Minutes of the 17th Senate Meeting of IIIT-D held on 13th January, 2012 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. Astrid Kiehn   -   Internal Member
- Dr. Debajyoti Bera   -   Internal Member
- Dr. Gaurav Gupta   -   Internal Member
- Dr. Vinayak Naik   -   Internal Member
- Mr. Vivek Tiwari   -   Secretary

Following members participated via telecon:

- Mr. C. Anantaram   -   Member (from TCS)
- Mr. Mukesh Mohania   -   Member (from IBM)
- Mr. Sanjay Bahl   -   Member (from Microsoft)
- Mr. Saugat Sen   -   Member (from Cadence)
- Prof. Dheeraj Sanghi   -   Member (from IIT Kanpur)
- Prof. M. Chelliah   -   Member (from Yahoo!)

Special Invitees:

- Dr. Raja Sengupta   -   Faculty IIIT-D
- Dr. Srikanta Bedathur   -   Faculty IIIT-D

SEVENTEENTH (17TH) MEETING OF SENATE OF IIIT-DELHI

Minutes of the Meeting

17.0 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.

17.1 Confirmation of minutes of the 16th Senate meeting

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

17.2 Granting MTech to Sangeeta

As per the input provided by Prof. Dheeraj Sanghi (IIT-Kanpur), the provisional degree certificate has been accepted. It is suggested not to mention CGPA in certificate/provisional degree as the transcript will be showing the same and to have the full name of the Institute mentioned in the certificate.

17.3 Admitting students in PhD through the direct admission from MTech route

The move was well appreciated by all the members. Dr.Raja Sengupta (PGC Chair) requested for inviting one more student Mr. Robin Kumar Verma for direct admission into PhD program, as he fulfills all the criteria and is also recommended by a faculty.

17.4 Rolling PhD admission

Dr. Srikanta Bedathur informed that some more candidates will be evaluated for admission as per this provision.

17.5 Panel of names for selection committee in US:

The Senate approved the panel. However, some members suggested that Associate Professors and above should be from top 05 universities all around. In particular, it was agreed that Assoc/Full Professors from the following Institutes can be empanelled: Georgia Tech, UCLA, USC, UC Irvine, Northwestern, UIUC, Purdue, U Wisconsin.

17.6 Change the name of the BTech (IT) program to BTech (CSE)

The agenda was discussed in length. Dr. KK Biswas, Mr. Saugat Sen and some members said that it is a good idea to change the name as most of the courses being taught is mostly of CSE branch.

However, it was pointed out that changing the name in between can be viewed negatively, and messaging has to be done properly as so far everywhere the IT program was promoted.

It was also suggested that proper buy-in of students should be taken to avoid any legal conflicts later on.

After assessing the views of all the members, Senate agreed that academically it is a CSE degree and may be named as such. For changing the name of the degree for the current students, it may be desirable to have a formal acceptance of current students.

17.7   Changes in regulations for BTech (IT)
The Chairman informed the committee of the changes in the regulations and the committee members gave their consent to accept the same.

17.8   Starting the BTech ECE program
This was discussed in length and the chairman informed the committee that the committee constituted for ECE programme did due diligence and gave its recommendations, proposals accordingly. The program depends upon the strength of the faculty and also can allow second year students to choose the program. On doubts raised by some members about naming the program, *the* Chairman clarified that the nomenclature is picked up as per the approved programs by AICTE. A student can do courses of CSE and/or ECE streams or vice versa. On being pointed out about the semesteral credit requirement, the chairman assured that the ECE program will also be having uniform credits as mentioned in the manual.

17.9   Changes proposed to the PG Manual and MTech regulations
The Senate accepted the changes in the manual.

17.10 Fellowship model for MTech
The recommendation of the committee is accepted by the Senate.

17.11 Changing admission criteria to the BTech program
The idea of including class XII marks was accepted. It was suggested that for normalization across Boards, method followed by DU or ISERs should be examined and if found suitable one of them may be adopted.
Regarding giving bonus marks for "excellent school programmers", it was agreed that the idea is good and worth trying. However, the Senate felt that the following measures be adopted for this:
- The number of students who can get these bonus marks be limited, and the maximum bonus marks should also not be too large.

- Math Olympiad may also be included in the "contests" – while it is not a programming contest, students in this are likely to be extremely bright and suitable for CSE.
- Other contests that may be included should be clearly identified in the admission information.
- Evaluation for bonus marks must happen before the admission test results are declared.

17.12   Formation of the UG Committee (UGC)

UGC Chair, Dr. Astrid Kiehn placed the recommendations of the UGC on table.

the recommendations of UGC as per annex have been approved apart from:

It was not approved that a BTP may be converted into an IP (on advisor's recommendation) as that would imply the change of transcript for that semester which should be avoided.

Second, counting an ESC course as a CSE math course for the "at least two CSE/Math" rule was rejected.

17.13   Proposal to start an MTech Specialization in Mobile Computing:
Senate members welcomed the idea to start the specialization and suggested that the course should be well defined as per the industry need. Meetings should be conducted with industries to take further inputs.

17.14   Any other item, with the permission of the chair.
Ishita Jain, student representative, suggested for a provision to provide direct admission to BTech students of IIIT-D into M.Tech. program. The motivation of some students for this was that they can get the MTech in a shorter time, as they have done most of the courses. It was explained that even the current program, being credit based, can be completed in a shorter duration if the student plans and works hard for it.

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