

Technology Innovation Hub in Intelligent Collaborative Systems IIT Palakkad

Minutes of the 3rd Hub Governing Body Meeting

Dated: 27 March 2021

Members (Present):

1. Prof. P. B. Sunil Kumar, Director, IIT Palakkad (Chairman)
2. Dr. K. R. Murali Mohan, Mission Director, NM-ICPS
3. Dr. Unnikrishnan, IITB-Monash Research Academy
4. Mr. A. G. Karunakaran, MulticoreWare
5. Dr. Abhishek, IIT Kanpur
6. Dr. Santhakumar Mohan, IIT Palakkad
7. Dr. Vijay Muralidharan, IIT Palakkad

Members (Absent):

1. Dr. P. Sreekumar, ISRO
2. Dr. Sukumar Srikant, IIT Bombay

Procedural items:

3.1) General remarks by the chairman and updates from the Mission Coordination Committee meeting held on March 10, 2021.

The Chairman welcomed all members present and informed them about the mission coordination meeting held on 10th of March. He pointed out that IPTIF is behind many Hubs in execution of the project and there is an urgent need to speed up the process of setting up the basic infrastructure of the company.

Members agreed that the hub activities should progress at a faster pace. To that end, members indicated that the CEO needs to be hired at the earliest.

3.2) Confirmation of the minutes of the 2nd HGB meeting held on February 2, 2021.

Minutes of the 2nd HGB meeting were confirmed by the members.

Items for approval:

3.3) Budget approval for the various targets to be met in the 1 year.

It was suggested that the detailed budget needs be planned and approved by the Board of Directors of IPTIF, and should be presented in the HGB for ratification.

3.4) Ph.D. fellowship disbursement strategy: There are a total of 23 fellowships. It is planned to award 13 Ph.D. fellowships to fresh Ph.D. recruitment at the Host Institute (HI), i.e., IIT Palakkad. These students will be guided by the TIH faculty members at HI. The rest of the 10 fellowships can be claimed by IITB and IITK team members that are part of special external projects. Any fellowship position that remains vacant at the end of 2021 will be filled through a nationwide open call.

The proposed Ph.D. fellowship disbursement strategy was accepted by the members. It was clarified that the Ph.D. fellowship amount from the hubs has to be according to DST's JRF/SRF pay scales; any additional fellowship amount should be supported via grants received from other public/private entities.

Items for ratification:

3.5) Appointment of a new Member Secretary of the HGB.

Members ratified the designation of Dr. Albert Sunny (Project Director TIH-ICS at IIT Palakkad) as the member secretary of the HGB of TIH-ICS.

Any other items:

3.6) The members agreed to the following points:

- a. Section 8 companies have the freedom to adopt any transparent and fair purchase process in accordance with company laws.
- b. Partnership of IPTIF with public and private entities should be explored at the earliest.



P. B. Sunil Kumar
Chairman HGB, TIH-ICS