

Minutes of Faculty Meeting dtd May 8<sup>th</sup>, 2017

Members present:

Professors Munmun Jha, Braj Bhushan, Satyaki Roy, Ishan Sharma, Nachiketa Tiwari, J. Ramkumar, Tarun Gupta, Vinay P Namboodri, D P Mishra, Mainak Das, Deepu Philip, D. Goswami, Pradeep Kumar and Head DP

1. Head DP confirmed the minutes of last meeting held on 4<sup>th</sup> May, 2017 and presented collated comments on DP as a department proposal as on date. Head, DP further expressed the need, based on opinion formulated during DP as a department Open House about thorough internal discussions on the proposal one more time within DP Faculty members through multiple faculty meetings before finalizing the proposal.
2. One faculty member made a comment, saying that no discussion on Open House was initiated before the conduct of the Open House and also made a comment regarding the carrying out of a breakfast meeting to discuss the DP as department proposal on 8<sup>th</sup> May, 2017 as inappropriate. This faculty member recorded his dissent on both these issues. Head DP rebutted by answering that, the plan to hold the breakfast meeting was discussed in the DP faculty meeting on 4<sup>th</sup> May, 2017 where the concerned faculty member was not present. Head, DP also apprised regarding the open house question that it was prior to the joining of this faculty member in DP that the DP as a department proposal was extensively discussed among DP faculty. There were opinions from other present faculty members, about having many faculty meetings earlier from time to time after the proposal was formulated. It was opined by other faculty members that this proposal was discussed and circulated many times during the term of the last DP head. Head, DP, summarized that the proposal was submitted to Director IIT Kanpur by the previous head and the open house was conducted by current head after consultation with Director IIT Kanpur.
3. Head DP presented the collated comments of design faculty in respect of the DP as a department proposal as received upto 08/05/2017 and also the proposal committees rebuttal on some comments. Regarding one course, viz., "Design for future", a query was raised by one faculty member as to whether there is expertise within DP for teaching such a course. Clarification was provided in this matter, that the proposal indicates a Design department which will offer the existing PG programmes initially followed by setting up of the UG curriculum in subsequent years. This would give adequate time for new hiring in target areas. An apprehension was made by this faculty member, whether such a course will be accepted by the senate. A clarification was provided that while at the time of providing approval to the DP department proposal it is routed through EPC which gives some broad guidelines, the senate if it so wishes accords an approval to the idea of

Design as a department. The further activities related to the new department relating to formulation of courses normally happen through regular SUGC and SPGC approvals.

4. Another opinion was raised that in the UG curriculum it may be a good idea for the design department to offer a basic no. of engineering design courses as DES courses. It was decided that feedback be once again collated from faculty members on the engineering design side of the proposal and be included in the proposal as DES courses.
5. Another question raised was about the earlier committee and members, constituting the committee who formulated the DP as a department proposal. Previous Head, DP told that based on the minutes of the faculty meeting held on 15/10/2014 (Annexure 1) a committee for looking into the proposal draft comprising of Professors Deepu Philip, Koumudi Patil, Shantanu Bhattacharya, Jhumkee Sengupta Iyenger and Head, DP was initially constituted and then this committee was expanded by adding three new members Professors Bishakh Bhattacharya, Shatarupa T. Roy and Mainak Das.

The constitution of the DP as a department proposal committee was

Professors Deepu Philip, Koumudi Patil, Shantanu Bhattacharya, Jhumkee Sengupta Iyenger, Head, DP, Bishakh Bhattacharya, Shatarupa T. Roy and Mainak Das.

Out of this the committee members Professors Bishakh Bhattacharya and Koumudi Patil withdrew from the committee subsequently. Prof. Deepu Philip apprised that the DP as a department proposal has been initiated from quite some time and there have been 2 alumni meets, 3 external committees, 1 international expert committee and 1 academic review committee followed by feedback of graduate students, feedback of faculty who were present in earlier meetings as well as feedback from DP faculty over email all of which had been collated to formulate the present draft of the DP as department proposal.

6. The DP faculty, in light of the general agreement about inclusion of some more ideas to strengthen the engineering design side of the UG curriculum of DP as a department proposal and also about the absence of some members from previous committee due to withdrawals and medical leaves etc., took a decision of formulation of a new committee for DP as a department proposal and requested Head, DP to formulate a new committee that will collate all opinions newly generated as add-ons to the existing proposal structure within limited timeframe.

## Annexure 1:

**Minutes of the Faculty Meeting held on 15/10/2014 at the Design Programme, Indian Institute of Technology Kanpur**  
**Members Present:** Profs. Jayanta Chatterjee, Manindra Agarwal, Munmun Jha, Vimal Kumar, Shantanu Bhattacharya, Brajbhushan, Deepu Philip, Shatarupa Thakurta Roy, Jhumkee Sengupta Iyengar, Kounmudi Patil and Satyaki Roy.

1. Announcements:
  - a) An MoU between Aalto Design Factory and Design Programme IIT Kanpur has been initiated to strengthen the relationship between the two institutes and explore further possibilities to collaborate with the ADF Global Partners. It will be nice if the faculty members similarly connect to the different design Institutes and organizations world wide and strengthen the global network initiative of Design Programme.
  - b) 5 students traveling to Sweden for participating in TEDMINT and 3 students traveling to US for participating in the ME310 + SUGAR GLOBAL KICKOFF at Stanford University have been supported with Rs.10000 each from the Design Programme and with Rs.50,000 each from the Institute through the DORA office. Additionally supervisors and some faculty members have supported them through projects where ever they had provisions for the same. 3 students selected to present their papers at ICORD, IISc Bangalore will be supported with Rs.5000 each. As a policy this year, design students will be provided a financial support of Rs.10000 for attending international workshops and conferences and Rs.5000 for travel within India for attending conferences from the travel budget of the programme.
  - c) An MoU between OBJECTIFY TECHNOLOGIES PRIVATE LIMITED, an incubate company at SIDBI Innovation & Incubation Centre and Design Programme, IIT Kanpur has been initiated for the maintenance and running of the 3D printer Z CORP 610 currently lying un-utilized in the PD Lab. The company will have exclusive rights to use the machine for 3D printing while the students will have the privilege to print their jobs that are part of the academic or research projects free of cost with the permission of the Lab Coordinator Prof.J.Ramkumar.
  - d) Prof. Deepu Philip informed that the Product Lifecycle Management Software is presently being used by some design students for their research and still has provision for up to 30 licenses for the use by students and faculty members of the Design Programme. It was suggested that the PD students be encouraged to use the software.
  - e) Prof. Manindra Agarwal informed that the programme can recruit three Post Doctoral Fellows.
2. A committee was constituted to look into the specific requirements and frame the desired qualification criteria for the two posts of REO for Design Programme. Members of the committee Profs. Shatarupa Thakurta Roy, Shantanu Bhattacharya and J. Ramkumar have been requested to submit the report within two weeks for further processing.
3. A need to have a Design Faculty Group Meeting once every month was felt. Thursday 4PM was decided as a fixed slot for this meeting which will be held after the IAC and Heads Group meeting every month.
4. An interaction of faculty and students with the Pioneer Batch of Design Programme has been scheduled on 20<sup>th</sup> October from 9:30 AM till 1:00PM. A detailed schedule will be circulated on 17<sup>th</sup> October. Faculty members have been requested to attend the event.
5. Faculty members agreed to join in an informal tea and a chat session with students every alternative week on Thursday at 5:30PM.
6. Prof. Kounmudi Patil agreed to provide assistance to the design students responsible for designing the Design Programme Almanac 2014-15. It was decided that this work must complete by the end of November 2014.
7. A committee has been constituted to prepare the document for proposing the Department of Design at IIT Kanpur. Faculty members present in the meeting who volunteered to be a part of the committee are Profs. Shantanu Bhattacharya, Kounmudi P Patil, Deepu Philip and Jhumkee Sengupta Iyengar. Prof. Iyengar will be the Convener and the Head, Design Programme will be the Chairman of this committee.
8. Faculty members agreed to collaboratively organize a workshop next semester as part of the global network initiative of Design Programme.
9. It was decided to organize ADEX 2014-15 during March 2015 and have 2-3 faculty members coordinating the event. The Head, Design Programme will constitute a faculty coordination committee with representation from both Product Design and Communication Design Streams.

