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84th Meeting of the Academic Council

Date: January 30, 2025

Time: 11:00 AM

VENUE: CSSC VIDEO CONFERENCE ROOM, ISI, KOLKATA

PROCEEDINGS

Members Present			
1	Sanghamitra Bandyopadhyay	17	Antar Bandyopadhyay
2	Biswabrata Pradhan	18	Tanvi Jain
3	Prasun Das	19	Murali Rao Garimella
4	Ansuman Banerjee	20	SM Subhani
5	Dipti Prasad Mukherjee	21	Sourav Chakraborty
6	Rajat Kumar De	22	Abhay Gopal Bhatt
7	B. Uma Shankar	23	Mahuya Datta
8	Debrup Chakraborty (Invitee)	24	Supratik Pal
9	Mridul Nandi	25	Sumitra Purkayastha
10	Smarajit Bose	26	Sushmita Mitra
11	Parthasarathi Ghosh	27	Saroj K. Meher
12	Debasis Sengupta	28	M. Krishnamurthy
13	Dibakar Ghosh	29	Abhay Gopal Bhatt
	Members Present (Virtually)	30	Ranjan Sett
14	Diganta Mukherjee	31	Sandip Mitra
15	Arup K. Pal	32	Sourav Chakraborty
16	Arijit Chakrabarty	33	Kishor Satpathy

1. Opening Remarks by the chairperson of the Academic Council

Professor Sanghamitra Bandyopadhyay, Chairperson, welcomed the members to the 84th meeting of the Academic Council.

2. Confirmation of the proceedings of the 83rd meeting of the Academic Council.

The proceedings of the 83rd Meeting of the Academic Council held on 6th December 2024 are placed before the Academic Council for consideration and approval. Regarding the disciplinary proceedings, the Chair apprised that while a part of the actions has been decided and remaining is under consideration. Prof. Antar Bandyopadhyay conveyed that there was no need to discuss these in the AC; the Dean of Studies and Director were free to take appropriate decisions. The Chair pointed out that the action taken/to be taken are being/will be reported to the AC. Prof. Nandi requested the Chair to expedite the matter because it would affect students' admission and as well as their career. The Chair assured that the decision would be taken as early as possible.

The Dean of Studies reported that, to facilitate M.Stat and M.Math first-year students in participating in the Convocation at ISI Delhi centre, classes would be suspended for three days.

The ATR on **the decision of the 83rd Meeting of the AC** has not been placed in this meeting **due to** shortage of time.

The Dean of Studies reported that a committee has been constituted to consider the proposal to change the prerequisite course structure for the second-year courses of the M.Stat. Programme, as decided in the 83rd Meeting of the AC.

It was further reported that the reconstitution of the feasibility committee for introducing new programmes is under progress. **The proposal to introduce the M.Math programme at ISI Delhi**, as recommended in the 83rd Meeting of the AC, will be placed before the feasibility committee.

Resolution: Proceedings of the 83rd Meetings of the AC were confirmed

3.0 Discussion and Decisions:

3.1 To consider the request of Sattick Das (BS2005) to continue the B. Stat. programme.

Resolution: It was resolved that Sattick Das would be allowed to continue in the third year of the B.Stat. Programme, and that a stipend would be provided for the maximum number of years permissible under the rules. Also, hostel accommodation would be provided subject to availability.

3.2 Consideration of the report of the committee constituted by the Dean of Studies for

(a) review of the reservation policy of all JRF programmes of ISI.

(b) seat allocation rule for multicenter programmes of ISI.

Discussion:

(a) Review of the reservation policy of all JRF programmes of ISI:

Prof. Debasis Sengupta, Chairman of the Committee, presented the report on reservation policy for JRF programmes. The committee noted that at present quota-based reservations are applied only to Non-JRF programmes, while JRF admissions use adjusted scores to the reserved category candidates to provide them the benefit of reservation – this was necessitated due to the small number of seats. An analysis of the past four years showed that applying strict quotas in JRF programmes would have left 10–15% of seats vacant, with only a marginal (~3%) increase in reserved-category admissions. The Committee therefore recommended implementing quota-based reservations for JRF programmes with eight or more seats, and using rotational category-wise allocation for programmes with fewer seats.

It was further discussed that Channel 'O' (the channel for ISI Master's students) for admission to the JRF programme should also be considered under the reservation policy. It may be noted that seats allocated to the Channel for ISI Master's students, if unfilled, would be transferred to the ISI Test Channel. The Committee did not consider this issue while framing the policy. It was discussed that the Committee would be requested to re-examine the matter.

(b) Seat allocation rule for multicenter programmes of ISI:

Prof. Debasis Sengupta placed the recommendations of the Committee regarding seat allocation rules for multicentre programmes. The Committee suggested that the seat allocation rules for multicentre programmes should be as follows:

Step 1: Candidates admitted through the general merit list are tentatively allocated to the centres as per the general merit list.

Step 2: Allocation of centres for reserved-category candidates is finalized according to the merit list of the relevant category.

Thus, the higher-ranking candidate of a particular reserved category would be given priority in centre allocation, even if admitted on the basis of his or her rank in the general merit list. The centre allocation status may be revised after the completion of each round of provisional admission, in accordance with the policy.

It was suggested that spot admissions would be conducted once during each admission year, and that centre preferences would be disregarded during these admissions. The Dean of Studies suggested that spot admissions could take place before weekends and that classes would start immediately after the weekend, so that students could easily relocate to other centres. Prof. Antar Bandyopadhyay clarified that all spot admissions could take place in Kolkata, and that candidates would be asked to report to their allocated centres for classes.

Resolution: It was resolved that the Committee would be requested to re-examine the reservation policy of all JRF programmes, incorporating admissions to the JRF programmes through Channel 'O'. The existing practice of selecting reserved-category candidates would be followed for this year.

The seat allocation rules for multicentre programmes, as proposed by the Committee, would be accepted. Spot admissions would take place centrally in Kolkata, and centre allocation would be taken into account at the time of spot admission.

3.3 Consideration of the proposal of single merit list for admission to M. Tech (CS) and M.Tech (CrS) programmes.

Discussion: The Dean of Studies requested Dr. Debrup Chakraborty to present this before the AC. Dr. Chakraborty reported that the M.Tech. (CS) and (CrS) admission committee has recommended that there would be a combined merit list for the CS and CrS programs. Candidates would indicate their preferences for CS and CrS at the time of registration and would take a common admission test. Seat allocation would be done based on their preferences and the availability of seats. The Chair enquired about the interview committees for CS and CrS. Dr. Chakraborty clarified that there was a single committee for the interviews.

Prof. Debasis Sengupta opined that spot admissions might pose an issue for seat allocation. Prof. Antar Bandyopadhyay agreed with these views and suggested that a committee be formed to review all the programmes comprehensively and to provide a recommendation that would need to be implemented.

Resolution: It was resolved that the proposal for a single merit list for admission to the M.Tech. (CS) and M.Tech. (CrS) programmes be accepted. However, for implementation, the selection policy should be modified accordingly. The Dean of Studies was authorised to implement the decision either from this year or from the next year, depending on the progress in finalizing the selection policy in this regard.

3.4 Consideration of proposal of two sponsored seats from the Armed Forces under the postgraduate training scheme 2025-27 in each of M. Tech (CrS) and M. Tech (QR & OR) programmes.

Discussion: The Dean of Studies presented the case before the AC. The different Services (Army, Navy, and Air Force) of the Armed Forces would be subscribing to various courses at ISI under the Post Graduate Training (PGT) Scheme. The seat requirements were: M.Tech. (CrS) – 2 and M.Tech. (QR&OR) – 2.

The selection interview boards would be organized in March–April 2025 under the aegis of the Recruitment & Assessment Centre (RAC), DRDO, and the details of the Service officers selected for the interview boards would be intimated subsequently. The RAC, DRDO has made a proposal regarding the admission procedure for Service officers to the M.Tech. (CrS) and M.Tech. (QR&OR) programmes. The candidates would be selected on the basis of their GATE scores, interviews, and internal evaluation. The weightages for these three components would be 50%, 40%, and 10%, respectively.

Prof. Smarajit Bose commented that the Institute had already admitted Navy personnel previously. If RAC, DRDO followed the same policy, then there should not be any objection to the admission procedure.

Resolution: It was resolved that the selection procedure proposed by the RAC, DRDO, for the admission of candidates from the different Services of the Armed Forces be accepted.

4.0 Reporting Matters:

4.1 Decision of the M. Tech (CS & CrS) admission committee to make the changes in the syllabus of the admission test.

The Dean of Studies asked Dr. Debrup Chakraborty to report on the matter. He clarified that the Admission Committee of the M.Tech. (CS and CrS) programmes has decided that the PCB examination for the CS component (Group A, according to the current M.Tech. (CS) brochure) would contain questions on Mathematics (at the B.Sc. pass level) and on basic Engineering (at the B.E./B.Tech. level).

The AC noted this information.

There being no further matter to discuss, the Chair thanked all the members for their participation. The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair.

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Biswabrata Pradhan
Dean of Studies, ISI
and
Convener of the AC

Sd/-

Sanghamitra Bandyopadhyay
Director, ISI
and
Chair of the AC