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**MINUTES OF THE 34<sup>th</sup> SENATE MEETING OF  
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**INDIAN INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY MANDI**

**Minutes of the 34<sup>th</sup> Senate Meeting of IIT Mandi held on 15<sup>th</sup> March, 2022 at 04:00 PM in A1 NKN Room, IIT Mandi, Kamand.**

The following were present:

**In the Chair**

Prof. Laxmidhar Behera, Director, IIT Mandi

**Members:**

Prof. Rowena Robinson, Deptt. of HSS, IIT Bombay  
Prof. Yvonne Dittrich, Adjunct Professor, SCEE, IIT Mandi  
Prof. Tarun Kant, Visiting Distinguished Professor, SE, IIT Mandi  
Prof. S. C. Jain, Emeritus Professor, SE, IIT Mandi  
Prof. Prem Felix Siril, Professor, SBS, IIT Mandi  
Prof. Suman Kalyan Pal, Professor & Chairperson (SBS), IIT Mandi  
Prof. Chayan K. Nandi, Professor, SBS, & Associate Dean (Research), IIT Mandi  
Prof. Pradeep C. Parameswaran, Professor, SBS, IIT Mandi  
Prof. Satinder K. Sharma, Professor, SCEE, Dean (Faculty) & Co-ordinator, C4DFED, IIT Mandi  
Prof. Rajeev Kumar, Professor, SE, IIT Mandi  
Prof. Rahul Vaish, Professor, SE & Dean (Academics), IIT Mandi  
Dr. Vishal Singh Chauhan, Dean (F & A), IIT Mandi  
Dr. Venkata Krishnan, Dean (SRIC & IR), IIT Mandi  
Dr. Manoj Thakur, Dean (Students), IIT Mandi  
Dr. Samar, Chairperson, SCEE, IIT Mandi  
Dr. Atul Dhar, Chairperson, SE, IIT Mandi  
Dr. Rik Rani Koner, Co-ordinator, AMRC, IIT Mandi  
Dr. Prosenjit Mondal, Co-ordinator, BioX Centre, IIT Mandi  
Dr. Aditi Halder, Associate Professor, SBS, IIT Mandi  
Dr. Srikant Srinivasan, Associate Professor, SCEE, IIT Mandi  
Dr. Sunny Zafar, Assistant Professor, SE, & Chief Warden, IIT Mandi  
Dr. Qaiser Jahan, Assistant Professor, SBS, IIT Mandi  
Dr. Gopi Shrikanth Reddy, Assistant Professor, SCEE, IIT Mandi  
Dr. Puran Singh, Associate Professor, SHSS, IIT Mandi  
Dr. Rajeshwari Dutt, Associate Professor, SHSS, IIT Mandi  
Shri N. S. Bhandari, Dy. Librarian, IIT Mandi  
Dr. Nadeem Akhtar, M/s Arista Networks  
Shri K. K. Bajre, Registrar & Secretary-Senate, IIT Mandi

**Invitees:**

Dr. Tulika Srivastava, Associate Dean (International Relations), IIT Mandi  
Dr. Kala V. Uday, Chair, CPC, IIT Mandi  
Dr. Kaustav Mukherjee, Associate Professor, SBS, IIT Mandi  
Dr. Syed Abbas, Associate Professor, SBS, IIT Mandi  
Dr. Viswanath Balakrishnan, Associate Professor, SE, IIT Mandi  
Dr. Ajay Soni, Associate Professor, SBS, IIT Mandi  
Dr. Shubhajit Roy Chowdhury, Associate Professor, SCEE, IIT Mandi  
Dr. Hitesh Shrimali, Associate Professor, SCEE, IIT Mandi  
Dr. Varun Dutt, Associate Professor, SCEE & SHSS, IIT Mandi  
Dr. C.S. Yadav, Associate Professor, SBS, IIT Mandi

Dr. Rajendra Kr. Ray, Associate Professor, SBS, IIT Mandi  
 Dr. Nitu Kumari, Associate Professor, SBS, IIT Mandi  
 Dr. Arpan Gupta, Associate Professor, SE, IIT Mandi  
 Dr. Tushar Jain, Associate Professor, SCEE, IIT Mandi  
 Dr. Muslim Malik, Associate Professor, SBS, IIT Mandi  
 Dr. Amit Prasad, Associate Professor, SBS, IIT Mandi  
 Dr. Deepak Swami, Associate Professor, SE, IIT Mandi  
 Dr. Dericks P. Shukla, Associate Professor, SE, IIT Mandi  
 Dr. Pradeep Kumar, Associate Professor, SBS, IIT Mandi  
 Dr. Satyajit A. Thakor, Associate Professor, SCEE, IIT Mandi  
 Dr. Amit B. Pawar, Assistant Professor, SBS, IIT Mandi  
 Dr. Trayambak Basak, Assistant Professor, SBS, IIT Mandi  
 Dr. Pratim Kundu, Assistant Professor, SCEE, IIT Mandi  
 Dr. Indranath Chakraborty, Assistant Professor, SBS, IIT Mandi  
 Dr. Bhaskar Mondal, Assistant Professor, SBS, IIT Mandi  
 Dr. Prasad Kasturi, Assistant Professor, SBS, IIT Mandi  
 Dr. Ashutosh Kumar, Assistant Professor, SE, IIT Mandi  
 Dr. Subhamoy Sen, Assistant Professor, SE, IIT Mandi  
 Dr. Baskar Bakthavachalu, Assistant Professor, SBS, IIT Mandi  
 Dr. Manas Thakur, Assistant Professor, SCEE, IIT Mandi  
 Dr. P. Anil Kishan, Assistant Professor, SE, IIT Mandi  
 Dr. Sandip Kumar Saha, Assistant Professor, SE, IIT Mandi  
 Dr. Srinivasu Bodapati, Assistant Professor, SCEE, IIT Mandi  
 Dr. Narsa Reddy Tummuru, Assistant Professor, SCEE, IIT Mandi  
 Dr. Adarsh Patel, Assistant Professor, SCEE, IIT Mandi  
 Dr. Devika Sethi, Assistant Professor, SHSS, IIT Mandi  
 Dr. Amit Shukla, Assistant Professor, SE, IIT Mandi  
 Dr. Rahul Shrestha, Assistant Professor, SCEE, IIT Mandi  
 Dr. Ashutosh Kumar, Assistant Professor, SE, IIT Mandi  
 Dr. Garima Agrawal, Assistant Professor, SBS, IIT Mandi  
 Dr. Gaurav Bhutani, Assistant Professor, SE, IIT Mandi  
 Dr. Maheshreddy Gade, Assistant Professor, SE, IIT Mandi  
 Dr. Moumita Das, Assistant Professor, SCEE, IIT Mandi  
 Dr. Neha Kaushik, Assistant Professor, SHSS, IIT Mandi  
 Dr. Prateek Saxena, Assistant Professor, SE, IIT Mandi  
 Dr. Purnima Bajre, Visiting Professor, SHSS, IIT Mandi  
 Dr. Saumya Dixit, Assistant Professor, SHSS, IIT Mandi  
 Dr. Siddhartha Sarma, Assistant Professor, SCEE, IIT Mandi  
 Dr. Suman, Assistant Professor, SHSS, IIT Mandi  
 Dr. Sumit Murab, Assistant Professor, SBS, IIT Mandi  
 Dr. Prasanna Rousseau, Assistant Professor, SE, IIT Mandi  
 Mr. Bhumanyu Goyal, Student Academic Affairs Secretary, IIT Mandi (Special Invitee)  
 Mr. Anirudh Singh, Student General Secretary, IIT Mandi (Special Invitee)  
 Shri Vivek Tiwari, Assistant Registrar (Academics), IIT Mandi also attended the meeting.

**Following Senate members/invitees could not attend the meeting due to prior commitments:**

Prof. N. Sathyamurthy, Former Director, IISER Mohali & Hon. Prof., JNCASR, Bengaluru  
 Prof. Sunil R. Kale, Professor, Department of Mechanical Engineering, IIT Delhi  
 Prof. Ramesh Oruganti, Adjunct Professor, SCEE, IIT Mandi  
 Prof. Rajan Kapur, Adjunct Professor, SCEE, IIT Mandi

Prof. Subrata Ray, Distinguished Visiting Professor, SE, IIT Mandi  
Prof. Ajit Padmakar Annachattre, Visiting Professor, SE, IIT Mandi  
Prof. Ing. Balthasar Novak, Adjunct Professor, SE, IIT Mandi  
Prof. Sumant Nigam, Visiting Distinguished Professor, SE, IIT Mandi  
Prof. Subrata Ghosh, Professor, SBS, IIT Mandi  
Prof. Bharat Singh Rajpurohit, Professor, SCEE and Dean (I&S), IIT Mandi  
Dr. Shyamasree Dasgupta, Chairperson, SHSS, IIT Mandi  
Dr. Kaustav Sarkar, Associate Dean (Infrastructure), IIT Mandi  
Dr. Arnav Bhavsar, Associate Dean (SRIC), IIT Mandi  
Mr. Adesh Singh, Student Research Affairs Secretary, IIT Mandi (Special Invitee)

The Chairman Senate extended a warm welcome to all the Senate members and Invitees attending the 34<sup>th</sup> Senate meeting of the Institute. He further appreciated and placed on records the valuable contributions made by Prof. Ajit K. Chaturvedi, former Director, IIT Mandi.

The house also welcomed Prof. Laxmidhar Behera, Director, IIT Mandi and ex-officio Chairman, Senate and wished him luck to take the Institute to greater heights.

Thereafter, following agenda items were taken up.

**Item No. 34.1: To confirm the minutes of the 33<sup>rd</sup> Senate meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> December, 2021.**

The minutes of the 33<sup>rd</sup> Senate meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> December, 2021 at IIT Mandi were circulated to members of the Senate on 13<sup>th</sup> January, 2021 (through email) for comments.

The Senate noted that the comment received on the minutes of the 33<sup>rd</sup> Senate meeting on item no. 33.7 is in accordance with the resolution of the Senate

Accordingly, the minutes of the 33<sup>rd</sup> Senate meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> December, 2021 were confirmed, as circulated.

**Item No. 34.2: To receive report on the actions taken for the decisions taken in the 33<sup>rd</sup> Senate meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> December, 2021.**

The Senate noted the actions on the decisions taken in its 33<sup>rd</sup> Senate meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> December, 2021.

**Item No. 34.3: To consider revisions in the Regulations for the MS and PhD programme.**

Prof. Chayan K. Nandi, Associate Dean (Research) presented the proposal regarding revision in the Regulations for the MS and PhD programme, item-wise. After detailed discussion, the Senate suggested modification in the proposal in particular regarding the requirement of publication before submission of synopsis and in the category of admission (ERP/Part Time) in the MS/Ph.D. programme. The final documents incorporating suggestions of the Senate are placed as **Annexure-A; Page No. 8 to 14.**

**Item No. 34.4: To consider minimum performance in M.Tech./M.S. (by Research)/Ph.D/I-PhD etc. programmes for continuation of Assistantship/Fellowship/Scholarship.**

Prof. Chayan K. Nandi, Associate Dean (Research) presented the proposal regarding minimum performance requirements in M.Tech./M.S. (by Research)/I-Ph.D./Ph.D. programmes for continuation of Assistantship/Fellowship/Scholarship. After brief discussion, the following was approved by the Senate:

- Minimum CGPA requirements for continuation of Assistantship/ Fellowship in M.Tech/MS (by Res.)/PhD/I-PhD will be 6.50
- Having a CGPA less than 6.50, the student will be considered under probation.
- Student on probation will not be allocated TA duties.
- The full fellowship may be resumed only once the minimum CGPA of 6.50 is attained.
- Arrears will not be paid for the discontinued period.
- Maximum 30% of monthly fellowship (towards living expenses) can be granted to the scholar during the probation period.

**Item No. 34.5: To consider proposal for Conversion from Master of Technology (M.Tech.) Program to Master of Science by Research (M.S.) Program.**

Dr. Sandip Kumar Saha, Chair of the committee presented a proposal for Conversion from Master of Technology (M.Tech.) Program to Master of Science by Research (M.S.) Program. After detailed discussion, the Senate resolved to approve the proposal as below:

**Conversion Mechanism**

- Students may apply for conversion after completion of the first semester till the end of the third semester of the M.Tech. program.
- There should be at least one faculty from the concerned School willing to supervise the student for the MS thesis.
- Minimum CGPA to be eligible for this conversion is 8.0 with no F grade in any subject registered until the time of application. However, School may choose to increase the cut off CGPA as per number of applications received and seat/facility availability.
- There should not be any academic or other disciplinary action against the student during their stay at IIT Mandi.

**Ordinance and Regulation**

- Existing ordinance and regulations for M.S. program will be applicable from the day of the conversion.
- The course credits earned till the time of application will be counted towards the credit requirements of the MS program. However, APC may recommend additional course works based on the research topic opted for the MS thesis.
- Financial assistantship, beyond 24 months from the date of registration for the M.Tech. program at IIT Mandi, may be extended by the supervisor from own resources as per applicable norms.

**Item No. 34.6: To consider renaming of Master of Science (by Research) to Master of Technology (by Research).**

Dr. Sandip Kumar Saha, Program Coordinator, M.Tech (Structural Engineering) presented a proposal regarding renaming the Master of Science (by Research) to Master of Technology (by Research). After discussions, the Senate resolved to approve the proposal subject to obtaining opinion of the existing MS students on the proposal. The Senate further authorized the Chairman, Senate to take decision thereafter.

**Item No. 34.7: Any other agenda item with the permission of the Chairman, Senate.**

(i) Dr. Manoj Thakur, Dean (Students) presented a proposal regarding offering Post Doc. Position for Ph.D. students of IIT Mandi, who submitted their thesis. After discussions, the Senate rejected the proposal.

(ii) Prof. Rahul Vaish, Dean (Academics) presented a proposal regarding establishment of "**School of Management**" at the Institute. After detailed discussion, the Senate resolved to approve the proposal as placed at **Annexure-B; Page No. 15** and recommended to the BoG for approval.

**Item No. 34.8 To report decisions/action taken by the Chairman, Senate.**

The Senate noted the decisions taken by the Chairman, Senate on behalf of the Senate, as given in the agenda. The Senate also noted the following:

(i) The Chairman, Senate approved creation of the **Centre for Continuing Education (CCE)**, on 9<sup>th</sup> February, 2022. All extension and academic outreach educational activities of the Institute will be taken care by the Centre. The Centre will ensure effective governance and implementation of the following:

- All academic outreach activities like Conferences, Workshops, Symposia, Short-term courses, Training programs, Internship programs and other similar activities of the Institute.
- Providing necessary logistics and administrative support to run such programs.
- To evolve mechanism for self-sustainability.

The Centre will work under the Deanery of SRIC & IR.

Dr. Tushar Jain, Associate Professor, SCEE has been appointed as the Head of the Centre.

- (ii) **34.8 (v)** The LTPC of IC 231 (Measurement and Instrumentation Practicum) was approved to be 2-0-2-3.
- (iii) **34.8 (ii)** In addition to the reported withdrawal list, the withdrawal request of the following students were also

approved by the Chairman, Senate during 10<sup>th</sup> December, 2021 – 1<sup>st</sup> March, 2022:

Sl. No	Roll No.	Student Name	School/ Branch	Program	Date of Joining	Date of Resignation Accepted
1	T21001	Anshuman Kumar	SCEE	M.Tech	9 <sup>th</sup> August, 2021	17-02-2022
2	T21096	Abhishek Mukherjee	SCEE	M.Tech	9 <sup>th</sup> August, 2021	17-02-2022
3	D13021	Shivam Mishra	SHSS	Part Time Ph.D	11 <sup>th</sup> February, 2014	17-02-2022
4	D19053	Shubham Sharma	SBS	Ph.D.	3 <sup>rd</sup> February, 2020	17-02-2022
5	D21049	Abhishek Kapoor	SBS	Ph.D.	9 <sup>th</sup> August, 2021	17-02-2022

**Item No. 34.9 Issues to be discussed by the Senate without Student Members being present.**

None.

The meeting concluded with a vote of thanks to the Chair and to the Members.

*U. Chandra*  
31/3/2022  
**Chairman, Senate**

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31/3/22  
**Registrar & Secretary-Senate**