

The LNM Institute of Information Technology, Jaipur

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**Thirty Sixth Meeting of the
ACADEMIC COUNCIL
(10:00AM)**

**Date: August 31, 2013
(Saturday)**

MINUTES

Minutes of the 36th meeting of the Academic Council held on August 31, 2013.

The following were present:

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| 1. Prof. S.S. Gokhale | -In Chair |
| 2. Prof. Ranjan Gangopadhyay | -Member |
| 3. Prof. V. Raghavendra | - Member |
| 4. Prof. R. Tomar | - Member |
| 5. Prof. Ravi Prakash Gorthi | - Member |
| 6. Prof. Anupam Singh | - Member |
| 7. Dr. Manju Dhariwal | -Member |
| 8. Dr. Ajit Patel | -Member |
| 9. Dr. Soumitra Debnath | - Member |
| 10. Mr. Siddhant Sardana | - Member |
| 11. Mr. Apoorv Purwar | - Member |

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

1. Prof. M.S. Gaur
2. Mr. Keshav Sharma

On the invitation of Chairman, Academic Council, other faculty members attended the meeting (list enclosed as Annexure-A)

The Chairman welcomed all present and called the meeting to order. Thereafter, agenda items were taken up for consideration.

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Agenda Item No. AC-A-36.1: Confirmation of the Minutes of 35th meeting held on July 18, 2013.

No comments were received. The Academic Council confirmed the minutes, as circulated.

Agenda Item No. AC-A-36.2 : announcements, if any, by the chairman.

Additions since the last meeting:

1. Mr. Kshitiz Verma -Visiting Faculty-CSE
2. Mr. Ravi Sharma -Visiting Faculty-CSE
3. Mr. Surinder Sharma -Visiting Faculty-CSE
4. Mr. Neeraj Srivastava -Visiting Faculty-ECE
5. Mr. Abhishek Sharma -Visiting Faculty-ECE
6. Mr. Sanjeev Sharma -Visiting Faculty-ECE

The Chairman desired that young faculty members would need mentoring during the initial period and as such requested Prof. V. Raghavendra to accept this responsibility:

The Chairman appreciated and put on record the good work done by the Undergraduate and Post Graduate admissions committees, this year. The Council was informed that based on last year's experience, the 2nd round of counseling was conducted this year. The final intake figures for UG program were: CSE-130, ECE-120, CCE-57, MME – 31. Similarly, the admission figures for PG programs were: M. Tech (CSE) – 13, M. Tech (ECE) – 13, M. S (By Research) ECE – 03 and Ph. D. (ECE) – 01.

The Council observed that the final intake figure happened to be within the acceptable limit of institute, taking into consideration the fee income needed for future growth. The Council held the view that not much be read into the intake cut off rank, around AIR 150,000, as all other institutes, in particular, private institutes, have slipped on this count due to several factors.

The Chairman emphasized that our next challenge lies in making the fresher's competitive in the job market, on par with IIT/NIT products, and for this he underlined the collective responsibility of faculty to groom the new comers. The Chairman exhorted the faculty members to champion

this cause and impart leadership in this endeavour. The Chairman solicited suggestions from all present in this regard. The Council noted that an extensive orientation program was organized this year for freshers and thanked Dr. Akhlaq Husain and his team for the same.

The Council, while observing that the last three weeks were consumed in admissions and orientation program, noted that it would be advisable to skip the 1st mid-term examination for the fresher's; schedule for next mid-term and end-term examinations will remain the same as for the other batches. In the same vein, the Council observed that some portions of the course content might need shifting to next semester. While treating this measure as a compulsion, the Council further desired that make-up efforts should go on through distribution of hand-outs and conduct of extra classes, wherever possible. Prof. V. Raghavendra and Prof. Ranjan Gangopadhyay were requested to mentor other faculty members to become excellent teachers and researchers. Towards this goal, the Council desired that faculty members might display initiative and synchronize their leave/vacation accordingly.

Agenda Item No. AC-A-36.3 : Report on action taken on the decisions of 35th meeting held on July 18, 2013 and earlier meetings of the Academic Council.

Prof. R.P. Gorthi, Head CSE Department, informed the Council that as ascertained from IIT Bombay, IIT Madras and IIT Kanpur, only GATE (CSE) score was accepted as the necessary criteria for offering admissions to M. Tech Programs In addition, these institutions administer their own written test. The Council observed that passing GATE examination one time at any level would be required. However, Non-Gate qualified candidates, to some limited extent, may be considered for admission in PG Programs. The Council, in principle, accepted the advanced or technical GRE as requisite qualification. Arising out of discussion, it was decided to make the B. Tech project compulsory from next batch (2011 admissions batch)

It was informed that feedback on course content in CSE M. Tech Program were sought from Mr. Keshav Sharma and Mr. C.D. Verma, from Infosys. An opinion was expressed to formally invite them to the institute so as to concretize on the course content. Interaction with Texas Instruments, USA, was also suggested in this regard.

The Chairman, while emphasizing the importance of industry feedback, requested all present to explore their industry contacts towards this end.

Agenda Item No. AC-A-36.4 : Items for ratification.

The Council ratified the approvals accorded by Chairman, Academic Council to rationalize the examination schedule for Y11 batch and also to allow admissions with advanced standing.

While ratifying the approvals, as above, the Council noted the examination scheduled for Y-13 batch as well as the rationale for this. On the admissions offered on the basis of advanced standing (lateral entry), the Council desired that deficiencies, if any, in the courses undergone so far by the candidates vis-a vis the institute curriculum for first year students be identified and acted upon. The Council, at the same time noted that such admissions would not be a routine thing.

Agenda Item No. AC-A-36.5: Discussion on HSS compulsory courses in the UG program.

The Council noted that as of now out of 28 credits allotted to HSS courses in UG program, 4 credits are for compulsory English course and the remaining 24 are for elective courses.

The Council noted that large number of elective courses in HSS stream poses certain problems and as such number of electives in HSS stream needed to be curtailed. It was, therefore, decided as under:

Beginning Academic year 2013-14, there would be four compulsory courses, to be offered in the first two years of UG program. The remaining three courses, would be offered as electives in the 3rd year and 4th year of the program.

The Council also decided that, for credit, a student might opt for one more course over and above prescribed in the curriculum. Beyond this, a student might opt for audit course (s), which might be reflected in the Grade Report Card.

Agenda Item No. AC-A-36.6: Discussion on introduction of new UG courses - Basic Principles of Engineering Sciences and Engineering Graphics Laboratory in the second semester of Mechanical & Mechatronics Engineering Program.

The Council accepted the proposal to introduce Basic Principles of Engineering Sciences as a compulsory course in the UG Program from Academic year 2013-14.

The Council opined that the course structure would need further scrutiny, and as fresh inputs received, the course structure would be reviewed.

As for the introduction of Engineering Graphics Laboratory course, the Council invited comments from all present to make the course more relevant.

Agenda Item No. AC-A-36.7: To consider waiving off two credit Computer Organization and Architecture Laboratory course requirement for Y10 CSE and CCE disciplines in the undergraduate programme, due to change in course structure.

The Council noted the debate on this issue and requested this to be reviewed in consultation with the faculty concerned. Till then, the Council decided to keep the matter pending.

Agenda Item No. AC-A-36.8: To consider award of M. Tech (CSE) degree to Mr. Ajit Tewari, Roll No. Y11PG006.


The Council accepted the recommendation to award M. Tech (CSE) degree to Mr. Ajit Tewari, Roll No. Y11PG006 and to Mr. Desai Akash Shaileshbhai, Roll No. Y11PG010 (Agenda Item No. AC-A-36.10) and further recommended the same to the Governing Council for approval.

The Council desired that, in future, the date of thesis defence needed to be mentioned in the proposals for award of PG degrees.

There being no other items on the agenda, the meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the chair.


Bijoy Tha
Registrar

Minutes, as recorded, approved.

 9.9.2013
Chairman, Academic Council.

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List of Invitees-36th Academic Council Meeting-August 31, 2013

1. Dr. Amit Neogi
2. Dr. Anjishnu Sarkar
3. Dr. Surendersingh Nehra
4. Dr. Manish Singh
5. Dr. K.K. Khatri
6. Mr. Neeraj Shrivastava
7. Mr. Shanker Ganesh .R
8. Dr. Abhishek Sharma
9. Dr. Rajbala Singh
10. Mr. Kapil Jainwal
11. Dr. Akhlaq Husain
12. Mrs. Beena Gokhale
13. Dr. Narendra Kumar
14. Dr. Usha Kanoongo
15. Mr. Dharmendra Dixit
16. Mr. Vikas Bajpai
17. Mr. Mukesh Kumar Jadon
18. Mr. Raju Jaitwar
19. Dr. Vikas Gupta
20. Mr. Purnendu Karmakar
21. Dr. M. Tanveer
22. Dr. Subrat K. Dash