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INDIAN INSTITUTE OF ADVANCED STUDY
RASHTRAPATI NIVAS, SHIMLA-171005.

MINUTES OF THE ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY SEVENTH MEETING OF THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE INDIAN INSTITUTE OF ADVANCED STUDY, SHIMLA HELD ON 31ST MARCH 2008 (MONDAY) AT 11.00 AM IN ROOM NO.134, YOJANA BHAVAN, SANSAD MARG, NEW DELHI-110001.

Present:

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| 1. Professor B.L. Mungekar | Chairman, Governing Body (In the Chair) |
| 2. Professor K. Ramakrishna Rao | Chairman, ICPR, New Delhi |
| 3. Professor Sabyasachi Bhattacharya | Chairman, ICHR, New Delhi. |
| 4. Professor K.P. Singh | |
| 5. Professor Shakeel Ahmad | |
| 6. Shri J.R. Aggarwal | Deputy Secretary (IFD), MHRD,
Representative of Shri S.K. Ray, Financial
Adviser, MHRD, New Delhi. |
| 7. Professor Peter Ronald deSouza | Director, IIAS, Shimla. |
| 8. Shri Upamanyu Basu | Secretary, IIAS
Non-Member Secretary of the Governing
Body. |

The following members regretted their inability to attend the meeting due to previous commitments:

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| 1. Shri R.P. Agarwal | Secretary, MHRD, New Delhi. |
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2. Director General
Council of Scientific and Industrial
Research, New Delhi.
3. Professor S.K. Thorat
Chairman, UGC, New Delhi.
4. Professor Andre Beteille
Chairman, ICSSR, New Delhi.
5. Professor Panjab Singh
Vice-Chancellor, BHU, Varanasi.
6. Professor Mushirul Hasan
Vice-Chancellor, JMI, New Delhi.
7. Shri Sadanand Menon

At the outset, the Chairman, Governing Body welcomed the members of the Governing Body.

Item No. 1: To confirm the minutes of the 126th Meeting of the Governing Body, held on the 19th February 2008.

It was resolved that the Minutes be confirmed.

Item No. 2: To Note the action taken on the minutes of the 126th Meeting of the Governing Body held on the 19th February 2008.

The Governing Body took note of the Action Taken on the Minutes of the 126th Meeting of the Governing Body held on 19th February 2008.

However, in Item No. 10, while discussing the further action to be taken on the orders of the Hon'ble Delhi High Court, it was resolved that a Committee of three persons comprising of Professor Mushirul Hasan, Vice-Chancellor, Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi, (Chairman of the Committee), Shri S.K. Ray, Financial Adviser, MHRD, New Delhi and Professor K.P. Singh, Member of Governing Body be constituted to advise the Governing Body on the follow up action to be taken on the

orders of the Hon'ble Delhi High Court. The Director, IIAS, Shimla would be the Member-Secretary of the Committee.

Item No. 3: To consider and approve of the draft Annual Report and Audited Statement of Accounts of the IIAS Society for the year 2006-07.

It was resolved that the draft Annual Report and Audited Statement of Accounts of the IIAS Society for the year 2006-07 be approved.

However, it was also decided that the Annual Reports in future should contain a 'foreword' by the President of the IIAS Society / Chairman, Governing Body; and an introductory statement by the Director. In addition there should also be a brief thematic introduction of each of the Seminars held during the relevant period of report.

Item No. 4: To take note on the 193rd Report of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee of Human Resource Development on Demands for grants (2007-08).

The Governing Body took note of the concerns expressed by the 193rd Parliamentary Standing Committee and resolved to have in place several measures to ensure that the Fellow meets the academic concerns which are specified by the Committee. These included: (a) residency requirement, (b) a continuous evaluation process, (c) an annual evaluation, (d) an agreement with the Fellows specifying these conditions, and (e) withholding of one month, two months and three months Fellowship grant for the terms of Fellowship of one year, two years and three years respectively in respect of Fellows, in case of not submitting monographs at the end of their term of Fellowship.

Item No. 5: To report the action taken by the Chairman, Governing Body with respect to the constitution of the Fellowship Award Committee.

The Governing Body noted and approved the action taken by the Chairman Governing Body for constitution of Fellowship Award Committee.

Item No. 6: To report the action taken by the Chairman, Governing Body with respect to the constitution of the Search Committee for the selection of National Fellows.

The Governing Body noted and approved the action taken by the Chairman Governing Body for constitution of Search Committee for the selection of National Fellows.

Item No. 7: To consider the Director's Report of activities for the period from December 2007 to March 2008 and plans for the next quarter.

The Governing Body appreciated the activities undertaken by the Director during the above period and also approved the further plans for the next quarter.

Item No. 8: any other item with the permission of the Chair.

(i) To consider and approve the recommendations of the Search Committee for the selection of National Fellows at the Institute.

The recommendations of the Search Committee for the selection of National Fellows were placed before the Governing Body and the Governing Body approved the award of National Fellowships to Professor D.L. Sheth, Professor Mrinal Miri and Professor Bhalchandra Nemade for a period of two years.

- (ii) To consider and approve the holding of a two-day Conference on the theme of 'Interdisciplinary Research' at Shimla.

The Chairman, Governing Body suggested that the Institute should hold a two-day Conference at Shimla on the requirements of 'Interdisciplinary Research' during the year 2008-09. The Governing Body appreciated and approved this suggestion.

The Chairman, Governing Body further suggested that he would prepare a two-page 'concept note' on the subject. The Chairman, Governing Body also suggested that about five scholars each from different disciplines, such as Philosophy, Economics, Political Science, Anthropology, Art, Literature, History, etc., who have contributed significantly in the field, should be invited to the Conference, and the 'concept note' should be circulated among these scholars. Further, he suggested that the Conference be held in the month of September-October 2008 at Shimla. The Governing Body approved the suggestion.

- (iii) To consider the Status Report on the submission of monographs during the Tenth Five Year Plan.

During the meeting of the Governing Body held on 31st March 2008, the Chairman Governing Body desired that the Institute should prepare a status report on monographs submitted by the Fellows during the Tenth Five Year Plan period, i.e. 2002-03, 2003-04, 2004-05, 2005-06, 2006-07, which should depict: (a) the names of the Fellows, (b) total term of Fellowship, (c) how many extensions were given (d) whether manuscript was submitted or not (e) evaluators recommendations especially with reference to its suitability for publication (f) whether manuscript was published or


not. This is for the information of the Governing Body to help it assess the working of the Fellowship programme.

(iv) To review the Bye-Laws of the IIAS Society of Memorandum of Association.

The Chairman Governing Body suggested that over a period of time some of the Bye-Laws of the MOA of the IIAS Society may require amendments, to ensure that the IIAS is in step with the changing scenario. He further suggested that each of the members of the Society and Governing Body be given a copy of the MOA of the IIAS Society for his / her consideration. All the Members of the Society may then give his / her suggestions for possible amendments to be carried out in the Bye-Laws of the Society to the Director. The Chairman Governing Body further desired that there should be General Body meeting specifically called for this purpose, sometime during the month of September-October 2008.

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


(Peter Ronald deSouza)
Director, IIAS, Shimla
31.3.2008


(Bhalchandra Mungekar)
Chairman, Governing Body
31.3.2008