Minutes of the 15th Senate Meeting of IIIT-D held on 20th May, 2011, at 11.00 AM
in Conference Room, IIIT-Delhi, Library Building, NSIT Campus, Sec-3, Dwarka, New Delhi

Following members were present:

- Prof. Pankaj Jalote   -   Chairman
- Prof. K. K. Biswas   -   Member (from IIT Delhi)
- Prof. Dheeraj Sanghi   -   Member (from IIT Kanpur)
- Dr. Anirban Mondal   -   Member
- Dr. Astrid Kiehn   -   Member
- Dr. Mayank Vatsa   -   Member
- Dr. Ponnurangam Kumaraguru   -   Member
- Dr. Richa Singh   -   Member
- Dr. Vikram Goyal   -   Member
- Mr. Vivek Tiwari   -   Secretary

Following members participated via telecon:

- Mr. C. Anantaram   -   Member (from TCS)
- Prof. Jayanthi Siwaswami   -   Member (from IIIT-Hyderabad)
- Prof. Muthusamy Chelliah   -   Member (from Yahoo!)
- Mr. Saugat Sen   -   Member (from Cadence)
- Dr. Amarjeet Singh   -   Member (Faculty IIIT-D)

Special Invitee:

- Dr. Vinayak Naik   -   Faculty IIIT-D

15.0   Chairman's opening remarks

The Chairman extended a warm welcome to all the members to the meeting. The members who could not attend the meeting were granted leave of absence.

15.1   Confirmation of minutes of the 14th meeting of Senate

As there were no comments from anyone, the minutes were confirmed.

15.2   Additional names for selection committee panel

The Senate agreed that Dr. Ravi Kothari, Associate Director, IBM, and Tapan Parikh, Assistant Professor, Ischool, UC Berkeley shall be added to the panel.

15.3   M.Tech. in Data Engineering

The Director IIIT-D informed the Senate about this M.Tech. program and also that now IIIT-D has 4 expert faculty of this field with the joining of Dr. Sirkanta Bedathur. A detailed discussion was held with respect to the courses and its relevance in the industries. Dr. Anirban informed that they had discussion with industries like IBM, TCS, etc. and incorporated their views while designing the structure and courses of this specialized field.

Prof. Jayanthi Siwaswami and Mr. Saugat Sen expressed their views regarding with thesis/Non-thesis options and other scholarly papers. Prof. K.K. Biswas and Prof. Dheeraj Sanghi also provided their valued inputs.

The Senate agreed to the proposal.

15.4   To address direct interaction by parents of students with the instructors, the following rule has been made

Although, IIIT-D have Disciplinary Action Committee (DAC) and other policies to maintain the ethics of education and discipline, keeping in view the opinion of the faculty members, the Senate agreed to implement this rule.

15.5   Conversion from MTech to PhD

Matter was discussed in length, and it was finally agreed that the proposed guidelines for conversion from MTech to PhD be accepted. It was agreed that guidelines be also evolved for PhD students to get an MTech also during the course of their PhD.

15.6   BTech (IT) Program – clarification of the graduation requirements for initial batches.

The Senate approved the proposal.

15.7   Rolling Phd Admission

The Senate agreed that this may be put in practice with immediate effect.

15.8   CW Category for admission in the BTech (IT) program

The Senate agreed to the proposal.

15.9   Status of those repeating the first year, and those who need to repeat the first year or leave the program

The recommendations of the academic appeal's committee have been accepted.

15.9.1 Accordingly, the first year students Saurabh's and Monika's BTech program will be terminated and Sanya Singh will have to repeat the first year.

15.9.2 BTech2008 student Aman Sahni is permitted to register for an underload (3 courses) in the coming semester as decided by the senate.

15.9.3 One student's *(Abhishek Singh-2009006)* grade change has been approved.

15.10 Changes to existing regulations

i. **MTech (CS) specialization:** The Senate accepted the proposal.

ii. **Introduction of Audit and Withdrawal grade:** The Senate agreed that "W" grade shall be printed in the transcript of the students who do 'Late Drop'. Also, the PG Regulation shall be suitably modified to introduce 'S' or 'X' grade instead of 'Audit' grade.

iii. The Senate approved to add the clarifications in BTech regulation.

iv. Minimum/Maximum credits for BTP: The Senate agreed to add up the same.

15.11 Any other Item with the permission of the Chair : None

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks.

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