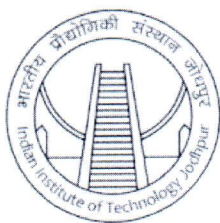# Indian Institute of Technology Jodhpur
Senate

Minutes of
14th Meeting

21 July 2018 (Saturday)
03:00 pm – 9:00 pm
Board Room, IIT Jodhpur

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21st July 2018 (Saturday)
3:00 pm – 8:00 pm
Board Room, IIT Jodhpur

The following members were present:

1	C. V. R. Murty, Director, IIT Jodhpur	Chairman
2	H. P. Khincha, Chairman, Karnataka State Innovation Council, Bangalore	Member
3	Sanjeev Misra, Director, AIIMS, Jodhpur	Member
4	S. R. Vadera, Professor, and Head (PH)	Member
5	B. P. Kashyap, Professor In-charge (MT)	Member
6	Madhu Dikshit, Professor In-charge (BB)	Member
7	Anil Tiwari, Head (EE)	Member
8	Gaurav Bhatnagar, Head (MA), and Chairman, Admissions Committee	Member
9	Gaurav Harit, Head (CSE)	Member
10	Kaushal A. Desai, Head (ME)	Member
11	Ritu Gupta, Head (CY)	Member
12	Vidya Sarveswaran, Head (HS)	Member
13	Rakesh Sharma, Associate Dean (Students)	Invitee
14	Samanwita Pal, Associate Dean (Students)	Invitee
15	Suril V. Shah, Associate Dean (Academics)	Invitee
16	Ankita Sharma, Chairperson (Student Counseling Services Committee)	Invitee
17	Puneet Sharma, Chairman (Student Hostel Wardens' Committee)	Invitee
18	Satyajit Sahu, Chairperson (Library Committee)	Invitee

The following member could not attend the meeting:

1	Pratap Bhanu Mehta, President, Center for Policy Research, New Delhi	Member

The following are the outcomes of the Senate Meeting:

Part A: Open Door Meeting

S.No.	Items

14.1	**Welcome by the Chairman**
	The Chairman welcomed all Members and Invitees to the 14th Meeting of the Senate. In particular, he welcomed Professor Sampat Raj Vadera to the Senate as a regular Member by virtue of his being a Professor at the Institute. The Chairman briefed the Senate of the status of admissions in the various programs offered by the Institute. He expressed deep concern about vacant seats in M.Tech. programs and requested the respective Departments to introspect on the same and make necessary amends in future. He briefed the Members on the major items of the Agenda of the 14th Meeting, including starting of new programs from Academic Year 2018-19 Semester I (namely B.Tech. (Biotechnology), M.Tech. (CSE), M.Tech. (MT), and Ph.D. (MT)), and de-registration of students from courses owing to shortage of attendance.
14.1.1	**Confirmation of Minutes of the 13th Meeting of the Senate held on 25 April 2018**
	The Senate confirmed the Minutes of the 13th Meeting of the Senate, as circulated.

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14.1.2	**Report on Action Taken on decisions of the 13th Meeting of the Senate held on 25 April 2018**
	The Senate noted the Action Taken Report. With regard to Item 13.2.6, it suggested that since MOOCS Certification is offered by NPTEL for only about 30-40 Courses, the quality of these courses may be examined and brought back to the Senate for consideration.

14.2	**Discussion Items**
14.2.1	**Revised Proposal for starting M.Tech.(CSE) Program**
	The Senate admitted the proposal for starting M.Tech.(CSE) Program with the following recommendations: (1) The number of credits of M.Tech. Thesis be corrected to *9* in the proposed curriculum; and (2) The Department re-examine the course numbers, and keep it consistent with the earlier recommendation of the Senate. In addition, students joining the Ph.D. Program with a Bachelors Degree be allowed to register for the 500 level courses, but those joining with a Masters Degree be allowed to register only for 600 and 700 level courses. Since the Departments are undertaking the exercise of re-examining the 500, 600 and 700 level courses, the same exercise be done for Programs offered by other Departments too. The Senate was authorized Chairman Senate to approve the new course numbers.
14.2.2	**Revised Proposals for starting M.Tech.(MT) and Ph.D.(MT) Programs**
	The Senate admitted the proposals for starting M.Tech.(MT) and Ph.D.(MT) Programs.
14.2.3	**Revised Proposal for starting B.Tech.(Biotechnology) Program**
	The Senate recommended that the Department should: (1) Recruit more Faculty Members with Engineering background in the Department of BB; and (2) Strengthen the content and level of the compulsory Engineering courses in the Program, and increase the technology compulsory courses offered by the Department, in particular of the technologies associated with *Plant Biotechnology* (related to Agriculture and Food), *Medical Biotechnology* (related to human Healthcare) and *Bioengineering* (related to Environment and Fuel). With these recommendations, the Senate admitted the proposal for starting *B.Tech.(Biotechnology)* Program.
14.2.4	**Guidelines for Punishments to Students who indulge in unfair means and malpractices during Quizzes, Mid-Semester Examinations and End-Semester Examinations**
	The Senate recommended the following changes: (1) One of the two punishments in S.No.(1) and one of the three punishments in S.No.(2) be awarded (and not all of them); (2) In S.No.(2), "Indiscipline with the Invigilators" be added as another nature of malpractice. With this the Senate approved the said guidelines. Also, the Senate recommended constituting an *Academic Malpractices Committee* as a *Sub-Committee* of the AC to examine the cases as they are reported, and recommend punishments as per the guidelines approved above, or even make new recommendations for punishments for the consideration of the Chairman, Senate.
14.2.6	**Request of Jaideep (UG201012019) for extension of B.Tech. Program by one year beyond 8 years**

	The Senate agreed to give the Student a last chance by extending his Program for one more year, and admitted the request as a special case. Also, it requested *Head (ME)* to provide any possible help to the student.
	
	During the course of the discussions of the above case, the Senate recommended that:
	(1) The *Regulations of the B.Tech. Programs* be re-examined from the standpoints of:
	    (a) Minimum CGPA and Maximum number of F Grades for continuation in the Program at the four stages (at the end of 2, 4, 6 and 8 years), and
	    (b) Examine pre-requisites of all compulsory courses.

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	(2) The *Regulations of the M.Sc., M.Tech. and Ph.D. Programs* be re-examined from the standpoint of having at least a minimum CGPA for being eligible to receive from the Institute any Teaching Assistantship, scholarship and travel grant to attend the International Conferences. The Senate suggested that the revised Regulations be placed before the Senate at the next meeting for its consideration.

14.3	**Procedural Items**
	None

14.4	**Reporting, Adopting and Noting Items**
14.4.1	**Revised Academic Calendar of Academic Year 2018-19 Semester I**
	The Senate noted the matter.
14.4.2	**Canceling admissions to M.Tech. (Bioscience & Bioengineering) Program in *Academic Year 2018-19 Semester I* starting July 2018 and re-announcing the call for admissions to the program starting in *Academic Year 2018-19 Semester II* beginning in December 2018**
	The Senate noted the matter.

14.5	**Ratification Items**
14.5.1	**Admission of Students to the post-graduate programs as part of *Study in India Program* against supernumerary seats**
	The Senate ratified the matter.
14.5.2	**Approvals accorded by Chairman, Senate**
	The Senate ratified the approvals accorded by the Chairman, Senate.

14.6	**Any other Item with the prior permission of the Chairman**
14.6.1	**Senate Nominee to the Board of Governors**
	The Senate admitted the proposal to nominate Professor Sampat Raj Vadera as the *Senate Nominee* to the Board of Governors.
14.6.2	**Undertaking on No Plagiarism**
	The Senate discussed in detail the proposal of getting all primary stakeholders of the Institute (namely Faculty Members, Staff Members and Students), made the following suggestions: (1) The *Plagiarism Check* (using standard software) be included as pre-requisite for (a) Thesis submission (to the Institute) by M.Sc., M.Tech. and Ph.D. Students, and (b) Paper submission (to Journals) by each Faculty Member, Staff Member and Student associated with it; (2) The AC shall examine and propose the quantity of Plagiarism under Item 7(h); (3) Constitute the *Academic Malpractice Committee* and the *Plagiarism Disciplinary Action Committee* to examine any complaint received related to Plagiarism; and (4) Initially, the matter of penalties (given in Item 8, *Plagiarism Misconduct*) be excluded from the Undertaking; the penalty be awarded on a case to case basis. After sufficient experience is gained, some guidelines may be arrived at. The Senate sought the proposal be revised and re-submitted with the inputs of the AC.

Approved

Chairman, Senate, IIT Jodhpur

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