing Body also resolved that the Academic Committee, in addition to the Director, should have six members of whom three shall be Fellows of the Institute and three shall be eminent outside experts to be nominated by the Chairman, Governing Body.

The recommendations made by the Bye-Laws Committee that a separate committee may be constituted to look into the Recruitment Rules in relation to Bye-Law numbers 26 and 28(a) were approved by the Governing Body.

Also, the Governing Body constituted the following Committee to look into the Recruitment Rules of the Institute.

1. Vice-Chairman, Governing Body, IIAS (Chairman)
2. Dr. J.P. Singh, IAS (Retd.), Chairman, Urban Art Commission, New Delhi
3. Director (Universities), Ministry of Human Resource Development.
4. Assistant Financial Adviser, Integrated Finance Division, Ministry of Human Resource Development.
5. Director, IIAS.

Item No.7: To consider and approve the recommendations made by the 61st meeting of the Finance Committee held on 20 September 1999.

The Governing Body approved the recommendations made by the Finance Committee at its 61st meeting held on 20 September 1999 with the following observations against item nos. 3,4 and 8:

Item No.3: To consider the Revised Estimates for the year 1999-2000 and Budget Estimates for the year 2000-2001.

It was suggested that while formulating the plan for the Centre for the Study of Indian Civilization, 'Indian civilization' should not be viewed in isolation, but it should be viewed in its interactive relationship with other areas, especially Central and South-East Asia.

Item No.4: To consider the proposal regarding implementation of the Assured Career Progression Scheme introduced by the Government of India, in the Institute.

The representative of the Integrated Finance Division mentioned that since the Government might issue separate orders in regard to Autonomous Bodies, the Institute should refer the matter to the Government for approval. At this stage, Shri R.C. Meena, representative of the Department of Education, pointed out that he has already had a


talk with the concerned officer in the Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances & Pensioners (Department of Personnel and Training) who confirmed that no separate orders for the Autonomous Bodies would be issued and that the orders already issued are applicable to the employees of the autonomous organisations also. Shri Meena, however, mentioned that he would confirm it in writing.


Item No.8: To consider the matter regarding maintenance of the Rashtrapati Nivas campus, Shimla, housing the Indian Institute of Advanced Study.

(a) The Archaeological Survey of India may be requested to give an annual action plan regarding restoration and preservation of R.P. Nivas.

(b) A Coordination Committee comprising a representative each of the Ministry of Human Resource Development (Department of Education), Archaeological Survey of India, Central Public Works Department and the Director of the Institute may be constituted to decide about the modalities of restoration and preservation and routine maintenance of Rashtrapati Nivas campus, and also to monitor the progress of work.

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair.


(S.C. Bhattacharya)
Director


(G.C. Pande)
Chairman