



**Minutes of the 9<sup>th</sup> Senate Meeting of IIIT-D held on January 29<sup>th</sup> 2010,  
at 3.00 PM in Conference Room, Library Building, IIIT Delhi.**

*Following members were present:*

- Prof. Pankaj Jalote, - Chairman
- Dr. Astrid Kiehn - Member
- Mr. Anuj Kumar Tiwari - Student Representative
- Dr. Debajyoti Bera - Member
- Dr. K. K. Biswas - Member
- Dr. Mayank Vatsa - Member
- Dr. Ponnurangam Kumaraguru - Member
- Dr. Pushpendra Singh - Member
- Dr. Richa Singh - Member
- Dr. Somitra Sanadhya - Member
- Dr. Vikram Goyal - Member
- Dr. Veena Bansal - Member

*Members present through Audio Conferencing:*

- Dr. C. Anantram - Member

**9.0 Opening remarks of Chairman**

The Chairman extended a warm welcome to all those who were present in person as also to those on audio-conferencing.

**9.1 Confirmation of minutes of the 8<sup>th</sup> Senate meeting.**

As there were no comments, the minutes were confirmed.

**9.2 M. Tech Program in Computer Science**

The proposed MTech program was discussed in detail. The following observations were made.

The number of thesis units be increased to 28 for with-thesis option, while the number of units for scholarly paper should be reduced to 8. It

was felt that units for these are really notional; hence it is best to reflect the spirit of non-thesis and thesis options. However, this makes the total number of units different in the two options. The senate authorized the Chairman to explore the suitability of this. One option that the senate felt that can always be used is to mention “with thesis” in the degree itself, thereby creating a differentiation among the two options, which then justifies the different number of units.

It was clarified that students with Assistantship cannot change to non-thesis option. How to deal with those students who wish to make this change is an administrative issue for which suitable policies will have to be made later.

Regarding when the option has to be exercised by the student, it was felt that the option may be taken by the student at entry time itself, but which can be changed later by informing the PG committee.

In Core courses, the PG Committee was authorized to add the courses into the three different core streams, as new courses become available.

Regarding minor project, it was felt that the course should be there, but it should be optional. Similarly, communication skills course should also be optional.

### **9.3 Courses in Security Program**

The broad list of courses was approved. Any new courses will follow the regular process of starting a new course.

### **9.4 Any other matter with the permission of Chair**

It was noted that the PG manual states 16 units as the “full load”. It was felt that this is a mistake/oversight as world over at least 5 courses are always allowed to a full time student. Hence, it was approved that PG manual be changed to state that the full load is 20 units.

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