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**44th MEETING OF SENATE
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2024**

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INDIAN INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY MANDI

Minutes of the 44th Senate Meeting of IIT Mandi held on September 17, 2024, at 10:30 hrs in the Board Room, North Campus, IIT Mandi, Kamand.

The following were present:

In the Chair

Prof. Laxmidhar Behera, Director, IIT Mandi.

Members:

Prof. Narayana Prasad Padhy, Dept. of Electrical Engineering, MNIT Jaipur.

Prof. Braj Bhushan, Dept. of HSS, IIT Kanpur.

Prof. Manoranjan Mishra, Dept. of Mathematics, IIT Ropar.

Prof. Suman Kalyan Pal, Professor SPS, IIT Mandi.

Prof. Chayan Kanti Nandi, Professor, SCS, IIT Mandi.

Prof. Arti Kashyap, Professor, SPS and Dean (DCS), IIT Mandi.

Prof. Rajeev Kumar, Professor, SMME, IIT Mandi.

Prof. Manoj Thakur, Professor, SMSS, and Chairperson, SoM, IIT Mandi.

Prof. Anirudhha Chakraborty, Professor, SCS and Dean (Academics), IIT Mandi.

Prof. Tulika Srivastava, Professor, SBB and Chairperson SBB, IIT Mandi.

Prof. Rajendra K. Ray, Professor, SMSS and Chairperson SMSS, IIT Mandi.

Prof. Venkata Krishnan, Professor, SCS, IIT Mandi.

Prof. Anjan Kumar Swain, Professor, SoM, IIT Mandi.

Dr. Tushar Jain, Dean (Students) & Head CCE, IIT Mandi.

Dr. Deepak Swami, Dean (I&S), IIT Mandi.

Dr. Aditya Nigam, Chairperson, SCEE, IIT Mandi.

Dr. Surya Prakash Upadhyay, Chairperson, SHSS, IIT Mandi.

Dr. Bindu Radhamany, Chairperson, SPS, IIT Mandi.

Dr. Mrityunjay Doddamani, Chairperson, SMME, IIT Mandi.

Dr. Rajneesh Sharma, Chairperson, SCENE, IIT Mandi.

Dr. Arnav Bhavsar Vinayak, Chairperson, IKSMHA, IIT Mandi.

Dr. C.S. Yadav, Chairperson, CQST, IIT Mandi.

Dr. Kala Venkata Uday, Chairperson, C3DAR & Nominee, SCENE, IIT Mandi.

Dr. Rahul Shrestha, Associate Professor, SCEE, IIT Mandi.

Dr. Satvasheel Ramesh Powar, Associate Professor, SMME, IIT Mandi.

Dr. Kasturi Prasad, Assistant Professor, SBB, IIT Mandi.

Dr. Nitu Kumari, Associate Professor, SMSS, IIT Mandi.

Dr. Ashish Bollimbala, Assistant Professor, SoM, IIT Mandi.

Dr. Venkatesh Hanumant Rao Chembrolu, Associate Professor, IKSMHA, IIT Mandi.

Dr. Jagadeesh Kadiyam, Assistant Professor, CAIR, IIT Mandi.

Mr. Raju Goteti, Vice President, TCS.

Dr. Balvinder Singh, Vice President, Samsung Research.

Dr. P. Anil Kishan, Associate Dean (Courses), IIT Mandi.
Dr. Maheshreddy Gade, Associate Dean (Research) & Nominee SCENE, IIT Mandi.
Dr. Kumar Sambhav Pandey, Registrar & Secretary - Senate, IIT Mandi.
Shri. Naresh Singh Bhandari, Deputy Librarian, IIT Mandi.
Shri. Suresh Rohilla, Deputy Registrar (Academics), IIT Mandi.
Student Research Affairs Secretary, IIT Mandi (Special Invitee).
Student Academic Affairs Secretary, IIT Mandi (Special Invitee).

Invitees:

Dr. Amit Jaiswal, Associate Professor, SBB, IIT Mandi.
Dr. Padmanabhan Rajan, Associate Professor, SCEE, IIT Mandi.

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

Prof. Subrata Ghosh, Professor, SCS & Chairperson SCS, IIT Mandi.
Prof. Prem Felix Siril, Professor, SCS, IIT Mandi.
Prof. Pradeep C. Parameswaran, Professor, SCS, IIT Mandi.
Prof. Satinder K. Sharma, Professor, SCEE, & Co-ordinator C4DFED, IIT Mandi.
Prof. Rahul Vaish, Professor, SMME and Dean (Faculty) IIT Mandi.
Prof. Syed Abbas, Professor, SMSS & Dean (SRIC) IIT Mandi.
Dr. Viswanath Balakrishnan, Dean (F&A), IIT Mandi.
Dr. Varun Dutt, Dean (RG&AR), IIT Mandi.
Dr. Amit Shukla, Chairperson, CAIR, IIT Mandi.
Dr. Shubhajit Roy Chowdhury, Chairperson, HCI, IIT Mandi.
Dr. Aditi Halder, Co-ordinator, AMRC, IIT Mandi.
Dr. Kunal Ghosh, Associate Professor, SCEE, IIT Mandi.
Dr. Hari Varma, Associate Professor, SPS, IIT Mandi.
Dr. Himanshu Pathak, Associate Professor, SMME, IIT Mandi.
Dr. Manu V Devadevan, Associate Professor, SHSS, IIT Mandi.
Student PG Academic Affairs Secretary, IIT Mandi (Special Invitee).
Student General Secretary, IIT Mandi (Special Invitee).

The Chairman Senate extended a warm welcome to all the new Senate members and Invitees attending the 44th Senate meeting of the Institute. He further appreciated and placed on record the services rendered by the outgoing members of the Senate.

Thereafter, the following agenda items were taken up.

Senate 44.1.0 PROCEDURAL

Senate 44.1.1 To confirm the minutes of the 43rd Senate meeting held on May 16, 2024.

The minutes of the 43rd Senate meeting held on May 16, 2024, were circulated to members of the Senate through email on May 17, 2024, for comments. No comments have been received on the minutes.

In view of the above, the Senate confirmed the minutes of the 43rd Senate meeting.

Senate 44.1.2 To receive a report on the actions taken for the decisions taken in the 43rd Senate meeting held on May 16, 2024.

The Senate noted the actions taken on the decisions taken in the 43rd Senate meeting held on May 16, 2024.

Senate 44.2.0 STANDING AGENDA

NIL

Senate 44.3.0 REGULAR AGENDA

Senate 44.3.1 To consider the proposal for regularization of reservation policy for direct admission/upgradation/conversion etc.

Dr. Maheshreddy Gade, Associate Dean (Research) presented the proposal for regularization of reservation policy for direct admission/upgradation/conversion, etc. After discussion, the Senate resolved to approve the proposal that, the CGPA 7.5. criteria be kept at par with admissions as mentioned below:

1. Direct PhD
2. Dual Degree (MTech (R) + PhD)
3. PG to PhD conversion
4. PG to PG + PhD Dual Degree Upgradation

In addition, the reservation criteria, as per Gol norms, will be applicable where the eligibility criteria for admission is 7.5.

- OBC (NCL): 7.00 CGPA
- SC/ST/PwD: 6.5 CGPA

Further, the above criteria are recommended for M.Tech. admissions as well as for B.Tech. from IITs.

Senate 44.3.2 To consider a proposal for Credit assignment for internships.

Dr. Kala Venkata Uday, Advisor (CnP), presented the proposal for Credit distribution for the internship and application process. After discussion, the Senate approved the proposal with minor modifications as placed at **Annexure – A; Pages No. 15 to 16**. Further, the Senate also suggested to draft feedback forms to be collected from the company/industry/organization/students.

Mode of Internship	Time frame (minimum)	Credits	Valid Semester(s)	Remarks
Summer / Winter Internship	6 weeks	2	Vacations, after completion of the 5 th Semester and before the commencement of the 8 th semester	This can be done online/ offline as per the offer
Onsite (Not on campus)	14 weeks	9	During either 6 th or 7 th Semesters	Students are not permitted to do any offline/online Courses during the internship period
Remote (student chose to stay at IIT Mandi)	14 weeks	6	During 6 th or 7 th or 8 th Semester	Students can do a maximum of 9 credits along with 6 credits of online internship

Grading based on Company Feedback Process:

- The TA can choose the scheme of evaluation for internship credit which is **Pass/Fail**.
- If a company shares **negative feedback** due to the underperformance of the student throughout the internship, then the following steps would be taken:
 - The company and students' feedback form will be considered before validating the company's remarks.
 - A *committee*, including FA, Advisor CnP / TnI, Dean Academics/representative, and designated CnPC coordinators, will be formed to investigate the cases.
 - If a student's work is insufficient, he will be given partial or **no credits**.
- **Internship drop is allowed before mid-semester** in case of stressed or negative feedback from students on discontinuation, which will be evaluated accordingly.

Senate 44.3.3 To consider the proposal for revision of IC Credit structure for B.Tech. Programme.

Dr. P Anil Kishan, Associate Dean (Courses) presented a proposal for revision of IC Credit Structure for B.Tech. Students. After discussion, the Senate approved the following:

- Convert IC 102P (FDP) and IC 202P (Design Practicum) from IC Core to Elective Basket (Consisting of ISTP and MTP).
- If the students are not doing IC 102P course, IC 102P is replaced with the Discipline Course. School may decide suitability to include courses from discipline core or discipline elective. Decision of individual schools in this regard should be put up to the Senate for ratification.
- If students are not doing IC 202P course, IC 202P is replaced with Free Elective.
- IC 102P is compulsory for students of SCEE and SMME. Other students will undergo courses as per the above alternatives.
- To remove the pre-requisites for IC 202P.

These modifications are applicable w.e.f. B.Tech. 2024 batch.

The revised Credit Structure is given below:

Division	Sub-division	Credits
Institute Core	IC Compulsory	32
	IC Baskets	6
	HSS	12
	IKS	3
Discipline	Discipline Core	66
	Discipline Electives	
Electives	FDP+ DP + ISTP + MTP or equivalent	19
	Free Electives	22
	Total	160

The revised IC Course list is given below:

Course No.	Course Name	Credits
IC 010	Internship	2
IC 112	Calculus	2
IC 113	Complex Variables and Vector Calculus	2
IC 114	Linear Algebra	2
IC 115	ODE and Integral Transforms	2
IC 140	Engineering Graphics	4
IC 152	Introduction to Python and Data Science	4
IC 161	Applied Electronics	3
IC 161P	Applied Electronics Lab	2
IC 222P	Physics Practicum	2
IC 252	Probability and Statistics	4
IC 272	Machine Learning	3
	Total	32

If a student opts out of the courses under electives, the following substitutive courses are to be done:

Course	Substitute(s)
IC 102P (Foundations of Design Practicum; FDP)	Discipline Course(s)
IC 202P (Design Practicum; DP)	Free Elective(s)
DP 301 (Interactive Socio Technical Practicum; ISTP)	Free Elective(s)
Major Technical Project-1, 2 (MTP-1, 2)	Discipline Elective(s)

Senate 44.3.4 To consider a proposal for Ordinances & Regulations for MBA Data Science & Artificial Intelligence.

Prof. Anjan Kumar Swain presented the proposal for Ordinances & Regulations for MBA Data Science & Artificial Intelligence.

After discussion, the Senate resolved to approve the proposal with minor modifications as placed at **Annexure – B; Pages No. 17 to 30.**

Senate 44.3.5 To consider the proposal of the Academic Calendar for the MBA DS&AI program for Academic Year 2024-25.

Dr. Ashish Bollimbala, Nominee SoM, presented the proposal of the Academic Calendar for the MBA DS&AI program for AY 2024-25 (Aug-Dec 2024 and Jan-May 2025). After discussion, the Senate resolved to approve the proposal as placed at **Annexure – C; Pages No. 31 to 32.**

Senate 44.3.6 To consider the proposal for revision of criteria of admission under Project to Ph.D./M.Tech.(Research)/MA(Research)/MS(Research) Mode on the basis of 06 Months of experience in the project.

Dr. Maheshreddy Gade, Associate Dean (Research) presented the proposal for revision of the criteria of admission under Project to Ph.D./ M.Tech.(Research)/ MA(Research)/ MS(Research) Mode based on 06 Months of experience in the project.

After discussions, the Senate has approved the modification of the norms of the 6th Senate meeting regarding Project admissions as follows:

- This category includes project staff working on research projects in the Institute who have worked on such projects for a period of 6 months or more. They may be considered for admission to the Ph.D./ M.Tech.(Research)/ MA(Research)/ MS(Research) Program (guided by the same PI only) with strong support from the PI. The selection procedure will be the same as for the regular M.Tech. (Research)/ MS(Research)/ MA(Research)/Ph.D. The minimum educational qualifications are the same as R.2.1.1(regular full-time scholar), except that the GATE/NET (or any other national qualifying examinations) qualifications are waived.

- At the time of admission, the PI should commit to making arrangements through another project, if necessary, providing financial assistance to the student for the full program duration.
- Also, if any IIT Mandi course has been taken previously by the candidate within two years of the date of registration for Ph.D./ M.Tech.(Research)/ MA(Research)/ MS(Research) Program, the candidate may be allowed to utilize the credits for this course towards the Ph.D./ M.Tech.(Research)/ MA(Research)/ MS(Research) Program with the recommendations of the DC/APC.
- The admissions can happen only during other regular admissions in the programs.
- The projects in which admission is sought are to be advertised along with the regular admissions.

Senate 44.3.7 To consider a proposal for conversion of registration of Full Time M.Tech. to Part-Time Programme to take up the job.

Dr. Satvasheel Powar presented the proposal for conversion of registration of a Full-time M.Tech. to a Part-time program to take up the job.

After discussion, the Senate resolved to approve the proposal as placed at **Annexure – D; Pages No. 33 to 35.**

Senate 44.3.8 To consider a proposal for a New Grading System for all students joining from AY 2024-25.

Dr. P Anil Kishan, Associate Dean (Courses) presented the proposal regarding the implementation of the new grading system (*Approved in the 37th Senate meeting*) for all the students joining the programs w.e.f. AY-2024-25. After discussions, the Senate resolved to approve the proposal.

Senate 44.3.9 To consider a proposal for revision of the format of the Provisional Degree certificate.

Dr. P Anil Kishan, Associate Dean (Courses) presented the proposal for revision of the Provisional Degree Certificate for all programs with three options. After discussions, the Senate approved the draft option 02 as placed at **Annexure – E; Page No. 36.**

Senate 44.3.10 To consider a proposal for deadline for showing of answer sheets and Grade Submission.

Dr. P Anil Kishan, Associate Dean (Courses) presented the proposal regarding the showing of answer sheets to the students and grade submission after the end-semester exam by the faculty members. Grade submission should be done as per the schedule mentioned in the Academic Calendar.

The Senate resolved to approve the proposal with minor modifications. The approved guidelines are given below:

- (i) Courses where students are > 200: within 07 Days from the date of the respective exam.
- (ii) Courses with 50-200 students: within 05 Days from the date of the respective exam.
- (iii) Courses with students <50: within 03 Days from the date of the respective exam.
- (iv) Faculty will propose the grades to the Class Committee (CC) during the Class Committee Meeting (CCM). CC will approve the grades.
- (v) Grade submission should be done as per the schedule mentioned in the Academic Calendar.
- (vi) For mid semester examinations, this time limit of showing / seeing the evaluated answer sheets can be twice that of the end semester, as mentioned in points (i) to (iii).

Additional points are given below:

1. The makeup exams will happen within one week after the end exams of the current semester.
2. Students can register for the supplementary exams and clear the backlog, whenever the course happens during subsequent semesters. Students can request for supplementary exams as per the schedule mentioned in the next point.
3. Supplementary exams and summer semester exams happen one week before the commencement of the new academic session and grades need to be submitted before the commencement of the next academic session.
4. If the courses are offered during the summer vacation, **students must complete** the IC/DC Courses' backlogs.
5. Once the student completes the evaluation for a course, there will not be any reexam / makeup exam.
6. Students must appear for the end-semester exams to pass the courses.
7. Grade correction will be only for 'I' Grade cases and for students who appear for the makeup exams. 'I' Grades will be automatically treated as 'F' Grade, once the subsequent semester commences.
8. Faculty will show the answer sheets, and disclose the marks only. Students will know their Grades through their account.
9. The academic calendar of the institute should be respected and followed in letter and spirit.

Senate 44.3.11 To consider the proposal for processing of various external scholarships.

Dr. P Anil Kishan, Associate Dean (Courses) presented the proposal for processing various external online/offline Scholarships. The Senate resolved to approve the following proposal with minor modifications:

- If the student obtains CGPA ≥ 5 (B. Tech., M. A., M. Sc.,) with/without 'F' grade and has been promoted to next semester, will be considered passed for eligibility for scholarship **only**.

Or

- If the student obtains a CGPA < 5 with/without 'F' grade then will **NOT** be considered passed for the eligibility of scholarship.

AND

- If the student obtains CGPA ≥ 6 (M. Tech., M. B. A., M. Tech (R). M. Sc. (R), M. A. (R), I.Ph.D, Ph. D) with/ without F grade and has been promoted to next semester, will be considered passed for eligibility of scholarship **only**.

Or

- If the student obtains a CGPA < 6 with/without 'F' Grade then will **NOT** be considered passed for the eligibility of scholarship.

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Senate 44.3.13 To consider a proposal for Revision in the O&R for Ph.D./M.Tech. /MS/MA(Research) Programme.

Due to time constraints, the agenda was postponed for the subsequent Senate meetings.

Senate 44.3.14 To consider a request from Mr. Ankit Kumar Verma (B20278) for conversion of a 3 credit Pass/Fail course to a 3 credit graded course.

Dr. P Anil Kishan, Associate Dean (Courses) presented the request of Mr. Ankit Kumar Verma (B20278) for the conversion of a 3 credit Pass/Fail course to a 3 credit graded course. After discussions, the Senate resolved to approve the following:

- This request is considered the rarest situation.
- The additional Pass / Fail credits, required for the completion of the program, will be converted to 'E' Grade to enable the student to get the degree. This permission is given under the condition that the

student is falling short by 1 credit only to graduate and have completed more pass/fail credits otherwise than the degree completion requirements.

- Dean Academics can consider similar cases in the same manner for this convocation only.
- This approval is for one time only.
- The disciplinary actions should be categorized with severity for withholding/issuing of academic certificates, scholarships, etc. Dean Students will take cognizance and will execute a uniform policy with the approval of the senate.

Senate 44.3.15 To consider award of Ph.D., I-Ph.D., M.S. (by Research), M.Tech. (Research), M.Tech., M.Sc., M.A., MBA and B.Tech. degrees in the 12th Convocation of the Institute.

The 12th Convocation of the Institute will be organized on September 28th, 2024. Prof. Aniruddha Chakraborty, Dean (Academics) presented the number of students who have completed all the requirements for the award of the degrees during the 12th Convocation.

Program	No. of students who completed their degree requirements	Year Wise Breakup
B. Tech	291	279 (2020) +11 (2019) + 1 (2018)
B. Tech – M. Tech Integrated Dual Degree	6	06 (2019)
M. A	16	15 (2022) +1 (2020)
M. Sc	119	117 (2022) + 1 (2017) + 1 (2021)
MBA	31	31
M. Tech	102	102
MS / M. Tech (Research)	16	16
I-PhD	1	01 (2016)
Dual Degree (M. Tech + Ph. D)	1	1
Ph. D	53	47
TOTAL	636	

The Senate congratulated the students on the successful completion of the degree requirements and recommended to the Board of Governors (BoG) to award the degree. The complete list of students qualified for various degrees is placed as **Annexure – F; Pages No. 37 to 54.**

Further, students who completed all the degree requirements before the BoG meeting will also be considered for the award of a degree in the 12th Convocation.

Senate 44.3.16 To consider the award of Medals and Prizes to the winners among the graduates, which are to be awarded during the 12th Convocation of the Institute.

The Chairperson of the Awards and Prizes Committees presented the award of Medals and Prizes to the following winners among the graduands:

Sl. No.	Roll No.	Name	Medal/Prize
1	B20318	SHASHWAT GUPTA	President of India Gold Medal
2	B20010	JAIN HIYA SUDHIR	Director's Gold Medal
3	B20063	RISHABH MAHESHWARI	Institute Silver Medal: B.Tech. in Civil Engineering
4	B20198	GAUTAM DHULIPALA	Institute Silver Medal: B.Tech. in Computer Science & Engineering
5	B20155	JAHANVI CHAUDHARY	Institute Silver Medal: B.Tech. in Data Science Engineering
6	B20178	ABHISHEK KHARYAL	Institute Silver Medal: B.Tech. in Electrical Engineering
7	B20258	PRANAV R IYENGAR	Institute Silver Medal: B.Tech. Engineering Physics
8	B20318	SHASHWAT GUPTA	Institute Silver Medal: B.Tech. in Mechanical Engineering
9	B20018	RAVNEET KAUR	Rani Gonsalves Memorial Medal
10	V22052	DEVANSHU SAJWAN	Institute Gold Medal: Among PG Programs
11	V22022	SUDAMA BABU SINGHAL	Institute Silver Medal: M.Sc. (Applied Mathematics)
12	V22031	ANTIMA JANGID	
13	V22052	DEVANSHU SAJWAN	Institute Silver Medal: M.Sc. (Chemistry)
14	V22124	TUSHAR	Institute Silver Medal: M.Sc. (Physics)
15	MB22025	RISHABH AWASTHI	Institute Silver Medal: MBA in Data Science & Artificial Intelligence
16	A22004	AKSHIMA	Outstanding Academic Award: M.A. in Development Studies
17	B20010	JAIN HIYA SUDHIR	Outstanding Academic Award: B.Tech. in Bio-Engineering
18	B20082	ARCHANA KRISHNA NAYAK	Balasundaram Endowment Prize in German
19	T22019	SWETHA R	Institute Silver Medal: M.Tech (Biotechnology)
20	T22104	RAUNAV GHOSH	Outstanding Academic Award: M.Tech. Communications & Signal Processing
21	T22164	NISHANT SHARMA	Outstanding Academic Award: M.Tech. Electric Transportation
22	T22214	PIYUSH INGLE	Outstanding Academic Award: M.Tech. Power Electronics and Drives
23	T22270	ANKIT PATIYAL	Outstanding Academic Award: M.Tech. VLSI
24	T22164	NISHANT SHARMA	Ms. Kiran Bala Aroṛa Memorial Award

The Senate congratulated and recommended the award of Medals and Awards to all the students mentioned above in various streams, for approval by the Board of Governors (BoG).

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Senate 44.3.18 To consider the proposal for the Academic Calendar for Academic Year.

Dr. P Anil Kishan, Associate Dean (Courses) presented the Academic Calendar for forthcoming semesters.

After discussion, the Senate approved the Academic Calendar as placed at **Annexure – G; Page No. 55.**

Senate 44.3.19 To report decisions/actions taken by the Chairman, Senate.

Noted.

Senate 44.4.0 TABLE AGENDA**Senate 44.4.1 Additional agenda placed on the table with the permission of the Chairperson, if any.**

With the permission of the Chairman, the Senate discussed an additional agenda item:

1. Dr. Arnav Bhavsar, presented the courses for MS (by Research) and Ph.D. programs in Music and Musopathy.
IK 513: Music and Musopathy Foundation (3 credits)
IK 508: Music and Musopathy Intermediate (3 credits)
IK 609: Music and Musopathy Advanced (3 credits)

The courses will be conducted in collaboration with Acharyanet Pvt. Ltd. and with the involvement of some external experts. As per the MoU signed between IIT Mandi and Acharyanet Pvt. Ltd., the material for the courses will be provided on the Acharyanet platform. The students will self-study this material and will be evaluated at regular intervals as per IIT Mandi standards.

After deliberations, the Senate approved the proposal.

Senate 44.5.0 Issues to be discussed by the Senate without Student Members being present.

None

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


Chairman, Senate 26/9/24


Registrar & Secretary-Senate 26/9/24