INDIAN INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY KANPUR Minutes of the IAC meeting held on June 26, 2014 Time: 3.00 p.m.; Venue: FB-212

Members Present:

Drs. Indranil Manna, S.C. Srivastava, Dheeraj Sanghi, A.K. Ghosh, Prabhat Munshi, Sudhir Kamle (in place of Dr. Sanjay Mittal), Pradip Sinha (in place of Dr. S. Ganesh), V. Shankar (in place of Dr. Nishith Verma), V.K. Gupta, S.K. Mehta (in place of Dr. Sumit Ganguly), S.P. Das, A.K. Sharma, Rahul Varman, Sandeep Sangal, K.K. Kar, Avinash Singh, Anish Upadhyaya, A.R. Harish (in place of Dr. Mukesh Sharma and as Special Invitee), V.D. Srivastava, Pankaj Wahi, Mr. Munish Malik, and Acting President, Students' Gymkhana

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

Item 1: Confirmation of Minutes of Last IAC Meeting

The minutes of the IAC meeting held on June 5, 2014, as circulated on June 23, 2014, were confirmed with the correction that Dr. Sandeep Sangal had represented Head, ACMS instead of Head, MSP in the meeting.

The Chairman took stock of the decisions taken in the last IAC meeting and informed that BOG had given its in-principle approval to the proposal of converting vacant faculty positions to post-doctoral positions on a temporary basis and that he had already written to MHRD on increasing the assistantship amount for MTech students. Further, it was decided that the proposals for PhD admission without GATE/JRF/NET/CEED qualification and for Institute Fellowship to PhD students would be referred to the departments for their feedback independent of the proposal for Institute Assistantships to international PhD students.

Item 2: Appointment of Hall Guardians and Faculty Advisers

The Chairman announced that the scheme of faculty advisors (@ one faculty advisor per batch of 25 students for the entire duration of academic programme) will be made functional effective from the next semester and that each faculty advisor will be expected to meet his/her batch at least three times during a semester.

The Chairman also announced that faculty spouses will be appointed as Hall Guardians for the six undergraduate hostels to ensure better services to the students on the issues of food quality, cleanliness, general hygiene and working of canteen, alleviating various problems faced by the students and provide a bridge between the students and their parents as and when needed. They will be expected to devote 6 hours per day on flexible-hour basis and will be paid Rs. 10,000/- per month from the endowment funds. The selection of Hall Guardians will be conducted jointly by DOFA and DOSA.

Item 3: Creation and Promotion of New Technical Cadre

The Chairman informed that appointments will be made in the new technical cadre, for the maintenance of equipments in various laboratories and for providing technical support in the experimental research, by raising the ratio of staff to faculty from 1.1 to 1.3 and then by increasing the number of students to restore the ratio back to 1.1. The feedback of various departments has already been requested for advertising these positions.

Item 4: Master Plan, Green Policy and Infrastructure Augmentation

The Chairman informed that there were 10 items at various stage of construction in the campus and that the delay had taken place due to environmental clearances and the purchase of machinery. He promised to provide the Master Plan with the details of these items in the next meeting. DD gave a brief sketch of the projects already cleared and the projects under planning.

Item 5: Space Audit by ISPAC and Action Plan for Implementation

The Chairman announced that 70 new faculty offices will be created in the near future by using the spare space identified in the space audit and remodeling the old SAC building. Some additional possibilities will also be explored like converting the terrace of the CSE Department building into some faculty offices.

Item 6: Action Plan on External/Internal Peer Review Report

The Chairman informed that the summary of the final report of the external peer review is to be shared with the faculty as per the decision of BOG. HODs were requested to provide within three weeks the feedback of the departments on how the summary of the final report is to be disseminated to various stake-holders and on the action points needing attention at the departmental and Institute levels.

Item 7: Any Other Item with Permission of the Chair

- (a) The IAC considered the proposal of Dr. V.K. Gupta on 'Change of Registration from M.Tech./M.Des. to Ph.D. Programme' and agreed with the need to enable the change of registration from M.Tech./M.Des. to Ph.D. Programme at the end of the fourth semester as well. The Chairman will refer the proposal to the SPGC for sending its opinion to the Senate.
- (b) Each of the members of the IAC present in the meeting proposed a name for IAC nominee for the selection of Dean, Infrastructure & Planning (DOIP). The maximum number of votes were received for Head, CE and Head, IME. IAC decided to nominate Head, IME to be the IAC nominee for the selection of DOIP.

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair.

Vinay K Gupta)

Convenor

(Indranil Manna) Chairman