

1. Confirmation of the Minutes of 17th Meeting of the Governing Council, INFLIBNET Centre held on 10th March, 2017 at UGC Main Office, New Delhi

The Minutes of the 17th Meeting of the Governing Council held on 10th March, 2017, duly approved by the Chairman, Governing Council, were confirmed as circulated.

2. **Action Taken and Progress Made since 17th Meeting of the Governing Council held on 10th March, 2017 at UGC Main Office, New Delhi**

Dr. Jagdish Arora presented a brief report on action taken on the decisions made during the 17th Meeting of the Governing Council. Important action-taken report presented to the members was as follows:

- i) Minutes of the 17th Meeting of Governing Council held at UGC Main Office, New Delhi on 10th March, 2017, approved by the Chairman, Governing Council, were circulated to the members. (Agenda 1, 17-GC).
- ii) As per the decision taken during the 17th Meeting of the Governing Council, Chairman is requested to constitute a committee to examine the proposal on setting-up a knowledge gallery / museum at the INFLIBNET Centre and its financial implications in detail. (Agenda 3, 17-GC).
- iii) A gist of Annual Accounts of the Centre for the Financial Year 2015-2016 was published in the Annual Report for the year 2015-2016. Copies of the Annual Report was sent to the UGC and to the members of the Governing Board / Governing Council as well as to the universities and other institutions of higher education. (Agenda 5, 17-GC).
- iv) The Annual Report of the Centre from 1st April, 2015 to 31st March, 2016 was printed and was sent to all stakeholders including UGC. (Agenda 6, 17-GC).
- v) It was noted that Dr. R.K. Chadha, Chairman, Governing Board (33rd Meeting), INFLIBNET Centre, had submitted confidential Minutes of the Meeting for the Agenda Item 9 separately to the Chairman, UGC and Joint Secretary (IUC/MC). Dr. Manju Singh mentioned that recommendation of the Governing Board regarding renewal of term of appointment of Dr. Jagdish Arora contained in the above mentioned minutes would be taken up separately after presentation on "Activities and Services of the INFLIBNET Centre" to be made by the Director, INFLIBNET Centre.
- vi) The Centre has made an appeal to the Chairman, UGC during 17th Meeting of the Governing Council held on 10th March, 2017 for taking appropriate action on the pending issues that are approved by the Governing Board in its earlier meetings. (Agenda 7, 17-GC).

It was informed that promotion policy for scientists and staff of the Centre is one of the long-pending issues that need to be resolved as early as possible. He instructed Dr. Manju Singh, JS (IUC / MC) and Bureau Head to take it up in a time bound manner and get it implemented as it was done in case of NAAC.

3. Presentation on Important Decisions / Recommendations Made during 33rd and 34th Meetings of the Governing Board

3.1. Important Decisions / Recommendations Made during 33rd Meeting of the Governing Board held on 12th June, 2017 at INFLIBNET Centre, Gandhinagar

- i) The INFLIBNET Centre has taken-up two new projects, namely Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat and Smart India Hackathon;
- ii) The Centre has started hiring its temporary staff through a manpower agency as per the decision taken by the Governing Board during its 31st Meeting held on 22nd July 2016 at IIC, New Delhi; and
- iii) The Governing Board approved writing-off of 35 obsolete and unserviceable PCs and laptops costing Rs. 28,48,922.00. The depreciated value, using straight-line depreciation method, is Rs. 35.00 @ the rate of 33.33% per annum.

The Chairman, UGC remarked that the action on decisions taken by the Governing Board should be taken in a time-bound manner. As such, items written-off by Governing Board should have been disposed-off within three months that have already gone-by. Dr Arora promised that the written off items would be disposed off within next one month,

3.2. Important Decisions / Recommendations Made during 34th Meeting of the Governing Board held on 16th August, 2017 at the India International Centre Annexe, New Delhi

- i) The INFLIBNET Centre has signed an MoU with the Central University of Himachal Pradesh with primary objective of starting a collaborative doctoral research programme wherein the students will enrol themselves for their Ph.D. programmes as per regulations with the Central University of Himachal Pradesh and conduct their research work at the INFLIBNET Centre or at both the institutions after completion of the period required for course work at CUHP. Central University of Himachal Pradesh has also shown interest for signing-up MoU with the INFLIBNET Centre and UGC for offering re-purposed courses with credits, developed by the INFLIBNET Centre under e-PG Pathshala, on SWAYAM. (Agenda 7, 34-GB).
- ii) The Governing Board approved appointment of four IT Consultants (two at UGC, New Delhi and two at INFLIBNET, Gandhinagar) on contractual basis for MOOC (SWAYAM) as recommended by the Sub-Committee of the Standing Committee on e-Content Development under e-PG Pathshala and SWAYAM. (Agenda 8, 34-GB).
- iii) The Governing Board accorded its approval for hiring two numbers of Project Associates (Admin / Accounts) from the manpower agency for handling additional burden of implementing GST. (Agenda 9, 34-GB).

4. Presentation of Audited Annual Accounts of the Centre for the Financial Year 2016-2017

The Governing Council approved the Audited Annual Accounts of the Centre for the Financial Year 2016-2017.

5. Presentation of Annual Report of the INFLIBNET Centre from 1st April, 2016 to 31st March, 2017

The Annual Report of the INFLIBNET Centre from 1st April, 2016 to 31st March, 2017 presented to the Governing Council, was approved. Prof V.S. Chauhan, Chairman, Governing Council requested the members to go through the report and send their comments to the Director, INFLIBNET Centre for necessary action before printing of the report.

6. Services and Activities of the INFLIBNET Centre: A Presentation by the Director

Dr. Jagdish Arora made a brief presentation on activities and services of the INFLIBNET Centre with emphasis on new initiatives and activities taken up by the Centre during his tenure of ten years. Members of the Governing Council noted that the Centre has done extremely well under the leadership of Dr. Jagdish Arora. He got the institute building constructed during his tenure. Moreover, the Centre is currently handling more than 36 projects in addition to its own core activities that have also increased from 8 in 2007 (at the time of his joining INFLIBNET Centre) to 14 activities currently.

After the presentation, Chairman, UGC remarked that the INFLIBNET Centre has undertaken a large number of activities and delivering a large number of services to the academic community in India, however, the end-users are not fully aware of resources that are made available to them. As such, INFLIBNET and UGC should put their act together and deploy strategies to reach out to the endusers through newspaper advertisements, social networking, media and sites and through patnership with different academic institutions.

Dr. Jagdish Arora, Director, INFLIBNET Centre as well as other officers from the INFLIBNET were asked to retreat from the meeting enabling members of the Governing Council to consider and discuss recommendations made by the Governing Board of the INFLIBNET Centre in its 33rd Meeting held on 12th June, 2017 at IIC Annexe, New Delhi regarding renewal of his term of appointment. Members noted that resolutions taken in this regard by the Governing Board in its 33rd Meeting were submitted separately by Dr. R.K. Chadha, Chairman for 33rd Meeting of the Governing Board, INFLIBNET Centre to the Chairman, UGC and Joint Secretary (IUC/MC), Bureau Head. It was further resolved that the recommendations of the Governing Council in this regard would also be submitted separately to the Chairman, UGC / Joint Secretary (IUC/ MC) by the Chairman, Governing Board.

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

(Jagdish Arora)
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