

INDIAN INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY KANPUR
Minutes of the IAC meeting held on September 16, 2014
Time: 4:00 pm; Venue: FB-212

Members Present:

Drs. Indranil Manna, S.C. Srivastava, Deepak Gupta, Achla M. Raina, Manindra Agrawal, Amlendu Chandra, Onkar Dikshit, Jonaki Sen (in place of Dr. Anish Upadhyaya), Sanjay Mittal, S. Ganesh, Nishith Verma, P.K. Bharadwaj, Purnendu Bose (in place of Dr. Rajesh Srivastava), Sumit Ganguly, S.P. Das, Rajiv Sinha, Surajit Sinha, Rahul Varman, Asima Pradhan, Ashish Garg (in place of Dr. Sandeep Sangal), D. Kundu, P.K. Panigrahi, Avinash Singh, Ashish Dutta, Mr. Munish Malik, Dr. V.D. Srivastava, and Mr. Abhimanyu Arora.

The Chairman welcomed all the members present and called the meeting to order.

Item 1: Confirmation of Minutes of previous IAC Meeting

The minutes of the IAC meeting held on August 13, 2014, as circulated on August 21, 2014, were confirmed.

Item 2: Advisor, Technology Development Initiative

The Chairman pointed out the need for a mechanism to showcase technologies developed at IIT Kanpur to the outside world for possible commercialization. After extensive discussion it was decided that an Advisor, Technology Development Initiative will be appointed for this purpose. The Advisor will interact with faculty members in various departments and identify technologies that can potentially be commercialized. The advisor will also establish contacts with organizations interested in commercializing the identified technologies. In addition, Advisor, TDI will provide appropriate information to interested faculty members about scopes and calls for external funding from industry and agencies relevant to their R&D projects.

Item 3: Vision and Mission statement for IIT Kanpur

The Chairman pointed out that there is no official "Vision and Mission Statement" of IIT Kanpur. It was agreed that such a statement should be prepared. A sub-committee consisting of DOFA, Dr. Ashish Garg (MSE), and President Students Gymkhana will prepare this statement through internal consultation for further consideration by IAC.

Item 4: Revised format of E-Mail IDs

The general consensus on this matter was that a specific proposal will be prepared by Head, CC after discussions in CCCC. This proposal will then be sent by IAC for suggestions from the departments before further consideration.

Item 5: Stationery Design Competition

The desirability of having a standardized format for logo and letterhead was recognized. It was decided that Head, Design Program will organize a competition for this purpose. The softcopy of the chosen logo and letterhead will be available for use by all. Use of the above logo and letterhead will be voluntary.

Item 6: Creation of a discussion board and withdrawal of mass emailing facilities

Head CC presented the problems associated with mass mailings. It was decided that "Lost and Found" information will no longer be circulated to all by E-Mail. Such information will henceforth be put on a webpage accessible from the Institute website. A technical committee consisting of Drs. Piyush Kurur, Ashish Datta, TV Prabhakar and Mr. Brajesh Pande will look into ways for reducing other forms of mass E-mails and present a report to IAC for further action.

Item 7: Proposal for awards for interdisciplinary M. Tech. thesis

This item was not discussed.

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



(Purnendu Bose) 8/10/14
Actg. Convenor

 8.10.14

(Indranil Manna)
Chairman