

Indian Institute of Technology Kanpur
Minutes of the IAC meeting held on November 27, 2012
Time & Venue: 04.00 PM; FB 212

The following members were present:

Prof. Indranil Manna, Prof. S. C. Srivastava, Prof. Neeraj Misra, Prof. M. Agrawal, Prof. Ajit K. Chaturvedi, Prof. Dheeraj Sanghi, Prof. A. K. Ghosh, Dr. R. K. Sachan, Prof. Anish Upadhyaya, Prof. S. Kamle (Acting HoD, AE), Acting HoD, BSBE, Prof. Nishith Verma, Prof. P. K. Bharadwaj, Prof. Vinay K. Gupta, Prof. Ashish Dutta, Prof. H. Karnick, Prof. S. Qureshi, Prof. Munmun Jha, Prof. Jayanta Chatterjee, Prof. P. K. Panigrahi, Prof. P. M. Dixit, Prof. S. Sangal, Prof. Kamal K. Kar, Prof. Avinash Singh, Prof. Manoj K. Harbola, Prof. B. Bhattacharya, Prof. Prof. Mukesh Sharma, Prof. A. K. Lal, Dr. V. D. Srivastava, Mr. Yuvraj Dhillon (Nominee, President, Students' Gymkhana), Prof. M. Banerjee (Special Invitee), Prof. G. Deo (Special Invitee).

1. The IAC Chairman welcomed all the members. The members confirmed the minutes of the IAC meeting held on October 16, 2012.

2. Dr. Mohua Banerjee, Convenor, Library Planning Committee presented the vision document for the expansion and modernization of PK Kelkar Library. The salient features of the document included the model comprising *of open stack, high density, archival and digital storage* for all books including Text and Reference; maximizing the availability of research articles or periodicals in digital form, thereby minimizing the physical space in the library; and complete automation of the accessibility of the resources, including e-books, from inside as well as outside the campus. Also, the archival space which requires substantial storage volume should be separated from the current library premises.

With regard to the current Main Library space, the document envisaged re-organization of the space on different floors, including basement, depending on the open or monitored access to the hardcopies of the books or periodicals, and types of requirement, for example, seminar, "brainstorming", audio-visual, and main reading.

Significant changes in the cataloguing, management portal, and training to library staff were also envisaged. Considering that there will be a gradual shift from *physical* library to *virtual* library, new staff must be trained in computer and information science. Further, a space is yet to be identified for the library extension, which will primarily include archival materials and high density storage. Finally, it was recommended that the vision document should be presented to the Senate, before handing it over to the empowered implementation committee.

All members thanked the convenor and the committee for preparing and presenting such a detailed comprehensive vision document.

3. Prof. Goutam Deo presented the CDMC recommendation for COM 200 course on the web composition. Currently, this course is being offered to the students in two sections, one in the current 2012-13, 1st semester, and another to those who will take this course in the coming

semester. The IAC members were informed that CDTE was effectively conducting the course in the present semester. Further, the committee recommended 0-0-5 credits for the course, instead of the existing 0-0-2 credits. The convenor also informed that the recommendation was accepted by the SUGC. The same should now be informed to the senate. CDMC also recommended that the course should be coordinated or conducted by one of the departments, for example, IME and HSS (English). Head, IME accepted coordinating as well as conducting the course, however, from 2013-14 onward. The Head, HSS was requested to look into the possibility of coordinating the course for the coming semester. The possibility of engaging the outside institute or organization for delivering lectures was also suggested to be explored. Subsequently, Head, HSS met the Director along with two of his colleagues, Dr. T. Ravichandran and Dr. Mini Chandran, who agreed to jointly coordinate the course COM 200 for the ensuing semester 2012-13 (II Sem.).

4. The Chairman presented the recommendations of the Kakodkar committee and briefly mentioned the main features of the report, which included setting up of an M. Tech degree programme for industry, hiring of people from industry as part-time or adjunct faculty, and faculty appraisal. The IAC members were requested to discuss the report in the department and send the feedback to the convenor for discussion in the next IAC meeting.

The meeting ended with Chairman thanking all the members.



Prof. Nishith Verma
Convenor - IAC



Prof. I. Manna
Chairman - IAC