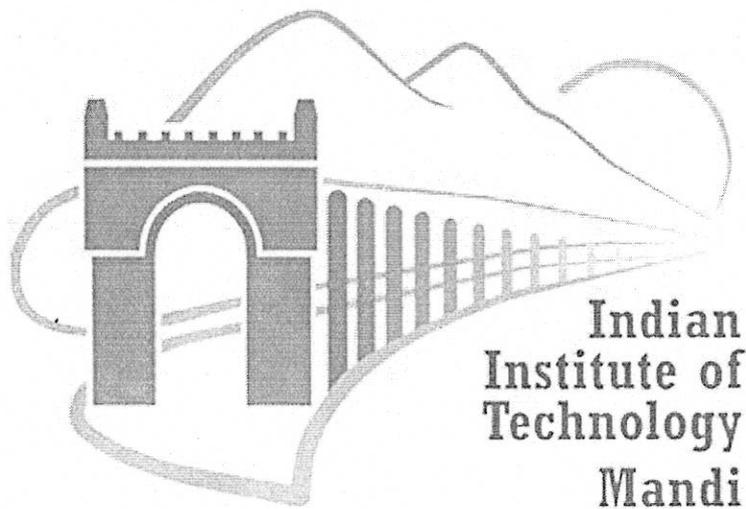


**MINUTES OF THE 7<sup>TH</sup> BOARD OF ACADEMICS MEETING**

**4<sup>TH</sup> JUNE, 2015 (10.00 AM)**



**INDIAN INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY MANDI**  
**KAMAND, DISTT. MANDI – 175005 (HIMACHAL PRADESH)**

**Present:**

1	Dean Academics	Prof. Ramesh Oruganti	Chairman
2	Associated Dean (Research)	Dr. Bindu Radhamany	Member
3	Associated Dean (Courses)	Dr. Pradeep Parameswaran	Member
4	Course Coordinator (B.Tech.- ME)	Dr. Om Prakash Singh	Member
5	Course Coordinator (B.Tech.- CE)	Dr. K.V. Uday	Member
6	Course Coordinator (B.Tech.- EE)	Dr. Anil Kumar Sao	Member
7	Course Coordinator (M.Tech. (Energy Materials))	Dr. Jaspreet Kaur Randhawa	Member
8	Course Coordinator (M.Sc. (Chemistry))	Dr. Aniruddha Chakraborty	Member
9	Course Coordinator (B.Tech.- CSE)	Prof. B.D. Chaudhary	Member
10	Nominee-1: School of Engineering	Dr. Anil Kishan	Member
11	Nominee-1: School of Humanities & Social Sciences	Dr. Manu Devadevan	Member
12	Nominee-2: School of Engineering	Dr. Mohd. Talha	Member
13	Nominee-1: School of Computing & Electrical Engineering	Dr. Padmanabhan	Member
14	Nominee-2: School of Computing & Electrical Engineering	Dr. Bhakti Joshi	Member
15	Nominee-1: School of Basic Sciences	Dr. Aditi Halder	Member
16	Nominee-2: School of Basic Sciences	Dr. Prasanth P. Jose	Member
17	Nominee-2: School of Humanities & Social Sciences	Dr. Suman	Member
18	Academic Affairs Secretary	Mr. Harshit	Student Member
19	Assistant Registrar (Academics)	Mr. Vivek Tiwari	Secretary

**Special Invitees**

1.	Dr. Rahul Vaish	FA / Chair SE
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**Absent:**

1	Chairman Course Proposal Committee	Dr. Bharat Singh Rajpurohit	Member
2	Research Affairs Secretary		Student Member



PART-A

(Issues discussed by the BoA when the Student Members were present)

1. **Confirmation of Part-A of the minutes of the 6<sup>th</sup> meeting of BoA:**

The Part-A minutes of the 6<sup>th</sup> Board of Academics meeting held on 28<sup>th</sup> April, 2015 were confirmed with following changes:

'Revisiting the Branch Change rules for UG student' are modified (percentage part i.e. 25%) and be finally read as below:

*'in granting the change of branch of a student, the strength of a class shall not fall below the sanctioned strength by more than 50% and shall not exceed the sanctioned strength by more than 50%. Also, the strength of any branch shall not be allowed to fall below a minimum strength of 20 students because of the branch change.'*

The revised guidelines will be applicable on the new batch of students joining the institute in August, 2015.

2. **Action Taken Report:**

(i) **MCM scholarship for M.Sc. students:**

Dr. Aditi Halder presented the modified recommendations of the committee. The Chairman requested Dr. Aditi to finalise the same, as per the suggestions of the board and circulate it to the members.

(Action: Dr. Aditi Halder)

(ii) **Discussion on Research Methodology course:**

Dr. Padmanabhan presented the Research Methodology course proposal, which has to go through the CPC. After detailed discussion, Dr. Padmanabhan was requested to modify the proposal and circulate it to members for inputs & further finalization.

(Action: Dr. Padmanabhan)

(iii) **Degree Requirements of M.Tech. & M.Sc. programmes:**

- **M.Sc.:** Dean (Academics) presented the modified version of M.Sc. Ordinance & Regulations. Dr. Aniruddha was requested to circulate the same for the input of the members.

(Action: Dr. Aniruddha Chakraborty)

- **M.Tech.:** Dr. Jaspreet was requested to present the modified version of the M.Tech. Ordinance & Regulations in the next meeting.

(Action: Dr. Jaspreet Kaur)

(iv) **Revisiting the Branch Change rules for UG students:**

The Chairman, Senate approved the revised guidelines with the changes as mentioned at Item No. 1 above.



**2. Discussion on early completion of course requirements (160 credits) by B.Tech. students:**

Dr. Rahul Vaish, FA of 3<sup>rd</sup> year B.Tech. raised this issue. After a brief discussion, the Chairman constituted a committee comprising of Dr. Anil Sao (Coordinator), Dr. Rahul Vaish, Dr. Om Prakash Singh and Dr. Pradeep Parameswaran to deliberate and recommend the guidelines.

(Action: Dr. Anil Sao & Committee members)

**3. Modifications in the MTP rules / Dropping of MTP after first semester:**

Due to frequent dropping of MTP by the students, it was suggested to introduce a 'W' grade, which will be reflecting in the final transcript. Also, the student will have to make-up for full 8-credits than 5-credits only. After a brief discussion, the Chairman constituted a committee comprising of Dr. Talha (Coordinator), Dr. Anil Sao, Dr. Padmanabhan and Dr. Uday to propose certain guidelines.

(Action: Dr. Talha & Committee members)

**4. CPC presentations:**

CPC presentation was deferred for the next meeting.

**5. Any other item:**

None

**PART-B**

**(Issues discussed by the BoA without the Student Members being present)**

**1. Confirmation of Part-B minutes of the 6<sup>th</sup> meeting of BoA.**

The Part-B minutes of the 6<sup>th</sup> Board of Academics meeting held on 28<sup>th</sup> April, 2015 were confirmed.

**2. Action Taken Report:**

**(i) Discussion on Proposal for a I-PhD Program in Physics:**

The modified version of the proposal was approved by the Chairman, Senate to start the I-PhD programme from Academic Year 2015-16 with an initial intake of 12 students.

**(ii) Enrolment/Admission to M.Sc. program through JAM:**

Dr. Aniruddha has been requested to prepare a note in consultation with Chair SBS, for approval of the Chairman, Senate. On approval from Chairman, Senate, a formal letter will be sent to Organiser JAM for inclusion of IIT Mandi in the list.

(Action: Dr. Aniruddha)

**(ii) Nomination of Industry Members in the BoA:**

Deferred for a subsequent meeting.



- (iii) **Discussion on Comprehensive Examination for PhD scholars.**  
Deferred for the subsequent meeting.
- (iv) **Role of Course Coordinators for Humanities and Basic Sciences courses:**  
Deferred for a subsequent meeting.  
(Action: Chairman (BoA))
- (v) **Role of Course Interest Groups:**  
Deferred for further deliberations in a subsequent meeting.  
(Action: Chairman (BoA))
- (vi) **Defining the role of NKN Local Coordinators:**  
Dr. Padmanabhan presented the final proposal. He was requested to incorporate the suggestions of the members and circulate the final proposal to members. The same can be sent to Chairman, Senate for approval  
(Action: Dr. Padmanabhan)
- (vii) **To consider intake in M.Sc. (Chemistry) and M.Tech. (Energy Materials) program:**  
a. **M.Sc. (Chemistry):** The requested intake of 30 students from Academic Year 2015-16 was approved by the Chairman, Senate.
- (viii) **Discussion on selection procedure for Institute Staff Members willing to join M.S. or Ph.D. programme.**  
The recommendations of the committee are awaited.  
(Action: Dr. Bindu Radhamany)
3. Any other item with the permission of the Chair:

The Chairman thanked the members for attending and the meeting was adjourned at 12.30 pm.

