



MINUTES OF THE 24th MEETING OF THE BOARD OF MANAGEMENT

DATE: 05.03.2022 (Saturday)

TIME: 10 a.m.

VENUE: Board Room, 6th Floor, Founder's Block

MEMBERS PRESENT:

1.	Dr. Mrs. Elizabeth Verghese, Chancellor	Patron
2.	Dr. Anand Jacob Verghse, Pro Chancellor	Member
3.	Dr. S.N. Sridhara, Vice Chancellor	Chairperson
4.	Dr. R.W. Alexander Jesudasan, Pro Vice Chancellor	Member
5.	Dr. S.P. Thyagarajan, Chancellor, Sri Avinashilingam University, Coimbatore	Member
6.	Dr. S.N. Hegde, Former Vice Chancellor, University of Mysuru	Member
7.	Dr. Rajeev Ahuja, Director, IIT Ropar, Punjab (Online)	Member
8.	Mr. Ashok Verghese, Director	Member
9.	Dr. Aby Sam, Director	Member
10.	Dr. Sheeba Chander, Dean, SPADE	Member
11.	Dr. R. Asokan, Professor and HoD, Aero	Member
12.	Dr. V. Preethi, HoD, Civil	Member
13.	Dr. Pon. Ramalingam, Registrar, HITS.	Non-Member Secretary

Leave of absence were granted to (i) Dr. Annie Jacob, Director, K.C.G. College of Technology, Karapakkam and (ii) Dr. Susan Marthandan, Director, HCAS.

1. Opening remarks by the Chancellor.

- The Honourable Chancellor Dr. Mrs. Elizabeth Verghese welcomed all the distinguished members, and the External Expert members of the newly reconstituted Board of Management (1) Dr. S.P. Thyagarajan, Former Vice Chancellor, University of Madras and Chancellor, Sri Avinashilingam Home

Science Deemed to be University, Coimbatore; (2) Dr. Rajeev Ahuja, Director, IIT Ropar, Punjab and (3) Dr. S.N. Hegde, Former Vice Chancellor, University of Mysuru.

- She said that it was the first meeting after reconstitution of the Board of Management as per the UGC Regulations, 2019.
- The meeting was to discuss the list of minutes of Statutory meetings that had been held during the academic year 2021-22 and presented in the Board of Management for approval.
- The 12th Convocation is scheduled on 5.3.2022 and the Management recommends to present “Honoris Causa” Degrees to three eminent personalities.
- The award of “**Doctor of Science**” (Honoris Causa) is to **Mr. Kris Gopalakrishnan** (Co-founder of Infosys, Bangalore) and the “**Doctor of Letters**” (Honoris Causa) to **Dr. Grace Akello** (The Ambassador of Uganda to India) and **Mr. Priyadarshan** (Indian Filmmaker, Kerala).
- There are **2,214 graduands** from various disciplines in UG, PG and Ph.D. programmes to receive the Degree certificates.

2. Address by the Vice Chancellor.

The Vice Chancellor welcomed all the members of the Board of Management. He said that the University has submitted the data to NIRF and the rank is awaited. The application for five B.Tech. programmes was submitted to the NBA. The NBA Expert Committee visit is scheduled from 22nd to 24th April 2022.

3. Confirmation of Minutes of the 23rd Meeting of the Board of Management held on 11.01.2021.

The Minutes of the 23rd Meeting of the Board of Management held on 11.01.2021 were confirmed.

4. Action Taken Report on the 23rd Meeting of the Board of Management held on 11.01.2021.

Action Taken report on the Minutes of the 23rd Meeting of the Board of Management held on 11.01.2021 was approved.

Items for Ratification:

	Item	Decision									
(1)	List of Faculty members appointed during the academic year 2021-22 placed before Board of Management for ratification (List given in the Annexure – 3 of the Agenda and Agenda Notes)	<p><i>Ratified with the following observations:</i></p> <p><i>HITS to appoint teachers with Ph.D. qualified faculty at the level of Assistant Professors in order to get best score in the NIRF, NAAC, etc. This will help to have quality teaching and research in the University.</i></p>									
(2)	<p>The students who have completed their course in 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019 & 2020 and cleared their arrears in subsequent semesters up to November 2020 examinations are eligible to obtain their degrees. The consolidated grade sheets and the provisional certificates have been issued to the respective students.</p> <p>Since students require the original degree certificates for higher studies and employment, a supplementary degree list has been prepared as per the procedures.</p> <p>There are 351 students who have completed the programs in B.Tech. / B.Arch. / M.B.A. / M.C.A. / B.C.A. / B.Sc. / B.B.A. / B.Com. in the supplementary list for the award of Degree certificates is as follows:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="415 1591 1109 1850"> <thead> <tr> <th data-bbox="415 1591 496 1682">S No.</th> <th data-bbox="496 1591 906 1682">Degrees</th> <th data-bbox="906 1591 1109 1682">Number of Candidates</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td data-bbox="415 1682 496 1772">1</td> <td data-bbox="496 1682 906 1772">B.Tech. Degree Programmes</td> <td data-bbox="906 1682 1109 1772">291</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="415 1772 496 1850">2</td> <td data-bbox="496 1772 906 1850">B.Arch. Degree Programme</td> <td data-bbox="906 1772 1109 1850">008</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	S No.	Degrees	Number of Candidates	1	B.Tech. Degree Programmes	291	2	B.Arch. Degree Programme	008	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Ratified</i></p>
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2	B.Arch. Degree Programme	008									

	3	U.G. – Arts Degree Programmes	048	
	4	M.B.A. Degree Programme	001	
	5	M.C.A. Degree Programme	003	
		TOTAL	351	
<p>The 32nd Academic Council Meeting held on 7th August 2021 permitted to award 351 degree certificates to those who have completed the programmes in the supplementary examinations. After the approval of the Academic Council, 351 number of degree certificates with date 9th August 2021 were distributed to the respective students, pending ratification by the Board of Management.</p>				
6.	Award of degrees of Ph.D., P.G. and U.G. during the 12th Convocation.			
	S. No.	Course	Current Students	Arrear Students
	1.	U.G. (B.Tech. / B.Arch.)	1444	
	2.	U.G. (SLAAS Programs)	0385	
	3.	P.G. (M.Tech. / M.Arch. / M.Plan / MBA / MCA / M.Sc. / M.A.)	0198	
	4.	Ph.D.	0056	
	5.	Diploma Programs	0010	
			2093	121
		Total	2214	
<p>Approved the award of 2,214 U.G. / P.G. / Ph.D. degrees and Diplomas</p>				

7. Award of Honoris Causa to eminent personalities.

The Vice Chancellor moved the following:

- By virtue of the authority vested with the Honourable Chancellor, Hindustan Institute of Technology and Science, the Board of Management is requested to consider the award of Doctor of Science (Honoris Causa) to **Mr. Kris Gopalakrishnan**, Co-founder, Infosys, Bangalore.

- By virtue of the authority vested with the Honourable Chancellor, Hindustan Institute of Technology and Science, the Board of Management is requested to consider the award of Doctor of Letters (Honoris Causa) to Her Excellency **Dr. Grace Akello**, Ambassador of Uganda to India, Former Cabinet Minister and President Secretary of Uganda.
- By virtue of the authority vested with the Honourable Chancellor, Hindustan Institute of Technology and Science, the Board of Management is requested to consider the award of Doctor of Letters (Honoris Causa) to **Mr. Priyadarshan**, Indian Filmmaker, Kerala.

The Board of Management, unanimously, approved the award of (i) Doctor of Science (Honoris Causa) to Mr. Kris Gopalakrishnan, Co-founder, Infosys, Bangalore; and (ii) Doctor of Letters to (a) Dr. Grace Akello, Ambassador of Uganda to India, Former Cabinet Minister and President Secretary of Uganda and (b) Mr. Priyadarshan, Indian Filmmaker, Kerala.

8. Items for approval:

No.	Item	Decision
(1)	Minutes of the 30th Meeting of the Academic Council held on 09.01.2021.	Approved
(2)	Minutes of the 31st Meeting of the Academic Council held on 06.03.2021	
(3)	Minutes of the 32nd Meeting of the Academic Council held on 07.08.2021	
(4)	Minutes of 16th Meeting of the Finance Committee held on 03.02.2021	
(5)	Minutes of 17th Meeting of the Finance Committee held on 06.10.2021	
(6)	Minutes of 12th Meeting of the Planning and Monitoring Board held on 16.02.2021	
(7)	Minutes of 13th Meeting of the Planning and Monitoring Board held on 14.08.2021	

9. Approval of UGC – DEB under OL Programs:

The Distance Education Bureau (DEB) of UGC vide their letters (1) F. No. 1-14 / 2020 (DEB-I) dated 11th June 2021 and (2) F. No. 1-14 / 2021 (DEB-I) pt. file dated 14th September 2021 permitted HITS to start the following programmes under OL mode:

S No	Programme
1	B.Com. (Commerce / FinTech / Banking and Finance)
2	B.C.A. (Data Base Systems / Multimedia and Animation / Data Analytics)
3	B.B.A. (Travel and Tourism / Aviation / Logistics)
4	M.A. English

Noted by the Members.

10. Launch of Centre for Open and Digital Education (CODE):

The Centre for Open and Digital Education (CODE) was inaugurated on 10th August 2021. Dr. Mrs. Elizabeth Verghese, Chancellor presided over the function, Dr. K. Ponmudi, Hon'ble Minister for Higher Education, Government of Tamil Nadu was the Chief Guest. Dr. M.P. Poonia, Vice Chairman, AICTE was the Guest of Honour. Col. Dr. G. Thiruvassagam, President, Association of Indian Universities, New Delhi and Mr. S.S. Balaji, MLA were the Special Guests.

Dr. Rajeev Ahuja remarked that the Ministry of Education has advised the IITs to start Diploma and Degree programmes, in addition to Certificate courses, through online. IIT, Hyderabad has already started B.Tech. Programme. He suggested that Hindustan Institute of Technology and Science can offer B.Tech. and M.Tech. in Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning through online which will be very useful in Defence Sector, because of good teachers and infrastructure.

Dr. S.N. Hegde said that in the New National Education Policy will be liberalized to accept qualification obtained through Distance Education. Hence, quality in education offered through CODE should be maintained.

Dr. S.P. Thyagarajan stated that he is a member of the "Quality Monitoring of all Distance Education" of UGC, which periodically evaluates Annual performance of Institutions involved in Distance Education. Being the policy of the Union Government, now the online programmes will be recognized

on par with regular programmes. The Regulations for ODL and OL are being modified. Before the end of March these modified Regulations will come into effect. Hence, a “Quality Monitoring Cell” with external experts be created in the CODE for proper evaluation. The teachers are to be provided with “Capacity Building Programmes”.

Noted by the Members.

Any other item with the permission of the Chair.

11. Item for approval:

It is expected that more number of students will be admitted in the programmes in Non Engineering schools (School of Liberal Arts and Applied Sciences, School of Allied Health Sciences, B.B.A. & LL.B. Programmes) in the next academic year 2022-23.

In case, if the number of admission of students in the above programmes are more, then the Management proposes to conduct these programmes in the following Shift systems, for the convenience of the students.

Shift I : 08:30 AM - 02:30 PM (01.30 -2.30 PM outside classroom activities)

Shift II : 12 Noon - 06:10 PM (12.00 -1.00 PM outside classroom activities)

Dr. S.N. Hegde said that in addition to other facilities, security arrangements should also be addressed, as women faculty and students will also attend Shift II till 6.30 p.m.

Approved by the Board of Management for implementation of shift system.

12. The Pro Vice Chancellor thanked all the members for their valuable suggestions for the development of the University.



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