

## **Minutes of IRDC Meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> October at PBCEC**

*Members Present:* Dr(s). K. Muralidhar (Chairman), B. Basu (Convener), S. Ganesh, S.S.K.Iyer, V. Raghvendra, N.N. Kishore, T. V. Prabhakar, N. Verma, N. K. Sharma, Satyaki Roy, Jayanta Chatterjee, Amalendu Chandra, C. Venkatesan, R. C. Budhani, M. K. Harbola (special invitee).

1. The minutes of the earlier IRDC meetings were confirmed.
2. *UG research conference:* Arvind Kothari presented the concept paper for the initiative to hold UG research conference during the Golden Jubilee Year. After extensive discussion, IRDC expressed positive opinion and IRDC members suggested that (a) a faculty advisory committee should be formed to guide the students, (b) the possibility of online publication of the proceedings should be considered.
3. *NERD:* Mohit presented the activities of NERD, the R&D newsletter of students. IRDC members appreciated the efforts to publish the magazine on a quarterly basis.
4. DORD announced the formation of two sub-committees:
  - a) *Work Assignment*, with the following membership: DORD, IRDC Convener, AR/DORD, Dr(s). Satyaki Roy, and S. S. K. Iyer.  
The committee will provide input to the Institute on the modality of short-term appointments staff (semi-skilled manpower) on projects to assist faculty in miscellaneous activities.
  - b) *Maximum tenure of staff on projects:* DORD, IRDC Convener, AR/Legal Cell, Dr(s). Kishore and Amalendu Chandra  
The above committee will recommend on fixing the maximum number of years that a project personnel can spend on project appointment within the Institute.
5. *RA hostel:* DORD announced that papers for the preparation of 200 more rooms in the RA hostel complex have been approved at various levels. We expect 100 rooms to be available by the end of 2009.
6. *Students on projects:* It is well-known that money is saved by the Institute on scholarships when MTech and PhD students are supported on sponsored projects. In a new development, Institute has categorically assured transfer of these savings to the respective Departments.
7. *Institute support for sponsored research:* DORD apprised IRDC that the Institute will soon invite detailed research proposal (e.g., in DST format) from faculty members and the total amount of funding available would be of the order of Rs 4 crores. A total of 4-5 such proposals would be supported. Follow-up support in the second and the third years would be available.
8. *Promotional videos:* DORD announced that Dr. Satyaki Roy can help various Departments, IDPs and Centers prepare videos (5-6 minutes duration) that can be used on various occasions: conference inauguration, for example. IRDC members are requested to consult their respective Heads and prepare a script for this purpose.
9. *PG Admissions to project employees* (agenda item brought forward by Dr C. Venkatesan): IRDC discussed the aspect of sponsorship of project employees for the M.Tech program. Although, no consensus could be arrived at, some suggestions were made along the following lines:
  - a) A sponsored candidate must have spent at least a year before applying for MTech admission.
  - b) GATE score can be waived.
  - c) Research Assistantship for two years need to be ensured.
  - d) Sponsored candidate has to appear in interview/written test as desired by the selection committee.

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

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Convener: IRDC

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