Minutes of 53rd Meeting of the Senate held April 13, 2024 from 11.00 pm onwards in the Conference Hall of Admin Block of PDPM IIITDM Jabalpur.

Members present:

Prof. Bhartendu Kumar Singh	Chairman
Prof. V. K. Gupta	Member
Prof. Pritee Khanna	Member
Dr. Mukesh Kumar Roy	Member
Dr. M. Z. Ansari	Member
Dr. Prabir Mukhopadhyay	Member
Dr. V. K. Jain	Member
Dr. L. K. Balyan	Member
Dr. Mamta Anand	Member
Prof. Puneet Tandon	Member
Prof. Tanuja Sheorey	Member
Prof. P. K. Padhy	Member
Prof. Atul Gupta	Member
Prof. P. N. Kondekar	Member
Prof. S. N. Sharma	Member
Smt. Swapnali D. Gadekar	Acting Registrar & Secretary (Senate)

Following members expressed their inability to attend the meeting due to their prior commitments and were granted Leave of Absence:

Prof. Aparajita Ojha

Prof. Prashant K Jain

Prof. Dinesh Kumar V.

Dr. Matadeen Bansal

Senate/53/01	Overview report by the Chairperson of the Senate.
The overview report by the Chairperson Senate was presented during the meeting.	
Senate/53/02	Confirmation of the Minutes of the 52nd Meeting of the Senate held on July 27, 2023

The Senate confirmed the minutes of the 52nd meeting of the Senate with following modifications:

1. Agenda Senate/52/07, Department to be replaced with Discipline.
   Accordingly point (ii) on page 5 will be:
   "While allocation of PhD students at the Discipline level, the Discipline Heads must ensure that such faculty members should get preference on priority basis and also get one PhD student which is necessary for their academic growth".
2. Senate/52/09 following line will be added:
   "This will be effective with immediate effect for all batches".
3. Senate/52/13 following line will be added:
   "The total duration of fellowship (Project + Institute Assistantship) will be equivalent to the duration of fellowship for the regular students admitted under the Institute Assistantship category which is currently five years."

Senate/53/03	**Action taken report on the decisions taken in the 52nd Meeting of the Senate held on July 27, 2023**

The Senate noted the Action taken on the decisions taken in the 52nd meeting of the Senate.

Senate/53/04	**Guidelines for the Ph.D. students under the Institute Employee category**

The Senate recommended the proposed guidelines to the Board of Governors for the approval. The Senate further recommended the same to be extended to the Master's students to be admitted under the category.

Senate/53/05	**Approval of the Academic Calendar for the AY 2024-2025**

The Senate approved the Academic Calendar for the Academic Year 2024-25 with modifications. The modified Academic Calendar is attached as Annexure III (revised).

Senate/53/06	**Modification in the policy related to the strength of the students in elective courses for the UG students**

The Senate approved the proposed guidelines with following modifications:
a) Upper cap for the UG elective courses: 90
c) Lower cap for the UG elective courses: 15

Further, the Senate authorized Chairperson Senate to provide approval for the courses beyond the limits particularly the cases due to the prerequisite requirements in the courses. The Senate decided that the proposed guidelines will be effective from the Semester II (even semester), Academic Year 2024-25 onwards for all batches.

Senate/53/07	**Policy for offering of yearlong internship to UG students**

The Senate approved the proposal.

Senate/53/08	**Credit transfer scheme for students opting for courses in other Institute of repute**

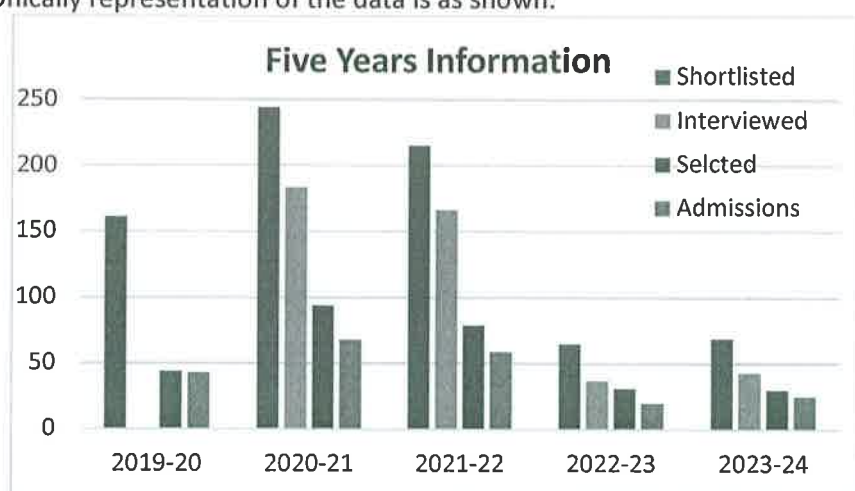The senate approved the proposal.

Senate/53/09	Provision of a Startup Semester

The Senate approved the proposal with the modification in CPI requirement to 5.5. Further, the Senate decided to implement it to all batches for their semester 6th or onwards with immediate effect.

Senate/53/10	Provision for UG students to graduate in 3.5 years

The Senate recommended the proposal to the Board of Governors for the approval.

Senate/53/11	Thesis credits for the Ph.D. and Master's program.

The Senate approved the proposal.

Senate/53/12	Proposal for the starting of the e-Masters' and e-Ph.D. programs

The Senate recommended the proposal to the Board of Governors for the approval.

Further, the Senate constituted the following committee for framing detailed modalities of the program including the financial details:
1. Prof. Puneet Tandon, Convener
2. PIC Academic
3. Prof. Atul Gupta
4. Prof. Dinesh Kumar V.
5. Dr. Prabir Mukhopadhyay
6. Dr. Bhupendra Gupta

Senate/53/13	Guidelines related to the change of supervisor in the case of change of job/institute by a faculty

The senate approved the proposed guidelines with following modifications in para 5 (modified para reproduced here):

"In case a faculty acting as a supervisor of a Ph.D. student changes job/ institute before the end of the fourth semester of the program of a Ph.D. student, the DPGC will suggest a new supervisor in discussion with the student and the supervisor of the student will be changed. The existing supervisor no longer will continue as supervisor or co-supervisor. However, he can become an external supervisor if more than 50% of the thesis work has been completed. This requires approval from the Dean Academic on the recommendation of the DPGC. In this case the entire responsibility of the student will lie with the new supervisor."

The Senate decided to implement it with immediate effect.

Senate/53/14	Change in guidelines for formation of the RPC of a Ph.D. student

The agenda item was withdrawn.

Senate/53/15	Admission to the candidates who have not qualified Gate/CEED/UGC/CSIR-NET/JRF in the Masters' and Ph.D. programs

The Senate noted that the proposal was sent to the Board of Governors earlier also. However, the Senate decided to put the request again before the Board of Governors due to following reasons:
1. In the last three years, the number of students getting admission in Masters' and Ph.D. program

have drastically decreased. A summary of number of applications received for the July/August session and admissions offered in last five years is presented here:

Academic Year	M.Tech.		Ph.D.				
	No. of seat allotted by CCMT	No. of actual admissions	No. of applications received	No. of candidates shortlisted based on eligibility	No. of candidates appeared for interview	No of candidates selected	No. of candidates taken admissions
2019-20	54	54	187	161	Data not available	44	43
2020-21	17	10	291	244	183	94	68
2021-22	32	32	272	215	166	79	59
2022-23	23	22	95	65	37	31	20
2023-24	18	18	107	69	43	30	25

The graphically representation of the data is as shown:

2. The trend is global and few other reputed CFTIs have also opened the admission for the candidates who have not qualified Gate/CEED/UGC/CSIR-NET/JRF. To name a few IIITDM Kancheepuram (http://admissions.iiitdm.ac.in/phd_2402/pdf/Modified INFORMATION BROCHURE_July 2024_Eng_Update.pdf), IIT Gandhinagar (https://www.iitgn.ac.in/assets/pdfs/Eligibility_Criteria_Regular_PhD_2024-25-Sem-I.pdf).
3. The Ministry of Education letter No. F.No. 12-2/2023-U! dated 11th September 2023 mentions that "The selection process through National level examinations conducted by MoE and its Agencies and Institutions such as UGC/IIT/IISc./IISER/IIIT etc."

To meet the requirement, for such candidates, a separate admission test equivalent to Gate/CEED/UGC/CSIR-NET/JRF will be conducted at the Institute level. A minimum threshold as a qualifying marks should be decided by the committee that sets the exam paper. However, preference will be given to the candidates having qualified Gate/CEED/UGC/CSIR-NET/JRF.

The Senate recommends that such admitted students will get the Institute assistantship equivalent to the Gate/CEED/UGC/CSIR-NET/JRF qualified students.

The Senate recommended the proposal for the consideration of the BoG and approval. It is proposed to start admissions under the category for the coming semester (Semester I, 2024-25).

Senate/53/16	Alumni-Initiated Scholarship program

The Senate recommended the proposal to the Board of Governors for the approval in principle. PIC Alumni was requested to work out the modalities related to the award.

Senate/53/17	Approval of the courses recommended by the APCS

The senate approved the list of courses recommended by the APCS.

Senate/53/18	Ratification of the Items

The Senate ratified the decisions taken by the Chairperson Senate except the item no 20: Guidelines for the backlog/ improvement courses. The Senate decided that the guidelines will be effective only in case the student registering for a course under these guidelines have registered for the course during regular semester and appeared for the end semester examination of the course during the regular semester. Student will not be allowed during the summer term to register for the courses which are dropped during the regular semester due to any reason, including indiscipline.

Senate/53/19	Any other item with the permission of Chair

Senate/53/19.1	List of Medal Awardees 2022-23

For the batch passed out in the year 2023, the medal awardee list as recommended by the committees was placed before the Senate. The Senate advised that the list be circulated to all members with committees report and comments/ suggestions be invited from the members. The members will give their opinion within three days of circulation and after considering the opinion, the Chairperson Senate is authorized to recommend the same to the Board of Governors.

Senate/53/19.2	Internship for the M.Des. Students

The Senate approved the proposal for the internship for the M.Des. students. The same will be available during the final semester only.

Senate/53/19.3	Senate nominee to the BoG

As per the Institute Act clause 13(h) the Senate is empowered to nominate two Professors of the Institute to the Board of Governors. The term of office of a member nominated under clause (h) of sub-section (2) of section 13 shall be two years from the date of nomination.

The term of the existing members is already over.

The senate nominated following members to the Board of Governors:
1.   Prof. Pritee Khanna, Professor, Computer Science and Engineering
2.   Prof. Prabin Kumar Padhy, Professor, Electronics and Communication Engineering

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

Prof. Bhartendu K. Singh
Chairperson (Senate)

(Swapnali D. Gadekar)
Acting Registrar & Secretary (Senate)