

Indian Institute of Technology – Kanpur
Department of Biological Sciences & Bioengineering

Feedback on the Interim Report of ARC, 2009

The Interim Report was discussed at the Faculty Meeting held on March 10, 2009. The outcome of this discussion on specific topics is listed below:

1. Minors

- ◆ The department favors minors at sub-topic level, rather than at department level.
- ◆ A minimum CPI – members agreed on 8.0 – should be essential to choose minors.
- ◆ It will be great to have interdisciplinary minors – a group of 6-7 courses from multiple departments from which 3 are chosen to qualify for a given minor.
- ◆ One potential minor is Computational Biology. The department will soon come up with a few more titles.

2. Second Major

- ◆ Credits required should be 40.
- ◆ All department core courses will be essential.
- ◆ A minimum of 9.0 CPI will also be essential.
- ◆ Only a certain number of seats will be made available.

3. Honors

- ◆ Honors is a good idea.
- ◆ Should be based on performance (CPI) + Honors project.
- ◆ Honors project will have a pass / fail grade.
- ◆ This project will not be required for the basic B.Tech. degree.

4. Exit option: A certificate – not a diploma – may be provided.

5. Compulsory ESO: Fluid mechanics

6. Communications skills: Department can not handle this.

7. Number of Midterm exams: Two.