

Indian Institute of Technology Kanpur
Minutes of the IAC meeting held on December 31, 2012
Time & Venue: 04.00 PM; FB 212

The following members were present:

Prof. Indranil Manna, Prof. S. C. Srivastava, Prof. S. N. Singh, Prof. M. Agrawal, Prof. Ajit K. Chaturvedi, Prof. Dheeraj Sanghi, Prof. A. K. Ghosh, Dr. R. K. Sachan, Prof. Anish Upadhyaya, Prof. C. Venkatesan, Prof. R. Sankararamakrishnan, Prof. Nishith Verma, Prof. Vinay K. Gupta, Prof. Ashish Dutta, Prof. H. Karnick, Prof. S. Qureshi, Prof. Munmun Jha, Prof. Jayanta Chatterjee, Prof. P. K. Panigrahi, Prof. P. M. Dixit, Prof. S. Sangal, Prof. D. Kundu, Prof. Avinash Singh, Prof. B. Bhattacharya, Prof. P. M. Prasad, Prof. A. K. Lal, Dr. V. D. Srivastava, Mr. Abhay Jain.

1. The IAC Chairman welcomed all the members. The members confirmed the minutes of the IAC meeting held on November 27, 2012. With regard to the comments received from Head, IME, the Chairman informed that HSS will coordinate the course, COM 200, in the current semester, and IME will coordinate the same for the next semester. Head, HSS informed that they are also exploring possibility of coordinating this course in the subsequent semesters.

2. The Convenor, IAC presented the recommendations of the Kakodkar committee, based on the feedbacks received from various departments and programs. The members were informed that by and large, the departments were in agreement with the Kakodkar committee report. With regard to the setting up of an M. Tech degree programme for industry, Chairman suggested that the Institute should have such program in place, requiring reduced number of course-work and relatively more number of thesis units. With regard to the technology leadership, Chairman suggested identifying certain *mission* or *mega* projects, which IIT Kanpur should undertake. Such large-scale projects will address the current technological challenges of the country and be carried out over relatively longer duration, say 5-10 years, possibly in collaboration with the other IITs, and also, foreign universities.

Chairman informed that he will give a short presentation of the Institute's feedbacks on the Kakodkar committee report in the upcoming IIT council meeting. The members thanked the IAC convenor for the presentation.

3. Chairman informed that a new DOFA has been appointed and very soon, notification will be sent out for the appointment of a new DRPG. The members welcomed the new DOFA. The Chairman also apprised the members about all phases of selecting the DOFA.

4. Chairman informed the members that very soon faculty appraisal and a new transparent procedure for evaluating/grading individual faculty will be in place, which will be used to decide the upgradation to the HAG scale and appointment of the emeritus professors. The evaluation will consider the many aspects of the academic credentials including teaching, research, patents, projects, and administrative responsibilities. DOFA will prepare the comprehensive plan to be discussed in the HODs group meeting.

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5. Chairman emphasized the importance of post-doctorate and research engineers in the Institute and advised the departments to consider appointing these scientific positions with immediate effect. To begin with, the departments were asked to send the jobs specifications with justification for a maximum of three such positions per department to DOFA by January 15.

6. Chairman announced the appointments of Profs. Sudhir Mishra, S.N. Singh, and Samir Khandekar, as Prof-in-charge for Civil, Electrical, and AC jobs in the Institute, respectively. These positions will have the advisory role in the respective stream. The exact terms and conditions were being sorted out.

7. Chairman suggested the appointment of faculty advisor(s) for UG students throughout their stay on the campus, in the next academic year onward. This will help the students to be in constant touch with the faculty in case of any problem on the campus, requiring immediate counseling.

8. Chairman suggested that hence after the departments and the academic programs will be evaluated by the peer-review committee consisting of experts from academics, industries, and R&D centers of the country and possibly, from overseas.

9. Chairman informed the members that currently the "uniformity drive" is underway for having a uniform departmental website and brochure, email id, and also, visiting cards.

10. The present IAC convenor informed the members about completion of his term and the Head, CHM being the convenor of IAC for the year 2013. The members thanked the present convenor.

The meeting ended with Chairman thanking all the members.



Prof. Nishith Verma
Convenor - IAC



Prof. I. Manna
Chairman - IAC