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MINUTES OF THE EIGHTH MEETING OF THE GOVERNING COUNCIL (GC) OF THE INSTITUTE OF ADVANCED STUDY IN SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (IASST), GUWAHATI HELD ON DECEMBER 28, 2015 AT 1.00 P.M. IN THE CONFERENCE HALL OF IASST, PASCHIM BORAGAON, GUWAHATI, ASSAM

Members present

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| 1. | Prof. Ashutosh Sharma
Secretary, Department of Science & Technology
New Delhi | Chairman |
| 2. | Prof.. Sibaji Raha
Director, Bose Institute
Kolkata | Member |
| 3. | Prof.. Sri Krishna Srivastava
Vice Chancellor, NEHU
Shillong | Member |
| 4. | Prof. Rabindranath Pal
Saha Institute of Nuclear Physics
Kolkata | Member |
| 5. | Mrs. Bijoylakshmi Baruh Gogoi
Add. Secretary, and nominee of Secretary
Deptt.of Science and Technology
Govt. of Assam | Member |
| 6. | Dr. N. C. Talukdar
Director, IASST
Guwahati | Member Secretary |

Prof. Mridul Hzarika, Vice Chancellor, Gauhati University and Mr. J. B. Mahapatra, Joint Secretary and Financial adviser, Ministry of Science and Technology, Govt. of India, New Delhi couldn't attend the meeting due to preoccupation. Dr. Diganta Goswami, Registrar,

IASST and Mr. Pradyut Borkataki, Finance and Accounts Officer, IASST also attended the meeting with the permission of the Chairman.

Agenda item No. 1: Welcome address and opening remarks by the Chairman

First of all, Dr. N. C. Talukdar, Director, IASST welcomed the Honourable Chairman and the members of the Governing Council and requested Professor Sarma to Chair the meeting.

Professor Ashutosh Sarma, Chairman extended his hearty welcome to all the Honourable members present in the meeting. In his welcome speech, the Chairman mentioned that this is his first visit to IASST and he had a very positive experience in the institute particularly interacting with the students who are very enthusiastic. He said the institute has state of art laboratories, people are working hard and publications and other outputs are also good in spite of constraints of inputs. He mentioned that IASST has bright present and a very brighter future. He also expressed his desire to help the institute within the constraints of DST.

Agenda item No. 2: Confirmation of the Minutes of the Governing Council meeting held on Nov20, 2014

The minutes of the Seventh meeting of the Governing Council were circulated to the members earlier for comments, if any. No comments have been received on the minutes. The members discussed and approved the minutes of the 7th Governing Council meeting.

Agenda item No. 3: Action Taken Report on the decisions/deliberations as per minutes of the seventh meeting of the Governing Council

The Director informed that actions were taken on all the decisions of the last Governing Council meeting. The Governing Council noted the action taken on the items of the previous meeting.

Agenda item No.4: Progress of Research and Academic Activity of IASST

The Director, IASST made a presentation before the members on the progress of research and academic activity. The Director in his presentation gave an accounts of research man powers, publications along with major research achievements and various academic activities. The Council appreciated the progress in the research and academic activities of the Institute. The Chairman suggested that scientists should start publication at a minimum impact factor of 2-3. The honourable Chairman also suggested to have few chair professors at IASST. The Council discussed and approved the proposal of acquiring 40 bighas of low lying land from Govt. of Assam and the project on developing this land. The Chairman commented that the work of IASST on silk worms and augur plants have local relevance and it should reach to more people and advised to connect with state government departments and local industry on this.

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Agenda item No.5: Relinquishing lien of Dr. N.C. Talukdar, Director, IASST on his post held at IBSD, Imphal and deemed permanent absorption at IASST up to his superannuation from IASST service.

Dr. N.C. Talukdar was appointed as Director, IASST w.e.f. 24.06.2013. Dr. Talukdar, who was serving as Scientist "F" and Director In-charge of IBSD was allowed to retain his lien for 2 years in the substantive post of Scientist "F"-IBSD. The lien period was to expire on 25.06.2015. Dr. Talukdar had accordingly requested for relinquishment of his lien in IBSD and permanent absorption in IASST till his superannuation. The above facts were brought to the knowledge of the Governing Council for 'Post-facto' approval of relinquishment of his lien.

The Council discussed various aspects of the issue and after discussion it opined that council has no objection if rule permits in this case and the proposal to be sent to the DST with the concurrence of the Chairman.

Agenda item No.6: Consideration of the request of Prof. Joyanti Chutia, Emeritus Scientist & former Director, IASST for extension of tenure by another year with effect from 1.08.2015.

Prof. Joyanti Chutia was offered the position of an Emeritus Scientist for a period of three years at an honorarium of ₹ 40,000/- p.m. with effect from 1.08.2012 and her current tenure expired on 31.07.2015. Further, Dr. Joyanti Chutia has been granted by DST a project titled "**Development of plasma modified Bio-membrane and low loaded Electrode catalyst for Proton Exchange Membrane fuel cell by Plasma process.**" with a salary support of ₹ 40,000/-p.m. for her. She has requested for extension of her tenure of Emeritus Scientist w. e. f. 01-08-2015 to 31-12-2015 and also requested to start the project w.e. f. 01-01-2016.

The Governing Council discussed and approved extension of her position of Emeritus Scientist from 01.08.2015 to 31.12.2015 and payment of arrears of her salary for this period. However, the Council stressed that such issue of extension should be taken up in appropriate forum or with the Chairman, GC before completion of the tenure Further the Council also approved her request to execute the new project.

Agenda item No.7: Report on the recommendation /deliberations of the seventh meeting of the Finance Committee of IASST held on 7.11.2015

The seventh meeting of the Finance Committee was held on 7.11.2015 at DST, New Delhi and following are the major recommendations.

1. The Committee recommended for resubmission of capital cost proposals which were approved by Governing Council from time to time since conversion of IASST, so as to process the same for sanction separately. The committee also noted that since the taking over of the Institute by Department of Science and Technology, Govt. of India, no separate allocation of fund for capital cost (land and building) has been made for the Institute.

2. The Committee recommended Revised Estimate of ₹ 27.11 crores (Rupees twenty seven crores eleven lakhs only) for current financial year (2015-16) and budget proposal of ₹33.22 crores (Rupees thirty three crores twenty two lakhs only) for the financial year 2016-17 subject to availability of fund.

3. The committee recommends two new proposals for construction, namely:

(i) Residential accommodation for young scientist (married couple), and

(ii) Central Instrumentation Facility, and suggested to include these proposals also in capital cost proposal to be submitted separately.

The council noted that the annual budget should have separate component of core and major infrastructural project. The Governing Council after discussion approved all the recommendations of the 7th Finance Committee meeting.

Agenda item No.8: Report of Approval of 2014-15 Annual Report of IASST by the GC members

The IASST Annual Report 2014-15 was sent to the Honorable members of the GC and the members sent written note of approval with suggestions for minor changes which were incorporated and sent to the DST for approval and further follow-up and necessary action. The Chairman commented that the Annual Report is nicely produced and after discussion approved the Annual Report.

Agenda item No.9: Report on award of Visiting Research Professorship (VPR) to IASST in NER institutions under Govt. of India, DBT order dated 01.05.2015

The Govt. of India, Department of Biotechnology, Ministry of Science & Technology has sanctioned "Visiting Research Professorship (VPR) Programme in NER to 15 candidates out of which 3 candidates deputed to IASST as follows:-

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| 1. Dr. GT Gujar,
Division of Entomology, IARI,
New Delhi | Fellowship period for one year |
| 2. Dr. A.K. Sahu,
16, Bhimpur Duplex Colony,
Bhubaneswar | Fellowship period six months |
| 3. Dr. Ashwini Kumar
Environmental Biology Division
CSIR-Indian Institute of Toxicology Research, Lucknow | Fellowship period for one year |

The Council appreciated the move and hope it will benefit the institute.

Agenda item No.10: Report on promotion of three nos. of Academic staff and permanent absorption of Finance and Accounts Officer.

Three nos. of Academic staff have been promoted after following proper procedure as stipulated under Modified Flexible Complementing Scheme as below:-

<u>Sl.no</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Existing post</u>	<u>Promoted to</u>
1.	Dr. N.S. Sarma	Assoc. Prof I	Assoc. Prof.II
2.	Dr. S. Kundu	Assistant Prof. II	Assoc. Prof I
3.	Dr. A.R. Pal	Assistant Prof. II	Assoc. Prof I

Mr. Pradyut Borkataki was appointed as Finance and Accounts Officer w.e.f. 05.08.2011 on deputation basis from Gauhati University. After assessing his performance through a duly constituted expert committee and on public interest, he has been permanently absorbed w.e.f. 05.02.2015.

The Council discussed and noted the promotion and absorption and commented that the date of effect of promotion will be as per rule.

Agenda item No.11: Consideration for approval of conversion of pay scales of employees of IASST from State Govt. to Central Govt.

The Governing Council in its meeting held on September 19, 2013 constituted a committee to examine the State Centre Conversion process and fitment of cadres of IASST employees in the pay scales of Central Govt. The Committee under the chairmanship of Mr. P.K. Borthakur, IAS, Principal Secretary, Science and Technology Department, Govt. of Assam held its meeting on February 25, 2014. The committee after examining the conversion of pay scales and fitment to particular grade and going through individual representations found the conversion process in order. The matter was placed for kind consideration of the Governing Council for approval. The Council after discussion approved the recommendation of the Committee.

Agenda item No.12: Consideration of the Draft Recruitment/Promotion Rules of IASST for approval and submission of the same to the Govt. of India (DST) for approval.

The Institute has framed the draft Recruitment/Promotion Rules. The Rules have been framed keeping in view the guidelines issued by DOPT for framing Rules for Autonomous Institutions. The Council discussed and advised to send the draft Recruitment Rule of IASST to DST for examination.

Agenda item No.13: Reconstitution of Scientific Advisory Council, IASST

The Scientific Advisory Council (SAC) of IASST was constituted by the Governing Council and communicated vide DST, New Delhi, D.O letter no: 17/10/AI/2010 dated 15.02.2010. The tenure of the Scientific Advisory Council is for 3 years and as per byelaws of IASST the SAC continues to function until the reconstitution for the next tenure. Therefore,

reconstitution of Scientific Advisory Council is due. The council discussed the matter and commented that if there are alternate names other than the listed members the Honourable GC member may send it to the Chairman. The Council also suggested to keep few members of the existing scientific advisory council (SAC) in the next SAC. The council suggested to revise the list and send it to the Chairman, Governing Council for approval.

Agenda item No.14: Application of Dr. Sabitry Choudhury Bordoloi, Professor I (Scientist F) for extension of service as per DST rules and promotion to Professor II (Scientist G).

Dr. Sabitry Choudhury Bordoloi Prof.I has given an application dated 11.12.2015 requesting for:-

1. Grant of Extension of service;
2. Promotion to Professor II (Scientist G);

The Council after discussion commented that she has to achieve the highest post of her career ladder i.e. Professor II for consideration of her case for extension. However, the Council is of view that her promotion case can be processed as per rule.

There being no other item for discussion, the meeting ended with thanks from the Chair.



Chairman,
Governing Council, IASST



Director, IASST
Member Secretary.