



Minutes of the 27th Meeting of the Special Senate (Convocation Specific)

The 27th Meeting of Meeting of the Special Senate (Convocation Specific) was held on 06.09.2023 from 11:30 AM onwards in the Board Room of the Institute. The members in attendance were as follows:

1. Prof.Mukul S Sutaone, Director IIITA	Chairman
2. Prof U S Tiwary, Dean (FA)	Member
3. Prof Shekhar Verma, Dean (SDA)	Member
4. Prof Anupam, Dean (Alumni Affairs)	Member
5. Prof Manish Goswami, Dean (A & R)	Member
6. Prof O P Vyas, Dean (TD) & (IWD)	Member
7. Prof Madhvendra Misra, Dean (I&NR)	Member
8. Prof Ranjit Singh, Dean (SA)	Member
9. Prof Tapobrata Lahiri	Member
10. Prof Vijaishri Tewari	Member
11. Prof. Pavan Chakraborty	Member
12. Prof Neetesh Purohit	Member
13. Prof Vrijendra Singh	Member
14. Prof Pritish Varadwaj	Member
15. Dr. K.P. Singh (HOD IT)	Member
16. Dr. Sanjai Singh, (HOD ECE)	Member
17. Dr. Pragya Singh, (HoD MS)	Member
18. Dr. Srijit Bhattacharya, representing (HOD AS)	Member
19. Prof. A.G. Ramakrishnan, IISc Bangalore	Member
20. Prof. K. Chidananda Gowda Ex-VC, Kuvempu University	Member
21. Prof. Siddhartha Panda, IIT Kanpur	Member (Online)
22. Dr. Akhilesh Tiwari, HoD (First Year)	Spl. Invitee
23. Dr. K.P. Singh, Chairman, SPGC	Spl. Invitee
24. Dr. Sunny Sharma, Chairman SUGC	Spl. Invitee
25. Dr Asheesh Kumar, Jt. Registrar, AAA Section	Spl. Invitee
26. Mr. Aditya Ray, Representative Student Gymkhana	Spl. Invitee
27. Dr. Satish Kumar Singh, Registrar (Acting)	Sec. Senate

Prof. Laxmidhar Behera, IIT Kanpur, Prof. Ganesh Ramakrishnan, IIT Bombay, Dr. Santanu Dasgupta, Sr Vice President, RIL, Mumbai and Prof. G.C. Nandi, IIIT Allahabad could not join the meeting, owing to their prior commitments and thus granted leave of absence. Dr. Srijit Bhattacharya represented as HoD-AS, in place of Dr. Ratan Saha, who is on long outstation leave.

The Secretary Senate welcomed the members present in the 27th special meeting of the Senate (Convocation Specific). After welcoming opening remarks by the Chairman Senate, with the permission of the Chair, Agenda items were taken up as follows:

ITEM NO. 27.01	To receive the Statistics in respect of the Graduating students (B. Tech., M. Tech., MBA, DD B. Tech.-M. Tech, DD M. Tech.-Ph.D & Ph.D Program) on the occasion of the XVIII Convocation of the Institute to be held on 09.09.2023
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Dean (A&R) presented the statistics in respect of the graduating students on the occasion of XVIII Convocation of the Institute to be held on September 09, 2023. The Chairman suggested to compile and share the graphical analysis for three consecutive (successive) years, on the program-wise academic performance (average CGPI) of the batches passing out in respective years and also the success rates (roll outs in first attempt, without backlog) and share it with Senators.

Resolution: S-27/01: The Senate noted and received the statistics in respect of the Graduating students (B. Tech., M. Tech., MBA, DD B. Tech.- M. Tech, DD M. Tech.-Ph.D, & Ph.D Programs) on the occasion of the XVIII Convocation of the Institute to be held on 09.09.2023.

ITEM NO. 27.02	To consider and approve the names of Graduands who are due to get their Degrees for various Programs in the XVIII Convocation of the Institute to be held on 09.09.2023
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Dean (A&R) presented the names of Graduands who are due to receive their degrees for various Programs in the XVIII Convocation of the Institute to be held on September 09, 2023.

Resolution: S-27/02: The Senate approved the names of the Graduands for award of degrees in the XVIII Convocation of the Institute to be held on 09.09.2023.

ITEM NO. 27.03	To consider and approve the names of Graduands for the award of various Medals and Merit Certificates to be awarded by the Institute on the occasion of the XVIII Convocation scheduled to be held on 09.09.2023
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Dean (A&R) presented the list of those students who have been eligible and selected for the award of various Medals and Merit certificates as per norms of the Institute.

Resolution: S-27/03: The Senate approved the same for award of Chairman's Gold Medal, Institute Medals, Endowment Medals, and Merit Certificates to be given in XVIII Convocation scheduled to be held on 09.09.2023

ITEM NO. 27.04	To consider the semester-wise course structure & minimum duration of the M.Tech. by Research Program
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The item was discussed at length and breadth, with diversified opinions/expressions by the members with respect to a special case of a candidate, brought to the notice of the Senate, and as recommended by the Dept of Applied Science, for conferment of degree of "M.Tech by Research" in 24 months, in place of 30 months, as mentioned in the Ordinance – 2018. The

members agreed on the fact that the ordinance has the discrepancy in terms of minimum 30 months duration of the program, but with "No mention" of academic engagement for the candidate in last (5th) Semester.

The members also agreed on the need on correcting the discrepancy in the ordinance at the earliest. However, since the Ordinance rule, in letters, cannot be violated for a specific case, the Senate while appreciating the performance of the student (on a faster track), with all mandated compliances, expressed its inability to help the student, as recommended by the Dept of AS. The academic assignment to be given to the student in his continued 5th Semester, was left to be decided by the Dept. of Applied Sciences and the supervisor.

Resolution: S-27/04: The Senate RESOLVED to articulate appropriate corrections for the "M.Tech by Research Program" in the Ordinance-2018, to annul the prevailing ambiguities therein, for its prospective implementation, after moving such corrected ordinance through proper channel.

The Senate further RESOLVED to instruct the concerned student of the 'M.Tech by Research' program to continue with his 5th Semester, as mandated on him by prevailing ordinance and as made clear to him in his admission letter.

ITEM NO. 27.05	To consider and approve the PhD ordinance.
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Resolution: S-27/05: After deliberations, the agenda was deferred for the next meeting. However, it was resolved that the recommendations of Subcommittee will be circulated to all faculty members for their opinion and comments. Thereafter, the PhD Ordinances would be finalized before 30th September, 2023.

ITEM NO. 27.06	Regarding Establishing the 'Rekhi Center for the Science of Happiness' at IIIT-A.
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The Director apprised the members on the proposal of establishing the 'Rekhi Center for Science of Happiness with reference to the MoU signed by the Institute with Rekhi Foundation-USA, in the month of July-2023. With a committed funding support from the foundation in terms of a corpus endowment, annual component for salaries of teachers who would teach the relevant courses, amount for establishing a "Mind lab" and annual component of sundry expenditure etc., the Institute needs to commit introducing/accommodating a set of OPTIONAL courses related to the theme of the Center, in its new UG curriculum, spread across semesters, as value education courses and/or open electives. The Director also updated on a new concept of an optional "Micro" certification, for a student who undertakes the series of thematic (Science of Happiness) courses summing to 08 credits, (like optional 'Minor' or 'Honors'). When queried by a member, the Director clarified that a separate 'Certificate' (distinctly than their Major Degree) will be awarded to the concerned students on successful completion of such optional 'Micro'.

Resolution: S-27/06: The Senate, in principle, approved the proposal and recommended to put up the above agenda before Board of Governors for consideration and approval.

ITEM NO. 27.07	To receive the admitted students in the various programs of B. Tech., M. Tech. & MBA in the Institute for the Academic Year 2023
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Chairman Senate suggested to modify the Agenda Item as **“To receive the admitted students in the various programs of B. Tech., M. Tech. & MBA in the Institute for the Academic Year 2023”** in place of already circulated *“To ratify the admitted students in the various programs of B. Tech., M. Tech. & MBA Program in the Institute for the Academic Year 2021 to 2023”*. All the members of the Senate agreed upon the same. The Director further suggested to compile and share a presentation on the analysis program-wise admissions in the Institute for three consecutive years, so that the corrective measures can be thought of, for the programs which could not fetch the attention and attraction of the admission seekers, and thus turned to be ‘Not-in-Demand’.

Resolution: S-27/07: The Senate received data of the admitted students in the various programs of B. Tech., M. Tech. & MBA in the Institute for the Academic Year 2023. The Senate also noted to analyze and compare the admission data of three years so that efforts may be made to attract students against any ‘Not-in-Demand’ programs. The analysis may be presented in upcoming Senate.

ITEM NO. 27.08	Any other Item
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Item 27.08 [S1]: To approve the degree certificate format for M.Tech by Research Program

Resolution: S-27/08(1): The Senate approved the degree certificate format for M.Tech by Research Program

Item 27.08 [S2]: To decide upon the Apology/Mercy appeal of following students regarding an incident of fighting among the students of B. Tech. and few MBA students on 24-08-2023:

- 1) Mr. Ankit Kumar (IMB2022035) through his parent
- 2) Mr. Rajiv Kumar (IMB2022045)
- 3) Mr. Mayank Verma (IMB2022042)

Chief Proctor, IIITA presented the agenda. After deliberations and suggestions from Senate members, Senate discussed on apology/Mercy appeal of above students regarding an incident of fighting among the students of B. Tech. and few MBA students on 24-08-2023.

Resolution: S-27/08(2): It was resolved that the decision of Proctorial Board will be final and Apology/Mercy appeal of above student was rejected accordingly.

After that, the Chairman Senate invited all members of the Senate for XVIII convocation of the Institute which is scheduled on September 9th, 2023. The meeting then ended with thanks to the Chair.


(Dr. Satish Kumar Singh)
Registrar (Acting)
& Secretary Senate


(Prof. Mukul S. Sutaone)
Director
& Chairman Senate