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held on Saturday, 3 September 2022 at 12.15 PM
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1	Shri P. R. Agarwala	Chairman	*P. R. Agarwala*
2	Shri Vikram Swarup	Vice Chairman	*Swar*
3	Shri H. P. Budhia	Member	
4	Shri N. P. Dalmia	Member	*Dalmia*
5	Shri Sanjay Agarwal	Member	*A*
6	Shri Siddharth Swarup	Member	*(signed)*
7	Prof. C. Vishnuvardhan Reddy	Member	joined remotely via Zoom
8	Dr Somdatta Chakravortty	Member	
9	Shri Mrinal Konwar	Member	
10	Prof. Dinabandhu Bhandari	Member	
11	Dr Mousiki Kar	Member	*Kar*
12	Prof. Basab Chaudhuri	Member-Secretary & Principal	*Basab Chaudhuri* 03/09/2022

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1	Shri H. K. Chaudhary	Permanent Invitee	
2	Shri Sajjan Bhajanka	Invitee	
3	Shri Jaydeep Chitlangia	Invitee	
4	Swami Atmapriyananda	Permanent Invitee	
5	Dr Anindita Ganguly	Invitee	
6	Shri Probir Roy	Invitee	*(signature)*
7	Shri P. K. Agarwal	Invitee	*(signature)*
8	Shri Suresh G. Menon	Special Invitee	*(signature)*
9	Prof. D. K. Banwet	Invitee	*(signature)*
10	Prof. K. K. Chaudhuri	Invitee	*(signature)*
11	Prof. Pinaki Bhattacharya	Invitee	*(signature)*
12	Prof. Debabrata Datta	Invitee	*(signature)* 3/09/2022
13	Dr Sujit Kumar Barua	Invitee	*(signature)* 03 09/22
14	Dr Sandip Chatterjee	Invitee	*(signature)*
15	Shri Manoj Saraogi	Invitee	*(signature)*
16	Shri Santosh Kumar Ray	Invitee	*(signature)*
17	Shri Kaushik Bhattacharya	Invitee	*(signature)*
18	Mr Clayton M. Moses	Invitee	*(signature)* 03/09/2022
19	Lt Col. Amitava Ghosh Dastidar (retd)	Invitee	*(signature)* 03/09/22
20	Shri Arvind Srivastava	Invitee	*(signature)* 3/9/22

HERITAGE INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY
MINUTES OF THE SIXTY-SEVENTH MEETING OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS
HELD ON SATURDAY THE 3RD DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2022 AT 12.15 PM

Members Present:

Shri Prahlad Rai Agarwala	in the Chair
Shri Vikram Swarup	Vice Chairman
Shri Narain Prasad Dalmia	
Shri Sanjay Agarwal	
Shri Siddharth Swarup	
Professor C. Vishnuvardhan Reddy	UGC Nominee (joined online)
Dr Mousiki Kar	
Professor Basab Chaudhuri	Member-Secretary & Principal

Leave of Absence was granted to:

Shri Hari Prasad Budhia
Dr Somdatta Chakravortty
Professor Dinabandhu Bhandari
Shri Mrinal Konwar

Special Invitees:

Shri Suresh G. Menon
Professor D. K. Banwet
Shri Probir Roy
Shri P. K. Agarwal

In Attendance:

Professor K. K. Chaudhuri
Professor Pinaki Bhattacharya
Professor Debabrata Datta
Dr Sujit Kumar Barua
Dr Sandip Chatterjee
Shri Manoj Saraogi
Shri Santosh Kumar Ray
Shri Kaushik Bhattacharya
Mr Clayton M. Moses
Lt Col. Amitava Ghosh Dastidar (retd)
Shri Arvind Srivastava

Shri Prahlad Rai Agarwala, Chairman, Board of Governors (BoG), Heritage Institute of Technology, Kolkata (HITK) took the Chair and called the meeting to order after granting leaves of absence as mentioned above and welcoming all the members and invitees present in the meeting.

'OM' was chanted three times before starting the meeting.

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Two Special Invitees were introduced to the members present.

- **Professor D.K. Banwet** was the Founding Vice Chancellor of University of Engineering & Management, Kolkata. Prior to that, he was Emeritus Professor, Head of the Department & Dalmia Chair Professor at the Department of Management Studies, IIT Delhi. He has served academic institutions all over the country for more than 45 years.

  He is a renowned teacher, researcher, trainer, administrator and consultant having guided over 30 PhD scholars. Professor Banwet has several fellowships/memberships and accolades to his credit.

- **Shri Suresh G. Menon** served as of the Vice President and General Manager – Eastern Region of Tata Consultancy Services Ltd (TCS) since August 2015. He headed TCS' activities across its centres in Kolkata, Bhubaneswar and Guwahati. Shri Menon joined the company in February 1986 and held a range of senior leadership roles, in India and overseas.

  Shri Menon holds double Master's degree in Physics & Technology from the University of Poona & IIT-Madras, respectively. He has also completed Advanced Management Programme from the prestigious INSEAD, Fontainebleau, France. A man of letters, Shri Menon is highly regarded for his contribution to the general area of Information Technology.

Agenda Item No. 1:

Confirmation of the Minutes of the 66th meeting of the BoG held on Friday, 18 June 2022

Minutes of the 66th meeting of the BoG held on 18 June 2022 were duly circulated. As there were no comments from the Members, the Minutes were confirmed unanimously.

Agenda Item No. 2:

Action taken report (ATR) on resolutions/decisions taken in the 66th meeting of the BoG

The BoG noted and approved the ATR in respect of decisions taken in the previous meeting.

Agenda Item No. 3:

To consider resolutions adopted in the 24th & 25th meetings of Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC)

The BoG noted and approved the resolutions adopted by the IQAC in its 24th & 25th meetings held on 23 June and 13 July 2022, respectively.

Agenda Item No. 4:

To consider resolutions adopted in the 34th meeting of Academic Council (AC)

The BoG noted and approved the resolutions adopted by the AC in its 34th meeting held on 23 August 2022.

Agenda Item No. 5:

To consider a report on various activities of the Institute since the last meeting

The BoG noted the following:

5.1 Extension of Approval (EoA) for the Academic Year 2022-2023

In response to our applications on the web portal of AICTE:

- EoA has been obtained for all existing BTech, MTech and MCA programmes of HITK. Intake capacity for the Department of Renewable Energy has been reduced from 18 to 9.

- The new UG programme in Computer Science and Engineering (Internet of Things and Cyber Security including Block Chain Technology) has been given approval with an intake of 60.

- Our application for reduction of seats in PG programme in Computer Science and Engineering from 36 to 18 has also been approved.

5.2 NAAC Accreditation (Cycle 2)

- Heritage Institute of Technology has been accredited with 'A' grade, having CGPA of 3.13 on a 4-point scale. This accreditation will remain valid for a period of 5 years from 12 July 2022.

5.3 MAKAUT-WB Digital Inspection of the Institute

- A panel of experts from MAKAUT-WB conducted a digital inspection on 21 June 2022 for introduction of a new BTech programme in Computer Science and Engineering (Internet of Things and Cyber Security including Block Chain Technology) with an intake of 60.

- The same panel considered proposed reduction of seats from 36 to 18 in the MTech programme of the Dept of Computer Science and Engineering.

5.4 **Even Semester Examinations 2021-2022 & Publication of Results**

The results were published on 8 & 24 August 2022 and the highest DGPA obtained in:

a) BTech (2nd Sem) was 9.78 jointly by Miss Upasana Roy (CSE) and Miss Snigdha Paul (ECE)

b) MTech (2nd Sem) was 9.79 by Miss Usashi Chakraborty (BT)

c) MCA (2nd Sem) was jointly by 9.53 by Miss Jagriti Sarkar & Mr Shouvhit Kumar

d) BTech (4th Sem) was 9.79 (YGPA 2) jointly by Mr Anandarup Banerjee and Miss Aratrika Bhattacharya, both from ECE

e) MTech was 10 (DGPA) by Miss Swagata Barik (AEIE 2nd year, 2nd Sem)

f) MCA 2020 - 22 batch was 9.41 (YGPA 2) by Miss Siman Parveen (2nd year, 2nd Sem)

g) BTech (6th Sem) was 9.81 (YGPA 3) jointly by Mr Sourav Bhattacharjee (ECE) and Miss Ankita Chowdhury (BT)

h) MCA 2019 - 22 batch was 9.56 (DGPA) by Mr Dipanjan Patra (3rd year, 2nd Sem)

i) BTech was 9.76 (DGPA) by Miss Susmita Ganguly (ECE 4th year, 2nd Sem)

5.5 Admissions to BTech 2nd year lateral entry and MTech candidates

- The Institute successfully completed admissions to BTech 2nd year lateral entry and MTech candidates.

5.6 Nomination of members of faculty in the Academic Council

- In accordance with the UGC Guidelines for Autonomous Colleges (under Serial No.12 Composition of Academic Council) published in 2018, the following members of faculty have been nominated for a period of 3 years on the Academic Council (AC) on completion of the term of existing members of faculty as member-secretary and faculty representatives:

1) Dr Nandan Jana, Associate Professor, BT – Member-Secretary
2) Dr Dinabandhu Bhandari, Professor, CSE – Member
3) Shri Krishanu Datta, Associate Professor, ECE – Member
4) Dr Jyotirmoy Ghosh, Associate Professor, CSBS- Member
5) Dr Sayantani Datta, Assistant Professor, ECE – Member

5.7   Commemoration of 20 years of excellence in education & 10 years' service at Heritage Group of Institutions

- Heritage Group of Institutions celebrated 20 years of excellence in education on 25 June 2022. The day happened to be the 21st anniversary of the establishment of Heritage Group of Institutions in Kolkata. The celebration was a follow-through of the days gone by, the reminiscences and felicitation of those who served the institution for 20 long years. A special postal cover was inaugurated to make the event memorable by the Guest of Honour Ms J. Charukesi, Chief Postmaster General of West Bengal. The Chief Guest of the function was Swami Atmapriyananda, Pro-Chancellor of Ramakrishna Mission Vivekananda Educational & Research Institute, Belur Math.

- As in previous years, this year also, those members of faculty who have completed 10 years' service in the institute will be honoured and awarded cash prizes.

5.8   Celebration of Independence Day at Heritage Institute of Technology

- Heritage Institute of Technology celebrated 75th Independence Day on 15 August 2022. The students and members of faculty performed cultural programme in Swami Vivekananda Auditorium. The programme was attended by Shri Vikram Swarup, Vice Chairman-KBT, Shri Probir Roy, Director-KBT, Shri P.K. Agarwal, CEO-KBT, Professor Basab Chaudhuri, Principal-HITK and other senior executives.

- ANAHITA, the literary club of HITK celebrated 75 years of Independence by organizing an online writing event based on the themes of "Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav".

5.9   Observance of International Day of Yoga

- The Yoga Club of the Institute observed International Day of Yoga on 21 June 2022, at Swami Vivekananda Auditorium; the address of the Hon'ble Prime Minister from Mysore Palace followed by yoga sessions by Heartfulness Meditation Centre at Babuji Memorial Ashram, were attraction of the event.

5.10 Conferences/ Symposium/ Seminars / Special Lectures/ Workshops / FDPs

(i) The Instrument Society of India Student Chapter, HITK and the Department of AEIE arranged an interactive session with the personnel of NASSCOM's 10K start-ups initiative on "Encouraging Student Entrepreneurship" on 17 June 2022 in IIOT Centre of Excellence of AEIE. This occasion gave entrepreneurial possibility of the products developed by the students of AEIE.

(ii) A lecture session entitled "Data Science - Old Wine in New Bottle" was organized by the Department of Information Technology, HITK. The lecture was delivered by Dr Indranil Mukhopadhaya of ISI Kolkata on 20 June 2022.

(iii) Professor Madhurima Chattopadhyay, Head, Dept of AEIE chaired a Technical Session at the 7th International Conference on *Microelectronics Computing & Communications Systems*-2022, organized by Indian Society for VLSI Education at Advanced Regional Telecom Training Centre, BSNL, Ranchi, Jharkhand during 9 -10 July 2022.

(iv) Professor Madhurima Chattopadhyay, Head, Dept of AEIE participated in the workshop on *Designing and Modelling of IoT, AI & ML Systems*, organized by AICTE, ATAL Academy, Arm Education and STMicroelectronics, during 1- 5 August 2022.

5.11 Achievement of our students

Smart India Hackathon (SIH) is a nationwide initiative to provide students a platform to solve some of the pressing problems faced in daily lives, and thus inculcate a culture of product innovation and a mindset of problem solving. Two teams, one led by Mr Harsh Sharma of IT and another by Miss Shaima Haque of CSE, both in the 2nd year of our institute have got selected for SIH 2022 Grand Finale, which was held during 25 – 26 August 2022.

5.12 Present status (qty in nos.) at the Central Library
Book Titles: 8383
Book Volumes: 60103, and
Journals/ Periodicals: 152.

5.13 Sixteen members of faculty and staff attended various academic programmes during the period under report.

Agenda Item No. 6:

To consider a report on R&D activities

Nineteen papers (International & National) were published by the Members of Faculty during the period under report.

The BoG noted and expressed satisfaction.

Agenda Item No. 7:

To consider a report on Training and Placement activities

2022 PASSING OUT BATCH STUDENTS

Placements for the 2022 batch are tapering off now with 140 companies having already completed or initiated their placement drives so far, although more companies keep approaching from time to time.

Eight hundred and thirty students have already received over 1,400 offers among themselves. Of these, 400 students have received multiple offers (some as many as 5 offers each).

Some of the highlights of this batch have been:

- Over 750 offers from Large IT recruiters(Cognizant, Wipro, TCS)
- Over 230 offers from consultancies like Capgemini, PwC and EY
- 32 offers from Young Optics, Taiwan
- Over 30 offers from Core Industry (including JSW, Tata Advanced Systems, Reliance Retail, Godrej, Dematic, Himatsingka, Grindwell Norton, Dorf Ketal, MN Dastur)
- Over 70 offers from the EdTech industry
- Nearly 200 premium offers (above 6 L) from large and niche recruiters
- "Super offers" from Google (3), Amazon (18), Microsoft (2) as well as PhonePe, JusPay, Clumio, Dukaanetc.

2023 PASSING OUT BATCH STUDENTS

Placements for the 2023 batch started even while they were still in their pre-final year. TCS and Infosys both ran their Hackathons in the first quarter, which lead to job offers as well. A female student from CSE reached the global Top 30 of TCS CodeVita, becoming the only female Top 30 this year.

TCS has already conducted their first wave of National Qualifier Test (NQT) from end-June and has already made 220 offers (including offers from CodeVita). More offers are expected from the second wave currently in progress. Infosys also launched their premium offer recruitment which is also in progress.

This year the Day 1 slot is being shared between Cognizant, Capgemini and Ernst & Young (EY GDS). Cognizant has already initiated their recruitment and Capgemini has also just kicked-off with EY GDS to follow shortly. Discussions are on with other recruiters like Oracle, Mindtree, PwC etc.

Among the top-end recruiters, Goldman Sachs and Amazon had already selected 2 of our students for their summer internship, which they are about to complete and hopefully receive PPO for these Super Offers.

The BoG noted and approved the report.

Agenda Item No.8:

To consider a report on HR related matters since the last meeting

The BoG noted/ considered/ approved.

New Joining

S/N	Name	Designation	Dept	Joined on	Highest qualification
1	Dr Subhajit Datta	Assoc. Professor	CSE	1 Aug '22	PhD
2	Ms Arpita Talukdar	Asst Professor	CSE	16 Aug '22	MTech

Resignation/End of Contract

S/N	Name	Designation	Dept	Left on	Reason
1	Mr Subhadeep Das	Technical Asst	EE	23 Jun '22	Resigned
2	Mr Biswarup Das	Asst Professor	CE	30 Jun '22	Contract ended
3	Mr Tapas Chakraborty	Asst Professor	CSE	22 Jul '22	Resigned

Agenda Item No.9:

To consider a proposal for nomination of members on the Academic Council (AC)

The following 4 nominees as external members on the Academic Council (AC) were put before the BOG:

- Professor K .K. Chaudhuri, Director, Heritage Business School
- Shri Ivan Saha, CEO, Vikram Solar Ltd

- Professor Sekhar Bhattacharjee, Former Dean, Faculty of Engineering & Technology, University of Calcutta
- Dr Mihir Kumar Bhattacharya, Scientist (retd), National Institute of Cholera and Enteric Diseases, Kolkata

BoG noted and approved the same.

Agenda Item No.10:

Awards for Excellence-2022

The Institute received 10 (ten) applications from members of faculty and staff for different categories of awards for excellence for the year 2022. An expert committee constituted with senior faculty members and officials recommended 4 (four) members of faculty for Awards for Excellence-2022. Names of faculty members selected for awards are as follows:

- Dr Sandip Chatterjee, Assoc. Professor & Head- Dept of Maths, Joint Registrar (Academic) & Assoc. Dean (Student Affairs)
- Dr Lopamudra Dey, Asst Professor, Dept of CSE
- Shri Samik Chakraborty, Asst Professor, Dept of AEIE
- Shri Sourav Kar, Asst Professor, Dept of CE

The awards will be given on 5th September 2022.

The BoG noted and approved.

Agenda Item No. 11:

Proposal placed on Table to induct Shri Suresh G. Menon as a Special Invitee on the BoG till February 2025.

RESOLVED that Shri Suresh G. Menon be inducted as a Special Invitee on the BoG effective from the date of this meeting till February 2025, the tenure of BoG.

The BoG noted and approved.

There being no other business, the meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair.

**Prahlad Rai Agarwala
Chairman
Board of Governors**

**Basab Chaudhuri
Member-Secretary
Board of Governors**

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