

Indian Institute of Technology
Senate Scholarships and Prizes Committee

Minutes of the Meeting held on the 7 th Aug. 2017, 15:00, DOSA Conf. Room

Members Present: Dr. P. Shunmugaraj (DOSA), Dr. A. Dutta, Dr. A. Banerjee, Dr. A. Garg, Dr. N. N. Nair (SSPC Chair)

1. Announcements

- SSPC Chairman announced that with the help of DORA office, web based forms have been made for applying for FBM scholarship. If successful, the same will be used for other scholarships and awards.

- Call for FBM scholarships for this academic year has been made.

- Academic Excellence Award for the year 2016-17 has been processed early and will be announced early

2. Modifying FBM Criteria:

The existing criteria says that the FBM scholarship is for the needy students, while no specific rules have been made on how to identify “needy students”. Thus, SSPC members recommend that total annual income criteria, in line with the MCM scholarship criteria may be added to the existing rules. This change will be implemented from the current academic year. This will be send for approval of the senate

Existing Criteria	Proposed Modified Criteria
<p>The Institute gives Free-Basic-Mess (FBM) Scholarships to needy students. The details of the FBM scholarships available at IIT Kanpur and the criteria used for selection are provided below.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The students belonging to SC/ST categories only are eligible to receive the FBM scholarship. 2. The undergraduate (UG) students in the 4-year, 5-year, or 2-year M.Sc. programs only are eligible to receive the FBM scholarship. 3. The student must NOT be getting any other scholarship either from IIT Kanpur or from any other external source(s). A student can avail ONLY ONE scholarship at a time. 4. A student must apply for the FBM scholarship on the prescribed application form before the last date for submitting the application form. 	<p>The Institute gives Free-Basic-Mess (FBM) Scholarships to needy students. The details of the FBM scholarships available at IIT Kanpur and the criteria used for selection are provided below.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The students belonging to SC/ST categories only are eligible to receive the FBM scholarship. 2. The undergraduate (UG) students in the 4-year, 5-year, or 2-year M.Sc. programs only are eligible to receive the FBM scholarship. 3. Total family annual income (TFAI) should be less than 6 Lakhs. 4. The student must NOT be getting any other scholarship either from IIT Kanpur or from any other external source(s). A student can avail ONLY ONE scholarship at a time. 5. A student must apply for the FBM scholarship on the prescribed application form before the last date for submitting the application form.

3. Organizing a function to distribute the Academic Excellence Awards, 2016-17.

The SSPC members are in favour of organising a function to distribute Academic Excellence Awards. Since there are nearly 500 students in total, the organisational aspects have to be decided in consultation with the Director. SSPC members suggested that this function could be scheduled on a weekend and either Director or the Heads of the Department could distribute the awards. A high-tea may be arranged at the end of the function.

4. Instituting new convocation awards for the “Best Ph.D. Thesis”

SSPC Chairman presented the following proposal for the “Best Ph.D. Thesis Award”

The Proposal:

- One Ph.D. thesis award to be given to every department/programme
- A departmental committee has to recommend the name from the list of shortlisted names from that department.
- Shortlisting could be done based on the points given by the external examiners
- Silver medal or cash award + certificate could be given.

However, SSPC members raised the following concern:

- a) One award per department/programme may not be sufficient due to distinct fields/sub-disciplines in each department/programme
- b) External reviews may differ and could be biased in certain cases

SSPC chairman was asked to come up with a better proposal in contact with SPGC and DOAA, if possible, or to make a committee for formulating the proposal.

4. Instituting new convocation awards for MS/MT projects.

SSPC members agreed that Proficiency prizes/awards are Project Proficiency Awards have to be constituted for MS/MT projects. Considering different sub-disciplines within a department, more than 1 award should be given. SSPC members suggested at least 1 award per 30 MS/MT students in a batch could be considered. Feedback from the departments is required in this case and it has to be discussed in a SSPC meeting before taking to the Senate.

5. Revisiting the convocation award criteria for project proficiency awards.

The existing project proficiency awards for UG project work has the following condition:

“For deciding any award involving UG project work, the project must have been carried out over at least two regular semesters and duly approved/forwarded by the department. The UGPs for project-based awards should be UGP-2 and UGP-3 and not the extra credit courses (UGP-1 and UGP-4).”

However, many departments does not have UGP-2 & -3 part of the course template. Thus, SSPC members agreed to modify the above criteria as follows:

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~~ject based awards should be UGP 2 and UGP 3 and not the extra credit courses (UGP 1 and UGP 4)."~~

SSPC chairman was asked to contact all the departments for their feedback on the above change.

6. Webpage of SSPC:

Due to large number of awards/prizes/scholarships, it becomes difficult for students to search for the most suited award. Thus, the web-administrator will be contacted to see if search options and filter options can be incorporated.

7. Any other Items

- Including Dean, Resources and Alumni (DORA) as an ex-officio member in SSPC
SSPC members felt that DORA should be an ex-officio member of SSPC, considering large number of donor based awards and scholarships. This will also help the DORA office to come up with new awards /scholarships that meet the needs of the students.

- Approve the calendar of SSPC activities for the academic year 2017-18
The attached calendar (Appendix-1) of activities has been approved by the SSPC members.


Nisarth N. Nair
SSPC Chairperson

Appendix -1


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Calendar for announcement of scholarships

Name of Scholarships/Awards	Date of Announcements	Last Date of Submission	Date of Results
Free Basic Mess	Monday, third week of July	30 days from the date of announcement	2 weeks from the last date of submission
Academic Excellence Awards (2 nd Year Onwards)	-	-	First week of August
Merit – cum-means	Monday, first week of August	30 days from the date of announcement	30 days from the last date of submission
INSPIRE- SHE	Monday, first week of August	-do-	** 30 days from the last date of submission
Donor 1 st Call	Monday, third week of September	-do-	30 days from the last date of submission
Donor 2 nd Call	Monday, second week of January	-do-	15 days from the last date of submission
Academic Excellence Awards (1 st Year)	-	-	Third week of January
Convocation	Monday, second week of April	30 days from the date of announcement	5 days before the Convocation
Sports	Monday, third week of April	-do-	One week from the last date of submission

** Can vary depending on the funds received from DST.


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(Chairman, SSPC)