



WEST BENGAL UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY
BF-142, SECTOR-I, SALT LAKE, KOLKATA-700 064

Minutes of the 21st Academic Council Meeting held on 3rd April, 2013

The following members were present:-

1	PROF. SAMIR KUMAR BANDOPADHYAY	Chairman	Vice-Chancellor, WBUT
2	PROF. TAPAN KUMAR BASU	Member	Ex-Dean, Aliah Univ
3	PROF. J. DUTTAGUPTA	Member	Ex-Prof, SINP
4	PROF. SUBRATA KUMAR DEY	Member	Director, SoBT, WBUT
5	PROF. SUDAKSHINA KUNDU	Member	HoD, CSE, WBUT
6	DR. INDRANIL MUKHERJEE	Member	HoD Natural Sc, WBUT
7	DR. RAJA BANERJEE	Member	HoD, Bio-Info, WBUT
8	DR. SRIYANKAR ACHARYYA	Member	Associate Professor, WBUT
9	DR. SHAON RAY CHAUDHURI	Member	Assistant Professor, WBUT
10	SHRI AGNIBHA DASGUPTA	Member	Asst Professor, NSEC
11	DR. P. K. DAN	Member	HoD, IE&M, WBUT
12	DR. RAFIKUL ISLAM	Member	Registrar, WBUT

The following members were granted leave of absence:-

1	PROF. INDRANIL MANNA	Member	Director, CGCRI
2	DR. PRABIR BISWAS	Member	Principal IBMR
3	DR. KRISHNENDU CHAKRABORTY	Member	Principal, Kalyani GEC
4	SHRI TARUN KANTI JANA	Member	Asso. Prof, HIT

Prof. Samir Kumar Bandopadhyay, Vice-Chancellor, WBUT & Chairman of the Academic Council presided over the meeting.

He welcomed the members attending the 21st Academic Council Meeting.

Item No.1

Confirmation of Minutes of the 20th A.C. Meeting of WBUT.

The minutes of the 20th AC meeting held on 28th May, 2012 and the minutes of the Emergent Academic Council meeting held on 31st July, 2012 was placed before the members for confirmation.

Resolved that the minutes of the 20th Academic Council meeting be accepted.

Regarding the minutes of the Emergent Academic Council meeting held on a single agenda of “Rules governing the Autonomous Status while granting Autonomy to any of the Affiliated Colleges”, it was decided upon that as the University was on the process of granting Autonomy to the Affiliated Colleges as per the recommendation from UGC and State Government, hence the minutes be accepted with certain modification.

Resolved that the minutes of the Emergent Academic Council meeting be accepted by deleting the Para on the second page stating “In their deliberations membersthe initiative has not yet been fruitful”.

Also resolved that in the second page of the minutes in the second para the line “ Prof. S. RayChaudhuri has been appointed Nodal Officer TEQIP” be also deleted.

On the recommendation of members it was accepted that hence forth minutes of the meetings shall be mailed to the members and suggestion for any change will be accepted within a week.

Vice-Chancellor also placed before the members a proposal of audio-visual recording of the proceedings of the meetings. It was accepted and decided that from the next AC meeting audio-visual recording shall start.

It was also decided that Rules of business for the meeting shall be framed under the initiative of the Vice-Chancellor.

Item No. 2

To discuss about the procedure of implementation of the new Ph.D. Rules /Regulations & formation of Ph.D Committees for various branches offered by WBUT.

Vice-Chancellor informed the members that in view of the advertisement made after receiving the final notification from the Chancellor, 249 applications has been received. (**Annexure-I**).

In the applications received Vice-Chancellor pointed out two cases in which one was received in English and the other in Economics clubbed under the Head Management in Annexure-I. Regarding the Economics candidate he informed the members that he has already spoken to the guide and as informed that the matter pertains to behavioral aspect of brain economics which is to an extent pertains to Computer Technology. Hence he has applied for registration under WBUT.

Regarding the English candidate members expressed their view that as english has a wide divergence as a subject, hence it may be accepted considering the topic.

Resolved that both Economics and English be accepted and all 249 applicants may be called for their tests either written or viva as the case may be.

Regarding the Chancellor’s notification on Ph.D Regulation (**Annexure-II**), members point out certain points which they felt was anonymous.

As for the para on Viva-Voce [10(7)] – that Abstracts of the thesis of all candidates admitted to the Degree by the University will be published in the “Calcutta University Dissertation abstracts”, Vice-Chancellor made it clear that as one of the Pioneer University in India and in West Bengal being the oldest one, they have been given this privilege so that their is centralised documentation and the matter can be easily accessed for future reference to all sectors.

Vice-Chancellor called for the opinion from members regarding conducting of the Entrance Examination and also regarding implementation of the rules newly incorporated as well as conducting of the course work which has become compulsory.

Resolved that Vice-Chancellor and Dr. Subrata Kumar Dey shall frame the whole programme. Entrance Exam for the Ph.D programme shall be held tentatively in the month of May, 2013. Questions shall be framed by WBUT with the help of affiliated colleges if necessary. WBUT shall act as centralised Nodal Centre. Besides some of the Affiliated Colleges with acknowledgeable performance shall be selected as Nodal Centre for conducting the same.

In case of Couse work as Research Methodology has become an integral part to be taught to the students, it was decided that external help from CU, BESU, JU shall be taken as available.

Item No. 3

Report on the just concluded Odd Semester Examination

Chairman reported about the problem being faced by the controller department in the absence of a whole time Asst. Controller and Controller. He said Dr. Indranil Mukherjee, a faculty of this University has been kind enough to shoulder the responsibility of Controller.

He said University had taken the initiative of appointing an Asst. Controller on temporary basis for which a walk in interview was scheduled to be held on 25th March, but prior to it Govt. had written to him that all such work has to be kept in ambience and interview cannot be conducted.

Dr. Indranil Mukherjee placed the report on the last concluded Odd Semester Examination in which 1,30,574 candidates had appeared taking into account the 1st, 3rd, 5th & 7th Semester. **(Annexure-IV)**

Vice-Chancellor also informed the members about the problem that has rosen in the practise of granting Grace Marks to the students to qualify for pass marks.

He said University’s cut off mark was 36 after which a candidate is grantd a maximumof 4 marks so that he attains 40 marks and can be declared pass. In two Court cases, the learned court had questioned the validity of the University in taking up 36 as cut off mark. Vice-Chancellor suggested about abolishing this system of granting grace marks.

Resolved that hence forth University shall stop the practise of awarding grace marks to enable a student to attain the pass mark.

Item No. 4

Department of Biotechnology has proposed to start an Integrated Ph.D programme in Genetics from the ACADEMIC Session 2013-14.

Prof. Subrata Dey placed the details of the programme.

Resolved to accept the proposal on principle.

Implementation part was left to the Vice-Chancellor.

Item No. 5

Viva-Voce examination of 2nd year M. Tech students, henceforth shall be conducted after the completion of 4th Semester of M.Tech courses.

Resolved that hence forth Viva-voce shall be held after completion of 4th Semester of M.Tech courses.

Miscellaneous

Item No. 6

Uniform Structure of UG & PG Curricula (Annexure- V & Annexure-VI).

Prof. Sudakshina Kundu placed before the members a power point presentation behind this motive and its significance in a wider approach.

Resolved to accept the same which shall be implemented from the Academic session 2013-14.

Item No. 7

Autonomy for B.Tech courses of the Departments of CSE & IT of the departments of CSE & IT of WBUT.

The matter was placed before the members by Prof. Sudakshina Kundu as she claimed it was an integral part of TEQIP. As the University has been granted Autonomy as a whole for implementation of TEQIP, the matter was taken up for discussion.

Resolved that the matter be principally accepted.

Item No. 8

Introduction of NCC & NSS as a subject in the University

Registrar informed in the meeting about a letter received about starting NSS & NCC in University. He mentioned that 30 Institutions from Bengal has been selected.

Resolved that due to space crunch at present it is not feasible for the University to start the NCC. Considering its employment scope, it was decided that the matter may be kept in ambience till the problem of space be solved.

**Samir Kumar Bandopadhyay
Chairman Academic Council**

**Syed Rafikul Islam
Secretary, Academic Council**