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No. Acad./21st SCSA/

Dated: 31.12. 2008

Minutes of the 21st SCSA meeting held on 19th December, 2008 at 4.30 PM in the Board Room of the Institute

The following were present:-

1.	Dr. M.N.Bandyopadhyay, Director	In Chair
2.	Sh. R.P.S Lohchab, Registrar	Member-Secretary, Senate
3.	Dr. T.K Garg, Professor, Mech. Engg. Deptt.	
3.	Dr. S.P Jain, Dean (P&D)	
6.	Dr. V.K.Sehgal, Chairman, Civil Engg. Deptt.	
7.	Dr. S.K Sharma, Dean (Estate, Const & Elect. Mtc.)	
7.	Dr. K.S.Kasana, Chairman, Mech. Engg. Deptt.	
8.	Dr. A Swarup, Chairman, Elect. Engg. Deptt.	
9.	Dr. Kuldeep Kumar, Chairman, Mathematics Deptt.	
10.	Dr. R.K Deswal, Controller of Exams.	
11.	Dr. Brahmjit Singh, Chairman, ECE Deptt.	
12.	Dr. S.K Mahna, Chairman, Physics Deptt.	
13.	Dr. P.J Philip, Chairman, Hum. & Social Scs Deptt.	
14.	Dr. R.S Bhatia, Chairman, Computer Applications Deptt	
15.	Dr. A.K Singh, Chairman, Computer Engg. Deptt.	
16.	Dr. J.K Chhabra, Assistant Professor, Computer Engg. Deptt.	
17.	Dr. D.P Singh, Chairman, Chemistry Department	
18.	Dr. Baldev Setia, Professor Incharge,(Acad.Affairs & Senate)	
19.	Dr. Ashwani Jain, Professor Incharge (Acad. Affairs & Senate)	

The following decisions were taken:

1. **To discuss the draft constitution of students representatives**

The draft constitution of students' representatives as received from the students was placed before the SCSA. Some members pointed out that constitution of a comprehensive body of students for all major activities was beyond the scope of SCSA. Also certain student bodies representing the hostel affairs, cultural affairs, sports affairs etc. were already in existence. In light of this, it was decided that a core group as suggested by the students can not come into existence without prior approval of higher body like the Senate or the BOG as the Director may deem fit. However, SCSA approved the required students body to look after the academic matters of students. The accepted constitution was as follows:

Course	Year	No. of students	Criterion	Remarks
B.Tech	1st Year	4	-	To be nominated by Dean (Academic)
	2nd to Final Year	1 per year per branch Total = 21	Topper of each branch	
MCA	1st to Final Year	1	-	To be nominated by Dean (Academic)
MBA	1st to Final Year	1	-	-do-
M.Tech	·	1	-	-do-
Ph.D		1	-	-do-

This student representative body will meet the Dean (Academic) a minimum of once every semester.

2. **To consider the issue of award of degree to an old B.Tech student Sh. Vishal Phonsa, Roll No. J2K408**

The issue of award of degree to an old B.Tech student Sh. Vishal Phonsa, Roll No. J2K408 was considered and it was decided that the same may be placed before the Senate for consideration and approval. The Controller of Examinations was requested to include the name of above said student in the list of students who have to be awarded degrees in the forthcoming 6th Annual Convocation.

3. **To consider change in date of the Sports function**

It was decided that there was no need of change in the date of Sports function.

4. **To consider the request of some B.Tech students for change in rule/ modalities for awarding merit scholarship**

The SCSA considered the request of some B.Tech students for change in rule for awarding merit scholarship and decided that in future the scholarship will be granted on the basis of SGPA of the respective year. Also, it was decided that Academic Section will prepare an agenda item for Finance Committee meeting for enhancing the number of merit scholarships.

Further, it was decided that those meritorious students who get selected for merit scholarship but cannot be awarded the scholarship as they were already drawing some other scholarship, may be issued a Merit Certificate duly indicating their academic achievement.

5. **To consider the request of some faculty members regarding reviewing some aspects of the Ph.D Ordinance (specifically Rules R-7.2, R-7.5, and R-13.2)**

The SCSA taken the following decisions with regard to Ph.D Ordinance specifically the clauses mentioned below:

Existing	Approved
Clause R-3.2: Additional eligibility conditions for part-time Ph.D admission: a) The applicant should be an employee of an educational institute/org. and must have completed on the last day of receiving applications, a minimum of **three** years of continuous service as at least a Lecturer or equivalent	Clause R-3.2: Additional eligibility conditions for part-time Ph.D admission: a) The applicant should be an employee of an educational institute/org. and must have completed on the last day of receiving applications, a minimum of **two** years of continuous service as at least a Lecturer or equivalent.
Clause R- 7.2: Any regular full time faculty member of the concerned Deptt. of the NITK holding a Doctorate degree, **having two years of regular service after Ph.D,** and minimum two research papers published in the refereed journals, can be appointed a supervisor.	Clause R- 7.2: Any regular full time faculty member of the concerned Deptt. of the NITK holding a Doctorate degree and minimum two research papers published in the refereed journals, can be appointed a supervisor.
Clause 7.4.1: regarding the leave period to continue to be the Ph.D supervisor: Dr. Brahmjit Singh, Chairman EC & CE proposed to increase the leave period from 18 to 24 month to continue to be the Ph.D supervisor	The SCSA decided to refer this clause to the Senate for consideration
Clause R-7.5: At no point of time there shall be more than four and a half research scholars (registered in NITK) being supervised by any faculty member. A scholar being guided jointly will be counted as ½.	**No change**

Clause R-13.2: para 3 A research scholar can submit his thesis only on having published at least two research papers out of his Ph.D research work **in such refereed journals which have impact fact**.	A research scholar can submit his thesis only on having published at least two research papers out of his Ph.D research work **in refereed journals**.

6. **To consider inclusion of Course No. HUT-311: Business Management for the students of IEM 6th Semester**

The SCSA approved the inclusion of Course No. HUT-311: Business Management for the students of IEM 6th Semester and also approved the revised scheme.

7. **To consider proposed scheme for B.Tech 1st Year (Common to all branches)**

A committee comprising of Prof. R.K. Bansal, Dean Academic, Dr. S.P. Jain, Dean P&D, Dr. S.K. Sharma, Dean Estate, Construction & Electrical Maintenance, Dr. Brahmjit Singh, Chairman EC & CE and Dr. J.K. Chhabra (convener) was constituted for the purpose of revision of B.Tech. Scheme. Dr. J.K Chhabra, Convener of the Committee explained the genesis of adopting the proposed B.Tech. 1st year scheme. Some members had some reservations regarding the proposal given by the Committee. Finally it was decided after a long deliberation that a workshop may be arranged before the 12th meeting of the Senate to be held on 19.1.2009 in which Deans and Senior Professors of IITs may be invited for rationalization on B.Tech. scheme. The outcome of the discussions on the issue in the said workshop may be placed before the Senate for consideration and approval.

8. **Any other item with the permission of the Chair**

Following decisions were taken:

(i) The requests for granting mercy chance to the old B.Tech prior to 2K2 batch students, Sh. Hemant Tumram, Roll No. 2K-112 and Sh. Sinoj Gopi, Roll No. 2K-120 who had been admitted to the Institute under KUK regulations, may be placed before the Senate for consideration.
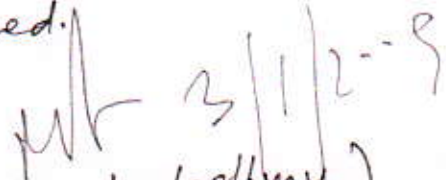
(ii) The Chairman, Computer Engineering Department raised the issue of interdisciplinary course of Analog and Digital Communication for the students of B.Tech. 4th Semester Computer Engineering and Information Technology which had been taught by the faculty of EC & CE department. Now the Electronics & Communication Engineering Department had expressed its inability to teach the subject because of lack of faculty and laboratory facilities. The EC&CE Department was asked to initiate steps in enhancing the infrastructure and faculty to continue teaching the aforesaid subject. However, it order to allow time for preparation, the subject was allowed to be shifted to the Odd Semester as per decision of BOS meeting of the Computer Engineering. Department held on 16.12.2008.
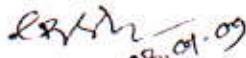
The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair.

(Baldev Setia)
Professor I/C (Acad. Affairs & Senate)

Approved.

(Dr. M.M. Bandyopadhyay)
Director.

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