

Indian Institute of Technology Kanpur

Minutes of the IAC meeting held on 19th April, 2011

Time & Venue: 05.00 PM; FB-212

Following members were present:

Prof. S G Dhande, Prof. V Chandrasekhar, Prof. Sanjay Mittal, Prof. Partha Chakraborty, Prof. Manindra Agarwal, Sri Sanjeev S Kashalkar, Prof. C Venkatsean, Prof. R Sankaramakrishnan, Prof. Goutam Deo, Prof. R.N. Mukherjee, Prof. H Karnick, Prof. S Qureshi, Prof. L Krishnana, Prof. Dipak Mazumdar, Prof. P M Dixit, Prof. Kamal K Kar, Prof. Neeraj Mishra, Prof. B Bhattacharya, Prof. V Ravishankar, Mr. Sanchit Singhal, Prof. Zakir Hossain, Dr. B Eshpuniyani, Dr. AR Harish, Dr. Shalabh

At the outset, the IAC Chairman welcomed all the members. The minutes of the last IAC meeting held on March 18th 2011 were approved by the IAC members.

Chairman, CCC presented the modified CCC report. In Tutorials, IAC members agreed that the maximum class size can be 40. IAC members were informed that Table 5 in the CCC report was arrived based on Manindra Agarwal Committee report. There was a lengthy discussion about summer courses. It was mentioned that summer courses are offered to students to clear backlogs and the conduct of these courses should be like that of regular courses. DOAA presented data which detailed the number of backlogs in different courses. Regarding the core courses that are offered in the summer term, there should be a discussion between student representatives, SUGC and the concerned HoDs. As far as the departmental courses are concerned, it was left to the individual departments. It was brought to the attention of members that advanced registration is not allowed for summer courses.

IAC members were informed that a network of alumni with more than 300 members who are in academics has been just formed. This network will help in the recruitment of faculty members. Each department must identify potential areas or candidates. Since the student strength is expected to reach ~5,500 in the next five years, the faculty strength should increase to 400 which requires 30 to 40% increase in faculty in each department in the next five years. In this scenario, the formation of this network assumes great significance. Each department also can form its own network that will help in recruiting new faculty members. There was also a brief discussion about IIT-Bombay model of recruitment where 40 new faculty members were selected in a meeting held in California, USA.

IAC Chairman also mentioned that IIT-K encourages recruiting faculty members in the following categories namely Visiting Faculty, Adjunct Faculty and Distinguished Honorary Faculty. DOFA has been requested to send a note about all three categories. Engineering departments can also look for experts from industries and if found suitable, they can be given Adjunct Faculty position. With the expected increase in faculty strength, faculty

accommodation will be an important issue. DOFA also was requested to circulate the map of new faculty quarters.

DOSA gave a brief update about accommodation-related issues in the coming semester in the student hostels. He informed that all Hall-X rooms are ready and Hall-XI construction will start within few weeks. He also updated about GH-extension. In case of any unexpected pressure, four to five Type V houses are also kept ready. DOSA mentioned that in some of the halls (Halls II, III and V) double-seating rooms are likely to become three-seating rooms. All the planning for accommodation is under the assumption that the number of admitted students will be more or less like that of last year.

DOAA apprised the members about the PG admission schedule. The tentative time-table for the PG admission is ready. All HoDs have been requested send the attrition allowance for their departments. Some double seating for PG students is inevitable.

IAC Chairman discussed the latest MHRD Circular regarding scholarships for the M. Tech students. The withdrawal of contingency grant was particularly brought to the attention of IAC members. Currently, travel support for attending national/international conferences are given to the students from this grant. Institute has to find ways to maintain this support through some other sources.

IAC Chairman requested the HoDs to encourage the students of their departments to compete for different medals which will be given in the forthcoming Convocation.

DOAA gave brief account of the discussion held regarding the new Lecture Hall Complex. The suggestions include construction of one lecture hall with the capacity of 600 and two lecture rooms that can accommodate close to 400 students. Location of this proposed new Lecture Hall Complex is another matter currently being debated in different forums. DOAA has been requested to circulate the report of Mittal, Bose and Lal Committee to all IAC members. Input from various sections of the community in the institute is being sought in this regard.

Election for IAC nominee who will be part of the selection of DOSA was held. Prof. Harish Karnick received maximum number of votes and he will represent the Stage II of DOSA selection.



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