

INDIAN INSTITUTE OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY, ALLAHABAD
(An Institution of National Importance established by the Act of the Parliament of India)

Minutes of the Emergency Meeting of Senate

The Emergency Meeting of Senate was held on 26.04.2025 from 10:00 AM onwards in hybrid mode (physical / online) in the Board Room of the Institute. The members in attendance were as follows:

Members who attended in Physical Mode:

Sr. No.	Name	Role in Senate
1	Prof. Mukul S. Sutaone, Director IIITA	Chairman
2	Prof. U.S. Tiwary, Dean (FA)	Member
3	Prof. O.P. Vyas, Dean (TD) & (IWD)	Member
4	Prof. Anupam, Dean (Alumni Affairs)	Member
5	Prof. Shekhar Verma, Dean (SDA)	Member
6	Prof. Madhvendra Misra, Dean (I&NR)	Member
7	Prof. Pavan Chakraborty, Dean (SA)	Member
8	Dr. K.P. Singh, HOD (IT)	Member
9	Dr. Sanjai Singh, HOD (ECE)	Member
10	Prof. Tapobrata Lahiri, Professor	Member
11	Prof. Ranjit Singh, Professor	Member
12	Prof. Pritish Varadwaj, Professor	Member
13	Sh. Prakash Kajave, Principal Specialist, Training & Capability Development, Tech Mahindra, Pune	Member
14	Dr. Mandar S. Karyakarte, Registrar IIITA	Member Secretary

Members who attended in ONLINE Mode:

Sr. No.	Name	Role in Senate
1	Prof. Vikram M. Gadre, Professor, Dept. of Electrical Engg. IIT Bombay	Member
2	Prof. Abhay Gandhi, Professor, Dept. of Electronic Engg. VNIT Nagpur	Member
3	Prof. G.C. Nandi, Professor	Member
4	Prof. Manish Goswami, Dean (A&R)	Member
5	Dr. Pramod Kumar, HOD (AS)	Member
6	Lt. Dr. Pragya Singh, HOD (MS)	Member
7	Prof. Vrijendra Singh, Professor	Member
8	Prof. Vijaishri Tewari, Professor	Member

Members who couldn't attend the meeting:

Sr. No.	Name	Role in Senate
1	Dr. Upendra Kumar Singh, Distinguished Scientist and Director General Life Sciences DRDO, Go	Member
2	Sh. Niranjan A. Pol, Sr. Engg. Director, Seagate Research Group, Seagate Technology HDD(India) Pvt Ltd, Pune	Member
3	Prof. Ms. P.S. Sathidevi, Professor (HAG), ECE Dept, Former Deputy Director & Director in Charge, NIT Calicut	Member

Special Invitees who attended the meeting:

Sr. No.	Name	Role in Senate
1	Dr. Manish Kumar, Chief Proctor	Invitee
2	Dr. Ranjana Vyas, Assistant Professor	Invitee
3	Dr. Navjot Singh, Assistant Professor	Invitee
5	Dr. Asheesh Kumaar, Joint Registrar (AAA)	Invitee

Dr. Kavindra Kandpal was a special invitee to the senate meeting, but he had communicated his leave of absence due to his pre-occupied travel plan. One of the special invitee Dr. Savitri Joshi could not attend the meeting.

The Secretary Senate welcomed all the senate members to the meeting and requested the Chairman Senate for the opening remarks of the meeting.

At the outset, the Chairman of the Senate welcomed the members and outlined the need for convening the Emergent Meeting, while also sharing the relevant recommendations of the Technical Committee and Disciplinary Committee, along with the observations made by the Counselling Committee constituted for this purpose. Thereafter, the agenda was taken up.

<u>ITEM No. 1:</u>	To consider the appeal of students for revoking the punishment given by the institute for unauthorized access and marks modification in the ERP
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In reference to the Institute's decision dated 3rd March 2025, which allows for a review by the Senate, the Institute has received a mercy appeal via email dated 11th March 2025 from students namely Mr. Srijan Suryansh (IEC2023021), Mr. Pratham Prajapati (IEC2023126), Mr. Lakshya Johari (IEC2023136), Ms. Rigzin Wangmo (IEC2023118), Mr. Siddharth Rizwani (IEC2023134), Mr. Tanay Agarwal (IEC2023137), Ms. Kanak Shri (IEC2023022), Mr. Chavali Adithya (IEC2023023) as well as their parents regarding to reconsider the disciplinary action against them for the above student's act of unethical hacking of institute ERP software system.

The members of the Senate discussed all the issues from the nature of the act committed by the students, quantum of punishment to the impact of punitive actions on their future life, engagement of students after they resume the campus, reformation policy of the institute, availability of student code of conduct in the past etc. and finally agreed to the following unanimous resolutions for the eight students namely, Mr. Srijan Suryansh (IEC2023021), Mr. Pratham Prajapati (IEC2023126), Mr. Lakshya Johari (IEC2023136), Ms. Rigzin Wangmo (IEC2023118), Mr. Siddharth Rizwani (IEC2023134), Mr. Tanay Agarwal (IEC2023137), Ms. Kanak Shri (IEC2023022), Mr. Chavali Adithya (IEC2023023):

Resolutions:

- a. The Senate expressed serious concern over the act committed by the aforementioned students, recognizing it as a grave academic and ethical violation warranting stringent punitive measures, including possible legal action. However, in alignment with the reformatory ethos of education and considering the potential long-term implications on the students' future careers, the Senate resolved—out of goodwill and in the spirit of leniency—not to pursue legal proceedings.
- b. The academic suspension of the eight students is partially revoked and reduced to six months, i.e., January to June 2025.
- c. The students will be allowed to rejoin the Institute from July 2025, i.e., Semester V, but will remain on academic probation for one year, during which their conduct will be closely monitored.
- d. On rejoining, each student must submit an affidavit on "Ethical Demonstration of Conduct" stating: *"In case I am found engaged in any similar unethical act, misconduct, or wrongdoing in the future, I shall be liable for immediate termination from the Institute."*
- e. The students will be permitted to reside in Institute Hostels from July 2025, subject to hostel discipline.
- f. Each student must voluntarily undertake community service, and the monetary fine imposed shall be paid from self-earned income during such service. If fines have already been paid, these will be adjusted against future dues.
- g. The students are mandated to complete online courses on 'Professional Ethics' and 'Human Values' as part of their reformatory and educational process. In the event that these courses are unavailable within the required timeframe, the Dean (A&R) will recommend suitable alternatives.
- h. The backlog of Semester IV (Jan–June 2025) must be enrolled and completed in accordance with the Institute's academic ordinances.
- i. A decision on the students' eligibility for campus placements will be considered upon the successful completion of their one-year academic probation.
- j. The aforementioned decisions shall be formally communicated to the students and their parents/guardians by the Chief Proctor.

The Senate also unanimously agreed on the need to constitute a Sub-Committee under its purview to review, analyze, and propose safeguards to address the security vulnerabilities in the Institute's ERP software system and authorised Chairman-Senate for the same.

Any Other Item

ITEM S-I: Draft Proposal regarding establishing the Center for Continuing Education and Outreach Programs (C-CEOP)

Additionally, the Chairman Senate apprised the members of a draft proposal prepared by a designated committee for establishing the "Center for Continuing Education and Outreach Programs (C-CEOP)". The draft outlines the objectives, structure, governance, operational framework, and revenue model of the proposed center. The Chairman tabled the draft as an agenda item for reflection and invited all Senate members to review and share their inputs to enrich and finalize the framework for institutional implementation.

The meeting ended with a Vote of Thanks.



(Dr. Mandar S. Karyakarte)

Secretary Senate, IIIT Allahabad



(Prof Mukul S. Sutaone)

Chairman Senate, IIIT Allahabad