

ACADEMIC COUNCIL

HERITAGE INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY, KOLKATA-700107

MINUTES OF THE 36th (THIRTY SIXTH) MEETING OF THE ACADEMIC COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2023 at 11:00 A.M.

Members Present:

1. Prof. (Dr.) Basab Chaudhuri, Principal	Chairman
2. Prof. (Dr.) K. K. Chaudhuri, Nominee of BOG	Member
3. Prof. (Dr.) Mihir Kumar Bhattacharya, Nominee of BOG	Member
4. Prof. (Dr.) Utpal Roy, Nomine of MAKAUT	Member
5. Prof. (Dr.) Subhashis Datta, Nominee of MAKAUT	Member
6. Prof. (Dr.) N P Nayak, HOD, Physics and CoE	Member
7. Prof. (Dr.) Subhashis Majumder, HOD , CSE & Dean (UG)	Member
8. Prof. (Dr.) Sandip Chatterjee, HOD, Mathematics, Associate Dean (Student Affairs), Jt. Registrar (Academic) & Coordinator, IQAC	Member
9. Prof. (Dr.) Madhurima Chattopadhyay, HOD, AEIE	Member
10. Prof. (Dr.) Souvik Basu, HOD, CA	Member
11. Prof. (Dr.) Sulagna Chatterjee, HOD, ChE	Member
12. Prof. (Dr.) Prabir Banerjee, HOD, ECE	Member
13. Prof. (Dr.) Saibal Dutta, HOD, EE	Member
14. Prof. (Dr.) Siuli Roy, HOD, IT & CSBS	Member
15. Prof. (Dr.) Jayati Datta, HOD, Chemistry and Environment	Member
16. Prof. (Dr.) Tapas Sadhu, HOD, CE	Member
17. Prof. (Dr.) Srabanti Basu, HOD, BT	Member
18. Prof. (Dr.) Suparna Chakraborty, HOD, Humanities	Member
19. Prof. (Dr.) Pinaki Bhattacharya, Director, R&D	Member
20. Prof. Krishanu Datta, Faculty Representative	Member
21. Prof. (Dr.) Sayantani Datta, Faculty Representative	Member
22. Mr. Arvind Srivastava, Joint Registrar	Special Invitee
23. Dr. S K Barua, Registrar	Special Invitee
24. Prof. (Dr.) Atanu Kundu, Dy. CoE	Special Invitee

Members Absent:

25. Prof. (Dr.) Kesab Bhattacharya, Representative MAKAUT	Member
26. Prof. (Dr.) Sekhar Bhattacharjee, Nominee of BoG	Member
27. Prof. (Dr.) Keshab Bhattacharya	Member
28. Mr. Ivan Saha, Nominee of BOG	Member
29. Prof. (Dr.) Sukanta Sarkar, HOD, ME	Member
30. Prof. (Dr.) Dinabandhu Bhandari, Faculty Representative	Member
31. Prof. (Dr.) Nandan Kumar Jana	Member Secretary

Welcome by the Chairman

The Chairman welcomed all members to the 35th (thirty fifth) Academic Council meeting. In absence of the Member Secretary due to a bereavement in his family, Chairman requested the Joint Registrar (Academic) to continue with the proceedings of the meeting.

Agenda No. 1: Confirmation of the Minutes of the 35th Academic Council Meeting held on December 22, 2022

The minutes of the 35th meeting of the Academic Council held on December 22, 2022 were confirmed.

Agenda No. 2: Publication of the results of Odd Semester Examinations 2022 for B.Tech (2nd, 3rd, 4th year), M.Tech.(1st, 2nd year and MCA 2nd year.

The Controller of Examinations of HITK presented the detailed analysis of the results of Odd Semester Examinations 2022 for 2nd, 3rd & 4th year B.Tech, M.Tech 1st and 2nd Year & 2nd year MCA. He stated that the credit points acquired in courses for B.Tech. (Hons.) were excluded while calculating the SGPA.

After due deliberations, members approved the results and permitted to publish the same.

Agenda No. 3: Revised guidelines regarding B.Tech. (Hons.) degree

The Chairman apprised the members that in the AICTE Model Curriculum 2018 for Under Graduate Degree Courses in Engineering & Technology it was stated that:

"A range of credits from 150 to 160 for a student to be eligible to get Under Graduate degree in Engineering. A student will be eligible to get Under Graduate degree with Honours or additional Minor Engineering, if he/she completes an additional 20 credits. These could be acquired through MOOCs." (Chapter 1, Section B, Page 3).

Accordingly, the Academic Council of the Institute in its 15th meeting held on July 9, 2018 resolved that:

"A student will be eligible to get B.Tech. degree with Honours if he/she complete an additional 20 credits. This could be acquired through various Honours Courses offered by the respective departments.

A part or all of the above additional credits may also be acquired through MOOCs"

The Chairman further informed the members that the discussion for revision in the guidelines ensued the recent advice of the Controller of Examinations, MAKAUT and requested the Joint Registrar (Academic) to present the draft of the revised guidelines of the Institute.

The Joint Registrar (Academic) presented the draft prepared by the IQAC in consultation with the HoDs and other senior faculty members of the Institute taking into consideration the Norms and Requirements stated in Chapter-VII of the AICTE Approval Process Handbook for the Academic Session 2022-23 and the guidelines regarding this of other reputed institutions across the country.

Prof. (Dr.) Subhashis Datta, Controller of Examinations and Nominee, MAKAUT appreciated the efforts in preparing the draft. He felt that the eligibility criteria for obtaining B.Tech.(Hons.) degree, as proposed in the draft, has become little stringent. In addition, he also suggested that the Institute should not offer any additional course to the students for obtaining B.Tech. (Hons.)

degree, rather students will have to complete all such required courses from various MOOCs platforms only. He further suggested that since B.Tech. students mostly remain busy with placement activities and preparation for various competitive examinations during their 7th and 8th semester, they may be offered the flexibility of completing the required MOOCs courses for B.Tech. (Hons.) degree from their 3rd semester instead of 5th semester.

After much deliberations, members decided to send the draft back to IQAC for further discussion and revision, if necessary. The Coordinator, IQAC was requested to initiate the process at the earliest and circulate the revised draft among the members of the Academic Council through email.

Agenda No. 3: Miscellaneous

- i. The Joint Registrar(Academic) proposed to increase the weightage of continuous assessment in the evaluation process. In this regard, Prof. (Dr.) Subhashis Datta, Controller of Examinations and Nominee, MAKAUT explained the process followed by MAKAUT and suggested that the UGC guidelines for autonomous colleges may be consulted.
- ii. Controller of Examinations of HITK reported that in the 7th meeting of the Academic Council held on 11th February, 2016 and subsequent amendment in the 22nd meeting of the Academic Council held on 30th June 2020 changes were made in the Statutes of Rules and Regulations of Examinations, Chapter 5, Article No. 5.4.2.6. Inadvertently, the amendment went missing in the minutes of the 22nd meeting of the Academic Council. He requested the members to allow him to incorporate the changes in the Examination Rules of the Institute as an Annexure. Members approved the requested incorporation.

There being no other item in the agenda, the meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair.



Professor Basab Chaudhuri
Chairman
Academic Council



Prof. (Dr.) Sandip Chatterjee
Joint Registrar (Academic)