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Minutes of the 8th Meeting of Indian Institute of Information Technology, Allahabad (henceforth IIIT-A) Senate held on 5th August, 2017 from 11.30 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. The Members in attendance were as follows:

1. Prof. P. Nagabhushan : Chairperson 2. Prof. G.C.Nandi : Member : Member 3. Prof. U.S. Tiwary 4. Prof. Anupam Agarwal : Member 5. Prof. Tapobrata Lahiri : Member 6. Prof. Shekhar Verma : Member 7. Dr.(Ms) Vijayshri Tiwari : Member 8. Dr. Manish Goswami : Member 9. Dr. Vrijendra Singh : Member 10. Dr. Pavan Kumar Saini, DR (E&A) : Secretary 11. Dr. Neetesh Purohit, Assoc. Dean (AAA) : Invited Member 12. Dr. Pavan Chakraborty, SPGC Chairman : Invited Member 13. Dr. Manish Kumar, SUGC Chairman : Invited Member 14. Dr. Rahul Kala : Invited Member 15. Mr. Sarthak, President, Student Gymkhana: Invited Member

The Chairman, Senate welcomed all the Members present in the meeting.

Prof. K Sethupati, IIT Madras; Prof. Ashish Dutta, IIT Kanpur; Prof. Debjani Mitra, IIT(ISM) Dhanbad; Prof. Rajeev Tripathi, Director, MNNIT Allahabad; Prof. P. Majumdar, Director HRI, Allahabad and Prof. Harish Karnick, IIT Kanpur could not attend the meeting owing to their preoccupation and were, therefore, granted the leave of absence.

The following Announcements were made:

- Prof. Rajeev Tripathi, Director, MNNIT, Allahabad has been nominated as [1] member of Senate at IIIT-Allahabad under Section 16(1) (g) of the IIITs Act. The members of the Senate extended a warm welcome on his acceptance. The services rendered by the former Director MNNIT, Prof. P. Chakraborti, earlier a member of the Senate are highly appreciated, acknowledged and placed on record.
- Prof. P. Majumdar, Director, HRI, Allahabad has been nominated as a [2] member of Senate at IIIT-Allahabad. The members of the Senate extended a warm welcome on his acceptance. The services rendered by former Director, HRI, Prof. Javanta K. Bhattacharva, earlier a member of the Senate, are highly appreciated, acknowledged and placed on record.



- [3] Prof. Harish Karnick, Dept. of Computer Science & Engg., IIT Kanpur, whose term expired on 4.3.2017, has very kindly accepted to be Member of the Senate for one more term. The members of the Senate extended a warm welcome on his acceptance. The services rendered by Prof. Harish Karnick, as an earlier member of the Senate, are highly appreciated, acknowledged and placed on record.
- [4] The Chairman, Senate informed about all the newly nominated Deans, Chairpersons, Associate Dean, HoDs, Proctor and Faculty In-charges of the various responsibilities of the Institute and also informed that they have assumed their respective offices and the Senate welcomed them. The services rendered by earlier Deans, Chairpersons, Associate Dean, HODs, Proctor and faculty In-charges are highly appreciated, acknowledged and placed on record.
- [5] The Chairman, Senate announced that two enhancements are thought of in PG Programs: (i) MTech, MBA and PhD for working professionals (ii) MTech & MBA by research. He requested that a detailed proposal be worked out and presented in the next Senate Meeting.
- [6] In future, conducting of Back Paper examination for failed students will be abolished; instead, Make-up exam will be in place. Chairman, Senate requested to draw a detailed policy and merge the concept of Make-up examination with continuous and Comprehensive Assessment Scheme, planned for future.
- [7] The Chairman, Senate announced that in future a student will have an advantage of earning extra credits in addition to (beyond) the requirement of the degree, to receive Add-on-Diploma/Add-on-Certification in the field of study or allied study.
- [8] The Chairman, Senate welcomed Dr. Pavan Chakraborty and Dr. Manish Kumar on being appointed as Chairperson of SPGC and SUGC respectively. The services rendered by the previous Chairpersons SPGC and SUGC are highly appreciated, acknowledged and placed on record.
- [9] The Chairman, Senate will invite SPGC and SUGC Chairman to the Senate meeting. They will also help the Secretary Senate in drafting the Agenda points and the minutes of the Senate Proceedings.
- [10] The Chairman, Senate formally announced the Convocation is scheduled to be held on 9th September, 2017. He urged to make the Convocation a grand success this year, too.
- [11] The Chairman, Senate welcomed the invited members Dr. Neetesh Purohit, Associate Dean (AAA) and Dr. Rahul Kala.

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Thereafter, the Agenda items were taken:

Item 8.01: To consider and approve the minutes of the 7th Meeting of the IIIT-A Senate held on April 2, 2017.

The drafted minutes of this meeting of Senate were communicated to the members on 4.4.2017 for their comments. The corrections received from the respective members of the Senate were incorporated and placed before the Senate for confirmation.

The corrected minutes were confirmed and accepted by the Senate, and the corrected version of the minutes will now be placed before the BOG.

ITEM NO.02: Approval of the Action Taken Report on the minutes of the 7th Meeting of the IIIT-A Senate held on April 2, 2017.

The Action Taken Report of the previous Senate Meeting was accepted. However, the concerned persons related to the execution of actions were asked to review the action according to the corrected minutes, to check if anything has been left out. The actions on left out points should be taken up.

ATR 7.04: Academic Calendar: The Senate observed that Academic Calendar should be made for one academic year (2 semesters) in advance citing all the events of the year. Minor modification to the Calendar may be made at the beginning of each semester without disturbing already declared duration of the semester. Placement period, if known, should be inserted in the Academic Calendar. Make-up examination may be organized even on Saturday and Sunday.

ITEM NO. 03: Consideration of the request of one student Ms. Kiran Paswan regarding appearance for 2nd attempt in Back Paper

The request of Ms Kiran Paswan to appear for 2nd attempt in Back Paper examination was not accepted as she falls under the category of "Academically Deficient Student". She has to register afresh in the courses she failed.

However, the Senate, in principle, approved the conduction of the Special Back Paper Examination for the benefit of the students. A Sub-Committee chaired by Dean (Human Affairs) with Dean (A&R), Dean (IPR), Assoc. Dean (AAA), Chairpersons USGC and SPGC, all four HODs and Student representative as members, was constituted by the Senate. A Sub-Committee constituted by the Senate will submit its report with complete details as to how to conduct the Special Back Paper examination. Assoc. Dean (AAA) was entrusted to inform the students about the Special Back paper Examination, so that they could be ready. The details of the special back paper are being worked out by the sub-committee. *The "Academically Deficient" students will, however, have to register for the deficient courses, as per the norms.*

The Senate also authorized Dean (A&R) and Assoc. Dean (AAA) to keep the students informed to be ready for back papers.

ITEM NO. 04: Consideration of the mercy petition of Mr. Pranuj Barnawal regarding punishment as per the Conduct and Discipline Rule of the Ordinance for use of unfair means in examinations

The Senate considered the mercy petition of Mr. Pranuj Barnwal to revoke the punishment for debarring from the Institute for one year. The Senate took note of his appeal and further desired

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that an undertaking has to be executed by the candidate that "he will not be involved in any such cases in future".

With the above, the Senate approved that he may be re-instated in his academic program in the current semester without any late fine. His status on "Academic Probation" will remain unchanged throughout his academic program.

However, as per condition number (3) laid down in the Office Order F.No.ADOSA/IIITA/AD-1133/2017 dated 11.5.2017, he has to perform social service as decided by the Dean (Human Affairs).

ITEM NO. 05: Consideration and approval of the draft Policy for prevention on use of Unfair Means by students (UFM) in the Institute

Dr. Rahul Kala presented the draft Policy for prevention on use of Unfair Means by the Students in the Institute through plagiarism. After due deliberation, the Senate accepted the policy recommendation in principle. It was also suggested that the existing policy of plagiarism should become part of the policy document which should take the shape of a regulation. It will be applicable for all evaluations.

The details of the policy should be circulated at the time of registration and before start of semester examination to spread the awareness among the students.

Further, it was decided that it is the course instructor who could decide if a candidate has resorted to plagiarism or that could be condoned or could be considered acceptable, specifically with regard to assignments and tutorial exams.

ITEM NO.06: Consideration and approval of the admission process for MBA and MBA-Ph.D. Dual Degree Program from 2018 Batch onwards

On the recommendation of SPGC, the Senate accepted the proposal in principle. It was also suggested that the benefit of the proposal be extended to 2017 batch admission also by conducting one more round of admission process which should get completed by 31st August 2017. The Senate further resolved that Dean (A&R) and Assoc. Dean (AAA) should formulate more flexible exit policy and / or branch / stream change options.

ITEM NO. 07: Consideration and approval of the proposal submitted for representation of Associate Dean (AAA) in SPGC and SUGC

The Senate accepted the representation of Associate Dean (AAA) in SPGC and SUGC. The Senate also requested that SPGC and SUGC should hold a joint meeting before every Senate.

The Senate also extended the duration of the existing Senate Nominee: Dr. Vijayshri Tiwari, (Senate Nominee to SPGC) and Dr. B. S. Sanjeev (Senate Nominee to SUGC) for one more year.

ITEM NO. 08 : Consideration and approval of the format of Degree Certificates for all academic programs of the Institute

Dr Pavan Chakraborty, Chairman SPGC, presented the new formats of degree certificates of various academic programs. The Senate accepted the proposal in principle with a few corrections. These new formats of degree certificates will be implemented with effect from the coming Convocation- 2017.

In case new print material does not become available by the time of the Convocation-2017, the Institute will award the degree in available paper, however with the revised text content for certification.

ITEM NO.09: Consideration of the nomination of two Senate nominees to represent the Senate on the Board of Governors of the Institute

The item was deferred for next Senate Meeting. The Senate desired to have detailed report such as when was the formation of BOG finally approved by the Ministry and when were the nominations made.

ITEM NO.10: Consideration of the maximum residency period of academic program of the Ph.D. students enrolled in different streams of research program

The Senate considered the following cases that have completed their maximum residency period in their PhD programs:

Case No.1: Ms. Shivangi Raman (RS72) under Dr. Vijay Chaurasiya

The Senate would like to have information such as Fee paid by the candidates, whether the registration was done in current or preceding semester or not.

Case No.2: Mr Satya Prakash (RS79) under Dr Shirshu Verma (co-supervisor: Dr Abhishek Vaish)

The Chairman, SPGC briefed the grant of extension of the residency period of the candidate and related issues. The Senate resolved to issue him a letter asking the candidate to apprise his PhD work status and submission of his thesis.

Case No.3: Mr Krishna K Agarwal (RS92): His 6 yrs will be completed on 7th Sept., 2017.

The Senate also instructed the Chairman of SPGC to inform all such candidates who have completed or about to complete their maximum residency period well in advance about their completion of maximum stay in their academic program and authorized him to act as per Ordinance.

REPORTING ITEMS

ITEM NO. 11: To report the rectification in the minutes related to Agenda Item No. 7.08 of the 7th meeting of Senate held on 2.4.2017

The Senate noted to adopt the Ph.D. credits in accordance with Gazette of India. The changes will be effective for all Dual Degree M.Tech-Ph.D. and Ph.D. students retrospectively w.e.f. 2010 batches onwards.

ITEM NO. 12: To report the introduction of two new Courses entitled "SANL140C: Analysis" and "SFDM140C: Fundamentals of Discrete Mathematics"

The Senate noted the introduction of two new Courses SANL140C and SFDM140C in the Department of Applied Sciences for Ph.D. students w.e.f. 2017-2018 first semester.

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ITEM NO. 13: To report the change of supervisors for Ph.D. students of various departments

The Senate noted the change of Supervisor for PhD students of various streams

ITEM NO. 14: To report the Ph.D. admissions done during July 2017-2018 first semester

The Senate noted the details pertaining to PhD admission to the 1st semester of 2017.

ITEM NO. 15: To report the Election Guidelines for the Chairperson Senate Post Graduate Committee (SPGC) and Senate Under Graduate Committee (SUGC)

The Senate noted the Election Guidelines for the Chairperson, Senate Post Graduate Committee (SPGC) and Senate Under Graduate Committee (SUGC). The Senate expressed its view that it could be revised, if required and the same could be presented in the next Senate meeting.

ITEM NO. 16: Any Other Item

<u>ITEM S-1</u>: Consideration of the transfer of Sri Suryansh Agrawal from IIIT-Guwahati to IIIT-Lucknow on medical grounds

The Senate discussed the case of Sri Suryansh Agrawal for a possibility of transfer from IIIT Guwahati to IIIT-Allahabad/Lucknow. Due to the lack of compatibility pertaining to admission procedure/policy between IIIT Guwahati and IIIT Allahabad, it was resolved that IIIT Allahabad will not be in a position to accommodate the candidate by transfer.

As far as concerning the transfer to IIIT Lucknow, it was resolved that it would be beyond the scope of the Senate of IIIT Allahabad to take decision on it. The case is being referred to BoG of IIIT Lucknow for necessary action.

ITEM S-2: To consider allowing the voluntary incorporation of tutorial classes and its continuous assessment

The proposal was agreed in principle. The HODs of the respective departments should see possibilities of implementation in the current semester.

ITEM S-3: To consider the local spot round admissions as communicated by CCMT-2017

The Senate did not agree for conducting the local spot round for admission to M.Tech Program.

ITEM S-4: To consider the application of Sh. Rajendra Yadav for admission in M. Tech. program

The Senate did not accept the above proposal for admission in M.Tech program as already resolved at Item No. S-3.

Prof. P. Nagabhushan

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