

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF 17TH ACADEMIC COUNCIL HELD ON 17.1.2014
AT 11.00 A.M. IN THE BOARD MEETING HALL

The following were present:

1) Air Marshal (Retd.) Pranab Kumar Barbora	-	Chairman, BoM
2) Prof. Dipankar Pal, Director, NERIST		Chairman
3) Prof. R.M. Pant, Dean (Acad)		Member
4) Prof. M. Muralidhar, Dean (P&D)	-	Member
5) Prof. P.R. Alapati, Dean (Students Affair)	-	Member
6) Prof. H.S. Yadav, Dean (Admin)	-	Member
7) Prof. Sukumar Nandi, IITG	-	Member
8) Shri Arung Siram	-	Member
9) Prof. L.S. Yadav, HoD (AE), NERIST	-	Member
10) Prof. P.P. Dabral, HoD (AE), NERIST	-	Member
11) Dr. R.K. Prasad, HoD (CE)	-	Member
12) Dr. R.K. Mehta, HoD (EE)	-	Member
13) Dr. Asis Giri, HoD (ME)	-	Member
14) Prof. C.L. Sharma, HoD (Forestry)	-	Member
15) Shri Madhusudhan Mishra, HoD (ECE)	-	Member
16) Smti. T. Tuithung, HoD (CSE)		
17) Prof. M.F. Hussain, HoD (CH)	-	Member
18) Prof. S.K. Pandey, HoD (MA)	-	Member
19) Dr. A. Pandey, HoD (PH) i/c	-	Member
20) Dr. S. Chaudhury, HoC (CMS)	-	Member
21) Prof. S.K. Singh, Department of CE	-	Member
22) Prof. J. Choubey, Department of Maths	-	Member
23) Prof. P.K. Das, Department of Mathematics	-	Member
24) Prof. L.K. Arora, Department of Mathematics	-	Member
25) Prof. Binay Singh, Department of Forestry	-	Member
26) Prof. P. Rethy, Department of Forestry	-	Member
27) Prof. Anwar Hussain, Department of ECE	-	Member
28) Dr. S.K. Shrivastava, Associate Professor	-	Member
29) Prof. K.D. Ram, Department of Chemistry	-	Member
30) Smti M. Kathing	-	Member
31) Dr. P. Parida, CoE	-	Member
32) Dr. R.P. Bhattacharjee, Registrar	-	Non-Member Secretary

At the outset, Prof. Dipankar Pal, Chairman of the Academic Council welcomed the members and Air Marshal (Retd.) Pranab Kumar Barbora, Chairman, BoM, and declared the meeting in order while granting leave of absence to those who could not attend.

The Chairman next presented the relevant documents to the Chairman, BoM, and read out a prelude to the **Agenda Item No. 17.08 (b) [Faculty list published in the information brochure for M.Tech and Ph.D application ... etc.]** that has been proposed by 2-members of the Academic Council (AC), namely, Dr. Anwar Hossain and Mr. Madhusudan Mishra (Ex-Officio

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Members HoD (H/C) of Department of ECE, who have questioned in the MoA the inclusion of Prof. (Dr.) Dipankar Pal, Director, in the list of regular faculty of the Department of ECE.

“As per the MoA this issue is not within the scope of discussion of the Academic Council which only has powers in academic matters and no power what-so-ever to decide who should or should not be in the list of faculty. In this matter therefore the HoD and the Department should have acted according to the advice of the Institute

However, in a number of instances in the past, e.g., in replacing Prof. (Dr.) Dipankar Pal by Dr. Anwar Hossain from the Internal Guide of Mr. A. Dinomani Singh (against scholar's desire), it has been observed these two and other departmental faculties have acted in violation of the Order No. RR-44/2011-12 dated 13.12.2011. This has been extremely unfair and unethical and has put obstacles to academic growth and students' interest. to better running of PG programme in VLSI by the department and to proposed NBA-Accreditation etc.

Yet as Chairman I wish to allow these two members of AC to produce any document before the AC to prove their point against the aforesaid order.

The minutes of the departmental meetings of faculties, BPGS, Boards of Studies (BoS) and views of individual faculties are not acceptable as a valid document for this purpose. This is because these bodies are under the AC and where even AC has no authority to this end, these bodies obviously have no locus standi to ignore instruction of the highest office of the Institute. Even the Academic Bye Laws (which of course is changeable) does prevents the Director to guide Ph.D. because one need not be a regular faculty, s/he only needs to be a full-time faculty and Director is a full time faculty.

With this pre-lude to this agenda, I would like to stay away till it is discussed and request the Chairman, BoM to Chair when this item is discussed. Although I still continue to be the Chairman of the AC, the matter concerns me and therefore to set a high standard of functioning I prefer to set this code of conduct.”

The Chairman, BoM accepted to chair the meeting only for the agenda in question. A threadbare discussion followed where the Chairman, BoM heard Shri Madhusudan Mishra, Dr. Anwar Hussain, Prof. Mubarak Hosain, Prof. Sukumar Nandi, Dr. Ashis Giri and Dr. P. R. Alapati among others. Finally the Chairman, BoM, observed that the order No. RR-44/2011-12 dated 13.12.2011 is clear and prevails and it has all the support of all appropriate authorities including the MHRD. He also concluded that Prof. (Dr.) Dipankar Pal is entitled to guide Ph. D.

Resolution (Agenda Item No. 17.08 (b)): The order (No. RR-44/2011-12 dated 13.12.2011) stays. Any amendment in Academic Bye Laws needed for that, may be done by AC.

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Agenda Item No.17.01: To consider confirmation of the minutes of the 16th Academic Council Meeting held on 18.05.2013.

[In reply to the query from Chairman, the Non-Member Secretary informed the house that the minutes of the 16th AC was circulated to all members and only one comment has been received from the HoD (Forestry) on the Agenda Item No.AC 16.17. Chairman asked the HoD (Forestry) to explain his comment.

HoD (Forestry) said that in the BoS-meeting of the Civil Engineering Department held on 12.3.13, a decision was taken at Sl.No.7 (proposal for the handing over of the course ES 3200 (Environmental & Ecology) to the Department of Forestry as suggested by PG Coordinator). He said that this subject was being taught by the faculty of the Civil Engineering Department, which should be continued, for which a request letter (dated 4.4.2014) was sent to the Dean (Acad). In the BoS Notification of Civil Engineering Department should be modified accordingly. The members noted and approved.]

Resolution: The minutes of the 16th meeting held on 18.5.2013 was confirmed with the approval of the proposal of HoD (Forestry).

Agenda Item No.17.02: To consider action taken report (ATR) on the minutes of the 16th Academic Council Meeting.

[The members noted the ATR. The Dean (Acad) informed that a two member committee with Prof. R. M. Pant, Dean (Acad), Chairman and Dr. P. R. Pardia, CoE as Member was constituted during the 15th AC meeting held on 5.3.2013 vide Agenda No.16.4. (c) and (d) to give its report to consider cumulative of grades of Diploma and Degree and four year Grade Card.

The committee suggested the following modifications in the Grade card.

- (i) Existing Grade card is to be modified by deleting the name of the module.
- (ii) The present system of assigning roll no. which starts with BA, DIP and DE may be replaced with 'B' for Base and 'D' for Diploma and Degree programmes.

Members said that students are demanding for four years grade card instead of three different cards as some industries are not accepting this two year diploma and two year degree.

Chairman informed that the two member-MHRD team that visited NERIST had clearly said in the BoM-meeting it should be implemented as per the demand of the students.]

Resolution: The Action taken Report was noted. The recommendation of the committee as regards (i) and (ii) was approved. It was decided that a 4-year grade card and certificate shall be issued to students passing out from current academic year taking into account the cumulative grade points of diploma and degree levels.

Agenda Item No.17.03: To consider the minutes of the 25th & 26th BPGS meeting dated 21.10.2013 & 4.4.2014.

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[Prof. Alapati from Department of Physics said that under, their department will implement Agenda Item No. 26.18 from the next academic session subject to the resolution.]

Resolution: Only those items of the 25th & 26th BPGS meetings (held on 21.10.13 and 4.4.2014) were approved which were not directly or indirectly affected, favorably/ otherwise, either way by the proposed agenda item 17.08 (b).

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4: (i) To consider relaxation on complete relieve certificate from the during course work and

in the parent organization for the new Ph. D. aspirants at NERIST for y.

t pending for now.

5: To consider permission for late registration.

was an old case of last year and no need for discussion. Director said that done by the students as per the academic timetable only. No one is tes of the registration including late registration. No deviation should be

did not approve it.

6 : To consider the progress report of TEQIP-II of NERIST.

QIP explained the progress made and presented the latest status. He is project 10.00 crores were sanctioned and out of this 3.00 crores were scheme, many faculty and staff developmental programmes were id that some committees are constituted to monitor the things as per the also said that many developmental activities are to be done by the ess report is placed at Annexure VI. issues of non-sharing of complete information.]

progress report was noted. The Academic Council directed the to place it in the next meeting of Board of Management. The ne Coordinator to periodically conduct meetings for information cerned.

7: To consider the Agenda items placed by In-Charge (Training and

e Basic English in NEE-I and NEE-II.

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Resolution: The pr Coordinator, TEQIP Chairman advised t sharing among all cor

Agenda Item No.17.0 Placement Cell).

(a) To re-introduc

[Some members expressed their opinion that Basic English should be introduced in the NEE-I and NEE-II Entrance Examination in order to test and improve their skills through Entrance. Chairman also emphasized on the importance of English and soft skill for placement.]

Resolution: It was decided to introduce Basic English in NEE-1 and check the rules if it could be introduced in NEE-II too.

(b) To reintroduce cut off in all levels of the NERIST Entrance Examination.

[Dean (Acad) said that cut off marks system in the entrance (Base, Diploma and Degree levels), is very essential in order to draw good students as many institutions are following cut off marks system in their entrance tests and getting good students out of this cut off marks like NITs. So NERIST also can introduce this cut off marks system.

Endorsing the view the Chairman said that many good students passed from NERIST who are in good positions in India/ abroad also have stressed on the importance of having a cut-off in order to draw good students.

Resolution: The Academic Council approved the proposal and it was decided that Chairman would form committee to fix the minimum cut off marks in the Entrance Examinations.

(c) Increasing the number of seats in each discipline.

[Chairman said that increasing of seats is needed however we also have to think of providing infrastructure and HR-support to sustain it. Immediately increasing of seats is not advisable.]

Resolution: It was decided to defer the proposal principally till appropriate infrastructure both material and HR is available. However it would be explored by a committee to be constituted by the Director to see if with present infrastructure and HR additional intake at a lower scale is possible.

(d) Incorporation of members from industry in the respective BoS of engineering, sciences and management departments and in the Academic Council provide better interface between the academia and industry.

[Chairman said that as top class universities are being followed this, NERIST also should introduce this. He instructed Dean (Acad) to look into this matter.]

Resolution: It was decided that all the HoDs/HoCs would put their proposals for individual BoS with industry representatives for approval of Chairman and for reporting to next meeting of the AC.

(e) Adopt the national level 10 point CGPA structure used in NITs/IITs.

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[In-charge. Training and Placement explained the advantages under 10 point CGPA and conversion of percentage and also the disadvantages being faced by the students in the present 5 point CGPA and in conversion of percentage. Prof. S. K.Singh said that after conversion to the 10 point CGPA the percentage may fall. After deliberation, members agreed to introduce 10 point CGPA which is being demanded by the students for long. For percentage conversion from CGPA a committee with a student representative shall also made.]

Resolution: The 10-point CGPA structure was approved for implementation from the new batch. The Academic Council authorized the Chairman, Academic Council to constitute a Committee to examine the conversion formulas under 10 point CGPA. The committee shall submit its report to the Director within one month in order to place it in the next Academic Council meeting for consideration.

f) Intake of the students through National Level Entrance test for Diploma/Degree levels.

[Members felt that under modular pattern it is not possible to club at National Level Entrance as this modular pattern has its own identity. He said that he would bring this matter to the notice of MHRD officials.]

Resolution: The proposal was deferred.

g) Amendment of Clause No.2.11.1(a) of the Academic Bye-laws to replace the minimum requirement of industrial/summer training from 30 – 45 days to 4 weeks to ensure uniformity and standardization.

[In-charge Training and Placement said that one amendment is required in the Academic Byelaws by replacing the minimum requirement of industrial/summer training from 30 – 45 days to 4 weeks (25 days counting from Monday of first week to Friday of last week) to ensure uniformity and standardization to gain a secure certificate minimum for 30 days from a Central Govt. Training Institutes.]

Resolution: The change in the bye-laws [Clause No.2.11.1 (a)] to: “the minimum requirement of industrial/summer training is 4 (four) weeks” was approved.

Agenda Item No.17.08: To consider the Agenda items placed by HoD (ECE)

(a) MOU with American University of Sharjah:

[In reply to the query from the Chairman as to why the MoU has not been circulated even after so many months, the Dean (Acad) informed that there was a delay which has now been taken care of.

In reply to a query from Dr. Anwar Hussain, the Chairman informed that the individual faculty are not authorized to interact directly. This being an institution to institution MoU, all proposals must come through the Dean (Acad) to Director for channelizing to appropriate person from receiving institution]

Resolution: If already not circulated, the Dean (Acad) would ensure that the MoU is.

Agenda Item No. 17.08. (b): Discussed and included in page 1 and 2 of this document.

Agenda Item No.17.09: To consider allocation of vacant seats to the ward of NERIST employees who appear in NEE and PG exams on the basis of their merit.

[Prof. R. M. Pant, Dean (Acad) said that in the last year's counseling even after completion of total admission procedure 10 seats were left vacant in the ECE department and these seats were not allotted to any one. In the quota system, students with very less marks are getting admission and although the wards of the employees are getting more marks, admissions are denied to them. He said that if any vacancies are left after completion of the total admission procedure, the vacancies may be offered to the wards of the employees of the NERIST as per the merit.

Chairman said that it should be placed in the next meeting of Board of Management because it is not under the purview of the AC]

Resolution: The Academic Council proposed that it should be placed in the next Board of Management.

Agenda Item No.17.10: To consider the proposal for introduction of online admission for PG & Ph.D. programmes.

[Dean (Acad) said that introduction of on line admission to the PG and PhD programmes is very essential like NEE-I, NEE-II&III for which on line admission was already introduced. The members all felt that this is a welcome move. Chairman felt that in view of its necessity approval for introduction of on line admission to the PG and PhD Programmes may be taken from the Director NERIST after completing the formalities and finalizing the modalities and reported in the next meeting of Academic Council after implementation.]

Resolution: The Academic Council principally approved it. It was decided to work out the modalities and formalities and take approval from Director, NERIST for implementation with reporting it in the next meeting Academic Council.

Agenda Item No.17.11: Change of Course Code of course Research Methodology from FR – 8014 to FR – 8019 which is offered at Ph.D. Level.

[Chairman, AC asked the HoD (Forestry) to explain point to the members. HoD (Forestry) said that the same subject code (FR 8014) was given to two elective subjects i.e. Environmental Management which is an elective subject in M.Sc and Research Methodology, which is offered to Ph.D level. Actually, it should have two different subject codes, for which a decision was taken in the Board of Studies of Forestry Department held on 4.4.14 at 12.30 PM. In the meeting, Research Methodology without any change in course contents was given FR 8019 as subject code keeping FR 8014 as a subject code to the Environmental Management.

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One typing mistake was corrected in the Agenda matter: it should read as FR- 8019, not FR- 8109.]

Resolution: It was resolved that HoD (Forestry) would correct all typographical and other errors and send the proposal for approval of Chairman, which can then come for reporting in a subsequent meeting of the AC if needed.

AC.17.12 & 17.13: To report regarding award of Ph.D Degree from the Institute for ratification.

[The Dean (Acad) said that awarding of Ph.D to the three Scholars, who were mentioned in the Agenda Item(s) **AC.17.12 & 17.13** were approved by the competent authority as they successfully completed their research work and getting ratification from the Academic Council as well as Board of Management is pending which is very much essential as per the Academic Byelaws of NERIST (3.7.19).]

Resolution: Ratified by AC.

17.14: ADDITIONAL AGENDA FOR 17TH ACADEMIC COUNCIL MEETING

Reporting Items:

- 1. The list of pass out students in January – May, 2013, Summer & Supplementary, 2013 and July – December, 2013 are placed in the Academic Council for consideration and recommendation for award of Degree in the fourth Convocation (Annexure – I).**

[Controller of Examination said that some pass out students are requesting for original certificates before convocation. Director said that no certification would be given before convocation and the certificates are awarded in the Convocation only)

Resolution: The Academic Council recommended awarding of Degrees to the listed pass-out students in the next Convocation.

Agenda Items:

Additional Agenda Item No.01: **Rank Certificate**

[Controller of Examination said that the students those who got Gold Medal are requesting Rank Certificate. Director said that it was not advisable to issue Rank Certificate to the students of Gold Medal Awardees as it may lead to several problems. No institute is issued rank certificate to the students.]

Resolution: The Academic Council decided that no rank certificate should be issued to other than the Gold Medal winners.

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Additional Agenda Item No.2: Uniform Course Code and Credit for Audit Courses in all departments.

Resolution: The Academic Council decided that a circular should be issued by the Controller of Examination to all departments in this regard for strict compliance.

Additional Agenda Item No.03 : Printed Syllabi of PG & Ph.D Programmes.

Resolution: The Academic Council deferred the item.

Additional Agenda Item No.04: Considering graduates in Instrumentation & Measurement for admission in PG programme in ECE (VLSI) if found otherwise eligible.

[The Chairman proposed for considering candidates with graduate degree in I&M for admission in M. Tech (VLSI) provided that the student is found otherwise suitable. He added that in this country courses with more or less same content and structure often vary in nomenclature and one should not be unduly fussy about names to the extent that a good candidate is denied admission.]

Resolution: The proposal was approved.

The meeting ended with vote of thanks to the chair.



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