



Minutes of the 62nd meeting of the Senate of IIIT-D held in Hybrid mode on May 02, 2024 at 10.00 AM in the Senate Room (in-person/video-conference).

The following were present:

· Prof. Ranjan Bose	Chairman
· Prof. J K Verma	External Member
· Prof. P. Vigneswara Ilavarasan	External Member
· Prof. Dheeraj Sanghi	External Member
· Prof. Vani Brahmachari	External Member
· Dr. Gautam Shroff	External Member
· Dr. Sumit J Darak	Ex-Officio Internal Member
· Dr. Shobha Sundar Ram	Ex-Officio Internal Member
· Mr. Pankaj Vajpayee	Ex-Officio Internal Member
· Dr. A V Subramanyam	Ex-Officio Internal Member
· Dr. Kaushik Kalyanaraman	Ex-Officio Internal Member
· Dr. Richa Gupta	Ex-Officio Internal Member
· Prof. Vikram Goyal	Ex-Officio Internal Member
· Dr. Sneh Saurabh	Ex-Officio Internal Member
· Dr. Debajyoti Bera	Ex-Officio Internal Member
· Dr. Sayak Bhattacharya	Ex- Officio Internal Member
· Dr. Sanat Biswas	Ex- Officio Internal Member
· Dr. Sonia Baloni Ray	Ex- Officio Internal Member
· Dr. K Sriram	Ex-Officio Internal Member
· Prof. Sujay Deb	IIITD Faculty (Spl. Invitee)
· Dr. Soibam Haripriya	IIITD Faculty (Spl. Invitee)
· Dr. Deepika Bhaskar (Registrar)	Secretary
· Mr. Aditya Girdhar	Student Representative (Spl. Invitee)
· Mr. Ashutosh Brahma	Manager (Academics) (Spl. Invitee)
· Ms. Nisha Narwal	Asst. Manager (Academics) (Spl. Invitee)
· Ms. Rashmil Mishra	GM (Placements, Corporate Relations & IOP)- Invitee
· Mr. Tapan Kumar	JM (Placements, Corporate Relations & IOP) - Invitee

SIXTY SECOND (62nd) MEETING OF THE SENATE OF IIT-DELHI
(HELD IN HYBRID MODE ON MAY 02, 2024, 10AM)

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

62.1 WELCOME AND OPENING REMARKS BY THE CHAIRPERSON

At the outset, the Chairman, Senate welcomed all the members/special invitees to the 62nd meeting of the Senate, participating in-person or online. Further, on behalf of the Senate of the Institute, the Chairman conveyed sincere thanks to all the outgoing Senate members for their valuable contributions made during their tenure, which were extremely useful for evolving the right policies and maintaining the high standards of education at the Institute and hoped to get their continued support and cooperation in times to come. The Chairman also welcomed the new Senate members and hoped to receive their valuable suggestions in evolving the right policies and elevating the standards of education at the Institute. Thereafter, he requested Dr. Sumit J Darak, the Dean of Academic Affairs, to present the agenda items.

62.2 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF THE 61st MEETING OF THE SENATE

The Dean of Academic Affairs informed that no comments were received on the Minutes of the 61st meeting of the Senate held on February 09, 2024. The Senate, therefore, confirmed the Minutes of the 61st meeting as circulated.

62.3 ACTION TAKEN REPORT

The Dean of Academic Affairs apprised the members of the action taken on the various decisions taken by the Senate in its 61st meeting of the Senate held on February 09, 2024. The Senate noted the position.

62.4 ITEMS FOR INFORMATION/ RATIFICATION

62.4.1 Reporting Items

62.4.1.1 To report the status of Cycle 3 NAAC accreditation

The Dean of Academic Affairs inform all the members that for Cycle 3 NAAC accreditation, the AQAR for AY 2021-22 has been initiated, and the deadline for filling out the form was extended till April 30, 2024. He also informed the members that AQAR has already been submitted and a copy of the same is placed in Appendix I.

62.4.1.2 To report the status of the Compliance Affidavit filed by the Institute in the matter of Courts on its Motion in re: Suicide Committed by Sushant Rohilla, Law Student of I.P. University (W.P.(CRL) 793/2017)

The Senate noted the position.

62.4.2 Items for Ratification

62.4.2.1 To ratify the approval given by the Chairman, Senate, for the revised composition of the Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC) of IIT Delhi.

The Senate approved the revised composition of the Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC) of IIT Delhi, which is placed in **Appendix II**.

62.4.2.2 To ratify the approval given by the Chairman, Senate for the composition of the Senate of IIT Delhi.

The Senate approved the revised composition of the Senate of IIT Delhi, which is placed in **Appendix III**.

62.5 ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION

62.5.1 UG Matters

62.5.1.1 To consider the recommendation of the Academic Affairs Committee to include the design courses in the Minor in Entrepreneurship (ENT) regulations.

The Senate, was informed that in its 60th meeting, discussed the inclusion of the following two courses in the Minor in Entrepreneurship (ENT) regulations and suggested AAC discuss it further and come up with proper justification for further consideration in Senate:

Design for Artificial Intelligence driven Products (DES 529)
The Business of Artificial Intelligence (DES 530)

In 36th AAC, Prof. Pankaj Vajpayee presented the justification and the AAC recommended adding these courses to the Minor in Entrepreneurship regulations.

After a brief discussion, the Senate approved the recommendation of the AAC.

Action: Academic Section

62.5.1.2 To consider the recommendation of the Academic Affairs Committee related to Undergraduate Transcript.

The Dean of Academic Affairs informed the members that an Internal committee discussed the issues related to Undergraduate transcripts. The AAC in its 36th meeting, discussed the recommendation of the committee and concluded the following:

- The published result in any semester will not be changed due to the removal of the worst grade in the later semester as per the UG regulation. This is a basic principle of result publication for all programs.
- Students who have not completed the graduation requirements will only be provided with a “Provisional Transcript”. After graduation, the provisional word will be removed. This is applicable to all programs.

- The transcript issue date will be mentioned in the transcript of all the programs.
- UG students will be given the option to suggest the worst grade courses to be removed from the CGPA count (if they have done extra credits from the baseline) after every 6th, 7th, or 8th semester up to the cap of 8 credits as per the current regulations.
- If a student has submitted the option of worst course after the 6th semester, then he/she will also have the choice of changing the courses of worst grades to be uncounted after their 7th and 8th semester, too, provided if they have done extra credits from the baseline. But it will not bring any change to the cgpa calculation of previous semesters.
- If a student is removing the worst courses in the 6th / 7th / 8th semester then it will reflect in the footnotes for each semester separately (if applicable). For example, the CSExxx course has been removed from the CGPA calculation of Semester 6.
- Also, some UG students are doing extra IP/IS/UR credits beyond the mentioned credit limits in the regulations, which is removed from the CGPA count and total credit count.
- Students can do extra IP/IS/UR credits, but this will also be counted within the upper limit of 8 credits of the CGPA replacement policy. This may be clarified in the regulations.
- As BTP is done with either 8, 10 or 12 credits to complete a BTP project, additional credits will not be allowed
- For incomplete BTP, the credits and grade obtained will not be counted towards total credits and CGPA calculation at the end of their program. This will not count towards the 8-credit replacement policy as the regulation states that incomplete BTP will not count towards graduation requirements. This may be suitably incorporated in the BTP guidelines and students should be informed regularly in this regard.

The above points were discussed in details and the Dean of Academic Affairs answered the various quires raised by the members. With the suggestion of an external member, it was noted that the existing practice of removing the worst credits may be followed rather than giving option to students to choose the worst credits. The Chairman, Senate suggested to see the feasibility of the same and looking at system feasibility this may be implemented at operational level.

With the above note, the Senate approved the recommendations of AAC.

Action: Academic Section

62.5.1.3 To consider the recommendation of the Academic Affairs Committee to update the number of awards in “Medal for All Round Performance” for undergraduate students.

The Senate was informed that the AAC, in its 37th meeting, discussed the proposal from the student senate to increase the number of awards in the “Medal for All Round Performance” for undergraduate students. The AAC recommended increasing it from one to two (jointly) within a program regardless of the number of students in each program to reward only the exceptional candidates. All other guidelines, like eligibility and evaluation, will remain the same.

Current guidelines:

This will be given to up to one student in each program for the overall performance in curricular and extracurricular activities.

Proposed guidelines:

This will be given to up to one or two student(s) in each program for the overall performance in curricular and extracurricular activities. The second medal will be awarded jointly only to recognise two exceptional students in a program.

After a brief discussion, the Senate approved the recommendation of the AAC.

Action: To BoG

62.5.2 PG Matters

62.5.2.1 To consider the recommendation of the Academic Affairs Committee to clarify the applicability of travel grants in the Professional Development Account (PDA) guidelines for Ph.D. Students.

The Dean of Academic Affairs informed the members that the AAC, in its 35th meeting, discussed PDA guidelines for Ph.D. students and noted that currently, no timeline is mentioned in the guidelines for the utilisation of travel grants. Hence, the AAC recommended that a Ph.D. student can utilise this travel grant till their thesis defense.

After a protracted discussion the Senate approved the recommendation of AAC.

Action: Academic Section

62.5.2.2 To consider the recommendation of the Academic Affairs Committee to revise the Eligibility Criteria for Ph.D. Admission in CB Department

The Senate was with the recommendation of CB Department, the AAC, in its 37th and 38th meeting, discussed and recommended the below revision of the eligibility criteria for Ph.D. Admission to CB Department.

Current Eligibility Criteria:

“Candidates must have a BTech / BE / B.Pharma / M.Pharma / MTech / MS / ME /MCA / MSc / M.B.B.S. or equivalent to be eligible to apply.

AND

Candidates must have a CGPA of at least 6.5 on a scale of 10 (or equivalent) or 60% (**applicable for all degrees**)”

Proposed Eligibility Criteria:

Candidates must have a BTech / BE / B.Pharma / M.Pharma / MTech / MS / ME /MCA / MSc / M.B.B.S./**BDS** or equivalent, to be eligible to apply.

AND

Candidates must have a CGPA of at least 6.5 on a scale of 10 (or equivalent) or 60% marks **in the qualifying degree.**

Changes are highlighted in the Bold letter.

After a brief discussion, the Senate approved the recommendation of the AAC.

Action: Academic Section

62.5.2.3 To consider the recommendation of the Academic Affairs Committee to revise the Coursework Requirements for the Completion of a Ph.D. Degree.

The Dean of Academic Affairs informed the members that the AAC in its 37th meeting discussed the coursework requirement with respect to Independent Project (IP) and Independent Study (IS). It was noted that currently, it is allowed to take “1 IS and 1 IP allowed (4 credits each)” or “1 IS (4 credits)”. After a detailed discussion, the AAC recommended to replaced the above with 8 credits of IP/IS or 4 credits of IP/IS wherever it is mentioned in the PG Regulation to avoid confusion in the registration.

After a brief discussion, the Senate approved the recommendation of the AAC.

Action: Academic Section

62.5.2.4 To consider the recommendation of the Academic Affairs Committee to add New Courses in M.Tech. CB Program Regulations as Bio Electives.

The Senate was informed that with the recommendation of the CB Department, the AAC, in its 38th meeting, discussed and recommended the addition of the following courses in the M.Tech. CB program regulations as Bio Electives;

BIO544	Computational Gastronomy
BIO546	Computing for Medicine
BIO524	Biomedical Image Processing
BIO361	Biophysics
BIO549	Metagenomics
BIO543	Big Data Mining in Healthcare
BIO547	Computational Methods in Oncology Research
BIO545	Biostatistics
BIO563	Computer Aided Drug Design
BIO548	Microbiome Data Science

After a brief discussion, the Senate approved the recommendation of the AAC.

Action: Academic Section

62.5.2.5 To consider the recommendation of the Academic Affairs Committee to update the graduation requirements of Ph.D. Mathematics discipline in PG Regulations

The Dean of Academic Affairs informed the members that the AAC, in its 38th meeting, extensively discussed the recommendation of the mathematics department to change the graduation requirements of Ph.D. program and noted the following;

- M.Phil. has been discontinued hence, the category of credit requirements will be removed, and an other program category has been added.
- As during M.Phil program/Other programs, the candidates do less number of desired courses; hence the department proposed higher credit requirements for all other programs, which also includes M.Phil.

After a brief discussion, the AAC recommended the changes as follows:

Existing

Ph.D. Discipline	Entry Qualification	Coursework Requirements
Mathematics	B.Tech. (or equivalent)	32 Credits
	M.Sc. (Mathematics)	24 Credits
	M.Phil. (Mathematics)	16 Credits

Proposed

Ph.D. Discipline	Entry Qualification	Coursework Requirements
Mathematics	B.Tech. (or equivalent)	32 Credits
	M.Sc. (Mathematics/ Statistics)	24 Credits
	Others	32 Credits

Changes are highlighted in the Bold letter.

After a brief discussion, the Senate approved the recommendation of the AAC.

Action: Academic Section

62.5.2.6 To consider the recommendation of the Academic Affairs Committee to update the Dual Degree regulations.

The Senate was informed that the AAC in its 38th meeting thoroughly reviewed and recommended that students may be allowed to opt for a Dual Degree program during their final year. As we have a limited number of dual degree students, this will add value to the system and support our philosophy to encourage higher education. The dual degree student can avail of placement opportunities during their entire stay at IIT Delhi.

The application will be floated at the end of 8th semester during the month of April every year. The AAC further recommended updating the regulation in line with the

discussion in AAC. The updated document will be shared with the AAC and placement team before presenting it to the Senate.

Special Case for 2024 Batch: A few final-year students have shown interest in dual degree programs, but they are not eligible as per the existing policy admission timeline. If the proposed policy is approved in the Senate, AAC has recommended a special window of 2 weeks in May/June 2024, during which 2024 batch students can apply for a dual degree program.

The above proposal was shared with placement office and the placement office has recommended to use the services of the placement office only once during their study duration at IIITD.

After a protracted discussion, the Senate did not approve the special provision of opening dual degree application for the 2024 batch and approved the following:

- Dual Degree applications will be open after the end of 7th Semester.
- The job offer will be dropped for the students who have already received the offer and are selected for dual degree.
- They will be eligible for the next placement cycle with the M.Tech. batch as per the current practice.

The above points will be incorporated suitably in all the dual degree regulations.

Action: Academic Section

62.5.2.7 To consider the recommendation of the Academic Affairs Committee for Franco-India Dual Degree Proposal in Collaboration with Université Côte d'Azur within M.Tech.(CB) Program.

The item was deferred.

62.5.3 Others

62.5.3.1 To consider the recommendation of the Academic Affairs Committee for deciding the Penalty for Submission of any Forged Documents or Misbehaviour by students in any form

The Dean of Academic Affairs informed the members that the AAC, in its 37th meeting, discussed that currently, no defined policy or guidelines if a student submits any forged document or misbehaves with students, staff or faculty members in the Institute. A pointwise offense list was presented to the AAC, and the AAC strongly supports the proposal to establish penalties to avoid these instances, looking at a large number of students and curve such instances.

The AAC noted that for all Academic Dishonesty in courses homework / project-report / submissions, IIIT-Delhi already has a strong policy. Similarly, all AAC members unanimously agreed to have a strong policy for all other non-academic offenses to maintain a holistic standard of education.

The AAC discussed each point in detail and proposed penalty pointwise. The proposed complete process is as under:

(i) Pointwise Offense and the Associated Penalty:

Offense	Penalty
Forged Medical Documents	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • F grade in the course(s) for which the medical leave is applied • Semester suspension in the upcoming/ongoing regular semester (Monsoon / Winter) • No position of responsibility
Forged Self-Growth (SG) & Community Work (CW) Certificate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • X Grade in SG • Semester suspension in the upcoming/ongoing regular semester (Monsoon /Winter) • No position of responsibility
Forged Bills for any reimbursement (BTP, GATE, Travel, online course, etc.)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No reimbursement will be provided • A fine of Rs. 10,000 will be imposed • No further bills will be processed for that student at IIITD • Semester suspension for the upcoming /ongoing regular semester (Monsoon/Winter) • No position of responsibility
Misbehavior with faculty / TF / TA / Staff during any academic activity like class, exams, presentations, any academic event like Convocation, admission etc.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Semester suspension for the upcoming /ongoing regular semester (Monsoon/Winter) • No position of responsibility
Misbehavior of the TA with the students and Academic Dishonesty in the TAship duty	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • X Grade in the TAship • No payment for TA work (if applicable) • No further TAship opportunities • No position of responsibility
Irregularities in the Invigilation duties for the PhD students	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Academic Warning (already approved)

(ii) Process:

- The Manager (Academics) through admin-academic@iiitd.ac.in will be intimated regarding offense.
- The Manager (Academics) will verify the facts and submit the details to the Standing Committee consisting of DOAA, AAC Chair, PG Affairs Chair and UG Affairs Chair.
- The Standing Committee will review the details and propose appropriate penalties per the above table.

- The Manager (Academics) will intimate the penalty to the student.
- A compiled report will be reported to the Senate every six months for information.

(iii) Appeal Process:

- The student will have the option to appeal to DAC within seven days of the award of a penalty.
- The recommendation of DAC will be final.

After a protracted discussion, the Senate approved all offenses and associated penalty except for “ Misbehavior with faculty / TF / TA / Staff during any academic activity like class, exams, presentations, any academic event like Convocation, admission etc.” and “Misbehavior of the TA with the students and Academic Dishonesty in the TAship duty”. For both of these offenses, it will be reported to DAC.

It was also noted that in the process, the standing committee will discuss the matter with student(s) before taking the final decision.

Action: Academic Section

62.5.3.2 To consider the recommendation of the Academic Affairs Committee for the TA Award

The Senate was informed that during COVID, the TA award was discontinued. It is planned to re-initiate the TA award. The earlier policy is as follows:

- TAs who are nominated by the course instructor **and**
- TAs for whom the general feedback is good and something good has been mentioned by the students in the course feedback.

The AAC, in its 37th meeting, discussed a few other proposals and recommended the introduction of the Distinguished TA award. The updated proposal is as under:

- Faculty will recommend the TAs while awarding TA grades.
- The faculty should support their nomination with appropriate reasons for each nomination.
- Distinguished TA award for TAs selected in two courses in an academic year.

After a brief discussion, the Senate approved the recommendation of the AAC.

Action: Academic Section

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to and by the Chair.