

Minutes of IRDC Meeting (FB 212; 28.2.2012)

Members present: Drs. M. Banerjee (MTH); A. K. Sharma (HSS); S. N. Tripathi (CE); S. Panda (DORD nominee); A. Kushari (Special Invitee); S. Banerjee (PHY); K. Subramaniam (BSBE); R. Vijaya (CELT); P. Venkitnarayanan (ME); S. Khandekar (Special Invitee); Raj Pala (CHE); T. K. Sengupta (AE); S. Sangal (MSE); A. K. Chaturvedi (DORD); S. Verma (CHM)

Convener welcomed members to the IRDC meeting. As a part of announcement, Dean, Research & Development, requested colleagues to inform him if there are any problems concerning consumption of funds for PG Research. Members were urged to ensure that funds released for their department be consumed before the end of this financial year.

Dr. S. Panda made a presentation about the Industrial Liaison Board, on behalf of other members of the team (S. Khandekar, A. Kushari, B. V. Phani). This board will strive for a closer cooperation of IIT Kanpur with industrial partners. As step in this direction, a one-day meeting is planned in IITK on March 30, 2012, where several key functionaries in the R&D unit of major industries are being invited for interaction and dialog with faculty members. There will be presentations by both IIT Kanpur and industry guests followed by a brain-storming session. Such an exercise will hopefully lead to structured interaction, enhanced cooperation, and sensitivity towards industry-oriented research. All the members welcomed this initiative and it was commented that this interaction will also be beneficial for basic research, in addition to applied research. Some suggestions were made in terms of local, national and global perspective of such interaction and its importance is creating awareness in faculty members to tackle problems of industrial relevance. The organizers requested IRDC members to inform their departmental colleagues of this event on March 30 and request for their participation.

Dean, R&D, presented the concept note on Research Complex prepared by a team of Drs. S. Panda, A. Kushari, R. Gupta, J. Ramkumar, S. Verma and A. K. Chaturvedi. Members were very enthusiastic about the concept of Research Park and its potential to serve the community of researchers at IIT Kanpur. A number of views were presented by the members, which included having a thrust for employing technical and scientific personnel to maintain proposed central instrumentation facility, management of themes and space, and ownership. It was unanimously decided that the concept note, barring minor modifications, is acceptable in the present form to be submitted to the Institute for consideration and necessary action. The revised concept note will contain a separate listing for trained personnel and that the Research Complex management committee be approved by the appropriate body. DORD was requested to take this proposal to the Institute.

The meeting ended with thanks to the Chair.