

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

**MINUTES OF THE  
THIRTIETH MEETING OF THE ACADEMIC COUNCIL**

The 30<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Academic Council was held on 19<sup>th</sup> January, 2018. The following members were present:

1. Prof K.S. Dasgupta, Chairman
2. Prof Surendra Prasad
3. Shri Tapan Misra
4. Prof Naresh Jotwani
5. Prof Sanjay Srivastava
6. Prof Binita Desai
7. Prof Suman Mitra
8. Prof Sanjeev Gupta
9. Shri Soman Nair, Secretary

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

**Item No. 1**

**To note the appointment of Prof K.S. Dasgupta as Director of the Institute and change in the Chairmanship of the Council**

The Council noted the appointment of Prof KS Dasgupta as the Director of the Institute consequent upon Prof R Nagaraj leaving the services of the Institute on 21<sup>st</sup> July, 2017. On his appointment as Director, Prof Dasgupta became the ex-officio Chairman of the Council under the provisions of Clause 14 of the DA-IICT Act, 2003. The Council welcomed the appointment and his Chairmanship of the Council.

The Council recorded its appreciation for the valuable contribution made by Prof Nagaraj as Director of the Institute and Chairman of the Council.

**Item No. 2**

### **To note the revisit of NAAC Peer Team and revision in Accreditation Grade**

The Chairman briefed the Council on the revisit of the NAAC Peer Team to the Institute following the appeal submitted against the first accreditation result. He informed the Council that the four member Peer Team, chaired by Dr Avinash C Pandey, former Vice Chancellor, Bundelkhand University, Jhansi, Uttar Pradesh visited the Institute during November 13-15, 2017 and conducted the assessment and based on the recommendation of the team, NAAC has reversed the Grade of 'B' to 'A' with 3.11 GPA. He stated that the Team has shared its report with him and the report has particularly pointed out the Institute's deficiency in student diversity, skewed faculty student ratio and lesser consulting and collaborative and inter-disciplinary research.

The Council noted the result and opined that the Institute should aim at obtaining the highest NAAC accreditation grade in future which is now an 'A plus.' The Council advised the Director to consider getting the B. Tech (ICT) Programs accredited by the National Board of Accreditation (NBA).

### **Item No. 3**

#### **To confirm the minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 17<sup>th</sup> January, 2017**

The Council confirmed the minutes of the 29<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Council held on 17<sup>th</sup> January, 2017.

### **Item No. 4**

#### **To note the actions taken on the minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 17<sup>th</sup> January, 2017**

The Council noted that the following actions were taken on the minutes of the meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> January, 2017:

- Incorporated the amendment made to Clause 2(5)(c) of the Academic Requirements for Post Graduate Programs to grant an opportunity to PhD Scholars to improve their CPI to advance for appearing in the comprehensive examination.
- Implemented the revised M.Tech Curriculum and restructured M.Sc (IT) Program from the academic year 2017-18.
- Discontinued the M.Sc (ICT-ARD) Program from the academic year 2017-18.
- Organised the International Workshop on Cyber-Physical Systems in July 2017.

- On recommendation of the Council and approval by the Board of Governors, the students who have successfully completed their studies in the academic year 2016-17 were awarded the Degrees at the Convocation held on 21<sup>st</sup> January, 2017.

#### **Item No. 5**

##### **To consider the preliminary proposal to design and launch a Post Graduate Programme in Data Analytics**

The Chairman briefed the Council on the proposal to design and offer a Post Graduate Program in Data Analytics. He stated that this is an emerging area and demand for data science and analytics professionals are growing fast in India and a few institutions offer teaching programs. He reported that IBM India Private Limited came forward to partner with the Institute in designing the course structure and making available their professionals as faculty for the program and a draft agreement in this regard is being finalized. The Tata Consultancy Services (TCS) has also expressed their interest in associating with the program. Initially the faculty could be outsourced from industry such as IBM and TCS particularly, for practical sessions and for theoretical sessions, faculty from national Institutes such as Indian Statistical Institute, Indian Institutes of Management and Indian Institutes of Technology until the time the Institute recruits faculty.

The Chairman reported that the faculty deliberated on the proposal and suggested to design and offer a short duration Certificate or Diploma Program initially and scale up the program as a post graduate program in two years' time based on the feedback from students and industry, The Council approved the proposal.

#### **Item No. 6**

##### **To approve the updated regulations on Academic Requirements for Ph. D, M. Tech (ICT), M. Sc (IT) and M. Des (CD) Programs**

The Council approved the updated Regulations on Academic Requirements for Ph.D., M.Tech (ICT), M.Sc (IT) and M.Des (CD) Programs as placed before the meeting. It was decided to delete Clause 4 of the Academic Requirements for Ph.D Program on Fellowships/Teaching Assistantships. As the rate of the fellowship and terms and conditions of disbursement are subject to internal review and changes, the Council suggested to issue separate notifications on Fellowships and Teaching Assistantships.

**Item No. 7****To approve and recommend to the Board the award of Degrees to the students who have completed their academic requirements**

The Council appreciated that the number of Doctoral Scholars graduating has been increasing for the last three years and in 2018 convocation, eleven Scholars are receiving their Degrees. The Council resolved to recommend to the Governing Body to approve award of Degrees to 437 students belonging to all teaching programs who have successfully completed their studies during the academic year 2016-17 at the Convocation to be held on 20<sup>th</sup> January, 2018. The Council also resolved to recommend to the Board of Governors to approve award of President's Gold Medals to the following students:

Sr No	Student Id	Student Name	CPI	Program
1	201301098	Panchal Parth Dixitbhai	9.41	B Tech (ICT)
2	201301177	Zarana Pareshkumar Parekh	9.37	B. Tech (Honours) in ICT with minor in Computational Science
3	201511002	Desai Meet Nitin	9.55	M Tech (ICT)
4	201512005	Sunil Suresh Chawla	9.61	M Sc (IT)
5	201513009	Patel Ashviniben Kanubhai	8.53	M Sc (ICT-ARD)
6	201514001	Saurav Sharma	8.47	M Des (CD)

The Council suggested to institute two additional Gold Medals, named as 'Director's Gold Medals' to recognize and reward all-rounders from the academic year 2017-18. It was decided to allocate one medal for undergraduate program and the other one for all post graduate programs together to be awarded to those who have not only excelled in studies but also in extra-curricular activities having demonstrated leadership qualities. The Council authorized the Director to formulate guidelines on selection and award of the medals.

**Item No. 8****To note additions to faculty**

The Council noted that the following faculty members have joined the Institute during the last year:

- 1) Mr Lavneet Singh, Adjunct Faculty (full time)
- 2) Dr Shantanu Kole, Assistant Professor
- 3) Dr Manish Khare, Assistant Professor

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