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MINUTES OF THE 26th SENATE MEETING OF
IIT MANDI

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INDIAN INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY MANDI

Minutes of the 26th Senate Meeting of IIT Mandi held on 15th July, 2020 at 4:00PM in A1 NKN Room, IIT Mandi, Kamand.

The following members were present:

In the Chair

Prof. Ajit K. Chaturvedi, Director, IIT Mandi

Members:

Prof. N. Sathyamurthy, Former Director, IISER Mohali & Hon. Prof., JNCASR, Bengaluru

Prof. Rowena Robinson, Deptt. of HSS, IIT Bombay

Dr. Nadeem Akhtar, M/s Arista Networks

Prof. Venkataraman Ranganathan, Visiting Distinguished Professor, SHSS, IIT Mandi

Dr. Pradeep C. Parameswaran, Dean (Academics), IIT Mandi

Prof. S. C. Jain, Dean (I&S), SE, IIT Mandi

Dr. Venkata Krishnan, Dean (SRIC & IR), IIT Mandi

Dr. Vishal Singh Chauhan, Dean (F & A), IIT Mandi

Dr. Manoj Thakur, Dean (Students), IIT Mandi

Dr. Samar Agnihotri, Chairperson (SCEE) & PFG - M.Tech- CSP, IIT Mandi

Dr. Viswanath Balakrishnan, Chairperson, SE, IIT Mandi

Dr. Syed Abbas, Chairperson, SBS, IIT Mandi

Dr. Rik Rani Koner, Co-ordinator, AMRC, IIT Mandi

Dr. Prosenjit Mondal, Co-ordinator, BioX Centre, IIT Mandi

Dr. Satinder K. Sharma, Co-ordinator, C4DFED, IIT Mandi

Dr. Rajeev Kumar, Associate Professor (SE), IIT Mandi

Dr. Aditi Halder, Associate Professor (SBS), IIT Mandi

Dr. Srikant Srinivasan, Associate Professor (SCEE), IIT Mandi

Dr. Sunny Zafar, Assistant Professor (SE), IIT Mandi

Dr. Qaiser Jahan, Assistant Professor (SBS), IIT Mandi

Dr. Gopi Shrikanth Reddy, Assistant Professor (SCEE), IIT Mandi

Dr. Puran Singh, Assistant Professor (SHSS), IIT Mandi

Dr. Astrid Kiehn, Chair, Library Advisory Committee (LAC), IIT Mandi

Dr. Amit Jaiswal, Chief Warden, IIT Mandi

Mr. Naresh Singh Bhandari, Deputy Librarian, IIT Mandi

Shri K. K. Bajre, Registrar & Secretary-Senate, IIT Mandi

Invitees:

Dr. Anil Kumar Sao, Associate Dean (Course), IIT Mandi

Dr. Tulika P. Srivastava, Associate Dean (Faculty), IIT Mandi

Dr. Devika Sethi, Associate Dean (International Relations), IIT Mandi

Dr. Bharat Singh Rajpurohit, Associate Professor, SCEE, IIT Mandi

Dr. Arpan Gupta, Associate Professor, SE, IIT Mandi

Dr. C. S. Yadav, Associate Professor, SBS, IIT Mandi

Dr. Prem Felix Siril, Associate Professor, SBS, IIT Mandi

Dr. Subrata Ghosh, Associate Professor, SBS, IIT Mandi

Dr. Chayan K Nandi, Associate Professor, SBS, IIT Mandi
Dr. Dileep A. D., Associate Professor, SCEE, IIT Mandi
Dr. Ajay Soni, Associate Professor, SBS, IIT Mandi
Dr. Nitu Kumari, Associate Professor, SBS, IIT Mandi
Dr. Atul Dhar, Associate Professor, SE, IIT Mandi
Dr. Varun Dutt, Associate Professor, SCEE & SHSS, IIT Mandi
Dr. Arti Kashyap, Associate Professor, SBS & SCEE, IIT Mandi
Dr. Kaustav Mukherjee, Associate Professor, SBS, IIT Mandi
Dr. Ramna, Assistant Professor, SHSS, IIT Mandi
Dr. Tushar Jain, Assistant Professor, SCEE, IIT Mandi
Dr. Saumya Dixit, Assistant Professor, SHSS, IIT Mandi
Dr. Trayambak Basak, Assistant Professor, SBS, IIT Mandi
Dr. Suman Kalyan Pal, Associate Professor, SBS, IIT Mandi
Dr. Bhaskar Mondal, Assistant Professor, SBS, IIT Mandi
Dr. Amit B. Pawar, Assistant Professor, SBS, IIT Mandi
Dr. Santayan Sarkar, Assistant Professor, SE, IIT Mandi
Dr. Pratim Kundu, Assistant Professor, SCEE, IIT Mandi
Dr. Shyamashree Dasgupta, Assistant Professor, SHSS, IIT Mandi
Dr. Manas Thakur, Assistant Professor, SCEE, IIT Mandi
Dr. Adarsh Patil, Assistant Professor, SCEE, IIT Mandi
Dr. Jaspreet Kaur, Assistant Professor, SE, IIT Mandi
Dr. Garima Agarwal, Assistant Professor, SBS, IIT Mandi
Dr. Himashu Pathak, Assistant Professor, SE, IIT Mandi
Dr. Subhamoy Sen, Assistant Professor, SE, IIT Mandi
Dr. Sandip Kumar Saha, Assistant Professor, SE, IIT Mandi
Dr. Satyajit Thakor, Assistant Professor, SCEE, IIT Mandi
Dr. Moumita Das, Assistant Professor, SCEE, IIT Mandi
Dr. Sreelakshmi PM, Assistant Professor, SCEE, IIT Mandi
Dr. Neha Kaushik, Assistant Professor, SHSS, IIT Mandi
Dr. Rajeshwari Dutt, Assistant Professor, SHSS, IIT Mandi
Dr. Narsa Reddy Tummuru, Assistant Professor, SCEE, IIT Mandi
Dr. Maheshreddy Gade, Assistant Professor, SE, IIT Mandi
Dr. Ashutosh Kumar, Assistant Professor, SE, IIT Mandi
Dr. Shyam Kumar Masakapalli, Assistant Professor, SBS, IIT Mandi
Dr. Swati Sharma, Assistant Professor, SE, IIT Mandi
Dr. Surya Prakash Upadhyay, Assistant Professor, SHSS, IIT Mandi
Dr. Satvasheel Powar, Assistant Professor, SE, IIT Mandi
Dr. P. Anil Kishan, Assistant Professor, SE, IIT Mandi
Dr. Kala V. Uday, Assistant Professor, SE, IIT Mandi
Dr. Rajesh Ghosh, Assistant Professor, SE, IIT Mandi
Dr. Rahul Shreshtha, Assistant Professor, SCEE, IIT Mandi
Dr. Himashu Mishra, Assistant Professor, SCEE, IIT Mandi
Mr. Aryan Singh, Student General Secretary, IIT Mandi (Special Invitee)
Mr. Anand Ramrakhyani, Student Academic Affairs Secretary, IIT Mandi (Special Invitee)
Shri Vivek Tiwari, Assistant Registrar (Academics), IIT Mandi also attended the meeting.

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

Prof. Sunil R. Kale, Professor, Department of Mechanical Engineering, IIT Delhi
Prof. B. D. Chaudhary, Dean (Faculty), IIT Mandi
Prof. Yvonne Dittrich, Adjunct Professor, SCEE, IIT Mandi
Prof. Ajit Padmakar Annachattre, Visiting Professor, SE, IIT Mandi
Prof. Ing. Balthasar Novak, Adjunct Professor, SE, IIT Mandi
Prof. Tarun Kant, Visiting Distinguished Professor (SE), IIT Mandi
Prof. Sumant Nigam, Visiting Distinguished Professor (SE), IIT Mandi
Prof. Rajan Kapur, Adjunct Professor, SCEE, IIT Mandi
Prof. Ramesh Oruganti, Adjunct Professor, SCEE, IIT Mandi
Prof. Kenneth E. Gonsalves, Distinguished Visiting Professor, SBS, IIT Mandi
Prof. Subrata Ray, Distinguished Visiting Professor, SE, IIT Mandi
Dr. Suman Sigroha, Chairperson, SHSS & Course Coordinator HSS Courses, IIT Mandi
Dr. Rahul Vaish, Associate Dean (Research), IIT Mandi
Dr. Kaustav Sarkar, Associate Dean (Infrastructure), IIT Mandi
Dr. Arnav Bhavsar, Associate Dean (SRIC) and Associate Professor, SCEE, IIT Mandi
Dr. Kunal Ghosh, Chair, CPC, IIT Mandi
Mr. Partha Sarthi Nayak, Student Research Affairs Secretary, IIT Mandi (Special Invitee)

The Chairman Senate extended a warm welcome to all the Senate members and Invitees attending the 26th Senate meeting of the Institute.

Thereafter, following agenda items were taken up.

Item No. 26.1: To consider the recommendations of the committee regarding guidelines for completing the semester requirements on non-graduating students for the semester February-June, 2020.

Based on the committee recommendations, the attached presentation (**Annexure A; Page No. 7 to 17**) was made to the Senate by AD Courses. The Senate discussed these points in detail and the following decisions were made.

1. **Teaching:** The online teaching for theory courses should restart immediately and the syllabus should be completed on or before 31st August 2020.
2. **Evaluation:** Considering the convenience of conducting online evaluations, the following classification of the theory courses have been made based on the class strength:
 - (a) Category-A courses: courses with strength less than 40.
 - (b) Category-B courses: courses with strength equal to or greater than 40.

The detailed guidelines for these categories of courses are given below:

Category-A courses:

- The evaluations of Category-A courses shall be completed through online processes.
- The modified evaluation pattern for each course, if applicable, shall be conveyed to the CCM chair and to the enrolled students latest by 25th July, 2020 by the course instructor.
- The evaluation pattern should assign high weightage (20-50%) to the portions completed before the lockdown.
- All the evaluation processes should be completed by 12th September, 2020.
- The final CCM to be held on 14th September, 2020.
- The submission of grades on 15th September, 2020.
- The following modes are suggested for online evaluation: viva-voce, open book examination, assignments, term paper, mini project etc.
- Different evaluation modes are allowed for students in the same course, based on their individual circumstances/infrastructure reasons.

Category-B courses:

- During the time-frame of 15th July to 31st August 2020, 20%-30% of the overall assessment shall be completed through online methods as part of continuous assessment.
 - In case any assessment has already been conducted prior to the lockdown and the criteria of the same has been reported to the CCM, such assessments shall be counted over and above the 20-30% evaluation mentioned above.
 - The remaining assessment for each course shall be conducted in-person as soon as the students are back on campus post Covid-19 restrictions. A dedicated time period (one week or so as appropriate) for such in-person exams shall be announced, during which the regular classes of the courses in which such students are registered shall be suspended. Those suspended classes shall be conducted later.
 - Students shall be informed in advance about the schedule of the in-person examinations mentioned above.
3. The conduct and evaluation of all the laboratory and practicum courses that has a separate course number shall be in abeyance till the students are back on campus. The detailed logistics for the completion of such courses shall be worked out and intimated to the students at a later date.

4. However, the laboratory credit component of a course may be carried out online if possible. Faculty may carry out the same provided all the students are equipped to participate and agree to do so.
5. Except for the 1st year B.Tech students, dropping of courses for Feb-Jun 2020 semester shall be allowed until 10th August, 2020. However, the total number of credits registered by the student in the semester should not fall below 12.
6. August-December 2020 semester (i.e. odd semester of Academic Year 2020-21) shall begin from 16th September 2020 (online or in-person, as applicable). A revised academic calendar shall be worked out accordingly keeping in mind that the graduating batch of 2021 shall graduate as per the normal schedule. A mid-semester break (approx. 10 days) shall be included in the month of October, 2020.
7. Provisional admission shall be given to the newly selected MS/PhD/M.Tech/MSc. students by 1st September 2020 or so, even if they are unable to join the institute in person and submit their documents (due to Covid-19 lockdown/restrictions). Their classes can start from 16th September along with the other students of the Institute.
8. For all the online evaluations of Feb-Jun 2020 semester, students shall be given a chance to improve the grades obtained (including F grade) when they are back on campus. The date of such make up exam shall be announced in advance by the Institute. The cut off marks for grading in such cases shall be the same as that used for their batch mates. However, in order to limit such requests only to genuine cases, the grade obtained in the last exam ('last of the two' instead of 'best of the two') will be taken as the final grade in such cases.
9. Although the evaluation/grading of the category-B courses and Lab courses will be delayed, those courses shall be shown in the grade sheet/transcript of the Feb-Jun 2020 semester itself.
10. In order to avoid further delay in the beginning of the 3rd Semester of the current first year students, their 3rd semester shall begin on 16th September 2020, even though their second semester results would be pending.
11. The branch change requests of the current first year students shall be considered only after the completion of the evaluation of the 2nd semester courses and the decision shall be based on the CGPA after 2nd semester as per the branch change policy of IIT Mandi. Students, who are expecting a branch change, may register for the courses of the desired branch as well. Students will be allowed to drop such courses once the branch change results are announced.
12. The Senate decided to waive off the requirement of curricular internship for those students who could not do internship due to Covid-19 pandemic.

Item No. 26.2: Any other Agenda item with the permission of the Chairman, Senate

-None-

The meeting concluded with a vote of thanks to the Chair and to the Members. The Chairman, Senate especially thanked Prof. N. Satyamurthy, Prof. Rowena Robinson and Dr. Nadeem Akthar for attending the Senate meeting at a short notice and providing their valuable inputs.

Debal 23/07/20

Registrar & Secretary-Senate

N. Satyamurthy

Chairman, Senate

23/07/2020