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Minutes of the SENATE/2010-11/Special Meeting of the Senate held on May 06, 2011 from 11:00 a.m. in the Conference Hall of PDPM IIITDM Jabalpur.

Following persons were present:

1. Prof. Aparajita Ojha	Director, PDPM IIITDM Jabalpur	Chairperson
2. Prof. H.P. Dikshit	Director General, SGG&PA Bhopal	Member
3. Prof. Laxman Pandey	R.D. University, Jabalpur	Member
4. Prof. Puneet Tandon	PDPM IIITDM Jabalpur	Member
5. Dr. Sameer Khandekar	IIT Kanpur	Member
6. Dr. Tanuja Sheorey	PDPM IIITDM Jabalpur	Member
7. Dr. V.K. Gupta	-do-	Member
8. Dr. Subir S. Lamba	-do-	Member
9. Dr. Mukesh K. Roy	-do-	Member
10. Dr. P.K. Padhy	-do-	Member
11. Dr. Bhupendra Gupta	-do-	Member
12. Col (Retd.) P.S.Sandhu	-do--	Secretary

Following special invitees were also present.

1. Dr. P.N.Kondekar	PDPM IIITDM Jabalpur
2. Dr. Atul Gupta	-do-
3. Dr. Rajib K. Jha	-do-
4. Mr. D.S. Ramteke	-do-
5. Mr. Bishwajeet Mukherjee	-do-

Following members expressed their inability to attend the meeting due to their prior commitments and were granted leave of absence.

(i) Prof. M.Adhikari (ii) Shri.S. Amane (iii) Prof. R. Chatterjee (iv) Prof. S.K. Choudhary (v) Prof. P.C. Das (vi) Prof. Ashish Dutta (vii) Prof. V. Eswaran (viii) Prof. Phalguni Gupta (ix) Prof. Manoj Harbola (x) Prof. P.K. Jhinge (xi) Dr. Pritee Khanna (xii) Prof. Uday Khedkar (xiii) Prof. B.L. Misra (xiv) Shri. Awadhesh Singh Parihar (xv) Dr.M.Ravibabu (xvi) Prof. Amit Ray (xvii) Prof. P.K. Reddy (xviii) Prof. Huzur Saran.



After the welcome remarks by the Chairperson, Senate, the agenda items were taken up one by one.

Senate/ 2010-11/1.01

Overview Report of the Chairperson

The Chairperson, Senate presented a report on the activities of the Institute which included the following:

Semester II of the current academic session is completed and the last date of grade submission was May 5, 2011.

For the forthcoming session, it is decided not to increase the intake for undergraduate programme due to lack of resources. Admission process for post graduate admission has been started. Two new programmes, Ph.D. in Design and M. Tech. (Mechatronics) have been launched after the approval of the Senate.

UGC has constituted a committee for review of the Institute as per the conditions of provisional conferment of the deemed to be university status under de Novo category. The committee is headed by Prof. S.P. Ojha from BHU.

As a founder member in the world wide consortium on product design and design services, the first course on “Artifact and service innovation with ubiquitous technologies” was launched and was completed successfully in Semester II, 2011.

Research publications by faculty have improved and the details will be presented in the next senate meeting. It is worthwhile to mention that some of the undergraduate students have also contributed in these research publications.

No schedules of visits of Japanese professors/experts were disturbed or changed by Japanese Government inspite of the disaster that they witnessed, except in case of the visit of one professor who had to cancel the visit due to flights and trains not operative at that time. Fifteen students are scheduled to go for exposure visit and four for internships.

Students organized their annual cultural festival “Tarang” successfully and from the current session they also introduced a classical evening in their programme apart from other events.

Students placement activities have also improved. The Institute is working out with various companies/R&D organizations for the Project Based Internships of students of batch 2008.

Senate/ 2010-11/3.02

Discussion on the evaluation Process for PBI

The S/X gradation for the PBI was reviewed in the Senate meeting and after deliberations it was decided that students will be given letter based grades (A+, A, B+, B, C+, C, D+, D, F) as per usual grading pattern of the Institute. The decision was taken with a view to give an opportunity to students to improve their grades (or maintain their grades) by performing well in the PBI and to bring a sense of competition among themselves for better outcome of project. Members raise their concern over the mechanism of awarding the grades. Members expressed their opinion that



proper procedures should be adopted so that grades are allotted reasonably. The Senate advised to prepare a best possible evaluation process with proper basket of marks for letter based gradation. Also, it was decided to prepare a template for assessment of student working with an external supervisor for easy and effective and timely evaluation. Members also suggested to develop an online method for report submission.

Senate/ 2010-11/3.03	Summer Courses for students
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The Senate deliberated on floating of summer courses for first and second semester students and decided by majority that summer course should be offered to all the backlog students. However, the summer courses should be discouraged and should be floated only if a faculty wants to offer the course voluntarily. Members expressed their opinion that new guidelines should be framed for offering of summer courses. Some of the opinions/suggestions were as follows:

1. Maximum number of summer courses to be offered to a student in four year must be limited.
2. Student should be counseled from the beginning of the programme that completion of B.Tech. degree in four years is solely dependent on the students performance only and is not a binding on the Institute.
3. Guidelines regarding maximum allowable number of summer courses may be included in the recommendations to be submitted by the committee constituted by the Senate to propose a method for adding and dropping of courses. The convener of the Committee, Dr. Atul Gupta was requested to expedite the process. It was also suggested to communicate the Committees' recommendation to all the faculty members and the Senate members to get their suggestions before the matter is brought in the Senate.

Senate/ 2010-11/3.04	Any other item with the permission of the Chair
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A student of 2009 batch, Mr Vikrant Upadhyaya (roll no. 2009139) met with an accident in the Hall of Residence 3 on April 18, 2011 resulting in severe eye injury and temporary loss of vision of the eye. The incident took place just before the commencement of end semester examination. Coordinator, Academic Affairs, Dr. P.K. Padhy informed the members that the Institute doctor and the hospital reports confirmed that he had lost his vision and nothing could be said about revival of his vision. The student was required to be immediately shifted to one of the reputed eye hospital of India (Shankar Netralaya) for major surgery.

Keeping in view the past academic record of the student and the fact that the injury might lead to highest order of disability for the student, the UGCS had recommended that the student be awarded grades in each course on pro-rata basis, based on his performance during the semester until April 19, 2011. This was recommended by the UGCS since in all the courses, more than 50% assessment of the students was already over and student's past record also indicated that he was a bright and regular student.

It was proposed to approve the above recommendations of the UGCS through a joint meeting of the UGCS and all instructor in charge of the courses in which Mr. Vikrant Upadhyaya was registered, held on April 21, 2011.



During the meeting Dr. S.S. Lamba made an observation that some annexure regarding CRC recommendation on PBI and course curriculum was not included in the minutes of the meeting held on 24th Dec 2010 and the same should be included. The point raised by him was noted by the Secretary, Senate.

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



Col (Retd.) P.S. Sandhu
Secretary