

INDIAN STATISTICAL INSTITUTE
Proceedings of the 52nd Academic Council Meeting
15th March 2011

The meeting was held at 11.00 A.M. in the New Auditorium. The following members were present :

1	Bimal Roy	19	S. C. Bagchi	37	Sanghamitra Bandyopadhyay
2	B. P. Sinha	20	Bhola Nath Ghosh	38	M. Z. Anis
3	Pabitra Pal Choudhury	21	Monoranjan Pal	39	Arup Ranjan Mukhopadhyay
4	Nabanita Das	22	Tarun Kabiraj	40	Amitava Bandyopadhyay
5	Susmita Sur Kolay	23	Shibdas Bandyopadhyay	41	Ranjan Sett
6	Amita Pal	24	Subhamoy Maitra	42	Alok Goswami
7	Sabyasachi Bhattacharya	25	Dilip Saha	43	Anup Majumdar
8	Indranil Mukhopadhyay	26	Jishnu Gupta Biswas	44	T. K. Chandra
9	Sourabh Ghosh	27	Guruprasad Kar	45	Subhas Chandra Nandy
10	Antar Bandyopadhyay	28	Jayasree Dattagupta	46	Prasun Das
11	Krishanu Maulik	29	S. S. Handa	47	Priyadarshi Banerjee
12	Arijit Bishnu	30	Rahul Roy	48	Anup Dewanji
13	Mandar Mitra	31	B. M. Reddy	49	Gopal Basak
14	Bhargab B. Bhattacharya	32	M. Ghosh	50	Krishnendu Mukhopadhyay
15	Goutam Mukherjee	33	Nityananda Sarkar		
16	Bijoy S. Mazumder	34	Bhabatosh Chanda		
17	Sushmita Mitra	35	Parthasarathi Ghosh		
18	Amartya Kumar Dutta	36	Sambhunath Biswas		

Agenda Item 1 : Confirmation of the proceedings of the 51st Academic Council meeting held on 26th October 2010.

The proceedings of the 51st Academic Council Meeting held on 26th October 2010, as circulated, was confirmed.

Agenda Item 2 : Matters arising out at the 51st A. C. meeting held on 26th October 2010

The AC was informed that the fellowships of the Research Fellows of the Institute have been enhanced.

The committee for reviewing the syllabi for B. Stat. and M. Stat. programs, was requested to submit its report before June 30, 2011.

Mr. S. S. Handa wanted to change the proposed Sita Handa Memorial medal to be given to the best student in the Delhi centre of ISI. The Chairman said that if he does not like the suggestion of the Institute, he should withdraw the current proposal and submit a fresh one.

Agenda Item 3 : Consideration of a request by the students of M1 (B-stream) to accept scores in non-credit course as a prerequisite to different specializations in M.Stat. final year.

The AC resolved that if a student passes in a subject, it would be counted as a prerequisite, irrespective of whether the subject is declared as credit or non-credit.

Agenda Item 4 : Consideration of the report submitted by the Committee constituted in the 51st meeting of the Academic Council to suggest methods for collecting students' feedback and analyzing them.

Prof. Somesh Bagchi gave the background information on the issue. He pointed out that there are several divergent views on the issue within the Institute. The committee has taken into consideration, different opinions and came to the conclusion that the Institute needs to implement a student feedback system. He also stressed that the committee was of the view that only positive aspects from the feedback should be used for decision making. Several other members expressed their opinions on the issue. Prof. Rahul Roy suggested that some sort of award or incentive may be given to the best teacher. Dr. Arijit Bishnu suggested that the feedback form should contain some question on the ability of the teacher to motivate the students towards the subject. Finally, the report and the form was accepted in principle. The Dean of Studies was authorized to make minor changes in the feedback form as well as the process. It was decided that the Dean of Studies will submit a report to the AC after collecting feedback data for three semesters.

Agenda Item 5 : Review of course structure and current syllabus of the M.Tech. (QROR).

A committee consisting of the following members was constituted to review the M. Tech. (QROR) syllabus:

Amitava Bandyopadhyay (Chairman)
Prasun Das (Convener)
Tridib K. Dutta
G.S.R. Murthy
Dipak K. Manna
Biswabrata Pradhan
M. Z. Anis
Arup Mukherjee
Debasis Sengupta
Arup Das
Pathik Mandal
S. K. Majumdar
Anup Majumdar

The committee was requested to submit its report within four months.

Agenda Item 6 : Consideration of the report by M.Tech.(CS) syllabus review committee constituted by the Academic Council in its 47th meeting.

Dr. Arijit Bishnu explained the salient features of the proposed new syllabus and their justifications. He highlighted the historical development of the course, when it was a rare M. Tech. (CS) program that took input from varied non-CS

backgrounds. While keeping this heterogeneity intact, he stressed on the need to make the course more attractive to students with Computer Science background, who now constitute a sizable proportion of the intake. He justified the suggestion to reduce the total credit to 2000 marks from 2400 marks, by pointing out that several people have complained about the very heavy contents of the course.

Some members opined that there was insufficient time to consider the report as it was circulated late. It was decided that the issue would be discussed in the adjourned 52nd meeting of the AC on April 2, 2011.

Agenda Item 7 : Consideration of the report of the committee for introduction of One year Post Graduate Diploma Course on Statistical Methods with Application.

It was decided that the issue would be discussed in the adjourned 52nd meeting on April 2, 2011.

Agenda Item 8 : Approving the result of the Final examination of 81st batch of the Part-Time Certificate Course in SQC

The result was approved.

Agenda Item 9 : Introduction of a new Elective Course (Educational Measurement) for the M.Stat. programme.

It was decided that the issue would be discussed in the adjourned 52nd meeting of the AC on April 2, 2011.

Agenda Item 10 : To consider a proposal submitted by Prof. SC Bagchi, Prof. A Goswami, Prof. G Basak.

It was decided that the issue would be discussed in the adjourned meeting on April 2, 2011.

Agenda Item 11 : Miscellaneous.

The meeting was adjourned with a decision to meet again at 2:00 P.M on April 2, 2011.

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Proceedings of the Adjourned Meeting of the 52nd Academic Council
2nd April 2011

The meeting was held at 2:00 P.M. in the New Auditorium. The following members were present:

1	Bimal K. Roy	16	Antar Bandyopadhyay
2	B. P. Sinha	17	Indranil Mukhopadhyay
3	Dipti Prasad Mukherjee	18	Amartya K. Dutta
4	Palash Sarkar	19	Subir Kumar Bhandari
5	Bhabatosh Chanda	20	B. S. Majumder
6	Shyam Sunder Handa	21	Amitava Bandyopadhyay
7	Bidyut Baran Chaudhuri	22	Samir K. Neogy
8	Monoranjan Ghose	23	Sambhunath Biswas
9	Nityananda Sarkar	24	Alok Goswami
10	Sarbani Palit	25	Sanghamitra Bandyopadhyay
11	Susmita Sur -Kolay	26	Subhamoy Maitra
12	Bhargab B Bhattacharya	27	R. Barua
13	S. C. Bagchi	28	Saurabh Ghosh
14	Krishanu Maulik	29	Mandar Mitra
15	Arijit Bishnu	30	Utpal Garain

Agenda Item 6 : Consideration of the report by M. Tech. (CS) syllabus review committee constituted by the Academic Council in its 47th meeting.

Prof. Palash Sarkar presented an alternative proposal for the M. Tech (CS) Syllabus and pointed out the differences with the one proposed by the committee. Dr. Arijit Bishnu presented some modifications of the proposed syllabus based on some of the suggestions of Prof. Sarkar and Prof. Bagchi. Amitava Bandyopadhyay suggested that Software Engineering may be extended to more than one core course. Arijit Bishnu advocated a grade based evaluation system. Finally, the AC empowered the Director and the Dean of Studies to evolve a syllabus keeping the different opinions in mind.

Agenda Item 7 : Consideration of the report of the committee for introduction of one year Post Graduate Diploma Course on Statistical Methods with Application.

The AC empowered the Director to finalize the syllabus based on the comments from different members within 2 weeks.

Agenda Item 9 : Introduction of a new Elective Course (Educational Measurement) for the M. Stat. programme.

It was resolved that the suggestions would be forwarded to the B. Stat. – M. Stat. syllabus review committee.

Agenda Item 10 : To consider a proposal submitted by Prof. S. C. Bagchi, Prof. A. Goswami, Prof. G. Basak.

Different members expressed divergent views on the topic. It was decided that the following committee would look into the matter and report back to the AC.

1. Mausumi Bose (Chairperson)
2. Amartya Datta (Convener)
3. Isha Dewan
4. B. V. Rajarama Bhat
5. Rahul Roy
6. Nikhil R. Pal
7. Palash Sarkar
8. S. R. Chakrabarty
9. Samir Neogy
10. Prasun Das
11. Arunava Sen

Miscellaneous:

The AC has proposed the creation of the position of Associate Deans. The AC recommended that Associate Deans (if approved) may be granted a special research grant of Rs. 1,00,000 (Rupees One lakh only) per year.

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