

Minutes of the 20th meeting of the Council  
of IITs held on 11.6.1979.

The 20th meeting of the Council of IITs was held at 10.30 a.m. on Monday the 11th June 1979 in the Conference Room of Shastri Bhavan, New Delhi. The following were present:

1. Dr. P.C. Chunder Chairman
2. Shri A.M.M. Arunachalam
3. Dr. A.Bhattacharyya
4. Shri G. Bhuvanarahan
5. Shri G.K. Chandiramani
6. Dr. A.K.De
7. Dr. P.V. Indiresan
8. Dr. P.K. Iyengar
9. Dr. O.P.Jain
10. Shri J.A. Kalyanakrishnan
11. Dr. Shankar Lal
12. Dr. Prem Manohar
13. Prof. M.G. K.Menon
14. Dr. J.D. Sethi
15. Air Chief Marshal Arjan Singh (Retd.)
16. Dr. K.Gopalan Secretary

The following members regretted their inability to attend the meeting:

1. Prof. S.Dhawan
2. Shri Bhaskar Mitter
3. Shri A.L.Mudaliar
4. Shri B.P. Poddar
5. Dr. R.Ramanna
6. Shri L.M. Thapar

The following members did not attend the meeting:

- 1. Shri Niten Bhaya
- 2. Prof. Satish Chandra
- 3. Shri S.S. Das
- 4. Shri V. Krishnamurti
- 5. Dr. M.S. Swaminathan

Shri P. Sabanayagam and Prof. C.S. Jha attended the meeting by special invitation.

Before taking up the agenda for consideration, the Chairman extended a cordial welcome to all present.

Item No. 1: To confirm the minutes of the 19th meeting of the Council held on 9th November 1978.

The minutes of the 19th meeting held on 9th November 1978 were confirmed as circulated.

Item No. 2: To report the action taken on the minutes of the 19th meeting of the Council held On 9.11.1978.

While noting the action taken on the minutes of the 19th meeting, the Council desired that the Directors of the IITs should submit to the Secretariat para-wise comments on the suggestions made by the organising Chairman of JEE 1978 within a month.

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It was also decided that the scheme for promotional opportunities for the non-academic staff of IITs should be finalised within three months by the Committee appointed for the purpose. The IITs should consider other outstanding problems and grievances of the employees and make a report with recommendations, if any, for consideration of the Council.

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Item No. 3: To report changes in the membership of the Council.

The Council noted the changes in its membership.

Item No. 4: To report the action taken by the Chairman on behalf of the Council.

The action taken by the Chairman on behalf of the Council was noted.

Item No. 5: To consider amendment to Statute 13(2) and 13(3) dealing with terms and conditions of service.

The Council reiterated its earlier decision taken at its meeting on 2nd May 1978 that the maximum period of probation should be fixed at 2 years and resolved that the relevant statutes should be suitably amended in consultation with the Ministry of Law. The Institute should decide the confirmation or otherwise of the employees well within the probation period of 2 years.

Item No. 6: To prescribe norms for awarding Research Associateships for Post-doctoral research.

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The Council noted that the Government has agreed to the introduction of UGC rates of research Associateships for Post-Doctoral research in the IITs. It was resolved that there should be a ceiling on the number of Research Associateships awarded annually and that this number should be decided every year by the Finance Committee/Board of Governors of each Institute. The Directors should formulate guidelines for the award of these Research Associateships on the basis of the guidelines prescribed by the UGC and submit the same to the Council for consideration and approval.

It was also resolved that action should be taken to suitably amend the relevant Statutes regarding Post-Doctoral Fellowships.

Item No. 7: To consider revision of the pay-scale for the post of Training & Placement Officer and classification of the post.

F. After some discussion and having regard to divergent views expressed, it was resolved to refer the matter back to the Directors for further consideration.

Item No.8: To consider the demand of mess employees of the IITs to be made regular employees of the Institutes.

G The Council decided not to agree to the demand to make mess employees regular employees of the Institutes.

It was however resolved to adopt the norms recommended by the Directors for providing facilities to them and recommend the same to the Government for approval.

Item No. 9: To consider the progress/review reports of the Centres of Advanced Studies at the IITs.

HA The Council noted the progress/review reports of the Centres of Advanced Studies and authorised the Chairman to appoint a small committee under the chairmanship of Prof. M.G.K. Menon to critically evaluate the progress of these Centres.

Item No. 10: To report the revised/budget estimates approved for the year 1978-79 and 1979-80.

The revised/budget estimates approved for the various IITs for the years 1978-79 and 1979-80 were noted.

Item No. 11: To consider the duration of undergraduate courses in engineering/technology in the IITs.

The Council approved the proposal of IIT Kharagpur regarding the duration of undergraduate courses and integrated M.Sc. courses and desired that the IITs should complete the exercise of re-scheduling the course contents etc. vis-a-vis the plus-2 syllabus without any further delay.

Item No. 12: To consider amendment to Sub-para (d)(i) and (ii) of para 22 of the Statutes under 'Fees'.

The Council approved the revised rates of fees as recommended by the Directors and resolved to amend the Statutes accordingly.

Item No. 13: To report the action taken on the recommendations for holding JEE for admission to IITs in languages other than English.

The Council noted the action taken on the recommendations for holding JEE for admission to IITs in languages other than English and resolved to await the final recommendations of the Satish Chandra Committee for taking further necessary action in the matter.

Item No. 14: To consider the question of implementing in the IITs Government orders regarding service conditions.

It was resolved to take the opinion of the Ministry of Law on the proposal.

Item No. 15: To consider the suggestion to hold separate entrance examination for SC/ST candidates with a view to fill up the seats reserved for them in the IITs.

The Council did not agree to hold separate entrance examination for Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes candidates

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for admission to IITs. It was felt that proper pre-entrance training at school level over a long period was the only solution to the problem.

Item No.16: To consider the decision taken to drop Group B papers of the JEE.

K. The Council noted the changes made in the Joint Entrance Examination with effect from 1979 and reiterated that such changes should not be introduced without the specific approval of the Council. The authority in this regard is vested in the Council under Statute 33(1) and 33(2) (a) of the IIT Act.

Item No.18: To consider raising the value of books to be issued to SC/ST students under Book Bank Scheme.

It was resolved to raise the value of books to be issued to SC/ST students from Rs. 300 to Rs.500. However, it was decided that the existing practice of returning books to the library at the end of each semester must continue.

Any other item:-

The Council received the report submitted by Prof. O.P. Jain, Director, IIT Delhi, regarding the new item on Joint Entrance Examination 1979 which appeared in the Delhi Edition of Times of India dated 8th June.

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the

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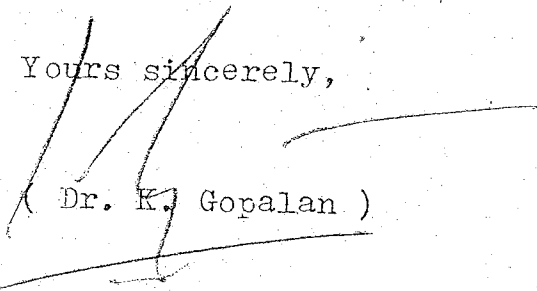
New Delhi-110 001,  
the 18th November, 1980

Dear Prof. Shankar Lal,

I am enclosing the minutes of the 21st meeting of the Council of IITs held on 23.8.1980 and 18.9.1980. Comments, if any, may kindly be sent so as to reach us within three weeks time from the date of issue of this letter.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,

  
( Dr. K. Gopalan )

To

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