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Minutes of the 18th Senate Meeting of Indian Institute of Information Technology, Allahabad held on 26th June 2020 from 11:00 AM onwards in the Auditorium, Administrative Block, IIIT Allahabad.

The meeting had both online and on site participation. The meeting was convened in Auditorium ensuring social distancing.

The Members in attendance were as follow:

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| 1. Prof. P. Nagabhushan | : Chairperson |
| 2. Prof. G.C.Nandi, Advisor (QAA) | : Member (Through SKYPE) |
| 3. Prof. U.S.Tiwary, Dean (HA) | : Member |
| 4. Prof. Tapobrata Lahiri, Dean (A&R) | : Member |
| 5. Prof. O.P. Vyas(CVO) | : Member |
| 6. Prof. Shekhar Verma, Dean (IR&PM) | : Member |
| 7. Prof. Anupam, Dean (TPA) | : Member |
| 8. Prof. Shekhar Majumdar, MNIT Bangalore | : Member (Through SKYPE) |
| 9. Prof. K. Chidananda Gowda
Ex-VC, Kuvempu University | : Member (Through SKYPE) |
| 10. Prof. K. Sethupathi, IIT Madras | : Member (Through SKYPE) |
| 11. Dr. Vijayshri Tiwari, HOD, MS Dept | : Member |
| 12. Dr. Rajat Kumar Singh, HOD, ECE | : Member |
| 13. Dr. Pritish Varadwaj, HOD, AS | : Member |
| 14. Prof. Shirshu Varma, Registrar (Actg) | : Member & Secretary |
| 15. Dr. Manish Goswami, Asso. Dean (AAA) | : Invited Member |
| 16. Dr. Neetesh Purohit, Assoc Dean (RDP) | : Invited member |
| 17. Dr. Akhilesh Tiwari, SPGC | : Invited Member |
| 18. Dr. Asheesh Kumaar, JR(AAA) | : Invited Member |
| 19. Dr. Pavan Kumar Saini, JR (Estt.) | : Invited Member |
| 20. Mr. Sahil Uday Singh, Students' Representative | : Invited Member (Through SKYPE) |

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

Prof. Rajiv Tripathi, MNNIT, Prof. Sumit Ganguli, IIT Kanpur, Prof. A.G. Ramakrishna, IISc Bangalore, Dr. Vrijendra Singh, HOD (IT) and Dr. Pooja Mishra, SUGC could not attend the meeting owing to their preoccupation and were, therefore, granted the leave of absence.

Before taking up the itemized agenda, Chairman, Senate presented the following points before the Senate:

1. In spite of COVID-19 pandemic, faculty, officers, staff and students cooperated very well in adhering to and maintaining academic calendar. All academic events were conducted as per schedule. The continuous assessment made possible due to the new CCLCAA Ordinance enabled the execution of academic interaction activities, exams and assessment activities online withstanding the compelled isolation. The results were notified as scheduled.

M.Tech.-IV semester students have been provided with the provision to make use of summer vacation to submit the thesis, in case they required some extra time because of unprecedented situation.

2. Presently, the summer semester, as per schedule, for the advantage of Dropped Candidates has been going online without any hitches. It is expected to get completed as per the schedule. The activities for coming semester is also expected to undergo online mode.
3. Also, our faculty members have taken up the initiative to continue with Summer Internship activities, in online mode, which is witnessing a larger number of enrollments.
4. Many online workshops and online seminars are successfully conducted and are also planned on diverse topics. The attendance in events so far was in larger number and the events are highly received.
5. Under the prevailing situation, since it is understood, that it will take more time for the normalcy to return in academic institutions, the controls are already in place to conduct the upcoming odd semester in online mode as per schedule. The Institute has taken up to create an enhanced tech savvy environment to accomplish this. However, it is understood the fresh BTech, MTech and MBA batches will get started as per the directions from MHRD.
6. The institute has ranked 103rd position out of 200 ranks notified by the NIRF. Although it amounts to being in top 5% of the total number of technical institutions, it is necessary that institute should address the issue to move up in its rank position. In QS India Ranking, Institute has stood at 40th position. Under Computer Science discipline, at the International QS ranking IIITA is placed in the bracket of 500-550 ranks, which is noteworthy. This also means that IIITA stands at 17th rank in Computer Science discipline among the Indian Institutions. The Chairman expressed vividly that there is scope for the institution to improve and project itself.

The Senators, specially, external experts appreciated the efforts. The house appreciated and approved the adoption of online teaching interactions and assessment activities.

Subsequently, the itemized agenda was taken up.

ITEM NO. 01

To receive the Minutes of 16th and 17th (special) Meeting of the Senate held on 13.11.2019 and 25.04.2020 respectively

The Senate approved the minutes of the 16th and 17th Senate meeting held on 13.11.2019 and 25.4.2020 respectively.

ITEM NO. 02

To receive the Action Taken Report on the Minutes of the 16th and 17th Meeting of the Senate held on 13.11.2019 and 25.04.2020 respectively

The Senate received with satisfaction the Action Taken Report on the minutes of the 16th and 17th Senate meeting and noted the Action Taken report in this regard.

ITEM NO. 03

Consideration and approval of the Format of Grade Sheet, Transcript and other Academic instruments to be issued under CCLCAA

Dr. Asheesh Kumar, Joint Registrar (AAA) briefed the Senate members about the format of Grade Sheet, Transcript and other Academic instruments to be issued to the students under CCLCAA structure.

The Senate accepted the new formats under CCLCAA. The approved formats shall be applicable on all students covered under CCLCAA Ordinance.

ITEM NO. 04

Consideration and approval of some adjustment in the courses running in IT Department

The Senate considered the proposal received from SPGC and approved the adjustments. The Senate also expressed that the Elective courses can be offered by the Department in any semester provided candidate is eligible for registering in that course provided the pre-requisites for enrolling in the course are met.

ITEM NO. 05

To consider and approve the proposal for starting Diploma and Certification Courses in cutting edge areas of Science and Technology

Dr. Pritish Varadwaj, HOD (AS) briefed the Senate members about the proposed Diploma and Certificate courses to be offered through online and offline mode. The Senate accepted the proposal for running such Certificate Programmes through CSTCP-IIITA.

Whereas for the Diploma Programme, it is advised that the eligibility criteria, course structure, credit requirements; whether such Diplomas be awarded in the Convocation or not, etc. information as a comprehensive document should be placed before the Senate in its next meeting for further deliberations thereon.

ITEM NO. 06

Consideration and approval of the proposal from HoD, Applied Sciences for Institution of Two Years M.Tech. (Data Science and Analytics) program

Dr. Pritish Varadwaj, HoD (AS) detailed the proposal of starting a new Two years M.Tech. (Data Science and Analytics) program in the Institute.

This program will be interdisciplinary in nature supported by all the Departments in the Institute. Since the program is of multidisciplinary in nature; it is proposed to draw students from different academic backgrounds, in addition to the candidates who are GATE qualified. Therefore, the Institute will conduct its own entrance examination to admit the students. The program will be self-sustaining in its execution and operations.

The Senate also expressed that a re-look in finalizing the course content is warranted.

The Senate advised that a committee under the Chairman ship of Professor U.S. Tiwary be constituted to finalize this course content and the mode of conducting the program.

The Senate approved the program and conveyed that it could be brought into effect from this calendar year itself.

The Senate congratulated Dr. Pritish Varadwaj for this proposal.

ITEM NO. 07

Consideration and approval of (a) the Ordinance for Joint Ph.D. Program at the Institute (b) the Ordinance for Joint Academic Programs other than Ph.D. at IIIT Allahabad

Dr. Asheesh Kumaar, Joint Registrar (AAA) briefed the Senate members about the 'Ordinance for Joint PhD Program' and 'Ordinance other than the Joint PhD Program'.

The Senate approved the same.

ITEM NO. 08

Consideration and approval of the appointment of Dr. R. Krishnan for adjunct faculty position in the Department of IT, IIIT-A

Professor Shekhar Verma, Dean IPR&M briefed the Senate members about Dr. R. Krishnan and his accomplishments for the consideration as an Adjunct Faculty in the Institute.

The Senate accepted the recommendation of the Committee to consider the Adjunct Faculty position for Dr. R. Krishnan for a period of two years under the provision of 4-tier flexible cadre structure for the faculty.

The Senate also expressed that all such offers should be issued for a period of two years, which can be extended to presently serving Adjunct Faculty also.

ITEM NO. 09

Consideration and approval of the course titled, "Personality and Psychology Development" (LTP: 2-2-2) to be run as 1st course in 1st semester of B.Tech. program

The Chairman, Senate opined that such a course should be a part of Orientation program for any newly admitted candidate. He also suggested that the first semester should be composed of two parts, an initial Orientation part and then the regular first semester. The Orientation part should be entitled as Orientation Camp, which should include the essence of the new proposed course also. The Orientation Camp will be for 4 credits; however, the program will not be graded. The Orientation Camp should be made compulsory and will be for an initial period of 3-4 weeks in the first semester.

The proposal was highly received and many suggestions were also offered.

The Senate conveyed its acceptance to include Orientation Camp as the initial part in the first semester and constituted the following Committee to work out the finer details of the Orientation Camp:

Prof. T. Lahiri, Dean A&R
Dr. Neetesh Purohit, Associate Dean R&D
Dr Pritish Varadwaj, HOD (AS)
Prof. Neena Kohli, Univ of Allahabad

Prof. K. Chidananda Gowda, the external Senate expert was also requested to provide his valuable input in deciding the contents for Orientation Camp and the modality of conducting the camp.

ITEM NO.10

Consideration and approval of the following new Add-on courses submitted by Dr. Rahul Kala:

- 1. Product Ideation and Prototype Development**
- 2. Open Source based Technology Stack**
- 3. Intellectual Property Rights**

The Senate accepted the above Add-on courses. The courses will be available for the students with effect from July 2020 onwards. It was also resolved that these Add-on courses could lead to the award of B.Tech. Honours with Minor on innovation, entrepreneurship and IPR.

ITEM NO.11

Consideration and approval of the proposal from HOD (ECE):

- (i) Additional list of elective of 7th Semester IT Department to be approved for 7th Semester students of ECE Department**
- (ii) Addition of one elective for the 3rd semester of MTech (ECE) for 'Generic ECE' which is already being offered for 7th semester ECE students**

The Senate approved the proposal from HOD (ECE). The Senate also made it clear that the colloquial prefix '*Generic*' must be dropped in formal communication and in drafting academic instruments for both IT and ECE.

REPORTING ITEMS

ITEM NO. 12

To ratify the decision taken during the period in between the last Senate (17th Senate) meeting and present one (18th Senate)

The Senate ratified all the decision taken by the Chairman, Senate between 17th Senate Meeting and 18th Senate Meeting held on 25.4.2020 and 26.6.2020 respectively.

ITEM NO.13

To report the proposed changes due to the Typographical error

The Senate noted and ratified the proposed changes by HOD, ECE due to typographical error in LTP structure of the Courses (i) Embedded System Design (ii) Power Electronics (iii) Physics & (iv) Professional Communication.

ITEM NO.14

To report the policy regarding distribution of Merit Certificate for M.Tech.(BI) Branch students

The Senate noted the policy regarding distribution of Merit Certificate for M.Tech. (BI) branch students.

ITEM NO.15

To ratify the decision taken in the Institute in respect of summer Semester 2020

As per the provisions of CCLCAA Ordinance 2018 and in light of the resolutions of Institute during various meetings, the notification for Summer Semester 2020 registration has been notified on 20.05.2020 for the Dropped course of B.Tech to commence the classes during 01/06/2020 to 24/07/2020. The Summer Semester is being offered in online mode. The assessments shall also be undertaken in an online mode.

On the request of the institute Gymkhana and various students, a Revised Fee Structure has been notified with the consent of the Director via email dated 20/05/2020.

The Senate ratified the above decision.

ITEM NO. 16

To consider the matter pertaining to the followings for whom Institute committees were formed to suggest solutions, during the past & present senate meetings

- A. Regarding Registration/Migration of Old Ordinance Student into New Ordinance – Mr. Anand Kumar (IIT2014137).
- B. Exhaustion of Maximum Extendable Period in June 2020, Registration/Mapping of Equivalent Course and Remaining Back Papers of Mr. Omar Hassan Shalla (IIT2013010) a B.Tech (IT) Student of the Institute.
- C. Mr. Tauhid Alam (BIM2015003) - registration from Old to New Ordinance (CCLCAA) from 1st semester with same Enrollment number.
- D. New Ordinance student Mr. Rahul Jaiswal (MIT2018023) registered to Old Ordinance course with Dual Degree students.
- E. Mapping of Course “Mathematics-2” from Old Ordinance to “Univariate and Multi-variate Calculus” of New Ordinance for Mr. Shashwat Verma (IIT2014006).

For point no. A, B and C recommendations were accepted by the Hon'ble Director and Chairman Senate and accordingly put into effect.

For Point no. D and E recommendations were accepted by the competent authority (DUGC & DPGC) of IT department and were apprised to the concern students.

The Senate ratified the above decisions.

ITEM NO. 17

(A) Effective Seat Matrix for CSAB-2020/B.Tech admissions after the EWS reservation including supernumerary seats for women

Implementation of EWS provision by assuming increase of 13% seats in the first year (i.e. 2019-20) and 12% in the coming admission session 2020-2021 and increase in female enrollment in B.Tech Program to 20% the resultant seat matrix.

The Senate noted the above decision.

(B) Revised DASA Seat Matrix for session 2020-21

With reference to Office Order F.No.IIIT-A/Secy.Senate/2019/3153 dated 08/05/2019, the DASA Seat Matrix for year 2020 is approved.

In the Mean time, w.e.f. July 2019, the Institute has started a new branch B.Tech (IT-Business Informatics) also. For the same branch, DASA seats allocation has so far not been made.

The revised and complete DASA Statistics is therefore proposed for B.Tech IT/ECE/IT-Business Informatics.

The above recommendations were duly accepted by the Hon'ble Director and Chairman Senate accordingly and are to be put to effect from current Academic Session (2020-2021).

The Senate noted the above decision.

ITEM NO. 18

To report about the case filed against Dr. M.D. Tiwari, Former Director-IIITA by CBI

This is to apprise to the Senate that CBI has registered the case no. PE0062020A0001 on dated 08.01.2020 against Dr. M.D. Tiwari, Former Director-IIITA for irregularities happened during his tenure. The CBI has already completed a few rounds of the enquiry at the IIIT Allahabad, collected documents from all the offices and recorded the statement from the concerned officers.

An Independent Enquiry Committee as per the direction of the BoG has also been constituted to submit its report on the issues having Administrative Angles only. This committee is about to submit its report to the Vigilance Section of the MHRD.

The Senate noted the status of the case filed against Dr M.D. Tiwari by CBI, Former Director of IIIT Allahabad.


ITEM NO. 19


To report the 'Replacement of Data Mining and Warehousing (IDMWX22C)' with 'Wireless Sensor Ntworks' course for BTech-MBA (IT -10th Semester) students

The Senate noted the above replacement.

Any other item with the permission of the Chair

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


Prof. Shirshu Varma
Registrar & Secretary Seante


Prof. P. Nagabhushan
Chairman, Senate