

INDIAN INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY

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STUDENT AFFAIRS COUNCIL

No.

Dated: 30.07.2014

Minutes of SAC Meeting held on 29.04.2014

The meeting was chaired by Prof. R.K. Shevgaonkar, Director IIT Delhi. The following agenda points were discussed

1. Confirmation of the minutes of meeting held on 19.02.2014

2. Election of Student Affairs Council Secretary (4:30 PM – 5:00 PM)

Mr. Shiven Rastogi (2012ME10122) was elected for the post of SAC Secretary to the institute bodies

3. Implementation of deferred placement policy

The SAC General Secretary briefed the council about the deferred placement program and presented the results of a survey conducted by BSP and SAC to know the response of the student community about the policy. The results of the survey showed that approximately 90% of the students were in favour of such a policy. A draft of the policy was distributed to the council. The draft is attached with the minutes for reference.

Dr. Shashi Mathur (Head, Training and Placement Cell) mentioned that most of the IITs have such a program in place and the Training & Placement cell does not have any objection for the program provided the names of the students opting for deferred placement reach the TnP office before the start of placement procedure

- a. SAC decided that this policy may be implemented from the next academic year on a trial basis
- b. SAC also decided that only the students whose ideas are incubated and monitored by Technical Business Incubation Unit (TBIU) will be eligible for deferred placement.

Action: SAC General Secretary & TBIU IIT Delhi

4. Revision in academic calendar for the next semester for scheduling of TnP activities

In the proposed semester schedule for semester I, 2014-15; there is only one extra day between the end of semester and the start of placement season (1st December) which is considered insufficient by the Training & Placement (TnP) cell for scheduling of tests by various companies. Hence, it was requested by TnP to alter the academic calendar to have a window of 3 to 4 days for conducting tests by various companies for placement of students

- a. SAC decided that the final decision on the issue will be taken by the Dean Academics and Head, Training and Placement cell

Action: Dean Academics and Head, Training & Placement Cell

5. Formation of a Career Counselling Cell in IIT Delhi and the proposed structure

The SAC general secretary presented a proposal to bring career counselling under the scope of Mentorship Review Committee (MRC) which works under Board for Student Welfare (BSW). The idea was dismissed on the ground that it might interfere

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with the primary function of MRC which is to mentor fresher students. However, the council agreed in principle to the idea of career counselling and following channels were discussed to implement the same

- i. The departmental societies in various department should be strengthened in functioning and should organize events for counselling of students in association with IIT Delhi Alumni Association

Action: General Secretary, CAIC

- ii. The Head of all departments will be encouraged to float courses dealing with future areas related to the department which can be pursued by the students as career options. It was recommended that such courses should have guest lectures and interactions between students and alumni/professionals working in the core areas

Action: Head of Departments through Dean (Academics)

- iii. The Training & Placement should look into the possibility of having a professional Career counsellor for IIT Delhi

Action: TnP Overall Coordinator

6. Suggestions to improve the transparency in the process of selection of organizing team in various students festivals organized by different boards recognized by SAC

Following up on the minutes of previous meetings, the general secretaries of boards recognized by SAC were requested to submit the structure, number and timeline of selection of student co-ordinators for organizing various festivals

- a. SAC decided that the process of selection of organizing teams for various board festivals should be left completely to board presidents

7. Revisions in the constitution of BSP

A proposal was made to include a new set of 13 editors and reduce the total chief editors by 4, which was not accepted by the council.

8. Security issues pertaining to the IITD campus

SAC decided that the following steps should be taken in order to promote the culture of moral responsibility of students towards the campus

- a. It was recommended that students should inform the hostel warden/ make an entry with the guard whenever they wish to stay out of campus till late at night. The Dean of Students Office has already issued a notice to all hostels in this regard.
- b. Workshops/Lectures be conducted by SAC and NSS on the issue and gist of such workshops made public to all students

Action: General Secretary, NSS& SAC

- c. All the members of the SAC and its constituent boards shall personally try to promote this culture in the institution

9. Proposing a New Constitution for Sexual Harassment Committee (SHC)

The SAC general secretary informed the council about the lack of awareness among students about SHC which was ascertained through a survey on the same. A list of suggestions were made regarding the constitutional changes, improving the complaint mechanism for the same and revamping the website for SHC

- a. The matter was delegated to the registrar, IIT Delhi for working in detail on the same

Action: Dr. Rakesh Kumar, Registrar, IIT Delhi

10. Presenting the Minutes of Directors meeting with the incoming and outgoing students considering the suggestions received from students

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- a. **Proxy Quota for Students:** It was decided to increase the allocated weekly proxy quota of all students by 2 GB per week. Professor Subhashis Banerjee, Associate Head CSC was present in the meeting and agreed to the same. It has been implemented since then.
- b. **Wifi Infrastructure:** It was recommended that the up gradation of wifi infrastructure in the institute area should be done on a priority basis without administrative delays because of frequent complaints received in high student density areas.
- c. **Drinking Water in Institute area:** The SAC general secretary told the council that a report had been submitted to the Dean Infrastructure on the functioning of water coolers in the institute area and corrective maintenance for the same was being done.
- d. **Reading Spaces in the institute area:**
 - i. **New Reading Rooms (Block V):** The students have been facing a lot of infrastructural woes in the new reading rooms in block V because of which it is not being used by students on a regular basis. With the conversion of reading room near library into data centre, there is a serious shortage of reading spaces in the institute area. Hence, it was decided that air conditioners may be installed in the new reading rooms. Also, the wifi problem in the area will be looked into by CSC.

Action: Dean Infrastructure and Head CSC

- ii. Based on request of students, more chairs and tables have already been ordered for the area outside Café Coffee Day by Dean (Student Affairs).

11. Any other issue with the permission of the Chair

- a. The issue of lan splitters in the rooms that are being occupied on extra sharing basis was discussed. Lan port splitters are being made available in the hostels.
- b. The institute lift in MS building does not work for 24 hours a day and this causes problems to the students working late night in labs. It was decided that the feasibility of the same shall be discussed with the institute engineer.

Action: Dean Infrastructure

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Deferred Placement Program

*In the SAC meeting held on 29.04.2014, it was decided that the deferred placement policy may be implemented from the next academic year **on a trial basis***

Deferred Placement Program would allow budding entrepreneurs to pursue their dream of entrepreneurship. The program would allow students to defer their placements in their final year to pursue their venture, which if fails in the next two years would give them the opportunity to come back and sit for placements. The idea behind this is that such a chance would mitigate the risk involved with failure and would give students an impetus to pursue entrepreneurship.

Proposed structure:

- Students who are interested in pursuing a startup venture will apply for the deferred placement in the second semester of their pre-final year, i.e. a semester prior to their placement semester.
- Their start up proposal will be critically analyzed by a selection panel of experts from within and outside IIT Delhi which would decide whom to allot the program.
- There would be no upper cap on the number of students who would be allowed for deferred placement.
- The progress of the students would be monitored by a selection panel or a sub-committee formed by the selection panel.
- If the students opting for an entrepreneurship venture are not able to (or likely to) succeed within 2 years despite strong efforts, they will be permitted to participate in placement process. The 2 years begin from the date they opt out of the placement process (it may for example be month YY in year ZZ) and thereafter they are eligible to participate in the placement process for one placement season only (namely the season beginning in month YY of year ZZ+1 or ZZ+2).

Eligibility:

- Any pre-final BTech, Dual degree or MTech student can apply provided his degree is not extended.
- Preference would be given to students who have been involved in entrepreneurial activity prior to application.
- The student's degree on allotment of the program must finish within one year.

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The Selection Panel:

- The selection Panel will comprise of:

Deputy Director, Strategy and Planning	Chairman
Dean Academics	Member
FITT MD	Member
1 Faculty Member	Member
3 Industry experts	Members

The FITT MD will call Industry Experts who may be Venture Capitalists and Angel Investors and may fund the venture

- The panel will help the team on legal and entrepreneurial matters. It will also monitor the team's progress and provide mentoring to them. If deemed appropriate, the Panel may recommend a separate Committee to monitor the team's progress.
- The Panel will help in recommending the cases for deferred placement, monitoring and mentoring the start-up teams, providing business inputs to them, and giving suggestions on DPP.

Timeline:

- Last Week of January: Applications invited for ideas by FITT where the students would be closely mentored to prepare the business plan
- Last week of July: Detailed Business Plan Presentation of selected ideas in front of the selection panel explained above.
- 1st of August: Evaluation by selection panel and final selection of students carried out
- 2nd week of August: Names to reach T&P
- Bi-monthly reporting and six monthly reviews with Panel take place.
- Student decides by July 15th one or two years later whether to appear for placements or not.
- Panel convenes and gives decision on eligibility by 15th August of that year

Guidelines:

- Head, Innovation Cell will be faculty in charge and General Secretary, Student Affairs Council will student in charge of the program
- Person re-applying for the placements will have to abide by all rules laid down by T&P
- The person working on his startup will have to pursue it as his full time career

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