

INDIAN STATISTICAL INSTITUTE

Proceedings of the Special Academic Council meeting held on
30th October, 2009.

The meeting was held at 11:00 a.m. in the New Seminar Room on 7th Floor of
the S.N. Bose Bhavan (Library Building). The following members were present.

1 Sankar K. Pal	29 Sambhunath Biswas
2 Aditya Bagchi	30 Bidyut Roy
3 Arun K. Adhikary	31 Malay Kumar Kundu
4 S.S. Handa	32 Smarajit Bose
5 B.P. Sinha	33 Kalayan Kumar Chowdhury
6 Ayanendranath Basu	34 Subir Ghosh
7 Subhamoy Maitra	35 Rana Barua
8 M.Ghose	36 A. Datta
9 Manoranjan Pal	37 Arijit Chakrabarti
10 Premananda Bharati	38 Mahuya Datta
11 Shibdas Bandyopadhyay	39 Palash Sarkar
12 Saurabh Ghosh	40 Bimal Roy
13 Jayastree Dattagupta	41 B.B. Bhattacharya
14 C.A. Murthy	42 Anup Dewanji
15 Nabanita Das	43 B. Rajeev
16 Sandip Das	44 S.C. Bagchi
17 Utpal Garain	45 P. Pal Choudhury
18 B.S. Mazumder	46 Sushmita Mitra
19 M.Z. Anis	47 Ashis Ghosh
20 Biswabrata Pradhan	48 Subir Kumar Bhandari
21 Traun Kabiraj	49 Arun Kumar De
22 E. Somanathan	50 Dipti Prasad Mukherjee
23 S.P. Das	51 Nityananda Sarkar
24 Madhura Swaminathan	52 Arni S.R. Srinivasa Rao
25 D. Dutta Roy	53 Goutam Mukherjee
26 Barun Mukhopadhyay	54 Susmita Sur-Kolay
27 Sanghamitra Bandyopadhyay	55 Rita Saharay
28 Subhas Chandra Nandy	56 Bhabatosh Chanda

The Chairman welcomed all the members to the Academic Council meeting. At the beginning, it was mentioned that this meeting should be treated as a special meeting to discuss over a very important issue involving the academic administration of the institute. The usual 49th meeting would be convened later where the Action Taken Report (ATR) for the 48th meeting would be

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placed. So he requested the members to ignore the first item of the agenda, i.e. "confirmation of the proceedings of the 48th AC meeting" and to go over to the second item.

Agenda Item-2: Problem arising out of Non-Submission of Examination Marks by a Faculty Member.

The Dean's Office could not announce the results of two courses for the academic year 2008-09.

- The result of M.Stat 1st year (2008-09) 1st semester examination could not be finalized for non-submission of marks for the subject "Statistical Inference I" by the concerned teacher.
- The result of B.Stat 3rd year (2008-09) 2nd semester could not be finalized since the concerned teacher did not submit any question paper for conducting examination for the subject "Statistical Inference II".

On the request of the Dean of Studies, the Director approved the formation of a committee to suggest a solution to the problem.

The committee made two suggestions:

- For both the courses students should be given average score* based on the composite scores of the remaining four subjects in the semester. The students, however, will have the option of writing a test to improve upon the average score.
***Formula for the average score:**
Arithmetic mean of (a) the highest score of the four subjects and (b) the arithmetic mean of the four subjects in that semester.
- Scores be given solely on the basis of an examination without any reference to a formula.

The members made a long deliberation on the issue and accepted in principle the first suggestion of the committee. Although some members suggested a different formula making the examination a mandatory one, majority of the house accepted the original first suggestion for both the courses.

Two members urged to record their "Note of Dissent" on the solution suggested. One member wanted that the examination should be made mandatory for both the courses while the other member wanted it to be so for the examination in the B-III course.

In this connection the Academic Council also resolved that any test/examination conducted for the two subjects under consideration during the two semesters of 2008-09 and any evaluation made on the basis of such test/examination, so far, would stand null and void. Result in the two subjects under consideration would be on the basis of the decision taken in the current AC meeting.

Dean also informed the members that necessary arrangements for conducting both the examinations had already been done.

The Academic Council also resolved that the solution suggested in the present case would be treated as a special one and could not be used as precedence.

As a part of the same issue, the Dean requested the members to suggest possible remedies in case of repetition of such event. After deliberation, the Academic Council resolved that:

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- If a faculty member informs a priori not to conduct examination, the Dean will organize a separate examination appointing a different teacher with the consent of the concerned Teachers' Committee. The new examiner for the paper may be appointed even from an academic institution other than ISI.
- If a faculty member does not submit marks after conducting an examination, the Dean is empowered to take any appropriate alternative action to ensure announcement of results.

It was further resolved that the dates of announcement of results would be a part of the academic calendar and it should be strictly observed.

In order to formulate the Teaching policy of the institute, the Chairman suggested the following committee:

Prof. S C Bagchi (Chairman), Prof. B P Sinha, Prof. Shibdas Bandyopadhyay, Prof. Bimal K Roy, Dr. P S S N V P Rao, Dr. Sujit K Majumdar, Prof. S. SurKolay, Prof. N. Sarkar and Dr. Sourabh Ghosh (Convener)

Other members of the AC might provide inputs to the committee.

Agenda Item-3: To consider the court verdict against a writ petition made by Mr. Arkaprava Bandyopadhyay.

The Dean informed the members that Mr. Arkaprava Bandyopadhyay joined the B.Math (Hons) course of the institute at its Bangalore Centre in the academic session 2005-06.

In the 2nd year 2nd semester, Mr. Bandyopadhyay failed in the subject "Analysis IV" even after the back paper examination.

He then brought three different court cases against the institute. The institute gave the student three chances to repeat the course. The last offer made to him was to repeat the 2nd year 2nd semester of the course. However, the student did not accept any of the chances offered by the institute. In the last court case Mr. Arkaprava Bandyopadhyay requested for a re-evaluation of his answer script of the paper "Analysis IV". Although the paper was re-evaluated earlier by a faculty member of the institute, in the light of the direction of the Hon'ble High Court dated 17.09.2009, the Academic Council resolved that the answer script would again be evaluated by a suitable faculty member(s) of the institute. If the student fails to secure the pass mark even after such evaluation, the issue would be considered closed.

Agenda Item-4: To consider the court verdict against a writ petition made by Mr. Dushyant Potalia.

The Dean informed the members that Mr. Dushyant Potalia joined the B.Stat (Hons) course of the institute in the academic session 2008-09.

Mr. Potalia failed in three out of five papers in the first semester of the course. Even after the back paper examinations, he failed to secure pass marks in two papers. So, he was asked to discontinue the course according to the rule of the institute.

Mr. Potalia made a Writ Petition to the High Court with an appeal to give him a chance to repeat the first year of the B.Stat (Hons) course.

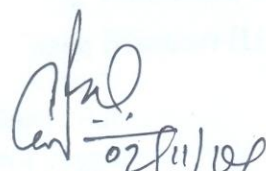
The court in its verdict, dated 14.09.2009, disposed of the case without accepting the appeal of the student. However, the court asked the director to consider the appeal of the student favorably if permitted by the rules of the institute or to issue a reasoned order for the rejection of the appeal.

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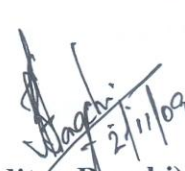
Director issued the reasoned order on 17.09.2009 informing that the concerned student could not be allowed to repeat as per the rule of the institute.

The Academic Council members went through the documents and considered the case to be closed.

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


(Sankar K. Pal)

Director
Chairman, Academic Council


(Aditya Bagchi)

Dean of Studies
Convener, Academic Council

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