

Indian Institute of Advanced Study
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MINUTES OF THE ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTY THIRD (153RD) MEETING OF THE GOVERNING BODY OF INDIAN INSTITUTE OF ADVANCED STUDY (IIAS), SHIMLA HELD ON THE 15TH JANUARY 2016 (FRIDAY) AT 11:30 A.M. IN 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. Professor S R Bhatt : Chairman, ICPR
4. Dr. S K Aruni : Representative of the Chairman ICHR
5. Dr. G S Soun : Representative of the Chairman, ICSSR
6. Shri Fazal Mahmood : Representative of Financial Advisor, MHRD
7. Professor Chetan Singh : Director, IIAS

Shri Prem Chand, Librarian, holding additional charge of post of Secretary, IIAS also attended the meeting.

Shri Vinay Sheel Oberoi, IAS, Secretary (Education), MHRD, Professor D L Seth, Professor Susie Tharu, Professor Ved Prakash, Chairman, UGC, Dr. Girish Sahni, Director-General, CSIR could not attend the meeting due to other commitments. Hence, the Chair granted them leave of absence.

At the outset, the Chairperson welcomed the members present and extended New Year's greetings.

The Chairperson welcomed Professor S R Bhatt as new ex-officio Member of the Governing Body and thanked him for attending the meeting and expressed the confidence that the Institute would benefit immensely from the vast experience of Professor Bhatt.

Thereafter, with the permission of the Chair, the formal agenda was taken up for discussion.

Item No.1: To confirm the minutes of the 152ndmeeting of the Governing Body held on 27thOctober 2015.

Since no comment(s) were received, the Governing Body resolved to confirm the minutes of its 152ndmeeting held on the 07th July 2015.

Item No. 2: To consider and approve the action taken report on the minutes of the 152ndmeeting of the Governing Body held on 27thOctober 2015.

The Director apprised the members about the item wise Action Taken Report. The Governing Body resolved to approve the action taken report on its 152ndmeeting held on 27thOctober 2015.

Item No. 3: To consider and approve the minutes of the 105thMeeting of the Finance Committee held on 14th January 2015.

Professor Madhavan K Palat, Chairman, Finance Committee briefed the members about the items placed before the Finance Committee at its meeting held on the 14thJanuary 2016 and its recommendations thereon.

After due deliberations, the Governing Body resolved to approve the recommendations of the Finance Committee.

Item No. 4: To consider and approve the Draft Annual Report and Separate Audit Report (SAR) of Accounts of the Indian Institute of Advanced Study (IIAS) Society for the Financial Year 2014-15.

Shri Fazal Mahmood, Deputy Secretary (Finance), representative of the Financial Advisor from the Union Ministry of Human Resource Development submitted that

observations contained in the Separate Audit Report (SAR) must be complied with for better financial management.

After detailed discussions, it was resolved that the Institute should submit a Statement regarding audit paras mentioned in the SAR for perusal of the Governing Body.

With these observations, the Governing Body recommended that the Draft Annual Report and the SAR be placed before the Annual General Meeting of the Society for its consideration and approval.

Item No.5: To consider and approve the minutes of the 8th Meeting of the Library Advisory Committee held on 27th November 2015.

Shri Prem Chand, Librarian, holding the charge to the post of Secretary, apprised the Governing Body about the recommendations of the Library Advisory Committee.

After detailed discussions, the Governing Body considered and resolved to approve the recommendations made by the Library Advisory Committee.

Item No.6: To consider and approve the action taken by the Director in granting provisional continuation for two months and also to consider and approve continuation of Fellowship for second year to Professor Champaklal, Fellow.

The Governing Body considered and resolved to approve the action taken by the Director in granting provisional continuation for two months to Professor Mahesh Champaklal, Fellow, and also the recommendation of the peer-reviewer enabling him to complete his project within the stipulated period.

Item No. 7: To consider and approve the continuation of the term of Fellowship of Dr. Anindita Mukhopadhyay, Fellow upto 30th June 2016.

The Governing Body considered and approved the recommendation of the peer-reviewer in the instant case.

Item No. 8: To consider and approve the continuation of the term of Fellowship of Dr. Kaustav Chakraborty, Fellow for the second year.

The Governing Body considered and resolved to approve the recommendation of the peer-reviewer enabling the scholar to complete his project within the stipulated period.

Item No.9: To finalize names of the scholars for delivering the 4th Annual Tagore Memorial Lecture under the Tagore Centre for the Study of Culture and Civilization in 2016.

After detailed discussions, it was resolved to invite: (i) Professor Amitav Ghosh, eminent writer or (ii) Shri Vikram Seth, novelist and poet to deliver the 4thAnnual Tagore Memorial Lecture in 2016.

Item No.10: To finalize names of the scholars for delivering the 21st Dr. Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan Memorial Lecture (RKML) in 2016.

The Governing Body resolved to invite Shri Azim Premji; or (ii) Shri N R Narayana Murthy to deliver the 21st Dr. Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan Memorial Lecture in 2016.

Item No.11: To consider and approve the proposal regarding relaxation in educational qualifications for promotion to the post of Garden Chowdhury.

Shri Fazal Mahmood, Deputy Secretary (Finance), representative of the Financial Advisor observed that the provisions of Service Bye-Laws mentioned in Chapter 13, Para 56 for relaxation do not appear to be sufficient.

However, after detailed deliberations, and in view of past practice followed in the interest of the Institute, it was resolved to approve the item since the official promoted to this post is not required to undertake any office or accounting work and the nature of the position is entirely skill-oriented.

Item No.12: To consider the proposal relaxation of experience in the grade for the promotion to the post of Binder.

Shri Fazal Mahmood, Deputy Secretary (Finance), representative of the Financial Adviser noted that the provisions of Service Bye-Laws mentioned in Chapter 13, Para 56 for relaxation do not appear to be sufficient.

However, after detailed deliberations, and in view of past practice followed in the interest of the Institute, it was resolved to approve the item since the official promoted to this post is not required to undertake any office or accounting work.

Item No.13: To consider and approve the revised Recruitment Rules and other conditions of Service of various posts of the Institute.

Shri Prem Chand briefed the Members about the revised Recruitment Rules drafted by the Institute and after detailed deliberations; the Governing Body recommended that the same may be submitted to the MHRD by the Institute for examination and approval.

Item No.14: To consider and approve the Director's Report of academic and other activities at the Institute for the period from 16th October 2015 to 31st December 2015 and plans for the next quarter.

The Director apprised the members about the academic activities and other works carried out at the Institute during the period under report and also the academic programmes planned for the year. It was resolved to approve the same.

Any Other Item

There was no other item.

However, the Chairperson raised the important question of regularization of the services of persons who had been engaged by the Institute in different Sections for about 10-15 years or so on a six monthly contract basis. The Governing Body was apprised that at present a civil writ petition had been filed before the Hon'ble High Court of Himachal Pradesh at Shimla by several contractual persons. The Hon'ble High Court has directed the Institute not to declare the result for any of the post(s) advertised under direct recruitment, such as, MTS, LDCs, Machine Operator, Professional Assistant, Stenographer, Pharmacist, Section Officer and Assistant Publication Officer.

The Governing Body resolved that the Institute should refer this issue to the Ministry for guidance.

Before concluding the meeting, the Chairperson thanked the members present for attending the meeting and for their valuable suggestions.

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

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(Chetan Singh)
03/02/2016

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