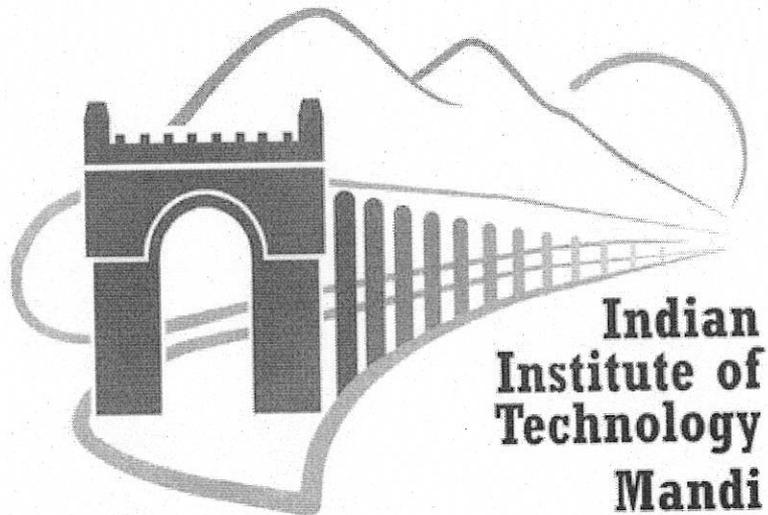


MINUTES OF THE 6TH BOARD OF ACADEMICS MEETING

28TH APRIL, 2015 (2.30 PM)



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.	Chairman Course Proposal Committee	Dr. Bharat Singh Rajpurohit	Member
10.	Nominee-2: School of Engineering	Dr. Mohd. Talha	Member
11.	Nominee-1: School of Computing & Electrical Engineering	Dr. Padmanabhan	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. Harshit	Student Member
17.	Assistant Registrar (Academics)	Mr. Vivek Tiwari	Secretary

Special Invitees

1.	Dr. Suman Kalyan Pal	Faculty in SBS
2.	Dr. P.K. Pathak	
3.	Dr. Hari Verma	
4.	Dr. Ajay Soni	
5.	Dr. C. S. Yadav	
6.	Dr. Kustav Mukherjee	
7.	Dr. Pradeep Kumar	Visiting Faculty in SBS

Absent:

1.	Chairman, Library Advisory Committee	Prof. B.D. Chaudhary	Member
2.	Course Coordinator (B.Tech.- CSE)	Prof. B.D. Chaudhary	Member
3.	Nominee-1: School of Engineering (<i>Leave of absence obtained</i>)	Dr. Anil Kishan	Member
4.	Nominee-1: School of Humanities & Social Sciences	Dr. Manu Devadevan	Member
5.	Research Affairs Secretary	Mr. Saurabh Singh	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 5th meeting of BoA:**
The Part-A minutes of the 5th Board of Academics meeting held on 9th March, 2015 were confirmed.

2. **Action Taken Report:**
 - (i) **MCM scholarship for M.Sc. students:**
Dr. Aditi Halder presented the recommendations of the committee. The members shared their input on certain points. The Chairman requested Dr. Aditi to modify the recommendations as per the suggestions of the board and circulate it to the members prior to finalization.

(Action: Dr. Aditi Halder)

 - (ii) **Discussion on Research Methodology course:**
Matter was deferred for a subsequent meeting.

 - (iii) **Degree Requirements of M.Tech. & M.Sc. programmes:**
Matter was deferred for a subsequent meeting.

 - (iv) **Revisiting the Branch Change rules for UG student:**
The board approved recommending following change in the existing branch change rules:

'in granting the change of branch of a student, the strength of a class shall not fall below the sanctioned strength by more than 25% 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.'

All other branch change provisions are to remain the same.

3. **Any other item:**
 - (i) **Academic Council of Students:** Mr. Harshit, the Academic_Secretary requested to constitute Academic Council of Students. The Chairman suggested that it would be discussed with the Dean (Students) separately and the appropriate action will be initiated, if needed.

(Action: Chairman, BoA)

 - (ii) **Presence of members during the BoA meeting:**
As BoA discusses and deliberates on important policy matters and other issues related to Academics at IIT Mandi, the presence and contribution of members on various issues is essential. Keeping this in view, the members agreed on the following:

Members should try and attend each meeting and also stay for the full duration of the meeting. In case any member has to leave the meeting in between because of an exigency, then he/she should do so with Chairman's permission.

Also, in case any member is unable to attend the BoA meeting due to unavoidable circumstances, s/he is requested to communicate this to the Secretary, BoA, prior to the meeting

(Action: All Members of BoA)

PART-B

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

1. **Confirmation of Part-B minutes of the 5th meeting of BoA.**

The Part-B minutes of the 5th Board of Academics meeting held on 9th March, 2015 were confirmed.

2. **Discussion on Proposal for a Dual Degree Postgraduate Program in Physics:**

All the faculty members associated with the Physics course/programme were invited to the meeting to share their inputs. Dr. Prasanth presented the proposal for the new programme, which was discussed in length. It was suggested that the nomenclature of the programme be changed from I-PhD Programme to Dual Degree Programme.

Based on the inputs from the members and special invitees, the board approved the proposal to start the programme with an intake of 24 students from the forthcoming Academic Year 2015-16, subject to availability of hostel and other infrastructure for the prospective students.

Dr. Prasanth was requested to prepare the modified version of the proposal based on the changes suggested in the meeting. The final version of the proposal will be sent to the Chairman, Senate for approval.

3. **Action Taken Report:**

(i) **Enrolment/Admission to M.Sc. program through JAM:**
Deferred for a subsequent meeting.

(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:**
After a brief discussion, the matter was deferred for a subsequent meeting.

(Action: Chairman (BoA))

(v) **Role of Course Interest Groups:**
After a brief discussion, the matter was deferred for further deliberations in a subsequent meeting.

(Action: Chairman (BoA))

(vi) **Defining the role of NKN Local Coordinators:**

The matter was discussed and the chairman requested Dr. Padmanabhan, Dr. Pradeep and Dr. Aditi to propose the guidelines.

(Action: The above members)

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

a. **M.Sc. (Chemistry):** The SBS requested to increase the intake to 30 from the existing 12. After due deliberations, the board approved the increase in intake to 30 students subject to the availability of hostel & lab, etc.

(Action: Coordinator, M.Sc. (Chemistry) / Chair, SBS)

b. **M.Tech. (Energy Materials):** The Coordinator, M.Tech. program conveyed that they wish to continue with the existing intake of 12.

5. **Discussion on selection procedure for Institute Staff Members willing to join M.S. or Ph.D. programme.**

After a brief discussion, the matter was deferred for a subsequent meeting.

(Action: Dr. Bindu Radhamany)

6. **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.

