Minutes of the PRSG Meeting for the project "Developing suitable pedagogical methods for various classes, intellectual calibers and research in e-learning- Main Phase"

Venue: CET, IIT Kharagpur   **Date: 1st March, 2014**

Participants

1.	Prof M S Ananth	IISC Bangalore	Chairman
2.	Dr Uma Kanjilal	IGNOU	Member
3.	Prof. S. Ramani	IIIT Bangalore	Member
4.	Prof. Kannan M. Moudgalya	IIT Bombay (through Skype)	Member
5.	Ms Aurobi Das	MHRD (through A-View)	Member
6.	Dr. B. Bhattacharya,	CET, IIT Kharagpur	Principal Investigator (PI)
7.	Prof. A. K. Ray,	CET, IIT Kharagpur	Co-PI
8.	Dr. S. Das Mandal,	CET, IIT Kharagpur	Co-PI
9.	Prof K. Pathak	Miming, IIT Kharagpur	Co-PI
10.	Dr. Tamali Bhattacharya,	CET, IIT Kharagpur	Project Manager

The meeting started at 9-30 A.M as scheduled. Prof M.S Ananth, chairman of the PRSG, welcomed the participants. Dr Bani Bhattacharya, the PI of the project introduced the project team members. The proceedings of the meeting are as below:

- Dr Bani Bhattacharya presented the achievement of the project including administrative and financial information of the project.

- Dr S. K. Das Mandal demonstrated the significantly enhanced version of the web based courseware development tool. The PRSG members appreciated early achievement of this target.

- Prof. Uma Kanjilal suggested that some good quality complete course material be identified and made available for free access for demonstration purposes. She recognized (extra space removed) the novelty of the web based tool and suggested that there should be a link created on the website where new courses can be developed by any faculty member from any academic institution. The link should enable the course developer to develop the course, module and unit objectives and problems in their relevant subject.

- Prof. Uma Kanjilal also suggested that a closure report of the pilot phase project should be submitted by the PI. The members of PRSG discussed the issue and it was recommended that a letter entitled "Closure Report" of Pilot phase project should be submitted to the MHRD. Enquiries may be made from the Mission Directorate to find out if there was any particular format of the closure report.

- Prof Moudgalya informed that some of the development teams were probably taking the help of external agencies to develop the courseware. The matter was deliberated at length and it was suggested that if any support is taken from an external agency by a development team, it should be carried out tranparently in consultation with the anchor institution, giving credit where due. It was also suggested that the team should take a written commitment from the external agency to the effect that the developed content is was copyright free. In case there is any copyright infringement, the concerned team would be held responsible. The material developed would be treated as OER.

- Prof Kannan M. Moudgalya suggested that the project needed significantly increased awareness drive. All possible forums need to be considered for this purpose. Prof A K Ray requested Prof Moudgalya and Prof Uma Kanjilal to help spread awareness amongst senior educational administrators and any other potential beneficiary as and when they get any opportunity.

- Dr. S. Ramani suggested that Prof Ray should write popular articles about pedagogy, outcome based framework, and the project and try to get these published in Current Science and also in newspapers to help increase awareness level. YouTube could also

be used effectively for this purpose. Prof. Ramani and Prof. Ananth agreed to help in getting these articles published.

- The PRSG also recommended that the project team may seriously consider other novel ways to highlight the importance and the achievements of this unique project. Organizing a competition, where faculty members could participate in writing Course and Module objectives using the already developed web tool, was one such suggestion.

- It was proposed that a Pedagogy Tutorial be included in the software.

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the chair.