

**DHIRUBHAI AMBANI INSTITUTE OF
INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGY**

**MINUTES OF THE
TWENTY SEVENTH MEETING OF THE ACADEMIC COUNCIL**

The twenty seventh meeting of the Academic Council was held on 15th January, 2016 at 1000 hrs at DA-IICT. The following members were present:

1. Prof R Nagaraj, Chairman
2. Prof Surendra Prasad
3. Prof Naresh Jotwani
4. Prof Sanjay Srivastava
5. Prof Binita Desai
6. Prof Anish Mathuria
7. Prof Suman Mitra
8. Shri Soman Nair, Secretary

Leave of absence was granted to Prof David Koilpillai, Shri K Narayan, Shri Suresh Rangachar and Shri Tapan Misra.

The Chairman welcomed the members to the meeting. He informed the Council that the preparations for holding the twelfth Annual Convocation of the Institute on 16th January, 2016 have been completed and Dr A Sivathanu Pillai, eminent Scientist and Honourable Distinguished Professor, Indian Space Research Organization; Bengaluru is the Chief Guest for the Convocation. The Council noted the same.

Item No. 1

To confirm the minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 17th August, 2015

The Council approved and confirmed the minutes of the twenty sixth meeting of the Council held on 17th August, 2015 as placed before the meeting.

Item No. 2

To note the action taken on the minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 17th August, 2015

The Council noted the actions taken in implementing the decisions taken at its last meeting. Taking note of the progress of the work of Curriculum Review Committee of B.Tech (ICT) Program, the Council opined that during the course of its work, the Committee should constantly be in contact with the Industry and Alumni and their feedback should be studied and if found practical and industry-relevant, they should be incorporated in the curriculum.

The Council opined that the Institute should plan to adopt a scheme which will continuously review and assess both learning and teaching. The learning and teaching



should be viewed as complimentary activities that aim to benefit the quality of student learning and the professional development of the Course Instructor. Assessing learning alone is not sufficient because the ultimate success of students will also be dependent upon their motivation and commitment to learning. Assessment of teaching and learning can help instructors improve and refine their teaching practices and help improve students learning and performance. The Council suggested that a system of internal assessment involving peer group based on the outcome of the course could be done on a yearly basis. The Dean reported that a scheme of internal assessment of learning and teaching is in place based on the feedback taken from the students on delivery of courses.

Item No. 3

To consider and approve the changes in the curriculum of M.Sc (IT) Programme

The Dean briefed the Council on the changes proposed in the MSc (IT) curriculum. The Council approved the following:

- Transfer of Computer Networks (IT694) course to semester-II and Open Elective to semester-III.
- Summer Internship: 3 credits
- Full Semester Project Internship: Decided that 16 credits be maintained
- The students, with the approval of the PG Committee, may take an extra course if they are doing their internship in campus with the faculty. However, this provision may also be extended to the students who are doing their internships in nearby organizations/institutions, at the discretion of the PG Committee.

The Dean informed the Council that the curriculum review of the program has tailer due and it will be taken up soon.

Item No. 4

To note the status on review of the M Sc (ICT-ARD) Programme

The Dean briefed the Council on the genesis of the program and stated that in spite of several attempts, the program has not been received well by prospective students. He stated that the Committee of Experts constituted to review and recommend restructuring of the program began its work. The Council noted the progress of work of the Committee.

Item No. 5

To note the status report on review of M Des (CD) Curriculum Phase I and II

Prof Binita Desai briefed the Council on the status of review of M Des Curriculum. She stated that the Committee has received feedback from the Alumni. She clarified that the M Des is not a pure design program and the program has courses which expose the students to the application of ICT in communication design. This is one of the reasons; the expert committee felt the need to upgrade the curricular inputs in the Object Oriented Programming Course in response to the emerging needs of the design industry. She further clarified that even the students with humanities



background appreciate having Object Oriented Programming Course. The Council noted the outcome of the first and second reviews.

The Council advised the Director that the final report on restructuring of the M Sc (ICT-ARD) and M Des (CD) Programs be presented before the Council at its next meeting so that the restructured programs can be offered from the next academic year.

Item No. 6

To approve and recommend to the Board award of Degrees to the students who have completed their academic requirements in the academic year 2014-15

The Council approved and recommended to the Board a list of 379 students for award of Degrees at the Convocation to be held on 16th January, 2016. Further, the Council approved and recommended to the Board the award of President's Gold Medals to the following students:

Sr No	Student Id	Student Name	CPI	Program
1	201101058	AIMAN JAWAID HAIDER	9.62	B Tech (ICT)
2	201311024	SHAH FALAK HIMANSHU	9.96	M Tech (ICT)
3	201312003	DIKSHIT PRACHI MANOHAR	9.31	M Sc (IT)
4	201313003	JAYKUMAR DILIPBHAI JIVANI	8.49	M Sc (ICT-ARD)
5	201313004	FENEE DALSUKHBHAI AMRUTIYA	8.49	M Sc (ICT-ARD)
6	201314001	PALAK SANGHANI	8.64	M Des (CD)

Item No. 7

To approve the revised Academic Calendar for 2015-16

The Council approved the revised Academic Calendar for the year 2015-16 as placed before the meeting.

Item No. 8

Briefing by the Director

The Director informed the Council that 8 Doctoral Scholars will receive their Degrees at the Convocation on 16th January, 2016. The Council noted that, since launching of the program, the highest number of scholars is graduating this year. In response to a query, the Dean replied that three Scholars are serving academicians, one a civil servant and others are planning to go for post-doctoral studies.

The Director informed the Council that applications for accreditation by the National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC) and inspection of DA-IICT on recognition under section 2(f) have been submitted. He further informed the Council that the following new faculty members have joined the Institute.



- 1) Ashutosh Bhatia, PhD (Computer Science), Indian Institute of Science Bengaluru.
- 2) Rajib Lochan Das, PhD (Adaptive Signal Processing). Indian Institute of Technology, Kharagpur.
- 3) Manish Narwaria, PhD (Computer Engineering) Nanyang University, Singapore
- 4) Yash Vasavada, PhD (Wireless Communications), Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, USA
- 5) Saurabh Tiwari, PhD (Software Engineering) (Thesis submitted) Indian Institute of Information Technology, Design and Manufacturing, Jabalpur
- 6) Kalyan Sasidhar, PhD (Computer Science & Engineering) University of North Texas, USA.

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair

K. S. Das

