

Minutes of the First (1st) Senate meeting held on Mon, Jan 19, 2009, IIT (transit) campus in NSIT, Dwarka.

Members Present: P. Jalote, V. Bansal, A. Kiehn, V. Goyal (IIITD), KK Biswas and P.K. Kalra (IIITD), R. Moona (IITK), P. Goyal (Adobe), C. Anantaram (TCS)

The meeting started with the Director giving a general background of IIITD, and its current state, to set the context.

1. Admission to IIITD in 2009 - how do we admit students

After discussion, it was generally felt that using Class XII as a filter is the right way to go. Also, allowing top-3 from a class was considered as a good socially positive action, though logistics of these needs to be worked out. It was also agreed that it is a good idea for IIT to avoid having those students appear in its test that will make it into JEE or get high rank of AIEEE. Hence having applications after results of these are out is the right approach, even though announcement for the application will be made well in advance. It was felt that the xx% for XII should be such that it allows more than 20,000 students to filter through. Similarly, the yy rank for AIEEE should be suitably chosen. The final approach for admission recommended in the note was accepted.

Action to be taken: Find out how many students in Delhi are above given percentages in PCM in CBSE. Similarly, find out

2. Academic dishonesty policy

The policy was accepted as the immediate measure. It will be refined later.

3. Policy for termination of program, semester drop, year drop, etc.

It was felt that more work needs to be done before a policy can be adopted. However, the general idea of having a student with some backlogs to repeat year 1 was accepted.

4. Policy of sending grade card of students who get an F to their parents

It was decided that the best policy is to send the grade card of all the students to their parents.

5. Policy that a student can hold a student-position only if the CGPA is $\geq x$

It was agreed that student representative to the senate should have a CGPA of ≥ 8.0 , and representatives to other bodies should have a CGPA ≥ 7.0 .

6. Approve the committee that will short list faculty applicants for interaction with the selection committee

The following committee proposed by the director was accepted: V. Bansal, A. Kiehn, PK Kalra, KK Biswas, and P. Jalote

7. BTech Program in IT

There was a presentation on it and a lot of discussion and debate. It was decided that this item will be discussed again before firming up. Some key points from discussion were:

- The industry representatives will interact within their companies and suggest the post conditions that they want to see at the end of 4th year. This will then be factored into the curriculum design. [My view – besides our senate members, I will get such inputs from some other companies as well]
- Database should be made a compulsory course in an IT program
- Software engineering may also be made a compulsory course.
- TOC can be quite difficult in 2nd semester – the course contents should be carefully looked into to ensure that students are able to digest it.
- It was suggested that each semester there should be at least one non-CS course in the “general education” category.
- It was felt that the “Computer Architecture” course may be considered as “soft core”, and hence not-necessary.
- “Digital communications” need not be kept as a compulsory course.

8. Rest of the agenda items could not be taken up due to shortage of time.
