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Minutes of the 25th Senate (Special) Meeting of IIT Mandi held on 29th May, 2020 at 4:00PM in A1 NKN Room, Kamand Campus of IIT Mandi at Kamand.

The following members were present:

In the Chair

Prof. Timothy A. Gonsalves, Director, IIT Mandi

Members:

Prof. N. Sathyamurthy, Former Director, IISER Mohali & Honorary Professor, JNCASR, Bengaluru (attended through NKN/Skype)
Prof. Rowena Robinson, Dept. of HSS, IIT Bombay (attended through NKN/Skype)
Prof. B. D. Chaudhary, Dean (Faculty) & Emeritus Professor, SCEE, IIT Mandi
Dr. Pradeep C. Parameswaran, Dean (Academics), IIT Mandi
Dr. Venkata Krishnan, Dean (SRIC & IR), IIT Mandi
Dr. Manoj Thakur, Dean (Students), IIT Mandi
Prof. Ramesh Oruganti, Adjunct Professor, SCEE, IIT Mandi (attended through NKN/Skype)
Prof. Ajit Padmakar Annachattre, Visiting Professor, SE, IIT Mandi (attended through NKN)
Prof. Venkataraman Ranganathan, Visiting Distinguished Professor, SHSS, IIT Mandi
Dr. Samar Agnihotri, Chairperson SCEE & Chair-PFG, M.tech.(SPCOM), IIT Mandi
Dr. Viswanath Balakrishnan, Chairperson, SE, IIT Mandi
Dr. Syed Abbas, Chairperson, SBS, IIT Mandi
Dr. Suman Sigroha, Chairperson SHSS & Chair-PFG HSS Courses, IIT Mandi
Dr. Anil. K. Sao, Associate Dean (Courses), IIT Mandi
Dr. Devika Sethi, Associate Dean (International Relations), IIT Mandi
Dr. Tulika P. Srivastava, Associate Dean (Faculty), IIT Mandi (attended through NKN)
Dr. Rahul Vaish, Associate Dean (Research) & Associate Professor, SE, IIT Mandi
Dr. Arnav Bhavsar Vinayaki, Associate Dean (SRIC), IIT Mandi
Dr. Kunal Ghosh, Chair CPC, IIT Mandi (attended through NKN)
Dr. Rik Rani Koner, Coordinator, AMRC, IIT Mandi (attended through NKN)
Dr. Prosenjit Mandal, Coordinator, BioX, IIT Mandi (attended through NKN)
Dr. Astrid Kiehn, Chair, Library Advisory Committee (LAC), IIT Mandi
Dr. Amit Jaiswal, Chief Warden, IIT Mandi (attended through NKN)
Dr. Hitesh Shrimali, Chair SAP & Chair-PFG, M.Tech–EE(VLSI), IIT Mandi (attended through NKN)
Dr. Maheshreddy Gade, Chair-PFG, B.Tech (CE), IIT Mandi
Dr. Dileep A. D, Chair-PFG, B.Tech (CSE), IIT Mandi
Dr. Rahul Shrestha, Chair-PFG, B.Tech (EE), IIT Mandi
Dr. Gaurav Bhutani, Chair-PFG, B.Tech (ME), IIT Mandi
Dr. Pradeep Kumar (SBS), Chair-PFG, B.Tech (Engg. Physics), IIT Mandi
Dr. Shyamasree Dasgupta, Chair-PFG, M.A. (Development Studies), IIT Mandi
Dr. Chayan Nandi, Chair-PFG, M.Sc (Chemistry), IIT Mandi
Dr. Ajay Soni, Chair-PFG, I-Ph.D (Phy.) & M.Sc. (Physics), IIT Mandi
Dr. Shyam K. Masakapalli, Chair-PFG, M.Tech. (Biotechnology) & Asso. Prof., SBS, IIT Mandi
Dr. Pradeep Kumar, Chair-PFG, M.Tech (MES), IIT Mandi
Dr. Sandip K. Saha, Chair-PFG, M.Tech (Structural Engg.), IIT Mandi (attended through NKN)

Dr. Narsa Reddy Tummuru, Chair-PFG, M.Tech (PED), IIT Mandi (attended through NKN)
Shri K. K. Bajre, Registrar & Secretary, Senate, IIT Mandi
Mr. Aryan Singh, Student General Secretary, IIT Mandi (attended through NKN/Skype)
Mr. Anand Ramrakhyani, Student Academic Affairs Secretary, IIT Mandi (attended through NKN/Skype)

Following Senate members could not attend the meeting due to prior commitments:

Prof. Sunil R. Kale, Professor, Department of Mechanical Engineering, IIT Delhi
Prof. Yvonne Ditrrich, Adjunct Professor, SCEE, IIT Mandi
Prof. B. Subramanian, Adjunct Professor, SHSS, IIT Mandi
Prof. Ing Balthasar Novak, Adjunct Professor, SE, IIT Mandi
Prof. Rajan Kapur, Adjunct Professor, SCEE, IIT Mandi
Prof. Tarun Kant, Visiting Distinguished Professor, SE, IIT Mandi
Prof. S. C. Jain, Dean (I&S) & Emeritus Professor, IIT Mandi
Dr. Subrata Ghosh, Dean (F & A) I/c, IIT Mandi
Prof. Kenneth E. Gonsalves, Distinguished Visiting Professor, SBS, IIT Mandi
Prof. Subrata Ray, Distinguished Visiting Professor, SE, IIT Mandi
Dr. Kaustav Sarkar, Associate Dean (Infrastructure) & Assistant Professor, SE, IIT Mandi
Dr. Satinder K. Sharma, Co-ordinator , C4FED, IIT Mandi
Dr. Aniruddha Charaborty, Chair-PFG, IC Courses, IIT Mandi
Dr. Shubhajit Roy Chowdhury, Chair-PFG, B.Tech./M.Tech. Integrated Dual Degree in Bio-Engg., IIT Mandi
Dr. Rajendra K. Ray, Chair-PFG, M.Sc. (Applied Maths), IIT Mandi
Dr. Sumit Sinha Ray, Chair-PFG, M.Tech- (EEM), IIT Mandi
Mr. Naresh Singh Bhandari, Deputy Librarian, IIT Mandi (in absence of Librarian)
Student Researh Academic Affairs Secretary, IIT Mandi

In addition, the Senate meeting was also attended by the following faculty/staff members of IIT Mandi as Special Invitees:-

Dr. Bharat Singh Rajpurohit, Associate Professor, SCEE, IIT Mandi
Dr. Suman Kalyan Pal, Associate Professor, SBS, IIT Mandi
Dr. Prem Felix Siril, Associate Professor, SBS, IIT Mandi
Dr. Aditi Halder, Associate Professor, SBS, IIT Mandi (attended through NKN)
Dr. Mohd. Talha, Associate Professor, SBS, IIT Mandi (attended through NKN)
Dr. Nitu Kumari, Associate Professor, SBS, IIT Mandi
Dr. Amit Shukla, Assistant Professor, SE, IIT Mandi (attended through NKN)
Dr. Neha Kaushik, Assistant Professor, SHSS, IIT Mandi (attended through NKN)
Dr. Puran Singh, Assistant Professor, SHSS, IIT Mandi (attended through NKN/Skype)
Dr. Pratim Kundu, Assistant Professor, SCEE, IIT Mandi
Dr. G. Shrikanth Reddy, Assistant Professor, SCEE, IIT Mandi
Dr. Moumita Das, Assistant Professor, SCEE, IIT Mandi
Dr. Varun Kumar Jayapaul, Assistant Professor, SCEE, IIT Mandi
Dr. Rajeshwari Dutt, Assistant Professor, SHSS, IIT Mandi
Dr. Kaustav Mukherjee, Associate Professor, SBS, IIT Mandi
Dr. C. S. Yadav, Associate Professor, SBS, IIT Mandi
Dr. Satyajit Thakor, Assistant Professor, SCEE, IIT Mandi
Dr. Varun Dutt, Associate Professor, SCEE, IIT Mandi (attended through NKN)
Dr. Gokul Somasekharan, Teaching Fellow, SHSS, IIT Mandi (attended through NKN)
Dr. Kala V. Uday, Assistant Professor, SE, IIT Mandi (attended through NKN)

Dr. Ashutosh Kumar, Assistant Professor, SE, IIT Mandi (attended through NKN)
Dr. Amit Prasad, Assistant Professor, SBS, IIT Mandi (attended through NKN)
Dr. Manas Thakur, Assistant Professor, SCEE, IIT Mandi (attended through NKN)
Dr. Adarsh Patil, Assistant Professor, IIT Mandi (attended through NKN)
Dr. Sreelakshmi PM, Assistant Profesor, SCEE, IIT Mandi
Dr. Santayan Sarkar, Assistant Professor, SE, IIT Mandi
Dr. Amit B. Pawar, Assistant Professor, SBS, IIT Mandi
Dr. Muslim Malik, Associate Professor, SBS, IIT Mandi (attended through NKN)
Dr. Garima Agarwal, Assistant Professor, SBS, IIT Mandi
Dr. Bhaskar Mondal, Assistant Professor, SBS, IIT Mandi
Dr. Trayambak Basak, Assistant Professor, SBS, IIT Mandi
Dr. Mousumi Mukherjee, Assistant Professor, SBS, IIT Mandi (attended through NKN)
Dr. Rajesh Ghosh, Assistant Professor, SE, IIT Mandi (attended through NKN)
Dr. Srikant Srinivasan, Associate Professor, SCEE, IIT Mandi (attended through NKN)
Shri Vivek Tiwari, Assistant Registrar (Academics), IIT Mandi (attended through NKN)

The Chairperson Senate extended a warm welcome to all the Senate members and Special Invitees for attending the 25th Senate (Special) meeting of the Institute.

At the outset, the Chairperson briefed the Senate about the faculty meeting held on 19th May in which it was noted that it might take around 2 months or more to restart classes in the campus due to Covid 19 pandemic. However, considering the career perspectives of the graduating students, it is imperative to complete their graduation requirements on time. Therefore, a committee was formed to recommend guidelines to complete the graduation requirements of the final year students under the current scenario. During the faculty meeting, it was also noted that most of the academic requirements of the graduating batches can be completed remotely, a few students may have to return to the campus to complete their experimental works etc.

The Chairperson Senate also noted that we are facing an extra-ordinary situation due to Covid 19 and it requires extra-ordinary solutions. We all understand that the solutions being suggested to overcome the current situation will be less than ideal in terms of the education given to the students, but the current circumstances demand such solutions. We also need to keep in mind the diversity of the environments our students belong while making our decisions. For students other than the graduating students, the restarting of the current semester and examinations etc will be as per the decision of the Govt. to restart the educational institutions in the country post-Covid 19. It was also noted that other IITs are also taking similar decisions under the current situation.

Thereafter, following agenda items were taken up.

Item No. 25.1: **To confirm the minutes of the 24th Senate meeting held on 13th February, 2020.**

The Senate confirmed the minutes of its 24th meeting held on 13th February, 2020, with following observation:

It was noted that the students' representatives could not attend the last Senate meeting on account of non receipt of information due to technical reasons. Necessary correction be made in the minutes to this effect.

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Item No. 25.2: **To receive a Report on the action taken to implement the decisions of the 24ᵗʰ Senate meeting held on 13ᵗʰ February, 2020.**

The Senate noted the action taken on implementation of decisions taken in its 24ᵗʰ meeting held on 13ᵗʰ February, 2020.

Item No. 25.3: **To consider the recommendations of the committee to formulate guidelines w.r.t completion of academic requirements of the graduating students/batches due to COVID-19.**

On the recommendations of the Committee, the Senate considered the guidelines for completion of academic requirements of the graduating batches/students. After deliberations, the Senate approved the recommendations of the committee which is enclosed as **Annexure – A, Page No. 6 to 10.**

The Additional points decided by the Senate for the graduating batch of 2020 due to COVID-19 pandemic, are as follows:

1) These are special guidelines applicable only for the graduating students of 2020 batch.
2) In a mixed class having graduating and non-graduating students, the evaluation and grading of both the categories will be performed separately.
3) Academic Secretary mentioned that he had conducted a survey among the graduating students regarding the completion of the final semester. The survey results were submitted to the Associate Dean (Course) and considered by the Committee. Academic Secretary highlighted that around 140 students out of 335 graduating students participated in the survey. Majority of the UG students wanted to complete the semester as soon as possible to meet their future plans. Majority of the PG students also wanted to complete the semester as soon as possible, however, a few of the student wanted more time to do a better PGP on campus.
4) The Academic Secretary also noted that the draft guidelines sent for Senate consideration is overall student centric. The deadline suggested in the guidelines is appropriate. He also suggested that at least one opportunity should be given to all the students to improve their final semester grades.
5) Senate decided that there will not be any relaxation in the criteria for B.Tech. Honours and Minor under the current circumstance.

Item No. 25.4: **Any other Agenda item with the permission of the Chairperson, Senate**

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Item No. 25.5: **To report decisions/action taken by the Chairperson – Senate.**

The Senate noted the decisions taken by the Chairperson, Senate on behalf of the Senate.

Item No. 25.6: **Issues to be discussed by the Senate without the Student Members being present.**

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The meeting concluded with a vote of thanks to the Chair and to the Members.

04/06/20

Registrar & Secretary, Senate

Chairperson, Senate