

**LNM Institute of Information Technology, Jaipur**

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

**Date: March 23, 2013  
(Saturday)**

**Minutes**

Minutes of the 33<sup>rd</sup> meeting of the Academic Council held on March 23, 2013

The following were present:

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| 1. Prof. S S Gokhale          | - In Chair |
| 2. Prof. Ranjan Gangophadhaya | - Member   |
| 3. Prof. O P Katyal           | - Member   |
| 4. Prof. R Tomar              | - Member   |
| 5. Prof. Ravi Prakash Gorthi  | - Member   |
| 6. Prof. Anupam Singh         | - Member   |
| 7. Prof. Shyam Chakraborty    | - Member   |
| 8. Dr. Manju Dhariwal         | - Member   |
| 9. Dr. Ajit Patel             | - Member   |
| 10. Dr. Soumitra Debnath      | - Member   |
| 11. Mr. Siddhant Sardana      | - Member   |
| 12. 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

The Chairman welcomed all those present and called the meeting to order.

The Chairman observed that invitation about this meeting was sent four weeks in advance, so as to enlist wider participation. As the Academic Council, the basic committee, is relatively small in numbers, effort is being made to have inclusive participation of all faculty members. It was hoped that in the coming days better and more meaningful conduct of the AC will evolve through processes. While exhorting participants to give out their thoughts, the Chairman announced that most of the meetings will now be held on Saturdays, so as to ensure maximum participation.

Thereafter, agenda items were taken up for discussion.

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**Agenda Item No. AC-M-33.1: Confirmation of the Minutes of 32<sup>nd</sup> meeting held on February 23, 2013.**

It was clarified that, as an interim measure, a four-member institute level IT Review Committee under the chairmanship of Dr. Preety Singh is to be constituted . This committee will formulate the Institute IT policy, which then will be discussed in the AC meeting.

Subject to the above, the minutes of the 32<sup>nd</sup> meeting were confirmed.

**Agenda Item No. AC-M-33.2: Report on action taken on the decisions of the 32<sup>nd</sup> meeting held on February 23, 2013 and earlier meetings of the Academic Council.**

The Council noted the Action Taken Report and expressed satisfaction..

**Agenda Item No. AC-M-33.3: To consider and recommend to the Governing Council the award of Ph.D. Degree to Mr. Amit Sharma, Roll No. Y09PG907.**

The council accepted the Report of Ph. D. Thesis Oral Examination, in respect of Mr. Amit Sharma, Roll No. Y09PG907, as approved by the Chairman, and further recommended the same to the Governing Council for approval of award of Ph. D. degree to him.

**Agenda Item No. AC-M-33.4: To consider induction of three female members as students' senate office bearers.**

The Council observed that girls constitute about 30% of students' population in the campus, yet they are not represented adequately in the formal students' body. It was noted that, in this respect, the Dean, Students' Affairs had held wider discussion with Students' Senate Office bearers and the consensus that emerged are as follows.

- For every thirty girl students there should be a girl representative in the students' body.
- The position of General Secretary, Students' Gymkhana should be held by a girl student.
- The position of Assistant General Secretary, Students' Gymkhana should be held by a boy student, so as to maintain proportional representation in the larger interest of students' community.
- As the election to students' body has already been held to elect office-bearers for the current year, the above provision should come into force in next year's election.
- Dean, Students Affairs should look into any issues in implementation of the above.
- Amendments to extent as above should be incorporated in Students' Gymkhana rules.
- Students will be eligible to file nominations in 2<sup>nd</sup> semester of 1<sup>st</sup> years and onwards.
- The provisions made now should be further debated and reviewed next year.

**Agenda Item No. AC-M-33.5 : To consider the structure of M. Tech curriculum in ECE and CSE disciplines.**

The Head, CSE Department made a brief presentation on the matter, covering the discussion held at departmental level. Issues such as the following emerged for consideration:

- Specialization courses
- Compulsory courses
- Common courses for ECE & CSE disciplines.
- Objective of introducing Mathematics courses in PG programmes
- The need for homogenisation of courses in the two disciplines.
- Requirements for theory and lab courses.
- Other courses.

The Academic Council having noted the above, desired that:

- There should be four theory courses and two lab courses of four credits and two credits respectively, in the first two semesters.
- Theory courses under M. Tech Programme should remain confined to first two semesters and / or summer months only.

- A course titled “Mathematical structure for Engineers”, which should be taught by engineering faculty, should be introduced in M. Tech Programme.
- The contents of the course may be compromised and harmonised in the best possible way to cater the requirement of the two disciplines under consideration.
- PG students should be required to be present for studies in campus throughout the year, except during admissible leave period.

Finally, the Council approved the core courses, Electives, Lab courses and thesis requirement for ECE & CSE M. Tech disciplines in abstract form. The detailed structure of M. Tech curriculum should be brought for consideration by the respective Heads in the next meeting.

#### **Agenda Item No. AC-M-32.6: Progress during the interim period.**

The council noted the progress during the interim period.

Arising out of discussion, the Chairman informed that henceforth an AC Dinner will be organized for the graduating class every year. The date, time and venue will be decided by Dean, Students' Affairs, in consultation with the students' body.

The Chairman apprised the council that as per the discussion held in the last Governing Council meeting, held on March 11, 2013, henceforth, PG students will be classified in two categories viz Course Based Students (M. Tech students) and Research Based Scholars (M.S. and Ph.D. scholars).

Accordingly, the stipend / scholarship will have three flexi components-subsistence allowance, work assignments weightage and performance on assigned jobs. Respective departments should work out the implementation plan for this.

Further, the Chairman brought to notice that Governing Council in its last meeting had observed that corrective action to address the issue of burn out and disappointment of new students needs to be initiated by the Institute. An extended Orientation Programme to de-stress the freshers may be the need of the hour. Towards this, students may be initiated to some generalities, such as games and sports, music and movies photography and workshops.

The Council, in principle, agreed to allow the initial fifteen days for such exercise, soon after admissions. Dr. Akhlaq Hussain was requested to chalk-out a road map for the same. The Council also desired that problem based learning and group learning activities be promoted.

The Chairman informed that Durlabh Ji foundation, has donated 250 books (mostly on management) to the library. They have also evinced interest in supplying medicines as aid to local villagers. There was a suggestion to effectively use the services of Institute Resident Medical Officer and to rope in student volunteers and other hospitals in this endeavor.

The idea for procurement of library books through Flip-Kart was floated. The Chairman, in this respect, desired that issues such as currency conversion, discounts and modalities for procurement by faculty be well thought of before giving the idea a final shape.

The Chairman informed that, henceforth, Institute bus-service will be made available on charge basis to everyone. This scheme will be implemented for students from next academic session.

The Chairman apprised that the perimeter track of approx 2.5 km length, along the campus boundary wall, has been built. This may be used as walking / jogging track for the campus residents, besides enhancing security in the campus. Repair of boundary wall, too, wherever damaged, has been taken up. This may help in reigning in cattle menace.

#### **Agenda Item No. AC-M-32.7: Slot-wise Time Table**

While noting the proposal the council held the view that Time-Table ought to be designed keeping the interest of students, who have failed in one or more courses and are required to clear the same in mind. At the same time, council desired that a mechanism may be figured out to find out appropriate slots for tutorials.

The council was informed that two courses viz. Principles of Engineering and Introduction to Life Sciences will be introduced in UG curriculum in next academic session and English will be treated as a core course. Credit increase, as warranted, may be made and UG manual amended to that extent.

The council desired that language –lab should remain open to students throughout the semester and class attendance check for students be made effective from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2013.

The council discussed certain open ended issues such as:

- Flexibility for faculty in devising sessionals.
- Two mid-sem examinations or more.

The council decided to allow Y09 (December batch) students to spend their last semester outside, provided one has completed academic credits requirements. Such students should register for one or two credits in the semester and follow the format desired to seek semester leave to go elsewhere for internship.

Finally, the council ruled that henceforth minimum 55%marks at PG level be accepted as eligibility criteria for HSS Department for Ph.D. admissions.

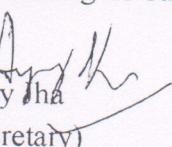
**Agenda Item No. AC-M-32.8: Items out of 32<sup>nd</sup> GC Meeting.**

The council noted the matter.

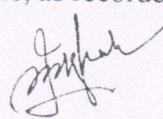
**Agenda Item No. AC-M-32.9: Sundry issues.**

The council noted the matter.

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

  
Bijoy Thakur  
(Secretary)

Minutes, as recorded above, approved

  
(Chairman, Academic Council)