

Indian Institute of Advanced Study
Rashtrapati Nivas, Shimla-171005

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MINUTES OF THE ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTIETH (150TH) MEETING OF THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE INDIAN INSTITUTE OF ADVANCED STUDY (IIAS), SHIMLA HELD ON THE 17TH MARCH 2015 (TUESDAY) AT 11:30 A.M. IN THE INDIA INTERNATIONAL CENTRE (PRIVATE DINNING HALL, FIRST FLOOR), 40, MAX MUELLER MARG, NEW DELHI-110 003.

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Present:

1. Professor Chandrakala Padia : In Chair
2. Professor Madhavan K. Palat : Member
3. Shri Yogendra Tripathi, IAS : Financial Advisor & Joint Secretary
MHRD
4. Professor Susie Tharu : Member
5. Dr. M P Singh : Representative of the Chairman,
ICPR
6. Professor Chetan Singh : Director, IIAS

Shri Suneel Verma, IRS, Secretary, IIAS also attended the meeting.

Shri S N Mohanty, IAS, Secretary Education, Professor S K Thorat, Chairman ICSSR, Professor Yellapragada Sudershan Rao, Chairman ICHR and Professor D L Sheth informed that due to other official engagements, they would not be able to attend the meeting. Hence, the Chair granted them leave of absence. However, Dr. P Banerjee, representative of the Director General, CSIR was unable to attend due to sudden indisposition.

Before starting the meeting, the Chairperson enquired if a quorum to hold the meeting existed, and further whether rules permitted the holding of a meeting given the fact that the Society and Governing Body had completed a term of three years on 23rd February 2015. The Chairperson was apprised that a quorum existed and that Rule 27

(A) of the MoA clearly stipulates that: "The Governing Body on completion of its three years term will continue to function pending re-constitution of a new Governing Body by the Government of India."

Thereafter, the Chairperson welcomed the members and the formal agenda was taken up for discussion.

Item No.1: To confirm the minutes of the 149th meeting of the Governing Body held on 16th December 2014.

The Governing Body confirmed the minutes of its 149th meeting held on 16th December 2014.

Item No. 2: To consider and approve the action taken report on the minutes of the 149th meeting of the Governing Body held on 16th December 2014.

The Chairperson asked the Director to brief the members about the action taken under this item.

The Director briefed the members about each item in the Action Taken Report. The Governing Body considered and approved the action taken on the minutes of the 149th Meeting held on 16th December 2014.

Item No. 3: To consider and approve the minutes of the 102nd Meeting of the Finance Committee held on 16th March 2015.

Professor Madhavan K Palat, Chairman, Finance Committee briefed the members about the items placed before the Finance Committee and its recommendations thereon.

The Governing Body resolved to approve the recommendations of the Finance Committee held on the 16th March 2015.

Item No. 4: To report the action taken by the Chairperson regarding the re-constitution of the Search-cum-Selection Committee for award of

Tagore Fellowships and to consider and approve the recommendations of the Committee.

The Governing Body noted the action taken by the Chairperson to constitute a Search-cum-Selection Committee for the award of Tagore Fellowships.

The Director briefed the members about the recommendations of the Search-cum-Selection Committee. After detailed discussion, it was resolved to approve the recommendations of the Committee.

Item No.5: To report the action taken by the Chairperson regarding the re-constitution of the Academic Committee and to consider and approve the proceedings of the Academic Committee held on the 4th March 2015.

The Governing Body noted the action taken by the Chairperson to reconstitute the Academic Committee.

Thereafter, the Director briefed the members about the recommendations of the Academic Committee. The Director also placed before the Governing Body a proposal received from Professor Avadhesh Kumar Singh, Member Academic Committee suggesting that long-term research activities be undertaken by the Institute. The Governing Body deliberated at length on the suggestions of Professor Avadhesh Kumar Singh. It was decided that the taking up of research projects lasting more than two years was not possible. The Institute would, however, welcome original research proposals on all subjects mandated in the MoA including those on the 'history of ideas' in Indian, western and non-western traditions from comparative and inter disciplinary perspectives.

After detailed discussion, the Committee approved the recommendations of the Academic Committee.

Item No.6: To consider and approve the composition of Fellowship Award Committee (FAC) for 2015.

After detailed discussion, the Governing Body approved the composition of the Fellowship Award Committee which is annexed as Annexure A.

Item No. 7: To consider and approve the composition of the Search-cum-Selection Committee for award of National Fellowships for 2015.

The Governing Body deliberated upon and approved the composition of the Search-cum-Selection Committee for the award of National Fellowships for 2015, which is annexed as Annexure-B.

Item No. 8: To consider and approve the recommendations made by the external experts regarding continuation of the terms of Fellowship for the second year in respect of Dr. Albeena Shakil, Dr. Rajeev Kumaram Kandath, Dr. Pravesh Jung Golay and Dr. R. Uma Maheshwari, Fellows.

The Director briefed the members about the reports of the external experts on progress reports submitted by the Fellows. After detailed discussion, it was resolved to approve the action taken by the Director in granting provisional continuation to the Fellows in view of the facts submitted in the Agenda under this item.

The Governing Body considered the recommendations of the external experts and approved the continuation of fellowships to the above-mentioned Fellows in order to enable them to complete their research projects within the stipulated time.

Item No.9: To consider and approve the draft Annual Report and Audited Statement of Accounts of IAS Society for the year 2013-2014.

The Governing Body considered the draft Annual Report and the Audited Statement of the yearly Accounts together with the Audit Report and recommended that they be placed before the next meeting of the IAS Society for consideration and approval.

However, the Institute was advised to take serious note of the observations of the Audit Statement with regard to the Sundry Debtors and Miscellaneous Advances (B.4 and B.5) of the Audit Report and ensure that this does not occur in the Audit Report of the next Financial Year 2014-15.

Item No.10: To approve and adopt the Annual Accounts for the year ending on 31st March 2014 of the Indian Institute of Advanced Study, Shimla.

It was resolved that in future the Institute should ensure that the Annual Accounts are prepared and adopted first by the Finance Committee and the Governing Body and only thereafter sent to the Audit authorities latest by 30th June for commencement of Audit.

Item No.11: To consider and approve the proposal regarding filling up a post of Section Officer by direct recruitment from single eligible candidate, who applied against the advertisement.

It was resolved that the Institute should invite the sole eligible candidate for interview in view of the fact that the post had already been advertised twice and no more qualified candidates were forthcoming for the position.

Item No.12: To consider and approve the Director's Report on academic and other activities at the Institute for the period from 1st December 2014 to 28th February 2015 and plans for the next quarter.

The Director briefed the members about the academic and other activities carried out at the Institute during the period under report. The academic programmes planned for the next quarter, too, were placed before the Governing Body. It was resolved to approve the same.

Any Other Item

The Director informed the Members that as per the MoU signed between the UNDP and IAS, Shimla on behalf of the MHRD, the term of the International Centre for Human Development (IC4HD), currently running in project mode, would come to an end on the 31st August 2015. The Project Steering Committee (PSC) of the IC4HD had met at the UNDP Office, New Delhi on the 28th February 2015 and recommended that the term of the project be extended up to 31 March 2016. After detailed discussion, it

was resolved that it would be advisable to extend the project duration only till 31 December 2015. The extension till 31 December 2015 would be adequate for allowing the IC4HD project to be brought to a conclusion and would also coincide with the UNDP financial year.

Before concluding the meeting, the Chairperson thanked all members for their support in furthering the interests and activities of the Institute. The Chairperson also thanked the Director and the staff of the Institute for their support and help. All members present expressed their thanks to the Chairperson for her sagacious steering of Governing Body meetings.

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

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(Chetan Singh)
28/03/2015

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(Chandrakala Padia)
28/03/2015

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