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MINUTES OF THE
34TH MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF
INDIAN INSTITUTES OF TECHNOLOGY (IITs)
HELD ON 7TH NOVEMBER, 1996

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The 34th Meeting of the Council of Indian Institutes of Technology (IITs) was held on 7.11.1996 in the Conference Room, Ministry of Human Resource Development, Shastri Bhavan, New Delhi. A list of members who attended the meeting is given in Annexure I. Shri Muhi Ram Saikia, Minister of State for Education and Dr R.V. Vaidyanatha Ayyar, Additional Secretary, Department of Education attended the meeting as special invitees.

The meeting was chaired by Shri S.R. Bommai, the Minister of Human Resource Development and Chairman of the Council.

The Chairman welcomed all the members to the meeting and mentioned that this is the first meeting of the Council after the new Government has taken over. He also informed the Council that education, particularly primary, secondary, higher & technical education receive utmost importance in the Common Minimum Programme of the present Government. Thereafter, the Chairman requested all the members to introduce themselves.

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After self introduction by all members, Shri T.N.Chaturvedi, Member of Parliament and Member of the Council suggested that, as a rule, the minutes of the meeting may be circulated without delay and that actions, wherever required, may be taken expeditiously. He also suggested that the Council should meet regularly, preferably twice a year. While expressing his concern for not holding any meeting of the Synergy Group after the last meeting of the Council, he enquired about the progress in the matter of constituting an Executive Committee of the Council. The Secretary of the Council apprised the Council of the latest position about the constitution of a Standing Committee of the Council and that the Official Gazette Notification is being issued shortly. The Chairman assured that the suggestions of the Hon'ble Member will be kept in view for necessary compliance.

Thereafter, the items on the agenda were taken up for discussion.

ITEM NO.34.1 : TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE 33rd MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF IITs HELD ON 11TH DECEMBER, 1995.

The minutes were confirmed.

ITEM NO.34.2 : TO REPORT CHANGES IN THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE COUNCIL

While noting the changes taken place in the membership of the Council since its last meeting, the Council placed on record its appreciation for the services rendered by the outgoing members and welcomed the new members.

ITEM No.34.3 : TO REPORT ACTION TAKEN ON THE MINUTES OF THE 33rd MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF IITS HELD ON 11TH DECEMBER, 1995.

The Council noted the actions taken on all the decisions of the last meeting. The Council also noted the position about the constitution of the Standing Committee.

ITEM NO.34.4.1 : TO CONSIDER THE MATTER OF REVISION OF FEES PAYABLE BY VARIOUS CATEGORIES OF STUDENTS IN IITs.

The salient features of the proposal were presented to the Council by the Director, IIT Kanpur on behalf of the IIT Directors. A modified form of the table for revision of fees (to replace pages 10 and 11 of the Agenda) as recommended by the IIT Directors was circulated.

The Council deliberated on the subject at length. The major points emerging from the deliberations were as follows :

1. Several members felt that the proposed increase was on the low side considering the amount of money spent on education of students (about Rs.85,000 to Rs.1,00,000 per year) and the fact that they had excellent job opportunities later. They also felt that simultaneously with the fee hike, arrangements should be made with banks to provide loans to students.
2. It was suggested by many members that the amount realised from fees should be equal to a certain percentage of the amount spent on them. In this context, it was mentioned that the IIT Synergy Sub-Group has recommended that eventually 35-50 percent of the resources could be thus realised.

3. It was generally agreed that simultaneous with the enhancement in fees there was a need to raise the parental income limit for availing of the Merit-cum-Means scholarship for students.

4. Some members expressed the view that postgraduate and research programmes needed encouragement and that students who receive Assistantships in these programmes should be self supporting during their study in the Institute.

5. After discussion of all aspects of the problem, a consensus emerged that fees for JEE entrants from the academic session 1997-98 be enhanced to Rs.15,000 per year. With regard to 1998-99, while some members felt that fees be raised to Rs.25,000 per year, others felt that it could be raised to Rs.20,000 per year. The Council, while appreciating the spirit behind the suggestions and the merit in revising the fees for 1998-99 decided that the fees for the new JEE entrants of 1998-99 be revised to Rs.20,000 per year. In case of 2-year M.Sc. course, M.Tech./M.Phil./M.Des., M.S. and Ph.D programmes, the Council decided that fees be retained at the same level as revised for the year 1997-98. The Council further decided to review the fee structure for all the courses again during 1998-99 so as to be made applicable for new entrants from 1999-2000.

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6. Keeping all these factors in mind, the Council approved the proposal for revision of fees (Statutory) as given on circulated pages 10 and 11, excepting for the tuition fees per semester. The enhanced tuition fees per semester and the consequent changes in the total fees per semester as approved by the Council are shown in the following tables :

APPROVED FEES FOR NEW ENTRANTS FROM THE ACADEMIC SESSION 1997-98

	Tuition fees per semester	Total fees per semester
B.Tech/Integrated M.Tech. & M.Sc., (All entrants through JEE)	6000	7500
M.Sc. (2 year)	3000	4500
M.Tech./M.Phil/M.Des	5900	7500
M.S.	5900	7500
Ph.D	5900	7500

APPROVED FEES FOR NEW ENTRANTS FROM THE ACADEMIC SESSION 1998-99

	Tuition fees per semester	Total fees per semester
B.Tech/Integrated M.Tech. & M.Sc., (All entrants through JEE)	8500	10000
M.Sc. (2 year)	3000	4500
M.Tech./M.Phil/M.Des	5900	7500
M.S.	5900	7500
Ph.D	5900	7500

In addition, the Council recommended that the parental income limit for merit-cum-means scholarship be raised to Rs.50,000/- per annum for all categories including SC/ST.

The Council noted that all SC/ST students are exempted from payment of tuition fees and that this practice would continue.

The Council recommended that the arrangements be made for provision of bank loans to students who may have difficulty in paying the enhanced fees. It also recommended that the studentship and freeships be made available for such students as

considered appropriate by the institutes. The Council also recommended that the institutes may approach industry for endowment scholarships and seek alumni contributions towards this cause.

ITEM NO.34.4.2 : TO CONSIDER THE MATTER OF FEES PAYABLE BY FOREIGN STUDENTS SPONSORED THROUGH INDIAN COUNCIL FOR CULTURAL RELATIONS (ICCR).

The Council approved the proposal to enhance the fees chargeable from self-financing foreign students from US \$ 2,000 to US \$ 3,000 per semester for Undergraduate students and to charge the same fees from foreign students admitted through ICCR as applicable to self-financing foreign students. The Council decided that the revised fees be charged from the academic session 1997-98.

ITEM NO.34.4.3 : TO CONSIDER PAYMENT OF FEES BY UNITED NATIONS HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR REFUGEES (UNHCR) REGISTERED REFUGEES AT PAR WITH INDIAN STUDENTS.

The Council did not agree to the proposal of treating the UNHCR registered refugees on par with the Indian students in the matter of charging of fees for their studies in the IITs. The Council recommended that the UNHCR may be advised appropriately to bear the expenses in such cases.

ITEM NO.34.4.4 : TO CONSIDER THE MATTER OF ADMISSION OF LEPROSY CURED PERSONS IN UNDERGRADUATE AND POSTGRADUATE PROGRAMMES OF IITs WITHOUT ANY WRITTEN TEST OR INTERVIEW.

The Council decided that the persons with disabilities including leprosy cured persons for whom reservation of not less than 3% of seats has been made in the 'The Persons with Disabilities (Equal Opportunities, Protections of Rights and Full Participation) Act, 1995 passed by the Parliament, should appear in the Joint Entrance Examination and qualify according to the academic norms for seeking admission to the undergraduate courses of the IITs.

The Council recommended that relaxation in age as given to SC/ST candidates also be given to the candidates in this category. The Council also approved relaxation in the duration of the examination time and provision of a writer, if necessary.

ITEM NO.34.4.5 : TO CONSIDER THE MATTER OF INCREASE IN THE STUDENTS' INTAKE IN IITs

The Council, after detailed deliberations, decided that the matter be referred to the Standing Committee for arriving at a comprehensive proposal for the consideration of the Council.

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ITEM NO.34.4.6 : TO CONSIDER THE MATTER OF POLICY ON ENHANCEMENT IN THE STIPENDS / EMOLUMENTS PAYABLE TO POST-GRADUATE STUDENTS / RESEARCH SCHOLARS IN THE RESEARCH ASSISTANTSHIPS / FELLOWSHIPS.

The Council decided that enhancement in assistantships / fellowships as and when implemented by CSIR/UGC, in future, may be made effective by the IITs with the approval of the respective Boards of Governors. The Council also decided that the implementation of the enhanced rate be made effective from 1.4.1994 for the existing students pursuing Ph.D.studies.

ITEM NO.34.4.7 : TO CONSIDER THE PROPOSAL TO INSTITUTE SENIOR RESEARCH SCHOLARSHIPS FOR Ph.D STUDIES IN EACH IIT.

The Council approved the proposal in principle and desired that the number of Senior Research Scholarships and other details may be decided by the individual institutes with the stipulation that the institutions should bear the expenditure involved out of their approved budgetary provisions.

ITEM NO.34.4.8 : TO CONSIDER THE DATE OF IMPLEMENTATION OF THE RECRUITMENT AND CAREER DEVELOPMENT SCHEME FOR NON-ACADEMIC STAFF (GROUP 'B', 'C' & 'D') IN THE IITs.

The Council noted that as approved at its 32nd Meeting, the IITs have already implemented the Recruitment and Career

Development Scheme for the non-academic staff (Group B, C,D) with effect from 1.4.1993 with financial benefits from 1.4.1994. The Council decided that the question of making it effective from 13.9.1986 on a notional basis may be examined.

ITEM NO.34.4.9 : TO CONSIDER REVISION OF PAY SCALES OF ASSISTANTS AND STENOGRAPHERS (GRADE-C) IN THE IITs TO BRING THEM AT PAR WITH THAT OF THEIR COUNTERPARTS IN THE CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES.

The Council while noting that the matter is sub-judice, decided to await the decision of the High Court of Delhi.

ITEM NO.34.4.10 : TO CONSIDER THE PARTICIPATION OF IT-BHU IN THE JEE SYSTEM OF THE IITs.

The Council recommended that the existing association of IT-BHU in the JEE system be continued provided IT-BHU shares the financial burden as decided by the IITs.

ITEM NO.34.4.11 : TO CONSIDER THE MATTER OF TAPPING OF IITs' POTENTIAL FOR AGRICULTURE AND AGRO-BASED INDUSTRIES ETC.

The Council while appreciating the importance of this matter decided to refer it to the Standing Committee for detailed deliberations. The Council also desired that the IITs should supplement and coordinate the developmental ongoing activities

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in other Agriculture Institutions / Research organisations and that the Ministry of Agriculture and Planning Commission may be consulted in the process.

ITEM NO.34.4.12 : TO CONSIDER THE PROPOSAL OF REVIEW OF IITs.

The Council decided to recommend to the Visitor for setting up a Review Committee to review the work and progress of all the IITs together. The Council suggested that it would be desirable that the Review Committee submits its report within 6 months of its constitution by the Visitor.

ITEM NO.34.5.1 : TO REPORT THE CONSTITUTION OF AN EXPERT COMMITTEE TO REVIEW REVISED PATTERN OF FUNDING SCHEME.

The Council noted the constitution of an expert committee to review revised pattern of funding scheme.

ITEM NO.34.5.2 : TO REPORT THE STATUS OF THE TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT MISSION SCHEME.

The Council noted the status report.

ITEM NO.34.5.3 : TO REPORT THE PROGRESS MADE IN THE ESTABLISHMENT OF IIT GUWAHATI.

The Council noted the progress made in the establishment of IIT Guwahati.

ITEM NO.34.5.4 : TO REPORT PLAN & NON-PLAN BUDGET ESTIMATES APPROVED FOR IITs FOR THE YEAR 1996-97.

The Council noted Plan and Non Plan Budget Estimates for the financial year 1996-97.

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

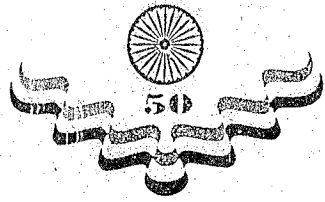
MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL OF IITs WHO ATTENDED
THE 34TH MEETING OF COUNCIL OF IITs HELD ON
7TH NOVEMBER 1996 AT 10.30 A.M. AT SHASTRI BHAVAN, NEW DELHI

1. Shri S.R.Bomma - In the chair
2. Shri Muhi Ram Saikia - Special Invitee
3. Shri P.R. Dasgupta - Member
4. Dr. R.V.Vaidyanatha Ayyar - Special Invitee
5. Shri T.N. Chaturvedi - Member
6. Shri Prithiraj D. Chavan - Member
7. Dr. P.C. Alexander - Member
8. Dr. M.R. Srinivasan - Member
9. Prof. P.J. Kurien - Member
10. Dr. R.Chidambaram - Member
11. Shri G.H. Singhania - Member
12. Dr. S. Ramegowda - Member
13. Prof. Armaity Desai - Member
14. Dr. R.A. Mashelkar - Member
15. Shri S. Satyamoorthy - Member
16. Prof. V.S. Raju - Member
17. Prof. R.C. Malhotra - Member
18. Prof. K.L. Chopra - Member
19. Prof. S.P. Sukhatme - Member
20. Prof. D.N. Buragohain - Member
21. Prof. R. Natarajan - Member
22. Prof. A. Sridharan
(on behalf of Director
IISc. Bangalore) - Member
23. Dr. S.D. Awale - Secretary

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Dear Prof. Ghosh,

I am enclosing herewith a copy of the ^{approved} Minutes of the 35th meeting of the Council of IITs held on 20th Feb., 1999 at the CSIR Science Centre, Lodhi Estate, New Delhi under the chairmanship of Dr. Murli Manohar Joshi, Minister of Human Resource Development and Chairman of the Council.

I would request you that comments, if any, on the Minutes may kindly be sent to us at an early date.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely

(Dr. S.D. Awale)

Prof. Amitabha Ghosh,
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