

INDIAN STATISTICAL INSTITUTE



Proceedings of the 54th Meeting of the **ACADEMIC COUNCIL**

held on 23rd March 2012 AT 1.45 P.M. at P J A B Auditorium

The following members were present:

- | | | | |
|----|---------------------------|----|-----------------------|
| 1 | Bimal K. Roy | 29 | P. S. S. N. V. P. Rao |
| 2 | B. P. Sinha | 30 | B. B. Chaudhuri |
| 3 | Krishnendu Mukhopadhyaya | 31 | Manoranjan Pal |
| 4 | P. R. Chowdhury | 32 | Bhola Nath Ghosh |
| 5 | Tarun Kabiraj | 33 | Goutam Mukherjee |
| 6 | Amita Majumder | 34 | Mausumi Bose |
| 7 | Pradipta Bandyopadhyay | 35 | Subhamoy Maitra |
| 8 | Bharat Ramaswami | 36 | Indranil Mukhopadhyay |
| 9 | Satya P. Das | 37 | Susmita Sur - Kolay |
| 10 | Arunava Sen | 38 | Pinaki Roy |
| 11 | Manash Ranjan Gupta | 39 | Sisir Roy |
| 12 | N. S. N. Sastry | 40 | Arijit Bishnu |
| 13 | S. M. Bendre | 41 | Subhas Chandra Nandy |
| 14 | Nabanita Das | 42 | Alok Goswami |
| 15 | Antar Bandyopadhyay | 43 | Debashish Goswami |
| 16 | Saurabh Ghosh | 44 | Anjana Dewanji |
| 17 | Siva Athreya | 45 | Priyadarshi Banerjee |
| 18 | Arijit Chakrabarti | 46 | Subir Ghosh |
| 19 | Rita Saha Ray | 47 | Barnana Roy |
| 20 | Subir K. Bhandari | 48 | Banasri Basu |
| 21 | Arup Ranjan Mukhopadhyay | 49 | B. V. Rajarama Bhat |
| 22 | Amitava Bandyopadhyay | 50 | Amita Pal |
| 23 | Ranjan Sett | 51 | Nityananda Sarkar |
| 24 | M. Z. Anis | 52 | Bidyut Roy |
| 25 | Sanghamitra Bandyopadhyay | 53 | C. Pandu Rangan |
| 26 | Parthasarathi Ghosh | 54 | Shibdas Bandyopadhyay |
| 27 | Smarajit Bose | 55 | Gopal Basak |
| 28 | D. K. Manna | | |

Agenda Item 1: Confirmation of the proceedings of the 53rd Academic Council Meeting held on 9th September 2011.

DECISION:

The proceedings of the 53rd Academic Council Meeting held on 9th September 2011, as circulated were confirmed.

Contd...2/-

Agenda Item 2:

Matters arising out at the 53rd Academic Council Meeting held on 9th September 2011.

DECISION:

The actions taken on the matters that arose out of the 53rd Meeting of the AC were reported.

It was decided that the webpage should be modified suitably to reflect the resolution of Agenda items.

List of the Awards will be shown in the web page to reflect the resolution of Agenda Item 7.

It has been informed that Finance committee is reluctant to accept the proposal to increase the honorarium to visiting teachers as mentioned in Agenda Item 15.

Dean of Studies reported his views on the feasibility of the proposal for holding Admission Test of two M.Tech. programmes and all disciplines of JRF (except Geology) in February as mentioned in Agenda Item 19. He noted that holding the current Admission Test is a process spanning six months. A separate Test in February can be conducted only if there is a dedicated Admission Cell with additional staff members under the Dean of Studies.

As decided on Agenda Item 23 Miscellaneous 7, the Chairman of the Academic Council formed a new committee consisting of the following members to review Teaching Policy of the Institute.

1. P.S.S.N.V.P. Rao (Chairman)
2. Amites Dasgupta (Convener)
3. Nityananda Sarkar
4. S. Ramasubramanian
5. Pl. Muthuramalingam
6. Arunava Sen

Agenda Item 3 :

Consideration of a proposal by Dr. A. Bandyopadhyay et al. for Uniform Academic Calendar for all ISI Centres.

DECISION:

The AC decided to form a committee consisting of the following members to look into the matter and submit a report to the next Meeting of the AC.

1. Susmita Sur-Kolay (Chairperson)
2. Saurabh Ghosh (Convener)
3. Arup Kumar Pal
4. Amit Kr. Biswas
5. Tridip Ray
6. B. Sury
7. Jishnu Gupta Biswas

Contd...3/-

Agenda Item 4 :

Consideration of the report by the committee formed by the Director vide no D.O./19518 dated February 27, 2012 [as suggested by the 53rd AC Meeting (Agenda Item 20)] to look into a proposal by Prof. S. Sur-Kolay et al. to waive the written test from the JRF Admission Procedure for some candidates

DECISION:

The Chairman, Academic Council wanted to look into the implication of the UGC Circular on All India JRF Entrance Test. The Chairman, Academic Council was authorised to take the final decision in this regard.

Agenda Item 5 :

Consideration of proposal by Dr. A. Bandyopadhyay et al. for setting Minimum Marks for B.Stat. Students to get a Direct Admission in the M.Stat. Course

DECISION:

After some deliberation, the members expressed their views against changing the existing rules.

Agenda Item 6 :

Consideration of a proposal by Dr. A. Bandyopadhyay et al. for setting Minimum Marks for Students to sit for Campus Placement

DECISION:

After some deliberation, the members expressed their views against changing the existing rules.

Agenda Item 7 :

Consideration of a proposal for modification of the Ph.D. Registration Rules

DECISION:

Proposal was discussed thoroughly and members were divided in their opinion. It was decided that proposals for modification of the Ph.D. Registration Rules will be accepted subject to changes in the proposed rules that will be made by the Chairman of the Academic Council.

Contd...4/-

Agenda Item 8 :

Consideration of a proposal by Dr. A. Bandyopadhyay et al. for formulation of Rules for JRF Courses

DECISION:

The AC decided to form a committee consisting of the following members to look into the matter including the syllabus and pass - fail rules for the courses and submit a report to the AC.

1. Dean of Studies (Chairman)
2. Krishanu Maulik (Convener)
3. Subhamoy Maitra
4. Manipushpak Mitra
5. Chetan Ghate
6. Siva Athreya

Agenda Item 9 :

Consideration of a proposal by Prof Smarajit Bose et al. for formulating Ph.D. Registration Rules for external Ph.D. Students.

DECISION:

The issue was considered as an administrative matter. The Dean of Studies was authorized to take necessary action.

Agenda Item 10 :

Consideration of a proposal by Academic Development Committee, ISI NE Centre for allowing the students who have successfully completed PG Diploma in Statistical Methods and Application at Tezpur to appear for M.Stat. Entrance Test

DECISION:

The AC decided to accept the proposal. It was also decided that the M.Stat. Selection Committee may recommend some candidates for P.G. Diploma in Statistical Methods and Application at Tezpur from the list of candidates who appeared in the Interview after successfully clearing the written Test. It will be implemented from this year.

Agenda Item 11 :

Consideration of the proceedings of the meeting on the application submitted by some students of M.Stat. from Chennai Centre for changing their Specialization papers in M.Stat. programme

DECISION:

The AC decided to accept the proposal in principle.

Contd...5/-

Agenda Item 12 :

Consideration of the report by the committee formed by the Director vide no DS./1159 dated October 19, 2011 [as suggested by the 53rd AC Meeting (Miscellaneous Agenda Item 6)] to look into the proposal to formulate uniform rules for Pass/Fail/ Repeat/Stipend and credit/Noncredit courses

DECISION:

Prof. Amita Majumder presented the report which was accepted by the AC subject to some modifications. The Chairman of the Academic Council was authorized to take decision on the maximum number of scores below 45% that a student might have in order to get passed with different Divisions and Distinction.

Agenda Item 13 :

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.

DECISION:

It was noted that the proposed new course structure has four subjects per semester. The Chairman of the Academic Council recalled that on an earlier occasion a proposed syllabus for M. Math. Programme was rejected on this ground. The Chairman of the Academic Council suggested that the Academic Council should first decide whether a structure consisting of four subjects per semester was acceptable in principle and if so, under what condition. A committee consisting of the following members was constituted to look into this matter.

1. Shibdas Bandyopadhyay (Chairman)
2. Tridip Ray (Convener)
3. Mausumi Bose
4. Alok Goswami
5. Satya Ranjan Chakravarty
6. Nityananda Sarkar
7. Arunava sen
8. S.M. Srivastava

It was decided that the new course structure for MS (QE) would be discussed only after this issue is resolved.

Agenda Item 14 :

Consideration of the report by the committee formed by the Director vide no DO./16334 dated December 9, 2010 [as suggested by the 51st AC Meeting (Agenda Item 6)] to look into a proposal to review the syllabi of the B. Stat. (Hons.) and M. Stat programme

DECISION:

Prof. Alok Goswami presented the report on syllabus of the B.Stat.(Hons). The new course structure was accepted. Prof. Goswami informed the AC that he expects to submit the course structure for M. Stat. very shortly.

Agenda Item 15 :

Consideration of the report by the committee formed by the Director vide no DO./1153 dated October 18, 2011 [as suggested by the 53rd AC Meeting (Agenda Item 6)] to look into a proposal to review the syllabi of the B. Math. (Hons.)

DECISION:

Prof. B. V. Rajarama Bhat presented the report. Some members pointed out some minor issues in the syllabus. The new course structure was accepted. Prof. Bhat was authorized to make minor modifications in consultation with the committee members and other colleagues.

Agenda Item 16 :

Discussion on the Methods for Preserving the Answer booklets of Examinations conducted by the Institute.

DECISION:

As an administrative matter it was left to the Dean of Studies to take decision in consultation with Legal Consultant of the Institute.

Agenda Item 17 : Miscellaneous:

1. **Ratification of the Mark sheets of MSQE (Delhi) 2009-11 students**

DECISION:

The AC decided to ratify the Proposal.

2. **Consideration of a proposal to reinstate the course “Advanced Multivariate Analysis” in M.Stat.-II programme**

DECISION:

Prof. Alok Goswami pointed out that the course was not mentioned even in the year 2006. He also expressed his reservation about the proposed content. After some deliberation it was decided that a final decision to include the subject as well as its content would be taken while the new syllabus for M. Stat. is prepared. However, AC gave his approval for the course when the course has already been offered to the students.

3. **Ratification of the decision to include a course on C Programming offered to the students of M.Stat. Applications at Chennai as a non-credit course.**

DECISION:

The AC ratified the decision.

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