Minutes of the 16th Senate Meeting of IIIT-D held on August 1, 2011 at 03.00 PM
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)
- Dr. Amarjeet Singh   -   Member
- Dr. Anirban Mondal   -   Member
- Dr. Astrid Kiehn   -   Member
- Dr. Mayank Vatsa   -   Member
- Dr. Ponnurangam Kumaraguru   -   Member
- Dr. Pushpendra Singh   -   Member
- Dr. Richa Singh   -   Member
- Dr. Vikram Goyal   -   Member
- Mr. Vivek Tiwari   -   Secretary

Following members participated via telecon:

- Prof. Dheeraj Sanghi   -   Member (from IIT Kanpur)
- Mr. C. Anantaram   -   Member (from TCS)
- Mr. Mukesh Mohania   -   Member (from IBM)
- Mr. Sanjay Bahl   -   Member (from Microsoft)

Special Invitees:
- Dr. Debajyoti Bera   -   Faculty IIIT-D
- Dr. Gaurav Gupta   -   Faculty IIIT-D
- Dr. Saket Srivastava   -   Faculty IIIT-D
- Dr. Somitra Kumar Sanadhya   -   Faculty IIIT-D
- Dr. Subhasis Banerjee   -   Faculty IIIT-D
- Dr. Vinayak Naik   -   Faculty IIIT-D

16.0   **Opening remarks of the Chairman**

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.

16.1   **Confirmation of minutes of the 15th Senate meeting**
In the agenda item 15.10(iv) regarding Minimum/Maximum credits for BTP needed discussion. The Senate had that BTPs can be taken for 8, 12 or 16 credits.

With this amendment, the minutes of 15th Senate meeting is confirmed.

16.2   **Welcome to new members; thanks to outgoing members**.
The Chairman thanked all the outgoing members for their support and valuable inputs and welcomed the new members: Dr. Astrid Kiehn (DOAA i/c), Dr. Debajyoti Bera, Dr. Gaurav Gupta, Dr. Saket Srivastava, Dr. Somitra Kumar Sanadhya, Dr. Subhasis Banerjee, Dr. Vinayak Naik, Dr. Shishir Nagaraja.

16.3   **Announcements - including relevant Board decisions.**
There were no announcements.

16.4   **Accepting the students who have been given admission and who have accepted the admission into the various programs**.

Summary of admissions for AY 2011-12 is:
- PhD : 7
- MTech (CS) specialization in Information Security   : 17
- MTech (CS) specialization in Data Engineering   : 18
- BTech (IT) : 119

The Senate accepted all the admitted students.

16.5   **PG Committee's recommendations and decisions on various issues.**

As per the **Annexure 3,** the Senate discussed item no. 7 i.e. **Extension for PhD Comprehensive date** and suggested that the PG Regulation needs to be rephrased to include this recommendation. Ultimately all the recommendations of the PGC were accepted.

16.6   **Report from the appeals committee.**

Recommendations as per **Annexure 4** were accepted by the senate.

16.7   **CGPA/policy for admitting students from MTech into PhD**.
The senate had earlier agreed to allow students in our MTech program who are performing well to move to PhD, while getting their MTech on the way. It is desirable to also build a policy on admitting students directly from the MTech.

After some discussions, it was decided that a student with above 8.0 CGPA in IIIT-Delhi (with a minimum of 20 credits) with the recommendation of two faculty members may be offered direct admission into the PhD program.

16.8 **Starting the practice of giving appreciation letters to instructors who get very good student feedback.**

It was agreed that this practice, which is followed in many Institutes, is a good practice to follow as it respects and recognizes good instruction. It was agreed that instructors of courses that receive a significant number of student feedback (around 20 and a reasonable percentage of the total class) may be considered as eligible for the appreciation letter. Chairman, Senate will decide the criteria for issuing the letter from among the eligible faculty members.

16.9 **Starting "Undergraduate Research" as a course like Independent Study / project**.

Senate agreed to it.

16.10 **Process for awards at graduation time** – set up sub committees to define this.

The Senate agreed to form a committee under Prof. Dheeraj Sanghi for this. Chairman Senate would identify the other members of this committee.

16.11 **Planning for first convocation** –
Initial brainstorming indicated that beginning of August may be the most optimal date. In May/June many students would be out of station (internship, holidays), and from late August programs in the US would start. August will also give opportunity to students to clear any backlogs during summer and graduate with their batch. The student representatives were asked to inquire from their batch what they would prefer most.

16.12 **Allowing PhD students to get MTech also:**

Deferred for further discussion as there is no immediate request for the same.

16.13 **Any other item, with the permission of the Chair**.

Some discussions regarding core and elective courses were done but later the items were deferred.

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks.

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