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PROCEEDINGS OF THE 56th MEETING OF THE ACADEMIC COUNCIL

HELD ON 31st JANUARY 2013 AT 4 P.M.
AT PLATINUM JUBILEE ACADEMIC BUILDING AUDITORIUM, ISI

The following members were present:

Sl. No.	Name	Sl. No.	Name
1	Bimal K. Roy	23	Subhas Ch. Nandy
2	Pradipta Bandyopadhyay	24	Krishnendu Mukhopadhyaya
3	N S N Sastry	25	Pradip Das
4	T. S. S. R. K. Rao	26	M.K.Kundu
5	C. A. Murthy	27	B.B.Chaudhury
6	S. M. Bendre	28	Umapada Pal
7	B. V. Rajarama Bhat	29	Parthasarathi Ghosh
8	Debashish Goswami	30	Alok Goswami
9	Arup Ranjan Mukhopadhyay	31	Barnona Roy
10	Ashis Kr. Chakraborty	32	Subir Ghosh
11	Somnath Ray	33	Guruprasad Kar
12	Sanghamitra Bandyopadhyay	34	Goutam Mukherjee
13	Saurabh Ghosh		Following members were present via Video Conference
14	Rituparna Sen		
15	Manoranjan Pal		
16	S. P. Das	35	G. Ravindran
17	S.M.Srivastava	36	Isha Dewan
18	A.K.Dutta	37	Arup Kr Pal
19	P.K.Das	38	Anish sarkar
20	Ashish Ghosh	39	Prabal Roy Chowdhury
21	Sushmita Mitra	40	Abhay Gopal Bhatt
22	Nabanita Das		

Agenda Item 1: Confirmation of the proceedings of the 55th meeting of the Academic Council held on 18th October 2012.

DECISION: The proceedings of the 55th Meeting of the Academic Council, held on 18th October 2012, as circulated, confirmed.

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Agenda Item 2: Matters arising out at the 55th meeting of the Academic Council, held on 18th October 2012.

DECISION: As decided on Agenda Item No. 10, the purview of the committee which was formed to look into the proposal for conducting another written test instead of interview in selection for B Stat, B Math & MS (QE) programmes has been extended to cover admission to all degree programmes of ISI except Junior Research Fellowships. Prof. Krishnendu Mukhopadhyay suggested that in every meeting of the Academic Council a report may be submitted on all committees whose reports are awaited and this suggestion was accepted by the AC.

Agenda Item 3: Consideration of proposal submitted by Prof. S. M. Bendre et al for one year Post Graduate Diploma Programme for North-East Students at ISI North East Centre, Tezpur

DECISION: The Chairman informed the Academic Council that the Govt. of India has requested the Institute to offer a programme for North-East students at Institute's North-East Centre at Tezpur. The proposed one-year **Post Graduate Diploma Programme** is in response to that request. The Institute has managed to rope in Tata Consultancy Services, who has offered to absorb up to 60 students from this programme every year provided they score above a certain threshold marks. There was extensive discussion on this issue. Some of the members expressed their concern that in order to comply with the request of the Govt. of India, academic standard of the Institute must not be diluted. Some members opined that as a highest academic body, only the Academic Council can decide to offer any programme in any centre of the Institute and it is desirable that any such proposal should originate in, or at least, be routed through the Academic Council. Some of the members remarked that the syllabus of the programme is not at par the standard of the Institute. Some other members pointed out that the Institute also offers programmes like Junior/Senior Diploma in Statistics, evening and other part-time courses tailor-made for certain target group of students, which cannot be compared with other degree programmes of the Institute.

Eventually, majority of the members gave their consent to offer this programme at North-East Centre, Tezpur. Regarding Syllabus, it was decided that members can send their suggestions, if any, to the Dean of studies who will forward them to the concerned committee.

Agenda Item 4: Consideration of proposal submitted by Prof. S. M. Srivastava et al for updating lists of research courses in Mathematics & Statistics.

DECISION: Proposal was accepted.

Agenda Item 5: Consideration of proposal submitted by Prof. A Rajagopal et al for six Month Part-Time Evening Course in Statistical Quality Control at SQC&OR Unit, Coimbatore.

DECISION: Head, SQC & OR Division has been requested to study the feasibility and sustainability of the proposed course, as well as a possible MS (QMS) course at ISI, Hyderabad, and report to the Academic Council.

Agenda Item 6: Consideration of proposal submitted by Prof. Devika Madalli et al to

- i) Make an Institutional Policy regarding Mentally/Physically ill students and their academic (as well on campus) responsibilities**
- ii) Give an appointment of psychiatric counselors for centres to counsel students and research scholars**

DECISION: (i) The Chairman informed the Academic Council that ISI has already decided to appoint psychiatric counselors at every centre, though it may not have been possible to implement it at every centre yet.

(ii) A committee was constituted with the following members to suggest the salient features of a possible Institutional Policy regarding Mentally/Physically ill students and their academic (as well on campus) responsibilities.

- a) Prof. Isha Dewan
- b) Prof. Anish Sarkar

The committee is requested to take into account similar policies in other academic institutions and Govt. rules & regulation in this regard.

Agenda Item 7: Consideration of proposal submitted by Prof. Isha Dewan et al regarding the policy of formation of Admission Selection Committee with non-permanent faculty members.

DECISION: The proposal was accepted in principle and it will be followed during the formation of the different selection committees from next time. Non-permanent faculty members may be co-opted for specific purposes only, if required.

Agenda Item 8: Proposal for formulation of Institutional Policy regarding Moderation of the questions papers of different exams of the Institute.

DECISION: A committee was constituted with the following members.

- i) Prof. B.P. Sinha (Chairman)
- ii) Prof. Rudrapada Sarkar (Convener)
- iii) Prof. Abhay Gopal Bhatt
- iv) Dr. Arijit Chakraborty
- v) Prof. Arup Ranjan Mukhopadhyay
- vi) Dr. Mandar Mitra
- vii) Dr Manipushpak Mitra
- viii) Dr. Rituparna Sen
- ix) Prof. Siva Athreya
- x) Dr. Tridip Roy

The committee will review the existing practices and frame a uniform policy for all programme of all centres of the Institute and suggest mechanisms to implement it.

Agenda Item 9: Consideration of proposal submitted by Prof. S. M. Srivastava et al for modification in the rule governing complementary back-paper examination.

DECISION: Proposal was accepted and it will be implemented from the next Academic year 2013-14.

Agenda Item 10: Miscellaneous.

- i) **Approval of the best project award recommended by the concerned committee.**

DECISION: Proposal was accepted

- ii) **Ratification of the decision to omit “Intensive Course in Programming and Application of Electronic Computers” programme from the programme table of the prospectus 2013-14**

DECISION: AC ratified the decision.

- iii) **Proposal for Finance & Analytics Specialization for the 2nd year of the M Stat programme.**

DECISION: Proposal was forwarded to the B Stat-M Stat syllabus review committee.

- iv) **Proposal to offer a new Post-Graduate Diploma Programme at ISI, Kolkata on Cryptology and Information Security for Officers engaged in different government organizations.**

DECISION: The Chairman of the Academic Council informed that the Govt. of India requested the Institute to offer a **Post Graduate Diploma Programme** in Cryptology and Information Security for Government officers engaged in different agencies like Police, Defense etc. After long deliberation, it was decided that a committee will be constituted with the following members. Committee will look into the feasibility and sustainability of such a Programme taking into consideration all other programmes running in the Institute.

1. C A Murthy (Chair)
2. Alok Goswami
3. Rana Barua

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.

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(Bimal K. Roy)
Director &
Chairman, Academic Council