

INDIAN INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY KANPUR

Minutes of the IAC Meeting held on 6th January 2015 at 1600 hrs. in FB212

Members Present:

Drs. Indranil Manna, A. K. Chaturvedi, Deepak Gupta, Manindra Agrawal, K. Muralidhar, Neeraj Misra, A. R. Harish, Onkar Dikshit, Sanjay Mittal, S. Ganesh, V. Shankar, P. K. Bharadwaj, Rajesh Srivastava, Sumit Ganguly, Y. N. Singh (Acting Head, EE), Indra S. Sen (Acting Head, ES), Surajit Sinha, R. N. Sengupta, S. Sangal, Shobha Madan, P. K. Panigrahi, Avinash Singh, Asima Pradhan, Satyaki Roy, Y. N. Mohapatra, Ajai Jain, Mr. Munish Malik, Dr. V. D. Srivastava, Mr. Abhimanyu Arora, Dr. R. Gurunath.

The Chairman welcomed all the members present and called the meeting to order.

Item 1: Confirmation of Minutes of previous IAC Meeting

The Minutes of the IAC Meeting held on November 25, 2014 were confirmed.

Item 2: Convocation

Prof. Neeraj Misra, Dean of Academic Affairs informed about the details of the 47th Convocation. It will be held on 23rd February 2015 and Mr. Adil Zanolbhai, Chairman Quality Council of India will be the Convocation Chief Guest. The Convocation will include conferment of degrees, awards of medals and prizes, as in the summer Convocation. Honorary degrees (honoris causa) will be awarded to Prof. Rakesh Jain and Prof. T V Ramakrishnan. Approximately 500 graduates will be awarded degrees with 222 M. Techs, 5 MBAs, 59 PhDs, etc. Arrangements will be made as in the case for summer Convocation, including accommodation for degree recipients.

Item 3: Student Interest

How to increase student interest in classes and academics? Prof. A. R. Harish, Dean of Student Affairs drew the attention of the group to the increasing problem of students being absent from classes, or being disinterested and/or distracted. How should the academic body deal with this? Director quoted the Prime Minister from his meeting: "Involve B. Tech students in research". The discussion opened up several opinions, some of which are summarized as follows:

1. Student survey form should be revised.
2. The perception of the ranking of IITK among the other IITs should be improved. It was suggested to publicise the placement statistics of IIT Kanpur, which is very competitive to other IITs.
3. It was opined that tutorial sizes are too large for effective instruction.