

The ICFAI Foundation for Higher Education

(Deemed-to-be-University under Section 3 of the UGC Act, 1956)

Donthanapally, Shankarapalli Road, Hyderabad.

Minutes of the 54th Meeting of the Board of Management held on March 16, 2022 through Online.

Part – A

(Statutory Items)

54.01 The 54th Meeting of the Board of Management held on March 16, 2022 in which the following were present:

Members

1. Dr. J Mahender Reddy – Vice Chancellor, Chairman
2. Prof. R P Kaushik
3. Prof. S Raghunath
4. Prof. V N Rajasekharan Pillai
5. Prof. Kavil Ramachandran
6. Dr. S Kishore Kumar
7. Prof. A V Vedpuriswar
8. Prof. Bidyut Bhattacharyya
9. Prof. A V Narsimha Rao
10. Prof. C S Shylajan
11. Prof. P Sashikala
12. Prof. G Madhavi
13. Prof. S Vijayalakshmi, Registrar, Ex-officio

Invitees

1. Prof. C Srinivas
2. Prof. M Srinivasa Reddy
3. Prof. Munavar Pasha
4. Prof. A. Vadivel

Prof. T Tirupati Rao could not attend the meeting. Leave of absence is granted.

54.02 Welcome to the Pro Vice Chancellor

The Board noted that on the recommendation of the Vice Chancellor and on approval of the Members of the Board of Management under Section 35(ii) of the Memorandum of Association of the ICFAI Foundation for Higher Education (IFHE), Dr. Bidyut K Bhattacharyya is appointed as Pro Vice-Chancellor of the IFHE with effect from February 28, 2022.

Dr. Bidyut K Bhattacharyya was a fellow IEEE (2000) & Intel Highest Individual Achievement Award Recipient, Former Principal Engineer, Intel USA, former Professor, Director in Charge and Dean, NIT-Agartala, Research Engineer, Packaging Research Center, Georgia Institute of Technology, Atlanta.

The Board welcomed the new Pro Vice Chancellor.

54.03 To confirm the Minutes of the 53rd Meeting of the Board of Management

The Minutes of the 53rd Meeting of the Board of Management held on December 14, 2021 were examined and confirmed.

54.04 To receive the action taken on the minutes of the 53rd Meeting of the Board of Management held on December 14, 2021

The action taken report was noted.

Part B - (Approval / Review Items)

54.05 Review of Operations

I. IBS (Faculty of Management)

The Board noted the information furnished.

II. Faculty of Law

The Board noted the information furnished.

III. Faculty of Science & Technology

The Board noted the information furnished.

IV. ICFAI School of Architecture

The Board noted the information furnished.

The Board suggested the following:

1. It is informed that the strategic plan has to be replaced with term “Institutional Development Plan”, as per the guidelines of the UGC and NEP. All the Four Schools Heads are requested to present the revised Institutional Development plan as per the guidelines given by the UGC in the next Board Meeting.

2. The Directors of three schools are requested to present the Centers of Excellence and action plan year wise in the next Board of Management Meeting.
3. It is suggested that those who have not registered on Research Gate and Google Scholar are advised to complete their registration on Research Gate and Google Scholar.
4. It is suggested to focus more on SWAYAM Courses registrations by students and Faculty Members.
5. It is suggested to the Heads of Four Schools to have a common template of Institutional Development Plan which is as below:
 - Institution Profile
 - Strategic Programs & Goals
 - Research & Development
 - Metrics & Targets
 - SWOC Analysis.
6. It is suggested to submit a complete status report on Research Projects and fund utilization by the Faculty Members of all Four Schools, in the next Board Meeting.
7. It was suggested to have a common format for the Centres of the Excellence and also advised to have a separate meeting on the Centres of Excellence.

54.06 Budget for the Year 2022-23

The Board discussed and approved the Budget for the Year 2022-23.

Part – C (Information Items)

54.07 ICFAI Staff College

The Board appreciated the activities conducted by the ICFAI Staff College.

54.08 Students Activities

The Board appreciate the activities conducted by students of Four Schools.

54.08 Date of the next meeting

It was agreed that the date of the Special meeting of the Board of Management will be on April 15, 2022 at 11.00 AM .

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

J Mahender Reddy
Chairman

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Minutes of the 55th Meeting of the Board of Management held on April 15, 2022, at IFHE Campus.

Part – A (Statutory Items)

55.01 The 55th Meeting of the Board of Management was held on April 15, 2022 in which the following Members were present:

Members

1. Dr. J Mahender Reddy – Vice Chancellor, Chairman
2. Prof. Bidyut Bhattacharyya
3. Prof. R P Kaushik
4. Prof. V N Rajasekharan Pillai
5. Prof. T Tirupati Rao
6. Dr. S Kishore Kumar
7. Prof. A V Vedpuriswar
8. Prof. A V Narsimha Rao
9. Prof. C S Shylajan
10. Prof. P Sashikala
11. Prof. G Madhavi
12. Prof. S Vijayalakshmi, Registrar, Ex-officio

Invitees

1. Prof. K. L. Narayana
2. Prof. P.M. Vighneswara Swamy

Prof. Kavil Ramachandran and Prof. S Raghunath could not attend the meeting. Leave of absence is granted.

55.02 To confirm the Minutes of the 54th Meeting of the Board of Management

The Minutes of the 54th Meeting of the Board of Management held on March 16, 2022, were examined and confirmed.

55.03 To receive the action taken on the minutes of the 54th Meeting of the Board of Management held on March 16, 2022

The action taken report will be presented in the 56th Board Meeting.

Part B - (Approval / Review Items)

55.04 Centers of Excellence Faculty of Management (IBS)

The Board noted the information furnished. The Board suggested to create Centre of excellence in Social Sciences.

55.05 Centers of Excellence Faculty of Law (FoL)

The Board noted the information furnished.

55.06 Centers of Excellence Faculty of Science and Technology (FST)

The Board noted the information furnished.

The Board suggested the following:

- 1. The high-quality publication should be aimed from these Centers of Excellence.*
- 2. The Centers of Excellence can collaborate with reputed Universities of good quality for research, Publications, Patents and other research projects.*
- 3. The objective of the Centers of Excellence should be to create a critical mass of researchers to achieve quality research.*
- 4. A Chair Professor for each Center of Excellence is desirable.*

Part – C (Information Items)

55.07 Any other item with the permission of the Chair

I. Pro-Vice-Chancellor Prof. Bidyut Bhattacharyya presented the following Centers of Excellence to the Board in FST:

- 1) Centre of Excellence in Advanced Materials and Devices.*
- 2) Centre of Excellence in Sustainable Energy Lab.*
- 3) Centre of Excellence in Micro and Millimetre Wave Propagation Lab.*
- 4) Centre of Excellence in Special Training for English Proficiency Lab.*
- 5) Centre of Excellence in 3D Printing Lab.*

The possible Outcome of these new Centres of Excellence are–

- These Labs will enable good quality Research and Innovations.*
- There will be a manufacturing Environment with a Product Implementation Plan (PIP), where the students from all the branches of IFHE can involve. (FST, IBS and Law School).*
- These centers can collaborate with reputed universities in India and Abroad.*
- Quality Research Publications in (SCI/SCIE/other high impact factor journals) can be enhanced by Faculty members.*
- The quality of PhDs from FST will be improved.*

- *Faculty recruitment from premier institutes will be possible.*
- *Placement and average salary will be improved.*
- *Student perception will be upgraded*

55.08 Date of the next meeting

It was agreed to hold the next meeting of the Board of Management on July 05, 2022, at 11.00 AM.

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

J Mahender Reddy
Chairman

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Minutes of the 56th Meeting of the Board of Management held on July 05, 2022.

Part – A (Statutory Items)

56.00 The 56th Meeting of the Board of Management was held on July 05, 2022 in which the following Members were present:

Members

1. Dr. J Mahender Reddy – Vice Chancellor, Chairman
2. Prof. V N Rajasekharan Pillai
3. Prof. T Tirupati Rao
4. Prof. Kavil Ramachandran
5. Prof. A V Vedpuriswar
6. Prof. A V Narsimha Rao
7. Prof. C S Shylajan
8. Prof. P Sashikala
9. Prof. G Madhavi
10. Prof. S Vijayalakshmi, Registrar, Ex-officio

Invitees

1. Prof. K. L. Narayana
2. Prof T.S.R.K Rao
3. Prof. A Chandrasekhar

56.01 Grant of leave of absence, if any

Prof. R P Kaushik, Dr. S Kishore Kumar and Prof. S Raghunath could not attend the meeting. Leave of absence is granted.

56.02 To confirm the Minutes of the 56th Meeting of the Board of Management held on July 05, 2022

The Minutes of the 56th Meeting of the Board of Management held on July 05, 2022 were examined and confirmed.

56.03 To receive the action taken on the minutes of the 55th Meeting of the Board of Management held on July 05, 2022

The action taken report on the minutes of the 55th Meeting of the Board of

Management was noted.

Part B - (Approval / Review Items)

56.04 NAAC Accreditation: 3rd Cycle – Status Report

The Board noted the information furnished.

56.05 NAAC PRT Visit: 3-day Tentative Schedule

The Board noted the information furnished.

56.06 Presentation by Vice-Chancellor to the PRT Team
(36 Qualitative Metrics)

The Board noted the information furnished.

56.07 Status on the Booklets

The Board noted the information furnished.

56.08 Conferment of Honoris Causa – A proposal

A Proposal of Conferment of Honoris Causa to Dr. B V Doshi, a renowned Indian Architect and recipient of Pritzker Architecture Prize (2018) during the 12th Convocation was discussed and approved by the Board.

Part – C (Information Items)

56.09 12th Convocation

It was informed that the 12th Convocation of the University will be held (tentatively) in the month of October 2022. The University invited Dr. Dharmendra Pradhan (Hon'ble Minister of Education) as Chief Guest and his consent is awaited.

56.10 Any other item with the permission of the Chair

Nil

56.11 Date of the next meeting

It was agreed that the date of the next meeting of the Board of Management will be on September 22 , 2022 at 11 AM

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

Prof. (Dr.) L S Ganesh
Chairman

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Minutes of the 57th Meeting of the Board of Management held on September 22, 2022 at Hyderabad.

Part – A (Statutory Items)

57.00 The 57th Meeting of the Board of Management was held on September 22, 2022 in which the following Members were present (in person as well as online):

Members :

1. Dr. L. S. Ganesh, Vice Chancellor, Chairperson
2. Prof. Bidyut Bhattacharyya
3. Prof. T. Tirupati Rao
4. Prof. Kavil Ramachandran
5. Prof. R.P Kaushik
6. Dr .S. Kishore Kumar
7. Dr. J. Mahender Reddy
8. Prof. A. V. Vedpuriswar
9. Prof. A. V. Narasimha Rao
10. Prof. P. Sashikala
11. Prof. G. Madhavi
12. Prof. S Vijayalakshmi, Registrar, Ex-officio

Invitees

1. Mrs. Ratnabhanu
2. Prof. K. L. Narayana

57.01 Grant of leave of absence, if any

Prof. S. Raghunath, Prof. C. S. Shylajan and could not attend the meeting. Leave of absence was granted.

57.02 Welcome to the new Vice Chancellor

It was informed that on recommendations of the Search-cum-Selection Committee constituted in terms of Rule 31(C)(iii) of the Memorandum of Association of the ICFAI Foundation for Higher Education, the Chancellor appointed Prof. (Dr.) L S Ganesh, former Professor, Department of Management Studies & Dean, Indian Institute of Technology Madras as the Vice Chancellor of the University for a term of three years. Prof. (Dr.) L S Ganesh took over the charge as Vice- Chancellor on September 01, 2022.

The Board welcomed the new Vice Chancellor.

The Board placed on record its appreciation for the contribution made by Dr. J Mahender Reddy, former Vice Chancellor during the tenure of his office.

57.03 Welcome to the new Member

It was informed that the Sponsor of IFHE nominated Prof. (Dr.) J Mahender Reddy, Former Vice Chancellor, IFHE to the Board of Management of the University for a term of three years with effect from September 01, 2022.

The Board welcomed Prof. J. Mahender Reddy.

57.04 To confirm the Minutes of the 56th Meeting of the Board of Management held on July 05, 2022.

The Minutes of the 56th Meeting of the Board of Management held on July 05, 2022, were examined and confirmed.

57.05 Follow-up Action on the Minutes of the Previous Meeting.

There were no items for any specific follow up action.

Part B - (Approval / Review Items)

57.06 Review of Operations

The Board reviewed and noted the activities of (1) IBS (Faculty of Management), (2) Faculty of Science & Technology (FST), (3) Faculty of Law (FOL) and (4) ICFAI School of Architecture and suggested the following:

1. It is suggested to submit operations review data in the suggested format. (IBS/FST/FOL/ISArch)
2. The examination analytics should be presented pictorially with color differentiation. (IBS/FST/FOL/ISArch).
3. It is suggested to increase the enrollments of the Executive MBA Program of (IBS).
4. It is suggested to analyze the Executive MBA Programs offered by different Nationally and Internationally reputed Universities located in the southern region of India (including premier Institutions like ISB, IIMs, NMIMS, etc.) (IBS)
5. It is advised to recruit Adjunct Professors with the designation of “Distinguished Professors of Practice” to teach in the Executive MBA Program. It is also suggested to take the maximum benefit of the existing faculty resources in the delivery of the Executive MBA Program. Formal Brainstorming sessions should be conducted with all the stakeholders in this regard. (IBS)
6. It is suggested to introduce Professional and Non-Lab based Programs for practicing engineers, in the faculty of Science and Technology. (FST)
7. Regarding Summer Internships, it is suggested to present data in the form of a comparative table of the last three years with the name of the companies, number of students placed and stipend details, etc. (IBS/FST/FOL/ISArch)

8. Regarding placements data, it is suggested to mention maximum, minimum and median CTC details with specializations and gender breakups, for the last three years. All instances of reputed companies offering high CTC figures should be presented specially. (IBS/FST/FOL/ISArch)
9. It is suggested to mention the outcomes of Faculty Seminars, conducted by the departments of the four schools and present the same in the next meeting of the Board. (IBS/FST/FOL/ISArch)
10. It is suggested to mention the names of authors of cases when presenting the data related to CRC.(CRC)
11. It is suggested to present the complete details of award-winning cases.(CRC)
12. Regarding publications, it is suggested to submit all details including the name of the journal, volume and issue numbers, and DoI of the published articles. (IBS/FST/FOL/ISArch)
13. It is suggested to establish a Department of Mechanical Engineering in the faculty of Science and Technology in 2023-24.(FST)
14. It is suggested to present the activities planned and conducted by at least one Center for Excellence in each Board Meeting. (IBS/FST/FOL/ISArch)
15. It is suggested to list out the National and International funding agencies for seeking possible sponsored research funding. (IBS/FST/FOL/ISArch)
16. It is suggested to prepare department-wise road maps by all the four schools for having publications in top-rated journals with high impact and cite scores. (IBS/FST/FOL/ISArch)
17. It is suggested to enhance the industrial links for multifaceted activities. (IBS/FST/FOL/ISArch)

57.07 NAAC Accreditation – 3rd Cycle

The Board appreciated the Institution for securing the coveted A++ Grade awarded by NAAC with a CGPA of 3.59 out of 4 which is an improvement over the second cycle grade of A+ with a CGPA of 3.43 out of 4. The Board impressed upon the need to maintain high quality from all perspectives and prepare an action plan accordingly.

57.08 Conferment of Honoris Causa – A proposal

The Board unanimously approved the proposal of conferment of Honoris Causa to the following eminent personalities:

1. *Dr. H. R. Nagendra, ME, PhD (Mech. Engg.), Chancellor, S-VYASA Swami Vivekananda Yoga Anusandhana Samsthana, Bengaluru (Deemed to be University u/s 3 of the UGC Act, 1956).*
2. *Shri K. K. Venugopal, Eminent Senior Advocate, Supreme Court of India and Former Attorney General of India*

The Board suggested to prepare policy guidelines and procedures to be adopted for selecting accomplished persons for conferment of Honoris Causa and present the same in the next board meeting.

56.09 Approval of Annual Accounts for the Year 2021-22

The Annual Accounts for the year 2021-22 together with the Audit Report were presented to the Board. The Board considered and approved the same and the following resolution was passed:

“Resolved that the Auditors’ Report on the Annual Accounts of The ICFAI Foundation for Higher Education for the year 2021-22 be and is hereby noted.”

“Resolved further that Annual Accounts for the year 2021-22 viz., the Income & Expenditure Account for that year and the Balance Sheet, as at March 31, 2022 of The ICFAI Foundation for Higher Education, as circulated be signed by the Registrar and the Finance Officer of the University.”

57.10 Approval of Annual Report for the Year 2021-22

The Annual Report on the activities of the University for the year 2021-22 was presented to the Board. The Board considered and approved the same and the following resolution was passed:

“Resolved the Annual Report for the year 2021-22 of The ICFAI Foundation for Higher Education, as circulated be and is hereby approved.”

57.11 Appointment of Statutory Auditors for the Year 2022-23

The Board considered and approved the reappointment of the Statutory Auditors viz., M/s Narasimha Rao & Associates, Chartered Accountants for the year 2022-23 and passed the following Resolution:

“Resolved that M/s Narasimha Rao & Associates, Chartered Accountants be and are hereby reappointed as Statutory Auditors for the year 2022-23 on a remuneration of Rs.2,00,000 plus GST and reimbursement of out of pocket expenses.”

“Resolved further that a copy of this resolution be communicated to the Auditors at the earliest.”

Part – C (Information Items)

57.12 Any other item with the permission of the Chair

Nil

57.13 Date of the next meeting

It was agreed that the date of the next meeting of the Board of Management will be on the day before the Convocation which is likely to be held in the month of October 2022.

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

Prof. L. S. Ganesh
Chairperson