

**Minutes of the 29th meeting of the Academic Affairs Committee (AAC) held on 24<sup>th</sup> July, 2023 in the Senate Room, 7<sup>th</sup> Floor, R&D Block at 12.30 p.m.**

**Following members/special invitees were present:**

- Prof. Vikram Goyal – AAC Chair
- Dr. Sumit J. Darak – DoAA
- Prof. Angshul Majumdar - Chair-UG Affairs
- Dr. Sneha Saurabh- Chair -PG Affairs
- Dr. Sriram K.
- Dr. Shobha Sundar Ram
- Dr. Jainendra Shukla
- Dr. Vinayak Abroal
- Dr. Richa Gupta
- Dr. Gayatri Nair
- Dr. Monika Arora
- Dr. Sneha Chaubey
- Dr. Richa Gupta
- Dr. Sanat K Biswas
- Mr. Mehul Arora
- Mr. Ashutosh Brahma- Manager (Academics)
- Mr. K P Singh –Academic In-Charge
- Ms. Anshu Dureja-Deputy Manager (Academics)
- Ms. Nisha Narwal - Assistant Manager (Academics)

At the outset, Prof. Vikram Goyal (AAC Chair) welcomed all members/special invitees to the AAC meeting. Thereafter, the agenda items were taken up for discussion, and the following decisions/recommendations were made:

**Item 1. To confirm the minutes of the [28th AAC meeting](#) held on 14th April 2023.**

The minutes of the 28<sup>th</sup> meeting held on 14th April 2023 were confirmed as circulated.

**Item 2. Reporting Items:**

1. The following new courses were shared with AAC members over email. Since no comments were received, these courses are considered to be approved.

- [DES527](#): User Experience Design of XR (UEDXR) to be offered by Dr. Anmol Srivastava
- [CSE586](#): Algorithms under Uncertainty to be offered by Dr. Syamantak Das
- [ECE677/CSE677](#): Advances in Deep Learning to be offered by Dr. AV Subramanyam
- [ECO323/ECO523](#): Casual Inference to be offered by Dr. J.V. Meenakshi
- [SSH225A](#): Comprehensive Gender Sensitization to be offered by Dr. Smriti Singh
- [ECE530](#) : Quantum Communication and Networks to be offered by Dr. Abhijit Mitra
- [DES526/DES307](#) : Motion Design and Graphics to be offered by Mr. Anoop Ratn
- [DES529](#): Design for Artificial Intelligence Driven Products
- [DES530](#): The Business of Artificial Intelligence to be offered by Dr. Vinish Kathuria (G)

- [ECE547](#) : Advanced Digital Communication to be offered by Dr. Anand Srivastava
- [ECE523A](#): Digital Processor Design to be offered by Prof. Amlan Chakrabarty (V)
- [SSH327A/SSH527A](#)- Concepts and Methods in Social Movement Research to be offered by Dr. Aasim Khan
- [SSH526/SSH726](#) - Reading Hegel's Phenomenology of Spirit to be offered by Dr. Nishad Patnaik

The AAC noted the above and approved the updated versions of the courses.

Arising out of the discussion, the AAC desired the Departments to look into the list of courses of similar names like Machine learning, Artificial Intelligence, Deep learning etc. and do some homework to see the amount of overlap in each such course.

**Action: Academic Section**

**2. To Deliberate on the Scytale fellowship**

The Academic Affairs Committee (AAC) noted that a proposal for the Scytale fellowship was earlier discussed among AAC members over email and got approved. After a brief discussion, the AAC agreed to the proposal for starting the Scytale fellowship as per the terms and conditions detailed in [Appendix I](#) and recommended for approval of the Senate.

**3. To deliberate on the Changes in the Academic Calendar of [Monsoon Semester 2023](#) & getting approval for the Academic Calendar of [Winter Semester 2024](#) for the AY 2023-24.**

Since the Spot Round of B.Tech Admissions 2023 got shifted to 1<sup>st</sup> week of August, the Academic session for Monsoon Semester 2023, which was earlier planned from 31<sup>st</sup> July 2023, was proposed to be postponed to 7<sup>th</sup> August 2023.

The Academic Affairs Committee (AAC) noted that changes in the Academic Calendar of [Monsoon Semester 2023](#) (Appendix II) and [Winter Semester 2024](#) (Appendix III) were discussed by AAC over email and got approved. After a brief discussion, the AAC recommended the above revised Academic calendars for approval by the Senate.

**4. To consider a request of a Ph.D. student, Mr. Gurpreet Singh, for a waiver in Ph.D. coursework requirement**

Chair AAC apprised the members of the background of the case of Mr. Gurpreet Singh, a Sponsored Ph.D. student (admitted in August 2022) from ISRO under the guidance of Dr. Sanat K Biswas, for waiver in Ph.D. course work requirement. During the course of discussions the DoAA also apprised the members of the earlier discussion and clarified the queries made by the members After detailed deliberations, it was decided that there would be no credit waiver as per the existing rule.

Item 3.

**To deliberate on having Re Exam of Mr. Vaibhav Yadav, a B.Tech. student who is under custody**

The AAC considered the request of Mr. Vaibhav Yadav, a B.Tech. student for allowing him to take re-exam. It was noted that the student is presently under custody. After detailed deliberations, the AAC decided that he may be allowed to take the make-up examination as per UG regulation,

	<p>and a suitable reply may be given to his father after getting the reply vetted by the Institute Advocate.</p> <p><b>Action: Academic Section</b></p>
Item 4.	<p><b>To waive off the coursework requirement of Ms. Diksha Sapra.</b></p> <p>Academic Affairs Committee (AAC) considered the request of Ms. Diksha Sapra for a waiver of coursework. After detailed deliberation, the AAC did not agree to her request and decided that she should complete the course credits as per rules.</p> <p><b>Action: Academic Section</b></p>
Item 5.	<p><b>To review on PhD Evaluation Form:</b></p> <p>Prof. Vikram Goyal, AAC Chair apprised the members of the background of the proposal and clarified the points raised by the members. After a brief discussion the consideration of this item was deferred to the next meeting. The CSE department was requested to come up with more details for further consideration of the AAC.</p> <p><b>Action: Academic Section/CSE department.</b></p>
Item 6.	<p><b>To deliberate on TA Leave Policy</b></p> <p>AAC noted the concerns expressed by members about the non-performance of TA duty seriously by some of the TAs. AAC emphasized that TA rules should be implemented with strictness. In this regard, a "TA Performance, Attendance &amp; Policy_UG &amp; PG" was proposed to the AAC, which was agreed to after deliberation. The detailed policy is placed in <a href="#">Appendix IV</a>.</p> <p>During the discussion, it was also pointed out that the Ph.D. invigilators are not serious about their role. So the AAC advised the Academic Section to report such cases to DAC and it was also proposed to discuss this point in the subsequent meeting of the AAC with a separate agenda point.</p> <p><b>Action: Academic Section</b></p>
Item 7.	<p><b>To Review opine feedback form.</b></p> <p><b>Consideration of this item was deferred to the next meeting.</b></p>
	<p>The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to and by the Chairperson.</p>

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