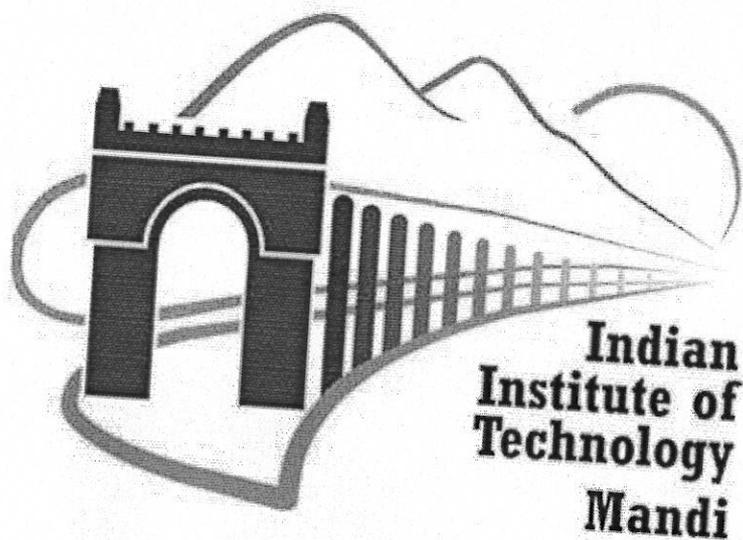


MINUTES OF THE 8TH BOARD OF ACADEMICS MEETING

21ST AUGUST, 2015 (3.00 PM)



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

Present:

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

Special Invitee

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| 1. Dr. Hari Varma | Course Coordinator Integrated-Ph.D. (Physics) |
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Absent:

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| 1. Nominee-1: School of Computing & Electrical Engineering | Dr. Padmanabhan | Member |
| 2. Nominee-1: School of Humanities & Social Sciences | Dr. Manu Devadevan | Member |
| 3. Associated Dean (Courses) | Dr. Pradeep Parameswaran | Member |

PART-A

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

1. **Confirmation of Part-A of the minutes of the 7th meeting of BoA:**
The Part-A minutes of the 7th Board of Academics meeting held on 4th June, 2015 were confirmed.
2. **Action Taken Report:**
 - (i) **MCM scholarship for M.Sc. students:**
After a brief discussion, it was decided that Dean (Academics) will modify the proposal and circulate the same to the members for inputs. On the final recommendations, the opinion of Dean (F&A) shall be obtained prior to processing the same for approval of the Chairman, Senate / Director.

(Action: Dean (Academics))
 - (ii) **Discussion on Research Methodology course:**
As Dr. Padmanabhan was granted leave of absence, the item was deferred for the next meeting.

(Action: Dr. Padmanabhan)
 - (iii) **Degree Requirements of M.Sc. & M.Tech. programmes:**
 - **M.Sc.:** Dean (Academics) presented the modified version of M.Sc. Ordinance & Regulations. This was discussed. It was then decided to circulate the document to members for their input. The same shall be finalized accordingly and submitted to Chairman, Senate.

(Action: Dr. Aniruddha Chakraborty)
 - **M.Tech.:** It was decided to circulate the document to members for their input. The same shall be finalized accordingly in a future BoA meeting.

(Action: Dr. Jaspreet Kaur)
 - (iv) **Discussion on early completion of course requirements (160 credits) by B.Tech. students:**
Dr. Anil Sao presented the proposal and there was a brief discussion on the pro and cons of early completion of courses. It was decided that the committee should prepare the document and circulate it for input and present the final version for consideration of the BoA in the subsequent meeting.

(Action: Dr. Anil Sao & Committee members)
 - (v) **Modifications in the MTP rules / Dropping of MTP after first semester:**
Dr. Talha presented the modified rules. After a brief discussion it was decided that the committee should prepare the document and circulate it for input and present the final version for consideration of the BoA in the subsequent meeting.

(Action: Dr. Talha & Committee members)
 - (vi) **Course Proposal Committee (CPC) presentations:**
Dr. Bharat S. Rajpurohit (Chair, CPC) informed that 12 proposals have been received. The same will be compiled and circulated to the members for input.

(Action: CPC Chair)
 - (vii) **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 7th meeting of BoA.

The Part-B minutes of the 7th Board of Academics meeting held on 4th June, 2015 were confirmed.

2. Action Taken Report:

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

Dr. Aniruddha informed that Chair, SBS need more time for discussion among faculty members. Therefore, it was deferred for the subsequent meeting.

(Action: Dr. Aniruddha)

(ii) Nomination of Industry Members in the BoA:

Deferred for a subsequent meeting at the request of Chairman, BoA.

(Action: Chairman, BoA)

(iii) Discussion on Comprehensive Examination for PhD scholars.

Dr. Bindu informed that each school wishes to have its own comprehensive process than a common one. Therefore, the comprehensive exam pattern of the individual school will be circulated to the members and based on the input, the School Representatives will present it in the subsequent meeting of the BoA for consideration.

(Action: School Representatives in BoA)

(iv) Role of Course Coordinators for Humanities and Basic Sciences courses & Role of Course Interest Groups:

Chairman, Senate has constituted the HSS Course Coordinator and HSS Course Interest Group and defined their roles, which has been notified on 24.07.2015.

(v) Defining the role of NKN Local Coordinators:

As Dr. Padmanabhan was granted leave of absence, the item was deferred for the next meeting. However, it was desired that the document be circulated to the members for input. After incorporating the comments, the document shall be presented in the subsequent meeting of the BoA for consideration.

(Action: Dr. Padmanabhan)

(vi) To consider intake in M.Sc. (Chemistry) and M.Tech. (Energy Materials) program:

M.Sc. (Chemistry): Chairman, BoA informed that initially an intake of 30 students from Academic Year 2015-16 was approved earlier, however, on the request of Dean (Students) it was reduced to 20 seats by the Chairman, Senate. This was done due to non availability of sufficient hostel and other infrastructure.

- (vii) **Discussion on selection procedure for Institute Staff Members willing to join M.S. or Ph.D. programme.**

Dr. Bindu Radhamany presented the same and it was decided to obtain input on this via circulation and after incorporating the comments, the document shall be presented in the subsequent meeting of the BoA for consideration.

(Action: Dr. Bindu Radhamany)

3. **Any other item with the permission of the Chair:**

None.

The Chairman thanked the members for attending and the meeting was adjourned at 5.30 pm.