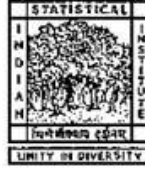


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PROCEEDINGS OF THE 55TH MEETING OF THE ACADEMIC COUNCIL

HELD ON 18TH OCTOBER 2012 AT 2:00 PM AT P J AUDITORIUM

- The following members were present:

1	Bimal K Roy	29	Pradip Kumar Das
2	Pradipta Bandyopadhyay	30	Smarajit Bose
3	Kishan Chand Gupta	31	Amita Pal
4	Palash Sarkar	32	Shibdas Bandyopadhyay
5	T S S R K Rao	33	Nityananda Sarkar
6	S M Srivastava	34	Bhabatosh Chanda
7	C A Murthy	35	Banasri Basu
8	Mandar Mitra	36	Guruprasad Kar
9	Sandip Das	37	Subhamoy Maitra
10	Krishnendu Mukhopadhyaya	38	Umapada Pal
11	Indraneel Dasgupta	39	Alok Goswami
12	Arunava Sen	40	Sanghamitra Bandyopadhyay
13	Manipushpak Mitra	41	Bhabani Prasad Sinha
14	Satya P Das	42	Bidyut Kr Pal
15	Sushmita Mitra		Following Members were present via Video Conference
16	Amartya Kumar Dutta		
17	Debashish Goswami	43	B V Rajarama Bhat
18	Ashis SenGupta	44	Ashim Roy Chowdhury
19	Amitava Datta	45	P K Perumallu
20	Pradipta Maji	46	Jishnu Biswas
21	Siva Athreya	47	Mohan Delampady
22	Somnath Ray	48	Sushama M Bendre
23	Pabitra Pal Choudhury	49	Isha Dewan
24	Anup Dewanji	50	Bharat Ramaswamy
25	Mausumi Bose	51	E Somanathan
26	Preeti Parashar	52	Prabal Roy Chowdhury
27	Arup Ranjan Mukhopadhyay	53	Abhay Gopal Bhatt
28	Ranjan Sett		

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Tridip Ray, ISI Delhi, attended as an invitee. S Ponnusamy and G Ravindran, ISI Chennai, also joined via video conference as invitees.

Agenda Item 1: Confirmation of the proceedings of the 54th meeting of the Academic Council held on 23rd March 2012.

DECISION: The proceedings of the 54th Meeting of the Academic Council, held on 23rd March 2012, as circulated, confirmed.

Agenda Item 2: Matters arising out at the 54th meeting of the Academic Council, held on 23rd March 2012.

DECISION: Since Prof. P.S.S.N.V.P. Rao has retired, Prof. B. P. Sinha would replace him as a member and the Chairman of the Committee to review Teaching Policy of the Institute.

Dr. Tridip Roy reported that the committee for Uniform Academic Calendar had one meeting over Video Conference and they agreed on some general framework. As the Chairperson was on Academic leave, the report could not be finalized. Committee was requested to submit the report at the earliest.

It was reported that no meeting of the committee for formulation of Rules for JRF Courses has taken place so far. The Dean of Studies assured the house that he would take up the work on an urgent basis.

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

DECISION: The proposal was accepted. The Chairman of the Academic Council was authorized to give necessary approval for those candidates who would successfully complete their defense of Ph D theses before the next convocation. Prof. B V R Bhat pointed out that the list of Awards was incomplete. It was decided the complete list will be circulated over e-mail for confirmation by the AC members.

Agenda Item 4: Consideration of proposal by Prof. Nabanita Das et al for following modifications in Ph D Registration Rules that were placed before 55th Meeting of the Academic Council.

a) Modification in 'Academic Qualifications:' section

b) Modification in 'Selection Test:' section

c) Modification in 'Course Work:' section

- (i) List of Courses to be expanded to include Research Courses
- (ii) RFAC should be empowered to review & approve the Structure & Syllabus of the research courses.
- (iii) Different Course work for JRF without a qualifying degree in CS and with a qualifying degree in CS
- (iv) Uniform criterion for performance in a course to be regarded as satisfactory across RFACs.

d) Modification 'Thesis Supervisor:' section

DECISION:

Dr. Mandar Mitra presented the proposals. With respect to the proposal following decision were taken:

- a) The proposal was accepted.
- b) The proposal was withdrawn.
- c) (i) The proposal was accepted.
(ii) The proposal was accepted subject to condition that the final structure & syllabus are approved by the Academic Council.
(iii) The proposal was accepted.
- (v) The Proposal to be looked into by the Committee constituted by the office Order No. D.O./19693 dated 4th May 2012 and D.O./20179 dated 3rd October 2012.
- d) The Proposal was not accepted.

Agenda Item 5: Consideration of proposal by Prof. Nabanita Das et al for recognition of fellowship awarded by DBT (Dept. of Biotechnology, GOI) in addition to fellowship awarded by CSIR, NBHM, UGC.

DECISION:

The proposal was accepted.



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Agenda Item 6: Consideration of the report by the committee formed by the Director vide no D.O./19691 dated May 4, 2012 and D.O./19801 dated June 5, 2012 [as suggested by the 54th AC Meeting [Agenda Item 13]] to look into the possibility of whether a course structure consisting of four subjects per semester was acceptable in principle and if so, under what condition.

DECISION: It was pointed out that the committee was supposed to look into whether a course structure consisting of four subjects per semester was acceptable in principle for any programme. However the current report deals only with the MSQE programme. In view of this, the committee was requested expand their views to cover all courses in general. As Prof. Bandyopadhyay is about to retire on 31st October 2012, he was relieved from his responsibilities in the committee. Prof. S. M. Srivastava was designated as the new Chairman of the Committee. Prof. Anup Dewanji was inducted as a member.

The council expressed their gratitude for the service rendered by Prof. Bandyopadhyay over the years.

Agenda Item 7: Consideration of the report by the committee formed by the Dean of Studies vide no DS./344 dated September 27, 2010 [as suggested by the 50th AC Meeting (Miscellaneous Agenda Item 8d)] to look into a proposal to review the course structure of the present MS (QE) programme. It is placed again as per the decision taken by the 54th Meeting of the AC (in Agenda Item No. 13).

DECISION: In view of the decision in Agenda Item 6, this Agenda item was not discussed.

Agenda Item 8: Consideration of a proposal for increasing honorarium to External teachers.

DECISION: The Chairman of the Academic Council informed the AC that the similar proposal has already been accepted by the Finance Committee.



Agenda Item 9: Consideration of a proposal to include a Course titled "Functional Brain Signal Processing" as an optional subject in the 4th Semester of M Tech (Computer Science) as one of the 'Selected Topics on Recent Developments in Computer Science as suggested by the faculty'

DECISION: The Chairman of the Academic Council was authorized to constitute a committee to look into the proposal.

Agenda Item 10: Consideration of a proposal for conducting another written test instead of interview in selection for B Math (Hons) and B Stat (Hons).

DECISION: There was extensive discussion on the pros & cons of the proposal. Some members wanted the same for admission to the MS (QE) programme. It was decided that further discussion is necessary on this topics. The Chairman of the Academic Council was authorized to constitute a committee to look into the proposal and submit their report within a month.

Agenda Item 11: Review of modalities for the award of Best Ph D Thesis of ISI across all disciplines every year.

DECISION: A committee was constituted with the following members to look into the proposal and submit their views on the issues related to it at the earliest.

Prof. Alok Goswami
Prof. Satya P. Das
Prof. B. P. Sinha
Prof. B. V. Rajarama Bhat

Agenda Item 12: Consideration of a proposal by Prof. Devika P. Madalli et al for awards for MS (LIS) students and research fellows of DRTC, ISI,

- a) Prof. S.R. Ranganathan award for the highest scoring student
- b) Prof. G. Bhattacharyya award for best paper by research fellows

DECISION: It was decided to forward the proposal to the Awards Committee for their views.

Agenda Item 13: Miscellaneous.

DECISION:

Chairman of the Academic Council proposed to convert the current M Stat (Application) programme to a specialization of M Stat (Analytics & Finance). It was decided that the proposal will be forwarded to the B Stat and M Stat Syllabi review committee. Moreover, the following members were added to the committee:

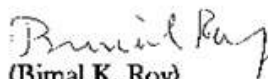
Prof. Nityananda Sankar
Prof. Smarajit Bose
Dr. Rituparna Sen

Chairman of the Academic Council informed the Academic Council that the Committee constituted by the ISI Council for the purpose has recommended the names of the following eminent academicians for the award of Honorary D Sc by ISI:

Prof. J. K. Ghosh (Statistics)
Prof. K. R. Parthasarathi (Mathematics)
Prof. Pranab Bardhan (Economics)

The AC expressed its thanks to the members of the committees which submitted their reports.

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


(Bimal K. Roy)
Director & Chairman
Academic Council