INDIAN INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY KANPUR

Record of discussions of the IAC meeting held on 12.03.2018 at 1100 hrs in FB212

Members Present: Professors Manindra Agrawal, MLN Rao, K Muralidhar, S. Ganesh, Neeraj Misra, Y. N. Singh, A. K. Ghosh, D. S. Katti, S. Verma, P. Bose, S Ganguly (Acting Head, CSE), J. N. Malik, Joydeep Dutta, AR Harish, Shikha Dixit, R. N. Sengupta, Gouthama (Acting Head, MSE), A. K. Lal, P. Venkitanarayanan, S. Bhattacharjee (Acting Head, Physics), Achla Raina, Rajeev Gupta, Gouthama, Amey Karkare, Nitin Kaistha, R. Shekhar, R. Gurunath, Vimal Kumar (special invitee) Mr. K. K. Tiwari, Mr. Munish Malik, Mr. Pratyush Rai, Mr. Ayushya Agarwal.

- 1. **Issues relating to dogs on campus:** Officiating Director mentioned that an open house was conducted on this matter and the following recommendations were made:
- (i) There will be a few earmarked dog feeding zones and no one should feed unowned dogs anywhere else in the campus. The two main dog feeding zones are the oxidation tank area and the old gas godown near the railway track. Anyone who desires to feed a dog other than the designated places has to take full ownership for that dog.
- (ii) Caretaker of every enclosed area (hostel, academic area etc.) would be authorized to call the security to remove any dog which might appear to pose a danger to the people in that area.
- 2. Report of Committee P. K. Kelkar Library: It was noted that there is a large amount of books which are missing from the P. K. Kelkar library (nearly 18,000). The following steps have been suggested for improvement of the library operations and also reduce the loss of books:
- (i) RFID tagging of all books.
- (ii) Increase the number of staff during the closing hours and also if possible have a lady staff during that time.
- (iii) One cannot enter or leave the library in groups.
- (iv) The issuing time for books to be extended.
- (v) Install more CCTV cameras in the library.

Some IAC members expressed the concern that several faculty members have kept books issued for extremely long periods.

3. Core Curriculum Committee report: Dr Vimal Kumar, Convenor, CCC, gave the details of the current conducting of the core courses. A detailed report was given on department wise break-up of the tutors and instructors needed for various core-courses. It was decided that the Department of Economic Sciences will provide a tutor for the Commskill course (Comm200).

Several faculty members led by Prof. Bhaskar Dasgupta have floated a course titled IDC 603: English Proficiency and Scholarly Communication for specifically M. Tech and Ph.d students. The IAC welcomed the course. The course estimates around 150 enrolments.

There is a requirement of 6 tutors and 6 TA's. These tutors and TA's would be Ph.d. students who must have a publication in a standard journal. It was agreed that all departments will give one tutor/TA for this course. The IAC also agreed to buy the license for a grammar checking software.

- 4. Regarding new shop near post office: The DOIP informed IAC that the old BSNL PCO has been handed over to an NGO who sells organic food items. The DOIP also expressed concern that the newly D-shop just opposite to the BSNL PCO is yet not operational since the owner seems to be in no loss even by paying the tariff. The DOIP said that the owner has been served a notice stating that his contract would be annulled if the shop is not operational within 15 days of receiving the notice.
- 5. At the end of the meeting the officiating Director informed that a new health insurance scheme would be in place by April 2018.

(Joydeep Dutta) Covener, IAC (Manindra Agrawal) Chairman, IAC