Indian Institute of Technology Kanpur

Minutes of the IAC meeting held on 19th September, 2011 Time & Venue: 05.00 PM; FB-212

Following members were present:

Prof. S G Dhande, Prof. S C Srivastava, Prof. V Chandrasekhar, Prof. A K Ghosh, Prof. Manindra Agarwal, Prof. C Venkatsen, Prof. R Sankaramakrishnan, Prof. Goutam Deo, Prof. Vinay K Gupta, Prof. R.N. Mukherjee, Prof. A Chandra, Prof. S Qureshi, Prof. L Krishnan, Prof. J Chatterjee, Prof. P K Panigrahi, Prof. P M Dixit, Prof D Mazumdar, Prof. D Kundu, Prof. Kamal K Kar, Prof. V Ravishankar, Prof. B Bhattachaya, Prof. Zakir Hossain, Prof. Shalabh, Prof. D Goswami, Dr. V D Shrivastava, Mr. Sanchit Singhal

At the outset, the IAC Chairman welcomed all the members.

1. Matters related to security in the academic area:

The Chairman, IAC apprised the members about the security situation in the academic area. The national security agencies are constantly in touch with institute administration. It was pointed out that the CCTV camera at the main entrance is installed as part of the augmentation of security measure. Chairman, IAC also informed the members that special steps are being taken during Convocation and other important festivals like Antaragni, Udgosh, Ramlila etc. Heads were instructed to ensure that the labs in individual departments are secured properly. Different technological solutions such as electronic locks, installing CCTV cameras were discussed to enhance the security in the academic area. Deputy Director and the Security Chief also briefed the security situation. Cyber security also was discussed. A committee consisting of Deputy Director, Security Officers and 4 to 5 HoDs will be formed to formulate the Security Policy in the campus.

2. Matters related to safety in laboratories

Convener, Safety Committee updated the safety issues in laboratories. Orientation program for the new students to explain the different safety measures was suggested. It was also suggested that posters explaining the safety issues should be displayed prominently in the laboratories. Reconstitution of the present Safety Committee was recommended.

3. Disposal of hazardous waste

The report of the Committee constituted to look into the usage and disposal of chemicals at IIT-Kanpur was circulated to IAC members. The usage and disposal of chemicals at IIT-Kanpur was explained. It was pointed out that several departments use different types of chemicals. Three possible options and their merits and demerits were discussed. The options are incineration, biological treatment and outside contract. For outside contract, it was suggested to find out from other institutes. A committee consisting of HoDs of CHM, CHE, BSBE with Prof. V. Chandrasekhar as Chairman was suggested and it will look into these matters

4. Manpower planning

IAC Chairman briefed that the number of staff in the institute has gone down to approximately 700 from a peak of 2200. As per the MHRD guidelines, ratio of the staff and students can be maintained as 1:11 and number of Group B & C staff can be 50% of the total number of faculty members. Each HoD has been asked to do work audit in their respective departments and prepare staff structure.

5. Briefing about PAN-IIT Alumni meeting

Dean, Resource Planning & Generation briefed about the PAN-IIT meeting. He informed that a number of US-based academicians who are IIT-alumni expressed interest to help in faculty recruitment. There is also a possibility of creating an extension center in USA. People working in the center can act as a liaison between IIT-K and several US Universities and IIT-alumni in USA. He also informed that DORD is working on establishing a Research Park at IITK.

6. Briefing about IIT Council Meeting

IAC Chairman briefed about recently held IIT Council meeting. Kakodkar Committee report was discussed in that meeting. Important three sections include staff, faculty and governance. Implementation of this Committee report requires some kind of modulation. He also informed that the tuition fee will be increased for the students. Ramaswamy Committee report on entrance exam for IITs was also discussed. The 2013 Entrance Test will be based on this format. 50% of the marks will be taken from the Board exams. The remaining 50% will be based on the performance in a National Scholastic Test.

The meeting concluded with Chairman thanking all the members.

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Prof. S. G. Dhande Chairman, IAC