Minutes of the 21st Senate Meeting of IIIT-D held on February 13, 2013 at 02.00 PM
in Senate Room, B-wing, R&D Building, IIIT-D Campus, Okhla Industrial Estate Phase-3, New Delhi

Following members were present:

- Prof. Pankaj Jalote   -   Chairman
- Prof. K.K. Biswas   -   External Member – IIT Delhi
- Dr. Astrid Kiehn   -   UGC Chair & Internal Member
- Dr. Amarjeet Singh   -   Internal Member
- Dr. Debajyoti Bera   -   Internal Member
- Dr. Pushpendra Singh   -   Internal Member
- Dr. Saket Srivastava   -   Internal Member
- Dr. Somitra Kumar Sanadhya   -   Internal Member
- Dr. Vinayak Naik   -   Internal Member
- Sh. Ashwani Kumar Kansal   -   Secretary

Special Invitees:

- Prof. Ashwin Srinivasan   -   PGC Chair - IIITD
- Prof. Samaresh Chatterjee   -   Faculty – IIITD
- Dr. Srikanta Bedathur   -   Faculty – IIITD
- Dr. Shreemoy Mishra   -   Faculty – IIITD
- Dr. Haimonti Datta   -   Faculty – IIITD
- Mr. K.P. Singh   -   In-charge-Academics
- Mr. Vivek Tiwari   -   DM-Academics
- Mr. Kuldeep Singh   -   AM-Academics

TWENTYFIRST (21st) MEETING OF SENATE OF IIIT-DELHI

MINUTES OF THE MEETING
(held on 13th February, 2013)

21.1   Opening remarks of the Chairman
The Chairman welcomed all to the meeting. Thereafter he informed that tenure of some of the Senate members has expired/would be expiring and would take action to replace by new members as per the existing guidelines.

21.2   Confirmation of minutes of the 20th meeting of the Senate
Since there were no comments, the minutes of the 20th meeting were confirmed

21.3   Admission criteria for BTech program for the session 2013-14:
The Chairman Senate apprised the members of the decision taken by the Senate at its 20th meeting (vide item number 20.8) held on 17th October, 2012 and the proposal for giving bonus marks for Olympiad and IIIT-D's 'Procon Junior' programming contest. After detailed deliberations, the Senate approved the proposal for allocating the bonus marks as follows:

a) Bonus marks for **Olympiad only those who are selected for attending the training camp** – 10 marks
b) Bonus marks for IIIT-D's **Programming contest** for schools (Procon Junior) conducted in Oct 2012: Top three candidates – 8 marks and the next seven candidates (i.e. a total of 10 candidates) – 5 marks.

It was also decided that where a candidate has qualified both, he/she will get higher of the two marks. Further, the score for Procon Junior will be valid for two years.

It was decided that admission will be done based on the final score card provided by JEE (Main) (expected around July 07). The weight of JEE(Main) performance and Class XII performance to compute the total score will be as in JEE(Main) (i.e. 60-40). To this score, bonus marks will be added to get the grand total marks, which will be used to prepare the merit list.

Considering the possibility of delay in getting the normalized marks of XII board and the final score card of JEE (Main), it was felt necessary to have alternative arrangement to meet the situation. The Senate therefore decidedthat in case there is a delay in getting the final score card in which normalized marks of XII exam are also reported, which can impact the starting of the academic session in time, the merit list will be prepared based on the following criteria:

50% of initial JEE (Main) score + 50% of XII board marks + Bonus (if applicable)

As decision whether to opt for this option will have to be taken based on ground realities prevailing at the time, it was decided that it may be taken by the Director, in consultation with the faculty (and reported in next Senate meeting).

The website may be updated with information regarding the admission criteria, but should also clearly mention that "in case there are delays in the declaration of final score card of JEE(Main), the institute, in order to ensure that academic session is not delayed, reserves the right to complete its admission based on initial results of JEE (Main) and class XII scores of candidates".

21.4   Branch transfer of BTech. students from ECE to CSE and vice versa:
The Senate approved the proposal. The Senate also suggested that UG Committee may organize orientation programme to educate the students.

21.5   To consider certain issues for policy decisions:
- **Allowing a BTP(Industry):** The Senate considered the proposal to allow a student to do BTP in the industry while working full time in the company as an intern and approved the same. The Senate further decided that
    - (i) the BTP done in the industry be called as **BTP (External)** in order to differentiate from the BTP done within the institute and to allow it to be done in other Institutes and research labs.
    - (ii) BTP (External) can be done in one semester with 12-credits instead of 8-credits that are normally allowed. It is expected that during this BTP, the student is not doing course work, but may be allowed to register for some minimal credits, if it is needed to facilitate him/her doing it in some organization (e.g. in some research organizations/universities, a student can come only if he registers for some credits.) Necessary changes will be made in the regulations for this.
    - (iii) The organization in which the student undertakes the BTP will have to be approved by the UGC, which may, in due course also evolve a list of pre-approved organizations.

- **Making "Critical Reading" a HSS course:** The Senate discussed the proposal at length. There was no agreement on the proposal and some members had the view that it should remain as is. However, it was also pointed out that in absence of any institute faculty the course cannot be run as a core course. This should be discussed again in the senate.

- **Having refresher modules in summer for selected core courses (e.g. DSA and OS) using online resources and TAs:** The Senate considered the proposal. In the light of the views expressed by the members, the Senate decided that the UG Committee may offer such courses with suitable

safeguards to ensure that assessment and grading is fair. UGC may evolve further guidelines for implementation.

- There is also a possibility of offering a 2-credit module for MTech students interested in teaching careers on "Teaching Computer Science" where there is some self study (or internet based lectures) material on pedagogy etc, and teaching the refresher module is their "practice/lab". This was not discussed and the topic was deferred.

21.6 **To apprise the Senate of the Course Registration status:**
The Senate noted the status.

21.7 **List of students who completed graduation requirements on 21st Dec., 2012.**
The list was approved and recommended to BOG for grant of Degree.

21.8 **To report the admission of new students in PhD program:**
The Senate accepted the students.

21.9 **To report the students who are on semester leave during Winter Semester 2013:**
The Senate noted the position. The Senate also observed that PGC is empowered to grant permission for Semester Leave.

21.10 **To consider the proposed calendar for Summer Term:**
The Senate approved the calendar in principle.

21.11 **To consider and approve the revised version of UG Manual:**
Consideration of this item was deferred. The Senate desired to obtain input from UGC.

21.12 **To consider and approve the revised version of PG Manual:**
Consideration of this item was deferred. The Senate desired to obtain input from PGC.

21.13 **Recommendation/Report by UGC:** None.

21.14 **Recommendation/Report by PGC:** None.

21.15 **Any other item with permission of the Chair:** None