

Indian Institute of Technology Kanpur

Minutes of the IAC meeting held on March 27, 2012

Time & Venue: 04:00 P.M.; FB 212

The following members were present:

Prof. Sanjay G. Dhande, Prof. S.C. Srivastava, Prof. S.N. Singh, Prof. V. Chandrasekhar, Prof. Manindra Agrawal, Prof. Dheeraj Sanghi, Prof. Anish Upadhyaya, Prof. C. Venkatesan, Prof. R. Sankararamakrishnan, Prof. Nishith Verma, Prof. P.K. Bharadwaj, Prof. Vinay K. Gupta, Prof. H. Karnick, Prof. A. Joshi (For Prof. S. Qureshi), Prof. B. Bhattacharya, Prof. L. Krishnan, Prof. Jayanta Chatterjee, Prof. P.K. Panigrahi, Prof. P.M. Dixit, Prof. D. Kundu, Prof. S. Sangal, Prof. V. Ravishankar, Prof. Ravishankar Sarma (For Prof. A.R. Harish), Dr. V.D. Shrivastava, Prof. Rajiv Sinha, Dr. Aditya K. Jagannatham, Mr. Abhai Jain, Dr. Pankaj Apte (Chairman, CCC, Special Invitee).

The IAC Chairman welcomed all members. The members confirmed the minutes of the IAC meeting held on January 5, 2012.

a. Dr. Pankaj A. Apte, Chairman - CCC presented the report of the core teaching load for 2012-13-I semester. The members approved the report with some observations: (1) One tutorial load of ChE for ESO 205/214 (Prop of materials) was reduced from 3 to 2 and added to that of MSP, and (2) One tutorial load of ME for ESO201/202 (Thermodynamics) was reduced from 4 to 3 and added to that of AE.

A committee consisting of Heads of CE, ME, MSE, and AE was constituted to explore the possibility of conducting tutorials of TA 201/202 and ESO 204/212 following the IPSA-DIPA model recently introduced for a few core courses. It was also suggested that the Heads of the participating departments for ESO 201/202 also explore the possibility of conducting tutorials of this course along the same model.

The members thanked the Chairman - CCC.

b. With reference to the agenda item, Summer Courses, DOAA pointed out that the number of UG students having backlogs is significantly large and therefore, departments should offer as many summer courses as possible to clear backlogs so that the UG students get degree on time. Most of the members were, however, of the opinion that the poor attendance in the class is the main cause of the students not clearing courses and accumulating backlogs.

Following discussion, IAC Chairman asked DOAA to explore the concept of "Trimester System" for core level courses. In addition, hence after UG students may not be permitted to register for the professional courses till they have completed all core courses. Although such senate rule already exists, it has not always been practiced. The participating departments of the core courses will, however, have to offer core courses in both semesters as well as in the Summer to clear backlogs. The Senate may need to review the policy in the light of new UGRC rules.

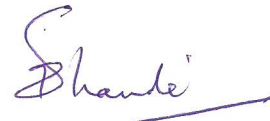
c. Under the agenda item "Announcements", DOFA updated the members with the results of the recently concluded selection committee interview. 28 new faculty were appointed, whereas a total of 30 and 19 were promoted to Professors and Associate Professors, respectively, within the Institute.

Further to his recent email to all HODs on chalking out a focused strategy for hiring faculty in different research areas, DOFA also requested HODs to continuously look for the graduating Ph.D. students in the Indian as well as foreign universities as the prospective faculty, based on their current publication records and other academic credentials. In that context, DOFA informed the members that IIT Kanpur is organizing an international conference at San Jose, USA, in June this year, where DOFA/HODs should plan to meet with the prospective faculty candidates

The meeting ended with Chairman thanking all the members.



Prof. Nishith Verma
Convener - IAC



Prof. S. G. Dhande
Chairman - IAC