

Indian Institute of Technology Kanpur
Minutes of the IAC meeting held on July 26, 2012
Time & Venue: 05.00 PM; FB 212

The following members were present:

Prof. Sanjay G. Dhande, Prof. S. C. Srivastava, Prof. Ajit K. Chaturvedi, Prof. Dheeraj Sanghi, Prof. A. K. Ghosh, Prof. Manindra Agrawal, Dr. R. K. Sachan, Prof. Sanjay Gupta (Rep. Head, ACMS), Prof. C. Venkatesan, Prof. R. Sankararamakrishnan, Prof. Nishith Verma, Prof. P. K. Bharadwaj, Prof. Vinay K. Gupta, Prof. H. Karnick, Prof. S. Qureshi, Prof. Munmun Jha, Prof. Veena Bansal (Rep. Head, IME), Prof. P. K. Panigrahi, Prof. P. M. Dixit, Prof. S. Sangal, Prof. D. Kundu, Prof. Kamal K. Kar, Prof. Avinash Singh, Prof. B. Bhattacharya, Prof. A. R. Harish, Prof. Rajiv Sinha, Prof. A. Jagannatham, Mr. Abhay Jain.

1. The IAC Chairman welcomed all members. The members confirmed the minutes of the IAC meeting held on April 30, 2012, with a minor administrative correction. In S. No. 3 of the minutes, the sentence "Deputy Director will be the convenor of this committee." should be replaced with "Deputy Director will be the chairman of this committee".

2. In the agenda item, "Announcements", DOSA informed that accommodation has been provided to all students, including 1st year-students, in various Halls of the Institute, without requiring any rooms in Faculty Apartment or SBRA or TYPE V houses. DOSA also informed that the UG students have been paired up for the first time, which include all 1st year and approximately 50% of 2nd and 3rd years. The M.Sc./M. Tech students have also been paired up; however, no Ph.D. students have been paired up in a room. There was a concern that the record of DOAA and DOSA regarding the exact number of registered/enrolled students never match. The Chairman suggested that all efforts should be made by IAC to prepare and display on the Institute's webpage the list of occupancy and the academic record of the student-occupant in each room of the various Halls, by the 1st week of August of a new academic year. It was also suggested that IAC should prepare and make available the room allocation policy to DOSA three months before the semester begins.

The Chairman informed the members that a part of new hostel, Hall-11, will be ready for allotment by December 2012. The remaining rooms will be ready by July 2013. Thus, a total of new 503 rooms will be available before the next year's registration. A new Hall-12 having 1200 rooms should be ready by 2015. However, 500 rooms may be ready for allotment in Hall-12 by 2013. A new hostel for the girls will be constructed by (partly) demolishing/modifying the existing Hall-6. The new GH will have three wings: 6A (the presently occupied 380 rooms), 6B (under construction for 328 students), and 6C (for 401 rooms, to be ready by 2014-15).

DOSA informed the members that a dispensary having two doctors and equal number of assistants is in place in Hall-10 from 5-9 PM. The new medical facility provides treatment for small ailments, and has a pharmacopeia also. DOSA requested all members to periodically visit the hostels in the evening during the first 10-15 days of the new semester to enforce zero-

tolerance in the ragging, if any. DOSA thanked the Director and Deputy Director for all the supports in arranging accommodation to the students in the new semester.

3. DOAA informed the members about difficulty experienced by different departments in providing sufficient tutors not only for the core-courses but also for the departmental compulsory courses because of the present large-size class. In this context the Chairman proposed the formal appointment of Ph.D. or post-doctorate students as teaching associates/tutors for 2-3 years, a formal guideline of which can be discussed and prepared by DOAA. With regard to the present appointment of students as tutors, DOAA informed that the Senate has approved the appointment of PG students as tutors, with remuneration, for core-courses only. Therefore, a formal Senate-approval is required for the appointment of the students as tutors for the departmental compulsory courses, including laboratory courses. Further, DOAA mentioned that there should not be any extra-money provided to the TAs by the departments for the duty provided within the normal 8-hours of working, although some HODs informed the members that such practice (remuneration to lab-TAs) has regularly been done in the past. The Chairman requested DOAA to prepare a document for the formal guidelines in this regard and present to the Senate for the approval.

DOAA informed the members that this year there were requests from different faculty for grade-change in at least 150 courses! There was a suggestion to prepare a progressive spreadsheet in the semester and periodically show it to the students on request to avoid any mistake before awarding final grade at the end of the semester.

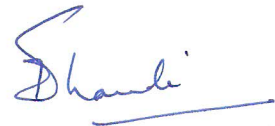
4. The Chairman informed the members that a Coordination Committee consisting of the Heads of all IDPs and participating departments, Dean (Faculty Affairs), Dean (Academic Affairs) and Deputy Director as the Chairman is already in place to look into the various aspects of the functioning of IDP.

5. There were concerns regarding administrative as well as academic related issues arising because of the transition from the old to new UG course curriculum. The Chairman suggested the constitution of a committee consisting of SUGC Chairman, convener of the new UGRC empowered committee and DOAA to address such problems.

The meeting ended with the Chairman thanking all members.



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Convener - IAC



Prof. S. G. Dhande
Chairman - IAC