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PROCEEDINGS OF THE 58th MEETING OF THE ACADEMIC COUNCIL

HELD ON 28th FEBRUARY 2014 AT 1:30 PM
AT PLATINUM JUBILEE AUDITORIUM, ISI

The following members were present:

Sl. No.	N A M E	Sl. No.	N A M E
1	Bimal K. Roy	26	Mausumi Bose
2	Pradipta Bandyopadhyay	27	Anup Dewanji
3	Nityananda Sarkar	28	Bidyut B. Chaudhuri
4	Saurabh Ghosh	29	Rudra Pada Sarkar
5	Bhabatosh Chanda	30	Debashish Goswami
6	C. A. Murthy	31	Mahuya Datta
7	B. P. Sinha	32	Rita SahaRay
8	P. Roy Chaudhury	33	Amita Pal
9	Tarun Kabiraj	34	Smarajit Bose
10	Madhura Swaminathan	35	Pradip Kumar Das
11	Rajat Kumar De	36	Indraneel Dasgupta
12	Bidyut Roy	37	Subir Ghosh
13	Susmita Sur-Kolay	38	Banasri Basu
14	Sandip Das	39	Somnath Ray
15	Krishnendu Mukhopadhyaya	40	Aditya Bagchi
16	Sambhunath Biswas		Following members were present via Video Conference
17	Ashish Ghosh		
18	Pradipta Maji	41	Mohan Delampady
19	Nabanita Das	42	Siva Athreya
20	Subhas Chandra Nandy	43	Arunava Sen
21	Parthasarathi Ghosh	44	E. Somonathan
22	Sanghamitra Bandyopadhyay	45	Arup Pal
23	Swapan Kr. Parui	46	S. M. Bendre
24	Manoranjan Pal	47	S. Ponnusamy
25	S. M. Srivastava	48	TSSRK Rao

Agenda Item 1. Confirmation of the proceedings of the 57th meeting of the Academic Council, held on 12th September 2013.

The proceedings of the 57th meeting of the Academic Council, held on 12th September 2013, as circulated, were confirmed.

Agenda Item 2. Matters arising out of the 57th meeting of the Academic Council, held on 12th September 2013.

The actions taken on matters that arose out of 57th Meeting of the AC were reported.

Agenda Item 3. Status report on various extant committees by the Dean of Studies.

The Dean of Studies presented the status report of the different committees whose reports are awaited.

Agenda Item 4. Confirmation of the report submitted by the committee, set up vide office order no. DS/871 dated 18th September, 2013 [as suggested by the 57th Meeting of the AC (Agenda Item 9)] to undertake a more comprehensive study of the feasibility & sustainability of the MS (QMS) Programme at Bangalore & Hyderabad from the next Academic year.

The Report was approved by circulation earlier. It was confirmed and the course is being introduced from the next Academic year.

Agenda Item 5. Consideration of the report of the MS(QE) syllabus review committee set up by the 50th Meeting of the AC (Misc Agenda Item 8-d).

Nityananda Sarkar presented the salient points of the modified MSQE syllabus. Saurabh Ghosh point out that there should be an objective eligibility criterion for Thesis II. The Chairman suggested that it is better to have a score-based cut-off and suggested that the median score from previous records may be taken as a possible cut-off. Anup Dewanji suggested that it is better to call Thesis I as Project and Thesis II as Thesis.

The new course structure was accepted. The committee was authorized to incorporate suggested changes in consultation with the committee members and other colleagues.

Agenda Item 6. Consideration of the report submitted by the committee, set up vide office order no. DS/873 dated 18th September, 2013 [as suggested by the 57th Meeting of the AC (Agenda Item 9)] to study the feasibility & sustainability of a One year Post Graduate Diploma in Computer Programming & Application Programme at Giridih.

The proposed syllabus, which is a slightly revised version of the earlier 2-year PGDCA syllabus, was approved in principle. It was noted that the comprehensive pass-fail rule should apply for this programme as well. Bhabotsh Chanda suggested that Multimedia should be included in the programme instead of Software Engineering. Teaching via Video Conferencing alone was discouraged. The committee was authorized to incorporate these suggestions in consultation with the committee members and other colleagues. The programme is being offered from the next academic year.

Agenda Item 7. Consideration of the report submitted by the committee, set up vide office order no. DS/870 dated 18th September, 2013 [as suggested by the 57th Meeting of the AC (Agenda Item 6)] to look into the proposal for change in the Course Structure for the 2nd Semester of the M Tech (CS) Programme.

Many members pointed out that the issue needs more deliberations and the discussion was postponed.

Agenda Item 8. Consideration of a proposal by Prof. Saurabh Ghosh et al to modify the eligibility criteria for the course option "Dissertation" in M Stat 2nd year in such a way that they depend only on M Stat 1st year courses so that non-B Stat students may also be eligible for it.

The proposal was accepted. Saurabh Ghosh pointed out that if one does Dissertation, one cannot do a Project.

Agenda Item 9. Consideration of a proposal by Prof. B S Daya Sagar et al to introduce a course entitled "Mathematical Morphology and Applications" as an elective/optional course for (i) MTech (CS) and also for (ii) JRF-CS Group-B course of CCSD.

It was decided that Bhabotsh Chanda will examine the content and report to the AC.

Agenda Item 10. Consideration of a proposal by Prof. Madhura Swaminathan et al to introduce a JRF programme in Development Studies at ISI Bangalore.

Nityananda Sarkar commented that he did not understand the necessity of this programme when there is an existing JRF programme in QE. He also pointed out that an admission test in Statistics would also require sufficient knowledge in Math. It was eventually decided that a committee comprising of Bharat Ramaswami & Indraneel Dasgupta will discuss the details and report to the AC. In particular, it will explore the modalities of the admission procedure, course work and awarding of the final degree etc.

Agenda Item 11. Consideration of a proposal by Prof. Debashish Goswami et al to formulate a policy to deal with appeals made by the students on special circumstances.

AC decided to constitute a committee consisting of the following members to look into the matter and submit a report to the AC at an early date.

Anup Dewanji (Chairman)
Amites Dasgupta (Convener)
Dean of Studies
Associate Dean (ISID)
Associate Dean (SIBC)
Debasish Goswami
Indraneel Dasgupta
Krishnendu Mukhopadhyaya

Agenda Item 12. Miscellaneous.

Krishnendu Mukhopadhyaya suggested that till the above committee submits its report, the answerscripts should be kept in the Dean's Office so that they are readily available whenever necessary. He also expressed concern that finalization of the results are getting delayed affecting the Uniform Academic Calendar.

Nityananda Sarkar suggested that till the above committee submits its report, the Dean of Studies should provide guidelines for Teachers' Committee Meeting so that there is no discrimination.

In reply to a question raised by Mahuya Dutta, the chairman reported that he, in consultation with the Dean of Studies, have considered the appeal made by B Phani Pratyusha and decided to increase her score in the compensatory exam in Probability III to 35%. Sashi Mohan Srivastava demanded that Pratyusha's decision should be kept in abeyance. The chairman declared that no further discussion on the issue is warranted, as this was not a part of the agenda.

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