



Minutes of the 25th Senate Meeting of IIIT-D held on 19th February, 2014 at 02.15 PM in the Senate Room, B-wing, R&D Building, IIIT-D Campus, Okhla Industrial Estate Phase-III, New Delhi

Following members were present:

- Prof. Pankaj Jalote - Chairman
- Prof. K.K. Biswas - External Member
- Dr. Kaushik Saha - External Member
- Prof. Samaresh Chatterji - Ex-Officio Internal Member
- Prof. Ashwin Srinivasan - Ex-Officio Internal Member
- Dr. Astrid Kiehn - Ex-Officio Internal Member
- Mr. Hemant Kumar - Ex-Officio Internal Member
- Dr. Angshul Majumdar - Internal Member
- Dr. Mohd. S. Hashmi - Internal Member
- Dr. Shreemoy Mishra - Internal Member
- Dr. Srikanta Bedathur - Internal Member
- Dr. Sujay Deb - Internal Member
- Mr. Utkarsha Bhardwaj - Student's Representative
- Mr. Dipto Sarkar - Student's Representative
- Mr. Ashwani Kumar Kansal - Secretary

Following members attended via telecon:

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Special Invitees:

- Dr. Pushpendra Singh - Faculty - IIITD
- Dr. Raj Ayyar - Faculty - IIITD
- Dr. Vivek Bohara - Faculty - IIITD
- Dr. Subhasis Banerjee - Faculty - IIITD
- Dr. Shobha Sundar Ram - Faculty - IIITD
- Dr. Anubha Gupta - Faculty - IIITD
- Dr. Alexander Fell - Faculty - IIITD
- Mr. K.P. Singh - In-charge -Academics
- Ms. Sheetu Ahuja - AM-Academics
- Mr. Ashutosh Brahma - Jr. Manager - Academics

TWENTY- FIFTH (25th) MEETING OF SENATE OF IIT-DELHI
MINUTES OF THE MEETING
(held on 19th February, 2014)

25.1 Opening remarks of the Chairman

The Chairman welcomed all to the meeting. Thereafter, agenda items were taken up for discussions.

25.2 Confirmation of minutes of the 24th meeting of the Senate held on 13th November, 2013

Since there were no comments, the minutes of the 24th meeting were confirmed.

ACADEMIC & STUDENTS MATTERS

25.3 To consider automatic yearly increase in the fellowship of PhD students

Chairman, Senate apprised the members of the existing practice of having standard increase in the monthly Ph.D. fellowship, though there is a provision for higher stipend based on performance. The Senate agreed that the existing procedure may be continued, and the related regulation and the office order be modified accordingly.

Arising out of discussions it was clarified that whole amount of fellowship of higher value like PM fellowship and TCS fellowship to be disbursed to the concerned students. However, where the rate of a sponsored fellowship is less than the institute fellowship, or where the stipend is not explicitly specified, the student concerned will be given at the rate of institute fellowship.

25.4 To consider a proposal to treat "Teaching Assistantship" as a 0 credit course and award of grades to Teaching Assistants (TAs)

Chairman, Senate apprised the members of the background of the proposal. The Chairperson, UGC (Dr. Astrid Kiehn) also informed that the matter has been considered by the UGC and it has been recommended to have only two grade i.e. 'S' or 'X' grade for the TA work. After detailed deliberations the Senate approved that from Winter Semester 2014 onwards, the "Teaching Assistantship" be treated as a '0' credit course, which will show up in the transcript of MTech and PhD students. This will encourage all to take TAs with the seriousness it deserves - it will also help students to show officially that they were TAs for 'n' semesters, which can be a plus for placements/careers. The guidelines given were also approved for implementation.

25.5 To consider a proposal to treat "Refresher Module" as a 0 credit course and award of grades for the same

Chairman, Senate informed that at IIITD the new MTech (CSE) students, coming from a variety of educational systems, were often found facing some difficulties in the initial months. To help further strengthen the foundations of incoming students in some areas, the institute had decided to start special refresher modules from the Summer 2013 with the help of some senior students under the overall guidance of faculty members of IIITD. Subsequently a Refresher Module on "Introduction to C" was also conducted in December 2013 for BTech students.

After detailed deliberations the Senate agreed to the proposal to treat Refresher module course as a '0' Credit Course with the following guidelines:

- a. The credit for the Refresher Module will be 0 (zero)
- b. There will be two possible grades i.e. S (satisfactory) and X (unsatisfactory).
- c. Satisfactory completion of the refresher module will be reflected as footnote in the transcript.

The above scheme will be tried for two years for M.Tech.(CSE) students on experimental basis.

Arising out of discussions, the ECE faculty were requested to work out the refresher modules they would like to introduce for the M.Tech. ECE students.

25.6 To consider a proposal for giving an option to MTech students for doing MTech with Thesis/ SP/ Industry Internship.

Chairman, Senate apprised the members of the background of the proposal. He informed that the MTech students currently have an option to do MTech with Thesis (16 Credits) or with SP (8 or 4 Credits). The internship of 6 months or more in the industry will have advantage since it will allow another option to those who are not finding supervisors for SP, and can be beneficial for jobs also. After detailed deliberations the Senate agreed to the proposal for giving 8 credits for doing internship in approved Industry/research lab./academic labs of 6 months or more. The student doing the internship will have to write a report, which will have to be approved by the internship supervisor in the company. It was agreed that PGC will work out operational details. Institute should also try to have MOUs with some companies for this internship.

It was also agreed that while this option may be started, there is a need to provide guidelines for a Scholarly paper. The PGC was requested to evolve these guidelines.

25.7 To consider the proposal to review the existing grading scheme

This item was withdrawn keeping in view the decision taken to award only 'S' or 'X' grade for TAs (Item. 25.4)

25.8 To consider and approve the PhD Degree format.

Chairman, Senate presented some sample Ph.D. degree formats of other Universities/Institutes including some US Universities. After detailed deliberations the Senate approved the Ph.D. Degree format as per **Appendix-I**

25.9 To consider and approve the Dual Degree format.

Chairman, Senate presented some sample dual degree formats of other Universities/Institutes. After detailed deliberations the Senate approved the Dual Degree formats as per **Appendix-II and Appendix-III**

APPEALS

25.10 To consider the request of Shikhar Singhal (2011102) for considering the audit courses registered during the period of suspension for the purpose of grade improvement.

Chairperson, UGC informed that Shikhar Singhal, Roll No. 2011102 has withdrawn his request. Hence, this item was withdrawn.

ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

25.11 Approval from AICTE

Registrar apprised the members of the present status with regard to change of site and sanction of ECE programme. He also informed that as per latest developments the AICTE may not handle the cases of approval process; the same may perhaps be handled by University Grants Commission (UGC). Further communications in this regard are awaited. The Senate noted the position.

25.12 Application for NAAC Accreditation

Registrar apprised the members of the action being taken for collection of data from UGC/PGC and the concerned departments/Sections/faculty for uploading on the NAAC website.

25.13 Application for NBA Accreditation

Registrar informed that approval from NBA has been received for online submission of e-SAR and the action is being taken for collection of data from UGC/PGC and the concerned departments/Sections/faculty for uploading on the NBA website.

25.14 List of students who completed Graduation requirement in December 2013

The list of students who completed Graduation requirement in December 2013 was approved and recommended to BOG for grant of Degree.

Keeping in view the past experience the Senate also decided that the results of the students who complete the degree requirements in December may be verified and put up to Chairman, Senate is authorized to approve on behalf of Senate. The Degree and the scroll of such students may then be got signed from the Chairman, BoG. The approval so accorded by the Chairman, Senate may be reported to the Senate for ratification in the due course.

25.15 To apprise the Senate of the Course Registration status:

The Senate noted the position of courses being taught in Monsoon 2014 as well as Course wise registration of students.

25.16 Status of admissions:

➤ Rolling PhD admissions:

The Senate accepted the following newly admitted student under Rolling PhD:

Sl.No.	Roll No.	Program	Name	Date of Joining
1	PhD1307	CSE	Haroon Rashid	6 Jan 2014

➤ Migration from MTech to PhD:

The Senate accepted the migration of following students from M.Tech. to PhD:

Sl.No.	Roll No.	Program	Name	Date of Joining
1	MT11012	CSE	Srishti Gupta	1 Dec 2013
2	MT12067	CSE	Milan Jain	6 Jan 2014
3	MT11001	CSE	Abhishek Kumar	6 Jan 2014

25.17 To ratify the decision taken by Chairman Senate for Award of PhD Degree

The Senate ratified the decision taken by Chairman, Senate for approval of PhD Thesis Defense (Viva Voce) report of Mr Kuldeep.

25.18 To ratify the decision taken by Chairman Senate for Award of BTech Degrees

The Senate ratified the decision taken by Chairman, Senate for award of B.Tech. Degrees to the following students:

- (i) Pranav P Raj - 2009032
- (ii) Tarang Chugh – 2009050

25.19 Summary of Grade Change information for Monsoon Semester 2013:

Chairman apprised the members of a few changes in the grades in the recently concluded Monsoon Semester 2013. The Senate noted the changes for information.

25.20 Summary of PhD evaluation

Chairman, PGC presented the summary of reports received from the Ph.D. advisors. The Senate noted the position.

25.21 Recommendation/Report by PGC:

Chairman, Senate apprised the members of the existing PG regulation 6 (2) for change of program from Ph.D. to M.Tech. and payment of difference of fee/stipend. He also informed of the recommendation of the PGC in this regard. After detailed deliberations the Senate agreed to the recommendation of PGC with some minor changes as under:

If a PhD student fails his or her first two reviews, then the PGC may propose either that he or she leaves the institute; or enroll in the MTech program. If the latter, then usually full MTech fees would be payable by the student, along with any differences in stipends. In some cases, the stipend difference may be reduced, waived or deferred on case by case basis.

Arising out of discussions it was also decided that a warning letter will be issued by the Academic Section to students when they fail the first review which should also explain the above.

25.22 Recommendation / Report by UGC:

Recommendation of UGC with regard to grading for TA work is noted in Item No.25.4

25.23 Allocation of seats for admission to M.Tech. programs

Keeping in view the past experiences it was decided to allocate seats for admission to M.Tech. programs in both disciplines as follow with a provision for an increase up to 10% in each specialization to take care of the drop outs:

CSE

Information Security	- 20
Data Engineering	-20
Mobile Computing	-20
General	-20
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Total	80

ECE

VLSI & Embedded System	-20
Communication & Signal Processing	-20
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Total	40

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair

Appendix I

Roll No.....

Indraprastha Institute of Information Technology Delhi

hereby confers the degree of

Doctor of Philosophy

On

-----XYZ-----

Thesis title: -----

Given at Delhi on _____

Chairman, Board of Governors

Registrar

Director & Chairman, Senate

Appendix II

Roll No.....

Indraprastha Institute of Information Technology Delhi
hereby confers the degree of

Bachelor of Technology in Computer Science and Engineering

on

-----XYZ-----

on having successfully completed the prescribed requirements

Given at Delhi on -----

Chairman, Board of Governors

Registrar

Director & Chairman, Senate

Appendix III

Roll No.....

Indraprastha Institute of Information Technology Delhi
hereby confers the degree of

Master of Technology in Computer Science and Engineering

on

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on having successfully completed the prescribed requirements under the dual degree Program

Given at Delhi on -----

Chairman, Board of Governors

Registrar

Director & Chairman, Senate