

Indian Institute of Technology Kanpur

Minutes of the IAC meeting held on 5th January, 2012

Time & Venue: 05.00 PM; FB-212

Following members were present:

Prof. S G Dhande, Prof. S C Srivastava, Prof. S.N. Singh, Prof. Neeraj Misra, Prof. A K Ghosh, Prof. Dheeraj Sanghi, Sri S. S. Kashalkar, Prof. C Venkatsen, Prof. R Sankaramakrishnan, Prof. Goutam Deo, Prof. Vinay K Gupta, Prof. R.N. Mukherjee, Prof. H Karnick, Prof. S Qureshi, Prof. L Krishnan, Prof. J Chatterjee, Prof. P K Panigrahi, Prof. P M Dixit, Prof Anish Upadhyaya, Prof. D Kundu,, Prof. Kamal K Kar, Prof. V Ravishankar, Prof. Nachiketa Tiwari, Prof. A R Harish, Prof. J Ramkumar, Dr. V D Shrivastava, Mr. Sanchit Singhal

At the outset, the IAC Chairman welcomed all the members. Members confirmed the minutes of the previous IAC meeting held on 25th Nov. 2011.

IAC Chairman briefed about the funds available to augment the PG education and research. He also informed that the same scheme may continue next year also.

Input for the HAC-I (House Allotment Committee) guidelines has to be sent by each department.

SPO Chairman updated the status of placement scenario in the campus. It was pointed out that the performance of certain departments is very poor. Alumni network's role in placement was discussed. It was also mentioned that certain companies, although they came to the campus, did not recruit even a single person. Chairman IAC insisted that all HoDs should take placement seriously. Some members pointed out that the pre-placement activities affect the performance of students. SPO Chairman and his staff were congratulated by the IAC for their tireless efforts in getting the companies and improving the placement record.

The need to recruit Research Engineers, Research Scientists and Technical Officers was discussed. The creation of research infrastructure and its maintenance can be possible if we have competent Technical officers. Individual departments were asked to give inputs.

The issue of contribution of tutors from different departments in running core courses was raised. The possibility of involving the 4th year B. Tech or 5th year M. Sc. (I) students and dual degree students in in tutoring core courses was discussed. It was agreed that the inter-disciplinary spirit of core courses should be brought out.

HoDs were requested to offer as many summer courses as possible.

Special Honorarium for teaching summer courses was discussed. It was agreed that we should have a proper policy on summer courses. It was pointed out that summer courses are offered ad hoc every year. DOAA has been requested to circulate the list of courses that can be offered in summer. There was also a suggestion that the senate must take a view of "Summer Course Policy". In this context, an idea of "Trimester System" for IIT-Kanpur was proposed. Then summer semester can be treated like a regular semester. Summer semester should not be treated like a "remedial semester". It was agreed that the summary of discussion will be circulated to all HoDs.

DOAA informed that a committee has been formed that will look into all possible ways of handling OARS. The goal is to create a new system that will be in place soon. Input/advice/suggestions are to be given to this committee.

IAC Chairman informed that the Kakodkar Committee has been accepted by the IIT-Council. An empowered committee has been set up by the IIT-Council to implement some major points.

The meeting ended with Chairman thanking all the members.



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Prof. S. G. Dhande
Chairman, IAC