

# Indian Institute of Technology Kanpur

Minutes of the IAC Meeting held on April 24, 2019 at 3.30 pm in FB 212

## Members Present:

Professors Abhay Karandikar, Manindra Agrawal, Debopam Das, D Kundu, S. Ganesh, P. Shunmugaraj, Achla Raina, Y. N. Singh, B V Phani, Onkar Dikshit, Sumit Ganguly, D. S. Katti, A Ghatak, Amalendu Chandra, S N Tripathi, Santanu Misra (Acting Head, ES), Joydeep Dutta, AR Harish, RN Sengupta, Monica Katiyar, Amit Mitra, P. Venkitanarayanan, R. Vijaya, Bishakh Bhattacharya, S. Bhattacharya, H Wanare, Gouthama, J. K. Singh, Nitin Kaistha, R. Gurunath, Saikat Chakrabarti, Avinash K Agarwal, Kantesh Balani, A Bandyopadhyay, Nisanth N Nair, K Ravi Priya, K V Srivastava, Tarun Gupta, P Sensarma, Amey Karkare, Mr. K K Tiwari, and Students' Representatives - Mr. Rhythm Pathak and Mr. Akshay Bajaj.

Special Invitees: Professors Vinod Tare, Bhaskar Dasgupta, Pankaj Jain and TV Prabhakar

1. The Director welcomed all the new Deans and Associate Deans.
2. Record of discussions of the IAC meeting held on 29 January 2019 were confirmed. It was agreed that the Record of discussions of the IAC would be called "Minutes of the IAC meeting"
3. **Agenda 1: Large Classes, Division of Sections and requirement of class room:**  
The issues related to large class were discussed and the following emerged:  
A committee, consisting of DOAA, Chairperson, UGRC, Chairperson, PGRC, Heads of some departments, and student member, may be formed to look into the flexibility in the core curriculum programme and propose possible solutions. The committee would be asked to submit the report in one month.
4. **Agenda 2: eMasters program:** Due to lack of time, this was not discussed and will be taken up in the next IAC meeting.
5. **Agenda 3: Proposal for a new department in Environmental Engineering and Management (DEEM):** Prof. Vinod Tare presented the proposal for the creation of Department in Environmental Engineering and Management (DEEM). After discussions, it was agreed that inputs may be collected from both the Department of Civil Engineering and Centre for Environmental Science and Engineering and a set of faculty members showing commitment to the department be identified. Prof. Vinod Tare was requested to submit a detailed proposal after feedback from Civil Engineering Department and Centre for Environmental Science and Engineering.
6. **Agenda 4: New Department in Space Science and Astronomy:** Prof. Pankaj Jain presented the proposal for the creation of the Department of Space Science and Astronomy. The members appreciated the proposal. After discussions the following points emerged:  
Prof. Pankaj Jain was requested to seek the inputs from the following departments: Aerospace Engineering, Civil Engineering, Electrical Engineering and Physics and revise the proposal accordingly.
7. **Agenda 5: Proposal for English Proficiency and Communication Cell:** Prof. Bhaskar Dasgupta presented the proposal for administering the diagnostic test and remedial English to all PG students. After discussions, it was agreed that the DPGCs will be asked to give their comments on (1) Making the test mandatory for all PG students and (2) Deficient students to undergo remedial course with satisfactory/unsatisfactory grade to be conducted in a manner which require minimum resources.

8. **Agenda 6: Distinguished Teacher Award Policy:**

Due to lack of time, this was not discussed and will be taken up in the next IAC meeting.

9. **Agenda 7: Executive Masters' Program:**

Due to lack of time, this was not discussed and will be taken up in the next IAC meeting.



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Convenor, IAC



Abhay Karandikar  
Chairman, IAC