

INDIAN STATISTICAL INSTITUTE

Proceedings of the 53rd Meeting of the Academic Council 9th September 2011

The meeting was held at 2:00 P.M. in the Platinum Jubilee Academic Building. The following members were present:

1	Bimal K. Roy	24	Bhola Nath Ghosh
2	B. P. Sinha	25	A R D Prasad
3	Krishnendu Mukhopadhyaya	26	P. K. Perumallu
4	Palash Sarkar	27	G. Ravindran
5	Rana Barua	28	D. Goswami
6	C. Pandu Rangan	29	Antar Bandyopadhyay
7	N. S. N. Sastry	30	Ashis Sengupta
8	B. V. Rajarama Bhat	31	Swapan Kr. Parui
9	Smarajit Bose	32	S. C. Bagchi
10	Amita Pal	33	S. M. Srivastava
11	Rita Saha Ray	34	P. S. S. N. V. P. Rao
12	S. P. Das	35	Subhas Chandra Nandy
13	Indranil Mukhopadhyay	36	Nabanita Das
14	Arijit Bishnu	37	Alok Goswami
15	Mausumi Bose	38	Pabitra Pal Choudhury
16	Goutam Mukherjee	39	Ashish Ghosh
17	Barnana Roy	40	Anup Dewanji
18	Subir Ghosh	41	Gopal Bask
19	M. Z. Anis	42	Parthasarathi Ghosh
20	S. S. Handa	43	Sabyasachi Bhattacharya
21	Barun Mukhopadhyay	44	Premananda Bharati
22	Bidyut Roy	45	Guruprasad Kar
23	Prasanta Pathak	46	Banasri Basu

Agenda Item 1: Confirmation of the proceedings of the 52nd Academic Council meeting held on 15th March 2011 and 2nd April 2011.

The proceedings of the 52nd Academic Council Meeting held on 15th March 2011 and 2nd April 2011, as circulated were confirmed.

Agenda Item 2: Matters arising out at the 52nd A. C. meeting held on 15th March 2011 and 2nd April 2011.

The proposal was accepted. It was decided that the webpage should be modified suitably to reflect the resolution of Agenda item 3.

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Agenda Item 3: Approval of Results of B. Stat./B. Math./M. Stat./M. Math./M.S.(Q.E)/M.Tech. (CS)/M. Tech. (QR & OR)/MS (LIS)/Ph.D/Certificate course etc.

The proposal was accepted. It was decided that the date of award of the Ph.D. degree in the certificate will now be the date of successful defense of the thesis through the viva voce examination. It was decided that for candidates who would successfully complete their defense of Ph.D. theses before the convocation, effort will be made to seek the approval of the AC through circulation over e-mail.

Agenda Item 4: Report on the revised syllabus for M. Tech. (CS) in view of the decision taken in 52nd AC meeting.

The revised syllabus was tabled. It was decided that further amendments, if any, will be approved through circulation over email.

Agenda Item 5: Report on the syllabus for the one year post graduate diploma course on Statistical Methods with Applications.

The final syllabus was tabled.

Agenda Item 6: Consideration of a proposal for reviewing the syllabus of B. Math. (Hons.) programme.

The AC decided to review the syllabus of the B. Math.(Hons.) programme. A committee consisting of the following members was constituted to look into the matter and report its findings to the AC.

1. B. V. Rajarama Bhat (Chairman)
2. B. Sury (Convenor)
3. Amites Dasgupta.
4. Pradipta Bandyopadhyay
5. Rajendra Bhatia
6. Sridhar Inamdar
7. Mohana Delampady

Agenda Item 7: Consideration of a proposal for awarding prizes to (a) the best academic performance in each year of B. Math. (Hons.) and M. Math. Programmes, (b) the best girl student in each year of the B. Math. (Hons.) and M. Math. Programme, (c) the best project by an M. Math. Student in his/her second year.

It was noted that ISI does not usually fund such prizes and medals. It was suggested that the proposers may kindly arrange for the required fund and resubmit the proposal.

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Agenda Item 8: Change of award of the MS (LIS) degree from First Class to First Division at par with other courses of the Institute.

It was decided that from now on, successful eligible candidates would be awarded MS(LIS) degree with First Division instead of MS(LIS) degree with First Class.

Agenda Item 9: Consideration of a proposal for reviewing the syllabus of M.S. (LIS) programme.

It was pointed out that the syllabus for MS(LIS) was finalised only a short time ago. Members were of the view that one should wait for some more time before going for review. It was suggested that specific minor revisions, if any, may be suggested to the AC for consideration.

Agenda Item 10: Consideration of a proposal for modification of the eligibility criteria for M.S.(LIS) course.

It was decided that the requirement of securing at least 60% marks in the Bachelors' degree may be relaxed to a simple Bachelors' degree.

Agenda Item 11: Consideration of the proposal to award MS (LIS) degree to the ADIS Alumni.

It was mentioned in the proposal that the Diploma was considered to be equivalent to a Master's degree. Members felt that accepting such a proposal would bring in similar requests from other diploma holders. The proposal was rejected.

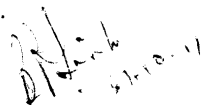
Agenda Item 12: Consideration of the recommendation of the PCM Award Committee for modification of the name of this Award.

It was decided that the "Mahalanobis International Symposium on Statistics Prize" will be renamed as "PCM Gold Medal". It was also decided that the "D Basu Medal" would be renamed as "D Basu Gold Medal".

Agenda Item 13: Consideration of a proposal for explicitly including the course (alongwith its syllabus) on "Advanced Multivariate Analysis" for M. Stat. II year.

The members were not sure if the course "Advanced Multivariate Analysis" was omitted by mistake or it was a decision by some syllabus review committee. It was decided that the matter would be looked into. If it is found that it was omitted by mistake, then the course should be reintroduced immediately. If not, then the suggestion should be forwarded to the committee chaired by Prof. Alok Goswami for reviewing the syllabi for the B. Stat. and M. Stat. programs.

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Agenda Item 14: Consideration of a proposal to offer some subjects in the M. Stat. (Applications) programme, which will serve as prerequisite for other specializations in the second year.

The suggestions were forwarded to the committee chaired by Prof. Alok Goswami for reviewing the syllabi for the B. Stat. and M. Stat. programs. The committee was requested to submit their views very quickly.

Agenda Item 15: Consideration of a proposal for increasing honorarium to visiting teachers.

The earlier decision (by circulation over email) to increase the honorarium to Rs. 10,000-20,000 per month was ratified by the AC. It was also confirmed that the visiting teachers should be paid for six months for teaching a course. The Director informed the members that any further increase would require additional fund and hence permission from the Finance Committee and the Council need to be accorded. It was decided that the following new rates should be suggested to the Finance Committee: Rs. 40,000 for teaching a course with 10% annual increment from the date of its introduction.

Agenda Item 16: Consideration of an appeal by Ms. Pritha Saha, a student of M. Stat.

The AC considered the views of the Teachers' Committee. It agreed with its view and turned down the request by Ms. Pritha Saha.

Agenda Item 17: Consideration of the recommendation of the Committee constituted to look into the proposal to waive the requirement of clearing the ISI JRF Selection Test for candidates who have cleared the CSIR/NBHM Test.

It was decided that all requests for admission of Research Fellows should be routed through the Dean of Studies. Prof. Mausumi Bose presented the salient features of the findings of their committee. There was a lot of discussions on several issues. Professor Anup Dewanji objected to the suggestion of conducting extra tests by the JRF selection committees. All recommendations except recommendation 6, were accepted by the AC through a majority opinion.

Agenda Item 18: Consideration of a proposal for modification in the Admission Test process for JRF (CS).

In view of the report by the earlier committee report, the proposal was rejected.

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Agenda Item 19: Consideration of a proposal for holding Admission Test of two M. Tech. programmes and all disciplines of JRF in February.

Dr. Parthasarathi Ghosh pointed out that due to field trip requirements, conducting the JRF selection test for Geology in early February was inadvisable. It was decided that the JRF selection test for Geology will be held in May as usual. Some members pointed out some advantages of the proposal. It was decided that the implementational issues will be explored by the Dean of Studies before taking a decision.

Agenda Item 20: Consideration of a proposal for waiving the written test from the JRF admission procedure.

The Director was authorized to form a 3-member committee to look into the proposal to waive the written test from JRF admission procedure for some candidates.

Agenda Item 21: Consideration of a proposal for modifying the list of courses prescribed for Research Scholars in Computer Science.

The following changes for courses prescribed for Research Fellows in Computer Science were accepted: 1. The course "Automata, languages and computation" is moved from Group B to Group A, 2. the title of the course "Computer architecture / Computer organization Data and file Structure" is changed to "Computer architecture/ Computer organization"

Agenda Item 22: Consideration of a proposal by the JRF (Stat.) selection committee.

In view of the report by the earlier committee's report, the proposal was rejected.

Agenda Item 23: Miscellaneous .

1. The Director reported that some organizations are proposing to pay additional sums of money to our students if they take up a project suggested by them. It was decided that if the projects are judged worthy by the teachers of the course, the organization may pay a sum of money to our students in the form of an "award".
2. The AC was of the view that the students should be receiving stipends for all 12 months of an academic year.
3. It was decided that the tenure of all the ISI research fellows will be increased to 6+1 years from the existing 5+1 years.

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4. It was decided that Prof. Alok Goswami would help the Dean of Studies to formulate the exact criterion for exempting candidates, who are INMO awardees, from written test in the admission to B. Stat and B. Math programmes.
5. The AC considered the proposal by DRDO to reserve seats for them in the M. Tech. programmes conducted by the Institute. The Director was authorised to form a committee to look into different aspects of the proposal.
6. It was decided that Prof. Amita Majumder will be the Chairperson of a newly constructed committee to look into rationalizing and bringing uniformity in the Pass-fail and repeat rules in different courses run by the Institute. The Director was authorised to select other members of the committee. This committee will replace the earlier committee chaired by Prof. P.S.S.N.V.P. Rao.
7. The Director was authorised to form a new committee to replace the existing committee to review Teaching Policy of the Institute.

The members expressed their heartfelt gratitude and thanks to Prof. S.C. Bagchi and all other members who were retiring from the Institute, for their valuable contributions and service to the Institute during all these past years. .

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



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(Bimal K. Roy)
Director
Chairman