

Indian Institute of Technology
Senate Scholarships and Prizes Committee

Minutes of SSPC Meeting-3 (2015-16)

Meeting Date: 29 July 2016

Members Present: Dr. A. R. Harish, Dr. Ashu Jain, Dr. M. K. Ghorai, Dr. Mini Chandran, Dr. Arnab Bhattacharya, Mr. Anand Prakash Dwivedi, Mr. Mohammad Ashraf, and Mr. Kshitij Yadav (in place of Mr. Samyak Jain)

Regrets: Dr. Indra Shekhar Sen and Dr. Debopam Das

Item 1: Minutes of the 2nd SSPC Meeting

The minutes of the 2nd SSPC meeting held on 22nd April 2016 were confirmed.

Item 2: Items for ratification

The following items were ratified.

1. A proposal for conferring the ‘Best Software Award’ and the ‘Smt. Shashi Pundir Memorial Medal’ during the Convocation Awards ceremony every year starting with Convocation-2016 was sent to Senate and approved in its 488th (2015-16/9th) meeting held on 22nd June 2016.
2. The SSPC recommendations for various convocation awards were sent to Senate and approved in its 488th (2015-16/9th) meeting held on 22nd June 2016.
3. The proposal for instituting ‘Arakare and Karen Vasudev Scholarship’ was sent to Senate and was approved in the 489th (2015-16/10th) meeting of Senate dated 18 July 2016.
4. A proposal for modifications in the criteria for the award of Donor Scholarships was sent to Senate and was approved in the 489th (2015-16/10th) meeting of Senate dated 18th July 2016 with slight changes. The modifications in donor scholarship criteria thus approved are included in Appendix-I.

Item 3: Items for Information

1. The Senate in its 487th (2015-16/8th) meeting held on 23-24 May 2016 approved the *Recommendations and Criteria for Various Awards and Scholarships* submitted by the Senate Sub-committee constituted for the purpose. The minutes of the said Senate meeting should be referred for further information.
2. A query from MHRD regarding Inspire Scholarships to Ms. Puja Yadav was addressed.
3. A request for the release of the Inspire-Mentorship Grant was sent to the accounts section and cleared.
4. An RTI query from Mr. Venkatramanan Krishnamurthy seeking all scholarship data for the last five years was addressed.

5. Process for Sports Scholarships for 2015-16 was started and will be finalized by 1st week of August 2016. We were expecting enhanced scholarships to be given but Senate put condition of detailed proposal, which is still awaited from SPEC.
6. A query from Joint Secretary, Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment regarding scholarships to SC/ST students was addressed.
7. A request for one-time ex-post-facto approval for the modifications in criteria for the award of Donor and MCM Scholarships was sent to Senate. The request for donor scholarship was approved in the in the 489th (2015-16/10th) meeting of Senate held on 18th July 2016 but the request for MCM scholarship was not accepted. The MCM scholarship (2015-16) for those having F-Grade(s) is being released.
8. A list of various types of scholarships available at IITK and external scholarships available for IITK students was sent to DOSA and Head, Counseling Services for information of new entrants during orientation program.

Item 4: To discuss modalities of MCM scholarship for 2016-17

The possible modifications in the MCM scholarships for the AY 2016-17 in view of the recent changes in the fee structure for the UG students were deliberated at length. It was decided that the following committee will come up with a comprehensive proposal to be sent for Senate's approval: Dr. Mini Chandran, Dr. Arnab Bhattacharya, Dr. Ashu Jain, Mr. Mohammad Ashraf, and Mr. Kshitij Yadav. The MCM Scholarship for 2016-17 will not be announced till the time the proposal is formulated and approved in Senate.

Item 5: To consider the MCM scholarship to PH category students during 2015-16-II

The PH category students were awarded MCM scholarship during 2015-16 as per norms. However, the Institute decided to waive the tuition fee of PH category students starting with 2015-16-II as per the MHRD notification. Since the SSPC office and/or the account section were not informed about this decision, the account section released the MCM scholarship for the 2015-16-II to the PH category students. Therefore, it was decided that the amount given to the PH category students as MCM scholarship for 2015-16-II shall be recovered from them.

Item 6: To discuss 1989 Batch Student Tutor Award

This item could not be discussed due to lack of time and was deferred to the next SSPC meeting.

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to all present.



Ashu Jain
Chairman, SSPC

Appendix-I

Several donor scholarships go un-awarded every year due to very restrictive criteria for the award of the donor scholarships. The SSPC received a request from DoRA proposing modifications in the award of the Donor Scholarships. The Senate in its 487th meeting (2015-16/8th) held on 23-24 May 2016 approved certain modifications in the award of donor scholarships (increase of TFAI norm to 1.5*TFAI). If there are donor scholarships un-awarded after the first round of donor scholarships has been completed (including the modification approved in the 487th meeting of the Senate), the following additional modification may be used in awarding more donor scholarships:

1. A donor scholarship meant for students of a particular year in specific department(s), may be opened to other students in the following order: (i) students across all years within the same department(s), (ii) students of the particular year across all departments, and (iii) students across all years across all departments.
2. A donor scholarships meant for students of all years in a specific department may be opened to other students across all years across all departments.
3. If a donor scholarship goes un-awarded in an academic year, the scholarship amount available in the next academic year is double of the original amount. Therefore, this scholarship may be awarded in the next academic year to two students, if available, using prevailing guidelines.