

The LNM Institute of Information Technology, Jaipur
(Deemed University)

Forty Seventh Meeting of the
ACADEMIC COUNCIL

Friday, April 08, 2016

At 11:00 AM

in

Lecture Hall # 5

Draft Minutes

Minutes of the 47th meeting of the Academic Council held on Friday, April 08, 2016.

The following members were present:

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| Prof. S S Gokhale | - In Chair |
| Dr. Manju Dhariwal | - Member |
| Dr. Subhayan Biswas | - Member |
| Prof. R P Gorthi | - Member |
| Prof. R S Tomar | - Member |
| Prof G D Sharma | - Member |
| Prof. Amit Srivastava | - Member |
| Prof. Anupam Singh | - Member |
| Prof. N Bolloju | - Member |
| Prof. Mohan K Kadalbajoo | - Member |
| Prof. Sandeep Sancheti | - Member |
| Dr. Somnath Biswas | - Member |
| Dr. Subrat K Dash | - Member |
| Dr. Vikas Gupta | - Member |
| Dr. Narendra Kumar | - Member |
| Dr. Manoj Kumar | - Member |
| Dr. Rajbir Kaur | - Member |
| Mr. Sandeep Saini | - Member |
| Mr. Javed Imran | - PG Student Representative |
| Mr. Ayush Dwivedi | - UG Student Representative |

The following members could not be present in the meeting and were granted leave of absence:

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| Prof. R Gangopadhyay | - Member |
| Dr. Soumitra Debnath | - Member |

On invitation from the Chairperson, faculty members whose names are listed at **Annexure – “A”**, attended the meeting.

Agenda Item No. AC-M-47.01: Confirmation of the Minutes of 46th meeting held on February 06, 2016.

There being no suggestion for amendment except for correction of typo error in the name of Prof. Mohan Krishan Kadalbajoo, the minutes of the 46th meeting held on February 06, 2016 were confirmed, as circulated.

Agenda Item No. AC-M-47.02: Announcements, if any, by the Chairperson.

- **Student Attendance** – Chairperson shared his concern about poor attendance of students in classes with all present. It was deliberated that there could be various reasons for this like lack of sleep, uninteresting lectures or students preferring other activities over attending classes. One way to bring them back to classes would be enhancing the quality of lectures. During the discussions it was also suggested that use of internet in hostels be blocked from 08.00 am to 06.00 pm. Another suggestion was to make 75% attendance compulsory for first year students and to implement it strictly.
- **Restructuring academic program with introduction of Minor Stream** – Chairperson expressed that there is a need to restructure academic curriculum in such a way that we are able to offer at least one minor from each engineering department and HSS. In this structure, we must have very strong institutional core courses in 1st and 2nd semester, departmental core in 3rd, 4th and 5th semester and elective courses from 6th semester onwards. Chairperson also stated that other than program electives, all other electives (Science, HSS and Open) be clubbed together and students given an option to opt a certain number of electives from this basket based on their interest and as per curriculum requirement. Chairperson also expressed that the average class size be of ~ 100 students. He believed that introduction of Minor Stream would increase marketability and employability of our students.

Expressing his views on minors, Prof. S. Sancheti stated that Minor Stream should be an area other than the parent department. He reasoned that this will not only expand learning horizons but will also increase possibilities of employment for students. The minimum eligibility criteria to opt a minor could be decided by the institute which will also act as an incentive for students to perform better. According to him, the credits earned through minor should be over and above the minimum requirement of credits for award of B. Tech. degree. He was of the view that the name of the minor/specialization should also be printed on the degree.

- **Motivating Students – Bring them back to the class room** – Chairperson desired that to bring back the students to classes, lectures should be made more interesting. Faculty members should teach what students want to learn instead of what they want to teach. He felt strongly about starting industry friendly courses like incubation and entrepreneurship.

Prof. S Sacheti informed everyone that to bring students to classroom, many IITS block internet during day time and sometimes total quota of bandwidth to be used in a day is also restricted. To get good results, we should motivate students to attend their classes and adopt necessary measures; if all else fails, should not hesitate to implement strict rules.
- **UG/PG Admission strategies** – Chairman shared with all that to get the required seats in admissions this year, we have launched massive advertisement. We have advertised on TV, large hoardings have been placed at strategic positions and social media has also been used. He mentioned that this year we are targeting for UG – 450, M. Sc. (Mathematics) -10, M. Sc. (Physics) – 10, M. Tech. - @ 10 each and Ph. D. – 10 students.
- **Key highlights of 37th GC Meeting** – 37 meeting of GC was held on February 27, 2016 and important issues like tuition fee, faculty recruitment, faculty incentive scheme and numbers for admission 2016 were discussed and approved.
- **Student attitude in general** – Chairperson asked Student Gymkhana president Mr. Ayush Dwivedi the reason for lack of interest in students for gymkhana elections. Ayush shared with all that nominations for forthcoming gymkhana elections dropped drastically. He assigned the apathy for this to the interest of students to go for semester long internship. Currently, students with 7.50 or above CGPA want to go for semester long internship during their 8th semester. For gymkhana election candidature, minimum required CGPA is 7.00; therefore, students between 7.00 and 7.50 CGPA are few in number and probably more interested in improving their pointer. Participation of 1st year students in extra and co-curricular activities is minimal, which is worrisome. According to the president, 1st year students are too protected which has made them shy and introvert. On receiving this feedback, the Chairman asked him to write down important points on student attitude in general and submit to him as outgoing president of student gymkhana.
- **NIRF Ranking** – Chairperson shared with all that The LNMIIT has been placed at 85th position out of a total of 233 universities, under “University” category by National Institution

Ranking Framework (NIRF). He also stated that there could be a meeting and interactive session of faculty with GC members on Saturday, April 16, 2016.

Agenda Item No. AC-M-47.03: Items for ratification –

- *“Approval accorded by Chairperson Academic Council for Re - Admission of Aditi Agarwal (Y12UC011) in 6th Semester in CSE Branch” – Ratified*
- *“Approval accorded by Chairperson Academic Council to strike off the names of students from institute roll” - Ratified*

Agenda Item No. AC-M-47.04: To consider the discontinuation of “Principles of Engineering Sciences” course from Y15 batch of CCE, CSE and ECE branch.

A special meeting of Deans and HODs was held on March 03, 2016 in which it was decided to discontinue the PES course from the curriculum of CCE, CSE and ECE branch of Y15 batch. Academic Council approved the same and requested HODs of CCE, CSE and ECE to introduce a new course in place of PES course in their curriculum. During the discussions, the director also stated that “Environmental Ecology and Biology” (EE&B) course will now be taught in multidisciplinary mode, in which 75% part of the course will be taught by one faculty member and remaining 25% will be taught by faculty of respective department.

Agenda Item No. AC-M-47.05: To consider REVISED Course Information Form of Mathematics – I course.

This was brought in the 46th meeting of Academic Council under Agenda Item No. AC-46.06. It was decided that Mathematics department shall hold a half day workshop including faculty members from all departments. The workshop was held on March 19, 2016 and minutes and revised CIF was brought to the Academic Council.

Academic Council approved the same.

Agenda Item No. AC-M-47.06: To consider the planning of Summer Term 2016. Detailed proposal will be placed as tabled item.

Details of courses to be offered, class and midterm and end term examination time table for Summer Term 2016 were presented. The number of students who want to opt for these courses (responses received through pre-registration) was also presented.

Academic Council approved the same.

Agenda Item No. AC-M-47.07: To consider the Minutes of the meeting of the AC PGC held on March 28, 2016.

Chairman AC PGC, Prof. R Tomar presented minutes of the AC PGC meeting. He shared important points of the meeting; one of which was the revised composition of Departmental Review Committee (DRC). As per revised DRC, only one faculty member from the department will be member of DRC instead of two faculty members. During discussions, it was brought to the notice of AC PGC chairman that a formal complete document of PG Manual is long pending to be used as a reference point for all concerned. The chairman assured submission of the final completed PG manual to the Academic Council very soon.

Agenda Item No. AC-M-47.08: To consider the Minutes of the meeting of the AC UGC held on April 02, 2016.

Dean Academic, Dr. Manju Dhariwal presented this item and shared important points of AC UGC meeting.

- **Introduction of Minor Stream** – Dr. Dhariwal presented proposal of CSE and ECE department along with a comprehensive proposal on Minor stream by Mr. Sandeep Saini. The discussions were followed by an understanding that only engineering and HSS departments will offer minor stream; there will not be any minor from science departments. It was also agreed that the title of the minor be printed on degree along with grade sheet(s) and transcript.
- **BTP Evaluation** – Chairperson AC UGC shared with all present that primarily two types of students would be presenting their BTP reports: (i) Student who are on Semester Long Internship (ii) In house students. After discussions it was agreed that a committee of 3-4 faculty members shall be constituted by the BTP Supervisor in consultation with the HOD of the department to evaluate BTPs of all in house students. Students on semester long internship may not want to report their work done at the organization due to confidentiality issues. These students' BTP should be evaluated through submission of BTP report and a Skype or Personal Interview by the instructor.
- **Vision, Mission and Objectives of Departments** – Since Vision and Mission of the programmes are in place, it was expected that the Programme coordinators/HODs should also prepare their programme objectives. Science departments will come up with Vision, Mission

and Objectives, as now they are also degree awarding departments (M. Sc.). The completed documents on these should be presented in the next AC.

- **Proposal on Dual Degree** – Detailed proposal on Dual Degree programme incorporating the suggestion of 46th meeting of Academic Council was presented. It was approved by the Academic Council.
- **Tabled Items (CIFs)** – CIFs of two new courses, one each from MME and HSS were presented and approved by Academic Council.

Agenda Item No. AC-M-47.09: To consider the Minutes of the meeting of the AC HMC held on March 31, 2016.

Chief Warden, Dr. Amit Neogi presented this item. Chairperson complimented him for his anti-smoking initiative and requested all faculty members to support him. Chairperson did not support the coupon system to be introduced in Mess. He directed to continue the existing practice.

Agenda Item No. AC-M-47.10: To consider the Minutes of the meeting of the AC LAC held on April 02, 2016.

Dr. K K Khatri, the convener, shared with all important points of LAC meeting. He requested the august body to consider the request of students to allow them to take old non-technical magazines. Generally these magazines are sold off.

Academic Council approved that these non-technical old magazines can be disbursed to interested students. A policy in this regard is to be made by Chairman LAC and to be presented in the next AC.

Agenda Item No. AC-M-47.11: To consider the Minutes of the meeting of the AC SAC.

Dean Student Affairs, Dr. Subhayan Biswas informed the august body that meeting of AC SAC was not held in the recent past as this meeting is convened only when a disciplinary case is referred to AC SAC.

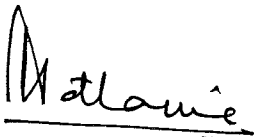
Agenda Item No. AC-M-47.12: To consider the proposal of “Master Soft ERP Solution” about Student Diary. Proposal is placed at Annexure VII

This item was presented by Dr. Manju Dhariwal. She shared the highlights of the proposal. Present members appreciated the key features. However, there were apprehensions about the amount of time wasted on recording attendance every day through the mobile phone, especially in larger classes.

Academic Council approved the proposal.

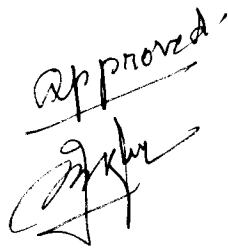
Agenda Item No. AC-M-47.13: Any other item with the permission of the chair.

Proposal of 'Yoga Classes' as mini project of 2 credits was presented as tabled item. Academic Council approved the same with a decision that no fee is to be charged from students to attend these yoga classes.



Col. MJS Pathania

Registrar



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List of Invitees – 47th Academic Council Meeting – April 08, 2016

1. Dr. Bharavi Mishra
2. Dr. Santosh Shah
3. Dr. Kusum Lata
4. Mrs. Beena Gokhale
5. Dr. Manish Kumar Singh
6. Dr. Vibhor Kant
7. Mr. A P Singh
8. Dr. Usha Kanoongo
9. Mr. Sunil Kumar
10. Mr. Dinesh Khandelwal
11. Mr. Purnendu Karmakar
12. Dr. Amit Neogi
13. Dr. Rajbala Singh
14. Dr. Vikaram Sharma
15. Dr. Sunil Kumar Gauttam
16. Dr. Somnath Maitti
17. Dr. Praveen Kumar
18. Dr. Anjishnu Sarkar
19. Dr. Preety Singh
20. Dr. Pomita Ghoshal
21. Dr. Sakthi Balan
22. Mr. Mukesh Kumar Jadon
23. Dr. S S Nehra
24. Dr. Smrity Dwivedi
25. Dr. Manish Garg
26. Mr. Prabin Kumar Jha
27. Mr. Dharmendra Dixit
28. Mr. Vikas Bajpai
29. Dr. K K Khatri
30. Dr. Poonam Gera
31. Dr. Kapil Jainwal