

Minutes of the Fifth Meeting of the Council for the Indian Institute Technology.

The fifth meeting of the council of I.I.Ts. was held in Vigyan Bhavan, New Delhi on the 14th October, 1965.

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ITEM NO.2 TO REPORT THE ACTION TAKEN ON THE MINUTES OF THE FOURTH MEETING OF THE COUNCIL.

The Council noted the action taken.

ITEM NO.3 TO REPORT THE PRESENT STATE OF DEVELOPMENT OF THE INSTITUTES.

The Council recorded the reports on the development of the Institutes. It was decided that in future the Institutions should incorporate in their reports the salient features of each institution and a resume of the research work done during the year under review. It was further decided that each Institute should bring out a brochure to acquaint the general public with the work done by it.

The Council noted that the Institute had been planned for an ~~ratio~~ enrolment of 2,000 to 2,500 students with 1 student at the post-graduate level for every 4 students at the undergraduate level. The Council was of the view that the I.I.Ts. should increase their facilities for post-graduate work. The Institutes should aim at an ultimate ratio of 2;1 between undergraduate students and postgraduate, & research students. However, the immediate goal may be to attain a ratio to 3;1.

The question of Indian students proceeding abroad and finding employment in foreign countries was discussed. It was suggested that a study should be made regarding the leakage of their ex-students (from each IIT) to Overseas.

In order to appraise the employment opportunities in the country, it was felt that the Institutes should maintain records of career of students after leaving the Institutes.

ITEM NO.4- TO CONSIDER THE REVISED ESTIMATES FOR 1965-66 AND BUDGET PROPOSALS FOR 1966-67 OF THE INSTITUTES AND TO RECOMMEND TO THE CENTRAL GOVERNMENT THE FUNDS TO BE ALLOCATED IN 1966-67.

The Council examined the annual budgets of the Institutes as prepared by their respective Boards of Governors and recommended that Central Government may allocate funds to the Institutes

according to the budget estimates submitted to the Council. The Council emphasised the need for providing adequately for staff quarters.

ITEM NO.5 - TO CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING MATTERS PERTAINING TO THE COMMON ENTRANCE EXAMINATION OF THE INSTITUTES.

(i) ALL INDIA CHARACTER OF THE INSTITUTES

After examining the statement of distribution of students in the various institutions, the Council expressed concern over the position that the institutes were tending to become regional institutions in as much as the majority of the students came from within the respective regions in which the institutions are located. The Council recommended that about 300 scholarships should be instituted for award to meritorious students joining the I.I.Ts. from outside the region. The scholarships should however, be centrally administered by the Ministry of Education (Technical Division). Adequate publicity should be given to the availability of these scholarships before the Entrance Examination is held in order that students might feel encouraged to apply for admission to institutions outside their region.

(ii) Upper age limit prescribed for admission to the five-year integrated course.

It was decided that the upper age limit should be abolished.

(iii) Recognition of a pass in the first year examination of the two-year course of the Joint Services Wing of the National Defence Academy as equivalent to Higher Secondary for the purpose of taking the First year Entrance Examination of the Institutes.

The proposal was accepted. The Council desired that other examinations held by Defence Services should be examined for the purpose of similar recognition.

(iv) Concessions to women students for admission.

The Council reiterated its earlier decision that no concession should be given to the women students.

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(v) Request of the Regional Institute of Technology, Jamshedpur and the Jadavpur University, to Join the Scheme of Common Entrance Examination of the Institutes.

The Council considered the proposal in all its aspects. It was recognised that the I.I.Ts. should render a service to the other institutions in the country but that should not in any way affect the efficiency of the present arrangements for admission to the I.I.Ts. themselves. Obviously representatives of other institutions could not be permitted to sit on the Interviewing Boards as that would make such Boards unwieldy. Also

deciphering of the results of a larger number of students would take time in view of these considerations, the Council decided that the institutions concerned may be assisted in the matter provided they agree to the following:-

1. The entire admissions will be regulated on the basis of IITs entrance examination results.
2. Merit lists will be supplied to the institutions by the I.I.Ts 15 days after the results have been published for the I.I.Ts. ^{own} admissions.
3. The institutions will not send their representatives to sit on the Boards of Interview.
4. The institutions should pay the service charges to the I.I.Ts. for the services rendered to them.

ITEM NO.6 - TO LAY DOWN THE CRITERIA FOR GRANT OF EXTENSION/ RE-EMPLOYMENT TO THE INSTITUTES EMPLOYEES.

The Council expressed the view that the age of superannuation should continue to be 60 years. Boards of Governors may examine each case on its merits and give extension to a person for a ~~max~~ block period up to the age of 63; thereafter extension should be given in exceptional cases only up to the age of 65.

ITEM NO.7- TO CONSIDER THE HOME MINISTRY'S DIRECTIVE FOR RESERVATION OF POSTS FOR SCHEDULED CASTES AND SCHEDULED TRIBES CANDIDATES.

The Council reiterated its earlier view that there should be no reservation for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes in academic and research posts. The Council felt that the provisions of Statute 12(2) were adequate for meeting the requirements of the situation.

ITEM NO.8- TO LAY DOWN THE PROCEDURE FOR AMENDMENT OF STATUTES ETC. AND IMPLEMENTATION OF THE DECISIONS OF THE COUNCIL THEREON.

The Council recommended that in the matter of amendment of Statutes, the Directors should take appropriate steps to obtain the approval of their respective Boards with a view to implementing the decisions of the Council without delay.

ITEM NO.9- TO CONSIDER AMENDMENTS TO STATUTE 2 REGARDING QUORUM AT THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS.

The Chairman stated that it was his understanding that in case a meeting is adjourned for want of quorum, and if the same agenda is discussed in the adjourned meeting, it would be lawful to dispose of the business at such meeting irrespective of the number of members present and the law did not demand that a time limit be set for conveying the adjourned meeting. He did not see why it was necessary to lay down in a

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the Statutes ~~at~~ a limit of seven days for the purpose as suggested by the Ministry of Law. He suggested and the Council agreed that a reference should be made to the Ministry of Law for doing away with this limit.

So far as the second part of the amendment is concerned, the Council suggested that it should be modified to read as follows:-

"If a member of the Board fails to attend three consecutive meetings without leave of absence from the Board, he shall cease to be a ~~member~~ member of the Board".

ITEM NO.10.- THE ROLE OF THE INDIAN INSTITUTES OF TECHNOLOGY IN THE NATIONAL EMERGENCY.

The Opening remarks of the Chairman broadly enunciated the role of the Indian Institute of Technology in the present situation. ~~The~~ The Council endorsed the suggestions contained in the note prepared by the Secretariate in consultation with the Director of the I.I.Ts. and urged that the Institutes review their activities so as to (i) orientate them towards the needs of the Defence effort, and (ii) render effective service in the development of Technical education in the country (note at Annexure 1).

ITEM NO.11 (1) - TO REVIEW THE PROCEDURE FOR AWARD OF SCHOLARSHIPS TO UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS.

The item was deferred for consideration to the next meeting.

ITEM NO.11(11) - PERIOD OF NOTICE REQUIRED FOR TERMINATION OF ENGAGEMENT.

It was decided that present Statute should not be changed.

The meeting ended with a Vote of Thanks to the Chair.
