

Indian Institute of Information Technology Allahabad

Minutes of the Fifth Meeting of IIIT-A Senate held on 21.09.2016 from 11.00 a.m. onwards in the Board Room of the Institute.

The Meeting was held in the Board Room of the Admin. Block of IIIT-A, Jhalwa Campus. The Members in attendance were as follows:

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| 1. Prof. G.C.Nandi | – Chairperson |
| 2. Prof. U.S.Tiwary | – Member |
| 3. Prof. S.Sanyal | – Member |
| 4. Prof. Anupam Agarwal | – Member |
| 5. Dr. Tapobrata Lahiri | – Member |
| 6. Dr. Shekher Verma | – Member |
| 7. Dr. Neetesh Purohit | – Member |
| 8. Dr. Madhvendra Mishra | – Member |
| 9. Dr. Asheesh Kumar,
Deputy Registrar (Admin.& CDN) | – Secretary |

Co-Opted Members

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| 10. Prof. J.Bhattacharjee | – Co-opted Member |
| 11. Prof. P.Chakrabarti | – Co-opted Member |
| 12. Prof. Harish Karnick | - Co-opted Member –attended through SKYPE |

Permanent Observers-Non-voting

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| 13. Mr. Jai Prakash, President, Student Gymkhana | – Member |
| 14. Mr. Utmarsh Raj, Ph.D. representative & Speaker, Student Gymkhana | -Member |

Special Invitees-Non-voting

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| 15. Dr. Vijay Kumar Chaurasiya, Associate Dean (SA) |
| 16. Dr. Pavan Chakraborty, Chairman, SPGC |
| 17. Dr. B.S.Sanjeev, Faculty In-charge, Exam. Cell |

The Chairman, Senate welcomed the Members present and requested the members to take up the issues after the brief announcements about the conduct of 11th Convocation of the Institute, formation of the Board of Governors of the Institute etc. The Chairman also apprised the members that being a special convened meeting the matters that pertained to the forthcoming Convocation of the Institute along with the ones requiring urgent attention of the Senate be only discussed.

Against this background, the following agenda was taken up:

Item 5.01 :To consider and approve the minutes of the Fourth Meeting of the IIIT Senate held on 22.6.2016

The Minutes were confirmed.

One of the members who could not attend the Fourth Meeting of the Senate however desired to take up an agenda discussed during the Fourth Meeting again for discussion. For the same it was resolved to request him to bring the same as a separate agenda item in the next meeting of the Senate.

Item 5.02 : To approve the Action Taken Report on the minutes of the Fourth Meeting of the IIIT-A Senate held on 22.6.2016

It was resolved to take up the Action Taken Report in the next meeting of the Senate.

Item 5.03 : To receive the information about the holding of the Eleventh Convocation of the Institute on 24th September 2016.

The members received the information with interest and expressed their desire to hold the Convocation with due zeal and commitment.

Item 5.04 : To consider and approve the list of students eligible for the award of various Degrees on the Eleventh Convocation of the Institute.

The members considered and approved the list of student as presented. Also, the latest recommendations from the Ph.D.Cell updating the no. of scholars becoming eligible for receiving the Ph.D. Degree during the XIth Convocation, from the earlier four numbers to now six numbers was approved for being included in the list. The matter of Mr. Mohd. Wajahat enrolment no. IIT2007055 was also approved for award of B.Tech. degree. Detailed deliberation about him were done in respect of agenda item no. 5.12 (3) of the meeting, which is recorded in the minutes accordingly.

Accordingly, the number of students found eligible for award of various degrees was as follows:

Sl. No.	Degree Name	Number of Students for award of the Degree	Revised nos. of students as approved by Senate	No. of Students recommended for award of various Medals	No of Students recommended for award of Degrees with Honours
1	B.Tech. (IT)	282	282	3	93
2	B.Tech. (ECE)	87	87	3	27
3	M.Tech.(IT)	48	48	4	NA
4	M.Tech. (EE)	05	05	3	NA
5	MBA	18	18	3	NA
6	Ph.D.	04	06	NA	NA
	Total	444	446	-	-

Degree-wise list of eligible students as approved by the Senate in Fifth Meeting are therefore as follows:

Sl. No.	Degree Name	Annexure No.
1	B.Tech. (IT)	5.04 (A)
2	B.Tech. (ECE)	5.04 (B)
3	M.Tech.	5.04 (C)
4	MBA	5.04 (D)
5	Ph.D.	5.04 (E) revised

Item 5.05: To consider and approve the list of students for the award of various Medals on the Eleventh Convocation of the Institute.

The members considered the list of students recommended for award of various medals on the XIth Convocation and further resolved as follows:

- To allow re christening of the existing "Chancellor's Medal" as the "Chairman's Medal" as desired.
- To approve the formation of a Committee for deciding the names for various medals and prizes for future. As for the present 11th Convocation, the names of only the Chairman's Medal and the Institute's Medal however stand approved.

- c) The various Endowment Medals would be decided by the same Committee as in (b) above, afresh, for consideration in the subsequent meeting of the Senate, accordingly.
- d) There were discussions about awarding the Endowment Medals at some other function of the Institute like the Foundation Day rather than on Convocation.

Item 5.06: To consider the continuity of Endowment Medals named – Pt. Yadu Nath Tiwari Memorial Gold Medal and Late Sh T N Vaish Memorial Gold Medal.

The members resolved to go by the recommendations of the Committee constituted vide agenda item no. 5.05 (b) of the Minutes above. The recommendations of the HoD ECE shall also be considered by the same Committee and consolidated recommendations be put up to Senate, for its consideration, appropriately, in future.

Item 5.07 : To consider Senate Nominees to the Hon'ble Board of Governors of the Institute.

The members resolved to nominate Prof. S.Sanyal for the interim period as its nominee on the Hon'ble Board of Governors of the Institute. Prof. S.Sanyal shall accordingly be the Senate nominee u/s 13 (2) (h) for the period till Prof. G.C.Nandi represents the Institute on the Hon'ble Board of Governors as the Director of the Institute.

On the subject when the reference was made to the practice followed at IIT Kanpur, it was appraised that there, the selection of Senate nominees for the BOG, was done through election, where voting was open for entire faculty. Institute was however free to devise its own nomination mechanism, as the Senate felt appropriate. Also, it was pointed out that at IIT, Kanpur, the Deans do not have executive power.

Item 5.08: To consider and approve the Draft Ordinances for IIIT-Allahabad

Few members pointed out that there were some inconsistencies in the draft Ordinances circulated. Though the draft was circulated to the members on 2nd of September, 2016, few members desired to have some more time to look at the draft.

It was accordingly resolved that the members desirous of suggesting any kind of additions, deletions, modifications, etc. may do so by sending an expressed note in this behalf by e-mail to the Chairman of the Ordinances Committee, Prof. Shekher Verma latest by 10.00 a.m. of 23rd September, 2016, after which the Ordinances shall be finalized by him and put up before the Board.

Item 5.09: To consider the matter pertaining to non-payment of stipend to M.Tech. Biomedical Engineering Integrated students of Batch 2012.

The members considered the matter and resolved as follows:

- a) Considering the students of the M.Tech. Biomedical Engineering Integrated Programme, Batch 2012 and also Batch. 2013 to be similar to those admitted in the year 2014, for the purpose, students for both the batches namely 2012 & 2013, should be granted stipend as for Batch 2014 students (Dual Degree). Accordingly, 2012 & 2013 batches BME students should be granted stipend as per the MHRD G.O. F.No. 17-2/2014-TS.I dated 18.02.2015 (Item at sl. no. 2.1 for ME/ M.Tech./ MS/M.Des.) & (Item at sl. no. 2.4). As a policy however, Institute was bound by Govt guidelines in the matters of stipend.
- b) Taking a serious note of the BME students entering into a direct communication with the Hon'ble Chairman, BOG on the subject without the matter being brought before an appropriate body/authority of the Institute, before the same, it was resolved to request the Associate Dean (Student Affairs) as well as the

Students Gymkhana representatives on the Senate to apprise the concerned students about the serious lapse, appropriately to ensure that there were no such repetitions in future.

- Item 5.10:** To consider the request received from Student's Gymkhana in respect of Ph.D. Scholars at the Institute.

Considering the matter, the members resolved to allow the scholars to request the faculty members under whose supervision the research was being conducted by them, for making such kind of payments from the CPDA of the respective faculty members. In case however, a paper is got selected for publication in the journal "Nature" (exclusively "Nature"), as was specifically raised by students, it was resolved that for publication in "Nature" (exclusively), Institute would bear the publication cost.

In the matter regarding enhancing the amount of travel grant to Ph.D. scholars for attending one International and one National Conference at least once during their tenure at campus, it was resolved that in principle Institute was bound by MHRD Guidelines in the matter. Deputy Registrar (Estt & Academic) may however put up the Govt guidelines in the context, as a separate agenda in the next meeting of Senate, through SGPC.

- Item 5.11:** To consider the recommendations of the Senate Post Graduate Committee that met on 16.9.2016.

Considering the request, the members resolved as follows:

- a) The recommendations of the SPGC on various issues should be presented to the Senate as separate agenda items together with detailed notes/recommendations from the SPGC for the due consideration of the Senate and not as one agenda item where several recommendations were bunched together and placed as one agenda item.
- b) The present recommendations to be considered accordingly after complying with (a) above, in the subsequent meeting of the Senate.

- Item 5.12:** To consider the recommendations received from the Senate Undergraduate Committee of the Institute.

The observations of the Senate as recorded at 5.11 (a) above also applied to SUGC. However, the two matters as presented vide agenda item no. 5.12 (2) & 5.12 (3) needed immediate attention they were discussed and resolved as follows:

In respect of Item No. 5.12 (2) – Appeal of Mr. Omar Hassan-the recommendations of the SUGC were accepted.

In respect of Item no. 5.12 (3)-Appeal related to Mohd. Wajahat-After considering the matter in detail, the recommendations of SUGC were accepted with the note that such cases would be not be repeated in future. Also, the matter would not be considered as a precedence for such matters in future. Accordingly, the present matter be treated as an exception and allowed for award of degree during the XIth Convocation of the Institute, as the student had completed the academic requirements.

Rest of the matters were deferred for being considered in the subsequent meeting of the Senate, subject to the compliance made by the SUGC as stated vide the minutes in respect of Item No. 5.11 (a) above.

Item 5.13: To consider the requests received from Faculty In Charge Exam. Cell of the Institute on the issues of Branch Change, Introduction of New Grades, Fees, etc

Item was deferred for being taken up in the subsequent meeting of the Senate subject to the guidelines issued at 5.11 (a) & 5.11 (b) above.

Item 5.14: Any other Item with the permission of the Chair.

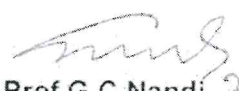
- a) The matter of allowing few students to attend classes, despite their not meeting the pre-requisite criterion was discussed by the members.

In the same respect, it was resolved that the Faculty In-charge, Exam. Cell would bring out all details together with all statistics in the matter, as a separate agenda item for consideration of the Senate, in its subsequent meeting.

In the interim however, the allowed students for attending the classes may continue to do so, but, they could not be allowed to appear in the respective mid-sem. examinations. In case however, the Senate resolved in favour of the students, a special mid-semester examination shall be conducted by the Institute to safeguard the students interests.

The meeting then ended with thanks to the members and invitation by the Chairman to all the members for attending the XIth Convocation of the Institute in full strength.

Approved for circulation


Prof G C Nandi
Chairman, Senate

2/11/16