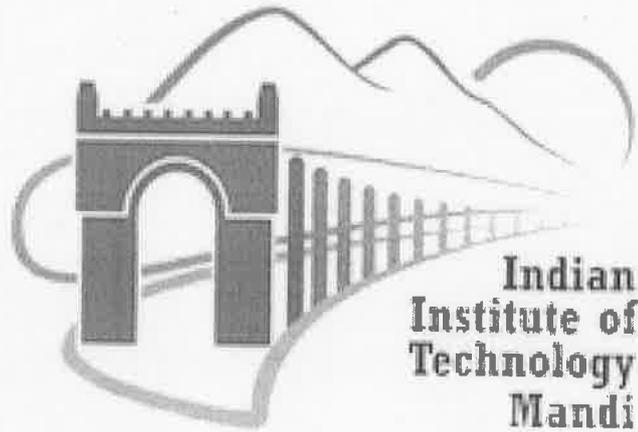


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INDIAN INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY MANDI

Minutes of the 29th Senate Meeting of IIT Mandi held on 11th December, 2020 at 11:00 AM in A1 NKN Room, IIT Mandi, Kamand.

The following were present:

In the Chair

Prof. Ajit K. Chaturvedi, Director, IIT Mandi

Members:

Prof. N. Sathyamurthy, Former Director, IISER Mohali & Hon. Prof., JNCASR, Bengaluru
Dr. Pradeep C. Parameswaran, Dean (Academics), IIT Mandi
Dr. Vishal Singh Chauhan, Dean (F & A), IIT Mandi
Prof. S. C. Jain, Dean (I&S), IIT Mandi
Dr. Bharat Singh Rajpurohit, Dean (Faculty) I/c, IIT Mandi
Dr. Manoj Thakur, Dean (Students), IIT Mandi
Dr. Samar Agnihotri, Chairperson, SCEE, IIT Mandi
Dr. Viswanath Balakrishnan, Chairperson, SE, IIT Mandi
Dr. Syed Abbas, Chairperson, SBS, IIT Mandi
Dr. Suman Sigroha, Chairperson, SHSS & Course Coordinator HSS Courses, IIT Mandi
Dr. Prosenjit Mondal, Co-ordinator, BioX Centre, IIT Mandi
Dr. Rik Rani Koner, Co-ordinator, AMRC, 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. Sunny Zafar, Assistant Professor, SE, IIT Mandi
Dr. Qaiser Jahan, Assistant Professor, SBS, IIT Mandi
Dr. Astrid Kiehn, Chair, Library Advisory Committee (LAC), IIT Mandi
Mr. Naresh Singh Bhandari, Deputy Librarian, IIT Mandi
Dr. Amit Jaiswal, Chief Warden, IIT Mandi
Dr. Nadeem Akhtar, M/s Arista Networks
Shri K. K. Bajre, Registrar & Secretary-Senate, IIT Mandi

Invitees:

Dr. Anil Kumar Sao, Associate Dean (Courses), IIT Mandi
Dr. Arnav Bhavsar, Associate Dean (SRIC) & Dean (SRIC & IR) I/c, IIT Mandi
Dr. Kaustav Sarkar, Associate Dean (Infrastructure), IIT Mandi
Dr. Suman Kalyan Pal, Associate Professor, SBS, IIT Mandi
Dr. Dileep A. D., Associate Professor, SCEE, IIT Mandi
Dr. Ajay Soni, Associate Professor, SBS, IIT Mandi
Dr. Hitesh Shrimali, Associate Professor, SCEE, IIT Mandi
Dr. Chayan K. Nandi, Associate Professor, SBS, IIT Mandi
Dr. Arti Kashyap, Associate Professor, SBS & SCEE, IIT Mandi
Dr. Kaustav Mukherjee, Associate Professor, SBS, IIT Mandi
Dr. Rajendra Kr. Ray, Associate Professor, SBS, IIT Mandi
Dr. Shyam Kumar Masakapalli, Associate Professor, SBS, IIT Mandi
Dr. Trayambak Basak, Assistant Professor, SBS, IIT Mandi

Dr. Bhaskar Mondal, Assistant Professor, SBS, IIT Mandi
 Dr. Amit B. Pawar, Assistant Professor, SBS, IIT Mandi
 Dr. Shyamashree Dasgupta, Assistant Professor, SHSS, IIT Mandi
 Dr. Amit Prasad, Assistant Professor, SBS, IIT Mandi
 Dr. Narsa Reddy Tummuru, Assistant Professor, SCEE, IIT Mandi
 Dr. Manas Thakur, Assistant Professor, SCEE, IIT Mandi
 Dr. Adarsh Patel, Assistant Professor, SCEE, IIT Mandi
 Dr. Ashutosh Kumar, Assistant Professor, SE, IIT Mandi
 Dr. Tushar Jain, Assistant Professor, SCEE, IIT Mandi
 Dr. Swati Sharma, Assistant Professor, SE, IIT Mandi
 Dr. Neha Kaushik, Assistant Professor, SHSS, IIT Mandi
 Dr. Srinivasu Bodapati, Assistant Professor, SCEE, IIT Mandi
 Dr. Kala V. Uday, Assistant Professor, SE, IIT Mandi
 Dr. Moumita Das, Assistant Professor, SCEE, IIT Mandi
 Dr. Kalpesh Haria, Assistant Professor, SBS, IIT Mandi
 Dr. P. Anil Kishan, Assistant Professor, SE, IIT Mandi
 Dr. Prasad Kasturi, Assistant Professor, SBS, IIT Mandi
 Dr. Rajesh Ghosh, Assistant Professor, SE, IIT Mandi
 Dr. Pradeep Kumar, Assistant Professor, SBS, IIT Mandi
 Dr. Prateek Saxena, Visiting Assistant Professor, SE, IIT Mandi
 Dr. Srikanth Sugavanam, Assistant Professor, SCEE, IIT Mandi
 Mr. Arnav Prasad, Student Academic Affairs Secretary, IIT Mandi (Special Invitee)
 Mr. Pawan Kumar Mandal, Student Research Affairs Secretary, IIT Mandi (Special Invitee)
 Mr. Sachit Yadav, Student General 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. Rowena Robinson, Deptt. of HSS, IIT Bombay
 Prof. Sunil R. Kale, Professor, Department of Mechanical Engineering, IIT Delhi
 Prof. Rajan Kapur, Adjunct Professor, SCEE, IIT Mandi
 Prof. Ramesh Oruganti, Adjunct Professor, SCEE, IIT Mandi
 Prof. Yvonne Ditrach, Adjunct Professor, SCEE, IIT Mandi
 Prof. Ajit Padmakar Annachattre, Visiting Professor, SE, IIT Mandi
 Prof. Ing. Balthasar Novak, Adjunct Professor, SE, IIT Mandi
 Prof. Sumant Nigam, Visiting Distinguished Professor, SE, IIT Mandi
 Prof. Kenneth E. Gonsalves, Distinguished Visiting Professor, SBS, IIT Mandi
 Prof. Subrata Ray, Distinguished Visiting Professor, SE, IIT Mandi
 Prof. Venkataraman Ranganathan, Visiting Distinguished Professor, SHSS, IIT Mandi
 Prof. Tarun Kant, Visiting Distinguished Professor, SE, IIT Mandi
 Prof. B.D. Chaudhary, Emeritus Professor, SCEE, IIT Mandi
 Dr. Venkata Krishnan, Associate Professor, SBS, IIT Mandi
 Dr. Srikant Srinivasan, Associate Professor, SCEE, IIT Mandi
 Dr. Gopi Shrikanth Reddy, Assistant Professor, SCEE, IIT Mandi
 Dr. Puran Singh, Assistant Professor, SHSS, IIT Mandi
 Dr. Rahul Vaish, Associate Dean (Research), IIT Mandi
 Dr. Tulika P. Srivastava, Associate Dean (Faculty), IIT Mandi
 Dr. Devika Sethi, Associate Dean (International Relations), IIT Mandi
 Dr. Kunal Ghosh, Chair, CPC, IIT Mandi

This Senate meeting was convened at a short notice under Statute 5(3)(g) to consider a single agenda item pertaining to the completion of the pending work of February-June 2020 semester.

The Chair welcomed the members and briefly explained the context of the meeting. The Chair noted that the Feb-Jun 2020 semester of IIT Mandi had started almost one and half month late in comparison to other IITs. Because of this, no evaluation had been done by the time when the national lockdown started in March 2020. Accordingly, the Senate in its meetings held in July and September had taken decisions to complete the pending academic activities of the Feb-Jun 2020 semester during Jan-Feb 2021. It was expected that all the students will be back on campus by then. However, in the current scenario, it is unlikely that all the students will be able to come back to the campus by January 2021. The Chair also noted that the branch change of the current 2nd year batch has already been delayed by a semester and a decision in this regard has to be taken urgently before the start of their 4th semester.

Item No. 29.1: To consider recommendations of the Committee constituted for preparing guidelines for completing pending exams. and lab/practicum courses of the Semester Feb – June, 2020 during 4th January to 6th February, 2021.

Based on the recommendations of the designated committee and subsequent discussions with various stake-holders, the attached presentation (**Annexure – A; Page No. 6 to 14**) was made to the Senate by Associate Dean (Courses). The Senate discussed the points in detail and following decisions were made:

- 1) The period from 4th - 21st January, 2021 shall be used for the revision of the theory courses of the Feb-Jun 2020 semester by the students. This revision period is given as a one-time exception considering that there was another semester (Aug Dec 2020) in between the teaching of the Feb-Jun 2020 semester and its final evaluation in Jan-Feb 2021.
- 2) The pending evaluations of all the theory courses shall be conducted in online mode during 21st January to 4th February 2021. The following modes can be used for the online evaluation: viva-voce, open book examination, assignments, term paper, mini project etc. Instructors may use the online platforms such as Moodle, Class marker etc. to conduct the online exams and can approach TLC for any assistance in this regard.
- 3) If feasible, the course instructors can plan to complete the pending lab/practicum-related courses in online mode without compromising the rigor of the course. The execution of such lab courses can begin from 4th January 2021 onwards and the evaluations of the laboratory courses may be started from 15th January onwards.
- 4) The pending lab/practicum courses that cannot be executed in online mode shall be executed in-person whenever all the students are back on the campus. However, a final decision on

these courses shall be taken in February 2021, after assessing the evolving pandemic situation.

- 5) The mode and date of the assessment(s), the weightage of each assessment component etc. shall be announced to all the students and the CCM chair by the course instructor on or before 10th January 2021.
- 6) Students can approach the CCM chair if they have any concern regarding the mode and dates of the proposed assessment plans.
- 7) The final CCM and Grade submission shall be on 7th and 8th February 2021 respectively.
- 8) The PFG of each program, in consultation with the students, may plan to offer additional 1-4 credit courses in online mode during December 2020-February 2021 to meet the credit requirements of the students.
- 9) Regarding Branch change: The Senate had approved in its 26th meeting that "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". However, in the current scenario, it is unlikely that the 2nd year (2019 batch) students will get a chance for an in-person grade improvement exam before a decision on their branch change application is taken. Considering the gravity of the situation, the above-mentioned Senate decision was reconsidered and the following decisions were made as a special case for the current 2nd year batch.
 - a) After the announcement of grades on 10th Feb. 2021, students shall be given one last chance to improve the grades in online mode if they wish to do so. The dates of such grade improvement exams shall be during 13th -16th Feb. 2021.
 - b) The logistic aspects of such grade improvement exams such as the registration, slotting etc. shall be taken care of by the academic section.
 - c) This grade improvement option shall be given only for the evaluation component having the highest weightage in a course. If there are multiple evaluation components having equal and highest weightages, then the course instructor should make an announcement to the students by 10th January 2021 regarding which of these components shall be considered for the grade improvement exam mentioned in point (a) above.
 - d) If a student uses the grade improvement option, the grade obtained as a result of the grade improvement exam shall be treated as the final grade.

- e) The submission of final grades after such grade improvement exams shall be completed by 20th Feb. 2021.
- f) If a faculty member needs help for the conduct and evaluation of the grade improvement exam, he/she may approach the PFG chair for help.
- g) The credits of any pending lab course, which could not be executed and assessed, shall not be considered for the CGPA calculation for branch change.
- h) The result of branch change shall be announced latest by 23rd Feb. 2021.
- i) All the students who are aspiring for branch change should utilize the above-mentioned grade improvement option. No further in-person grade improvement exam shall be allowed for the 2nd year students for their Feb-Jun 2020 semester courses.

Item No. 29.2: Any other agenda item with the permission of the Chairperson, Senate.

None.

Item No. 29.3: 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

18/12/2020

Registrar & Secretary-Senate 9/c