

INDIAN INSTITUTE OF ADVANCED STUDY
RASHTRAPATI NIVAS, SHIMLA-171005

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MINUTES OF THE (151ST) ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTY FIRST MEETING OF THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE INDIAN INSTITUTE OF ADVANCED STUDY (IIAS), SHIMLA HELD ON 07TH JULY 2015 (TUESDAY) AT 11:30 A.M. IN THE INDIA INTERNATIONAL CENTRE (SEMINAR HALL NO.3, KAMLA DEVI BLOCK), 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 Mirinal Miri : Chairman, ICPR
5. Professor D. L. Sheth : Member
6. Ms. Rina Sonowal Kouli : Representative of the Secretary (Higher Education)
7. Dr. Manju Singh : Representative of the Chairman, UGC
8. Professor Chetan Singh : Director, IIAS

Shri Suneel Verma, IRS, Secretary, IIAS and non-member Secretary of the Governing Body also attended the meeting.

Dr. M.O. Garg, Director-General, CSIR, Professor S. K.Thorat, Chairman, ICSSR and Professor Susie Tharu informed that due to other commitments, they would not be able to attend the meeting. Hence, the Chair granted them leave of absence.

At the outset, the Chairperson extended a warm welcome to the members and appreciated their concern about the Institute and thanked for attending the meeting in spite of their extremely busy schedule.

Professor Chetan Singh, Director, IIAS, apprised the members about the medical treatment that the Chairperson had to undergo, and thanked her for readily agreeing to chair the meeting despite the fact that she had not fully recovered. Thereafter, the formal agenda was taken up for discussion.

Item No.1: To confirm the minutes of the 150th meeting of the Governing Body held on 17th March 2015.

The Governing Body confirmed the minutes of its 150th meeting held on 17th March 2015.

Item No. 2: To consider and approve the 'action taken report' on the minutes of the 150th meeting of the Governing Body held on 17th March 2015.

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

The Director briefed the members on each issue reported under this item. After detailed discussions, it was resolved to approve the 'action taken report' on the Minutes of the 150th meeting held on 17th March 2015.

However, it was resolved that the Institute should ensure that the Annual Accounts be audited within the stipulated period and, accordingly, submitted with the Annual Report for 2014-15 to the MHRD.

Item No. 3: To consider and approve the minutes of the 103rd Meeting of the Finance Committee held on 06th July 2015.

Professor Madhavan K Palat, Chairman, Finance Committee briefed the members about the recommendations of the Finance Committee at its meeting held on 06th July 2015. The Governing Body deliberated upon and approved the recommendations.

Item No.4: To consider and approve the action taken by the Director in granting provisional continuation of the term of Fellowships to Shri Sukumar Muralidharan, Dr. Aryak Guha and Dr. M.N. Meetei, Fellows for two/ three months.

The Governing Body considered and resolved to approve the action taken by the Director in granting provisional continuation to the Fellows.

The Governing Body deliberated upon the reports of the external evaluators and after detailed discussions, it was resolved to approve the continuation of all the three Fellows for the second year.

Item No.5: To consider and approve the action taken by the Director on the requests of Dr. Rajeev Kumaramkandath, Dr. Aniruddha Chowdhury and Dr. Ashutosh Kumar, Fellows for early relinquishment of their Fellowships.

The Director apprised Members about the early relinquishment of fellowship by three Fellows. The Governing Body approved the action taken by the Director in view of the fact that all the Fellows have submitted their manuscripts.

Item No.6: To report the action taken by the Chairperson in approving of the recommendations of the Search-cum-Selection Committee for award of National Fellowships and also the recommendations of the Fellowship Award Committee for award of Fellowships.

The Governing Body noted the action taken by the Chairperson on the recommendations of the Director with regard to selection of National Fellows and Fellows.

However, it was resolved that as the panel is for two years, the Director may convene another meeting of the Search-cum-Selection Committee for the award of National Fellowships so as to include some more eminent scholars on the list. With regard to re-submission of three proposals for fellowship, it was resolved that the Director should take action in accordance with Rule 48 of the MoA, and refer the revised proposals for the approval of the Chairperson.

Item No.7: To consider and approve the proposal regarding relaxation in educational qualifications for promotion to the post of Garden Chowdhry.

The Governing Body endorsed the recommendations of the Departmental Promotion Committee in this case, in view of the fact that the incumbent would not be required to undertake any official or accounts work and the nature of the position is entirely skill oriented.

Item No.8: To consider and approve Empanelment of Vendors for supply of Books to the Library.

The Governing Body deliberated upon and resolved to approve this item.

Item No. 9: To consider and approve the Director's Report of the academic and other activities at the Institute for the period from 1st March, 2015 to 30th June, 2015 and plans for the next quarter.

The Director briefed the members about the academic activities and other works carried out 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.

Item No. 10: Any other Item(s) with the permission of the Chair.

No other item.

Before concluding the meeting, the Chairperson again thanked all members for their continued support. Professor Madhavan K. Palat along with other members present wished speedy recovery and good health to the Chairperson.

Sd/-
(Chetan Singh)
Director
14th July 2015

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(Chandrakala Padia)
Chairperson
14th July 2015

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