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MINUTES OF THE 46th SENATE MEETING

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INDIAN INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY MANDI

Minutes of the 46th Senate Meeting of IIT Mandi held on April 11, 2025, at 10:00 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. Braj Bhushan, Dept. of HSS, IIT Kanpur.

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

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

Dr. Balvinder Singh, Vice President, Samsung Research.

Prof. Subrata Ghosh, Professor, SCS & Chairperson 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. Aniruddha Chakraborty, Professor, SCS & Dean (Academics) IIT Mandi

Prof. Rajendra Kr. Ray, Professor, SMSS, & Chairperson SMSS, IIT Mandi.

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

Prof. Arnav Bhavsar, Professor, SCEE & Chairperson, IKSMHA, IIT Mandi.

Prof. Varun Dutt, Professor, SCEE & Dean (RG&AR), IIT Mandi.

Prof. Shyam Kumar Masakapalli, Dean (SRIC) and Professor, SBB, IIT Mandi.

Prof. Ajay Soni, Professor, SPS, IIT Mandi.

Prof. Bindu Radhamany, Professor, SPS & Chairperson, SPS, IIT Mandi.

Prof. C. S. Yadav, Professor, SPS & Chairperson, CQST, IIT Mandi.

Prof. Hari Varma, Professor, SPS & Nominee SPS, IIT Mandi.

Prof. Kaustav Mukherjee, Professor, SPS, IIT Mandi.

Prof. Atul Dhar, Professor, SMME, IIT Mandi.

Prof. Vishal S Chauhan, Professor, SMME, IIT Mandi.

Prof. Viswanath Balakrishnan, Professor, SMME, IIT Mandi.

Prof. Rik Rani Koner, Professor, SMME, IIT Mandi.

Prof. Dipankar Deb, Professor, CAIR, IIT Mandi.

Dr. Kumar Sambhav Pandey, Registrar & Secretary -Senate, IIT Mandi.

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

Dr. Padmanabhan Rajan, Dean (DCS), IIT Mandi.

Dr. Sandip Saha, Dean (I&S), IIT Mandi.

Dr. Satvasheel Ramesh Powar, Dean (F&A), & Nominee, SMME, IIT Mandi.

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

Dr. P Anil Kishan, Chairperson, SMME, & Associate Dean (Courses), IIT Mandi.

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

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

Dr. Rahul Shrestha, Associate Professor, Nominee SCEE, IIT Mandi.
 Dr. Maheshreddy Gade, Associate Dean (Research) & Associate Professor, Nominee SCENE, IIT Mandi.
 Dr. Himanshu Pathak, Associate Professor, Nominee SMME, IIT Mandi.
 Dr. Kasturi Prasad, Assistant Professor, Nominee SBB, IIT Mandi.
 Dr. Nilamber Chhetri, Assistant Professor, Nominee SHSS, IIT Mandi I/c
 Dr. Ashish Bollimbala, Assistant Professor, Nominee SoM, IIT Mandi.
 Dr. Venkatesh Hanumant Rao Chembrolu, Associate Professor, Nominee, IKSMHA, IIT Mandi.
 Dr. Jagadeesh Kadiyam, Assistant Professor, Nominee CAIR, IIT Mandi.
 Shri Vivek Tiwari, DR (Academics), IIT Mandi, I/c.
 Student Academic Affairs Secretary, IIT Mandi. (Special Invitee).

The following Special invitees for the Senate Meeting:

1. Dr. Ranjeet Kumar Jha, Assistant Professor, SCENE Special Invitee for Agenda Senate
 & Dr. Aliva Nanda, Assistant Professor, SCENE 46.3.1

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

Prof. Prem Felix Siril, Professor, SCS, IIT Mandi
 Prof. Suman Kalyan Pal, Professor, SPS, IIT Mandi
 Prof. Chayan K. Nandi, Professor, SCS, IIT Mandi.
 Prof. Pradeep C. Parameswaran, Professor, SCS, IIT Mandi
 Prof. Rajeev Kumar, Professor, SMME, IIT Mandi.
 Prof. Arti Kashyap, Professor, SPS, IIT Mandi
 Prof. Syed Abbas, Professor, SMSS, IIT Mandi.
 Prof. Manoj Thakur, Professor, SMSS, IIT Mandi.
 Prof. Tulika Srivastava, Professor, SBB & Chairperson SBB, IIT Mandi.
 Prof. Anjan Swain, Professor, SoM & Chairperson SoM, IIT Mandi.
 Prof. Shubhajit Roy Chowdhury, Professor, SCEE & Chairperson, HCI, IIT Mandi.
 Prof. Hiteshbhai Kantilal Shrimali, Professor, SCEE, IIT Mandi.
 Prof. Aditi Halder, Professor, SCS & Co-ordinator, AMRC, IIT Mandi.
 Prof. Mohd. Talha, Professor, SMME, IIT Mandi.
 Dr. Aditya Nigam, Chairperson, SCEE, IIT Mandi.
 Dr. Amit Shukla, Chairperson, CAIR, IIT Mandi.
 Dr. Kunal Ghosh, Associate Professor, Nominee SCEE, IIT Mandi.
 Dr. Nitu Kumari, Associate Professor, Nominee SMSS, IIT Mandi.
 Mr. Raju Goteti, Vice President, TCS.
 Shri. Naresh Singh Bhandari, Deputy Librarian, IIT Mandi.
 Student Research Affairs Secretary, IIT Mandi. (Special Invitee).
 Student General Secretary, IIT Mandi. (Special Invitee).
 Student PG Academic Secretary, IIT Mandi. (Special Invitee).

The Chairman Senate extended a warm welcome to Senate members and Invitees attending the 46th Senate meeting of the Institute.

Thereafter, the following agenda items were taken up.

Senate 46.1.0 PROCEDURAL

Senate 46.1.1 To confirm the minutes of the 45th Senate meeting held on January 12, 2025.

The minutes of the 45th Senate meeting held on January 12, 2025, were circulated to members of the Senate through email on February 07, 2025, for comments.

One comment was received on the Item No. 45.3.4. After discussion, the Senate approved the observation.

The minutes of the 45th Senate meeting held on January 12, 2025, were confirmed with the above addendum.

Senate 46.1.2 To note the Action Taken Report (ATR) on the minutes of the previous meeting of the Senate.

The Senate noted the actions taken on the decisions taken in the 45th Senate meeting held on January 12, 2025.

Senate 46.2.0 STANDING AGENDA

Senate 46.2.1 To consider the proposal of releasing the HTRA Scholarship to research scholars during internships etc.

Based on the observation of Prof. Vishal Singh Chauhan, the Senate approved to provide HTRA scholarships during internships, subject to that there is no conflict with the existing terms of the Government of India. In addition to this, DORA is entrusted to explore the possibilities of providing such financial support.

Senate 46.3.0 REGULAR AGENDA

Senate 46.3.1 To consider the proposal to start a new branch in B.Tech. program i.e., B.Tech. in Agricultural Engineering.

Dr. Ranjeet Kumar Jha presented the proposal to start a new branch of B.Tech. program, namely B.Tech. in Agricultural Engineering. After discussion, the Senate recommended the proposal with minor modifications for the approval of BoG, as placed at **Annexure A; Pages No. 7 to 22.**

Senate 46.3.2 To consider the proposal to rename the B.Tech. in Data Science Engineering to B.Tech. in Data Science and Artificial Intelligence.

Dr. Padmanabhan Rajan, Nominee SCEE presented the proposal to rename the B.Tech. in Data Science Engineering to B.Tech. in Data Science and Artificial Intelligence.

After discussion, the Senate approved the proposed name change w.e.f. Academic Year 2025-26 onwards. The Senate also advised to modify the curriculum after organizing one-day workshop to obtain input from both academic and industry stakeholders within six months.

Senate 46.3.3 To consider the proposal for introducing a UG Minor program in Quantum Technology.

Prof. C.S. Yadav, Chair CQST, presented the proposal for the introduction of UG Minor program in Quantum Technology. After discussion, the Senate approved the following:

1. If the student completes 12 credits from the relevant approved course list, then she/he will be awarded UG Degree with Minor in Quantum Technology.
2. If the student completes 18 credits from the relevant approved course list, then she/he will be awarded UG Degree with a specialization in Quantum Technology.

The modified proposal is placed at **Annexure B; Pages No. 23 to 50.**

Senate 46.3.5 To report decisions/actions taken by the Chairman, Senate.

Noted.

Senate 46.4.0 TABLE AGENDA

Senate 46.4.1 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) Proposal for formalization the policy for the admission of International students (under Master & Ph.D. programs at IIT Mandi) to provide them the waiver of GATE/JAM & the issue of funding support:**

Prof. Satinder Kumar Sharma, Head International Relations Division (IRD) presented the proposal for constitution policy for the admission of international students (under Master & Ph.D.

programs at IIT Mandi) and to provide them the waiver of GATE/JAM and the funding support.

After discussion, the Senate recommended the proposal for the consideration and approval of the FC and BoG. If the scholarship is not approved under HTRA of MoE, then the funding support will be provided by the Institute Revenue Generation (IRG).

The modified proposal is placed at **Annexure C; Pages No.51 to 53.**

(2) Rename of Executive M.Tech. and Executive MBA programme.

The Chairman, Senate informed the Senate members regarding the programs approved during the 45th Senate meeting held on January 12, 2025, vide Item No. Senate 45.3.2.

Further, considering the inputs from domain experts, it was resolved to revise the nomenclature of the programs as follows:

- (i) Executive M.Tech. shall be renamed to Online M.Tech.
- (ii) Executive MBA shall be renamed to Online MBA.

Senate 46.5.0 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


Registrar & Secretary-Senate