

Minutes of IRDC Meeting (Review of Centers) held on 15th September 2008

Members Present: Dr(s). K. Muralidhar (Chairman), B. Basu (Convener), Ashok Kumar, S.S.K.Iyer, V.Raghvendra, N.N.Kishore, B.V.Phani, Rajan Moona, D. Kunzru, Kamal K. Kar, N. K. Sharma, Mr. Navpreet Singh

After reviewing the activities of the SIDBI Innovation & Incubation Centre (SIIC) and Prabhu Goel Research Centre for Computer and Internet Security, the Director made the following suggestions:

1. The Director formed a committee comprising of Drs. Phani, Moona and Basu to write a concept paper on the 'Proposal for a five year dual degree programme with BTech in any branch of engineering and MTech in Enterprenaurship'. Such a programme will admit the students through IIT /JEE channel and the students will need to make a choice at the end of forurther semester for MTech in Enterprenaurship.
2. The Director also suggested Dr. Phani to convene a workshop for the enhancement of the interest of the IIT Knapur faculty members to initiate start-up companies. Such workshop should have invited talks by academic professionals turned CEOs of some successful companies.
3. The Director proposed that the donation from '83 batch (~ 1.5 crores) can be partially utilized in sponsoring some product design related activities of the BTech students, who are associated with the existing companies of SIIC.
4. Dr. Moona was requested to prepare a more corporate-oriented report for Prabhu Goel center, clearly highlighting the important achievements with specific examples. Also, the center should continuously nurture the relationship with the donor, Dr. Prabhu Goel.
5. The Director expresses its concern that the official IIT K website is hacked by external users often and requested Dr. Moona to devise ways on how such incident can be avoided.

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