Department of Biochemical Engineering and Biotechnology

Dated: 08th October 2012

Minutes of special Departmental Faculty Board Meeting held on 26th September 2012 at 12 noon in the Departmental Committee Room (I-230). Following members were present:

1.	Prof. T. R. Sreekrishnan	Chairman
2.	Prof. V. S. Bisaria	Member
3.	Prof. G. P. Agarwal	Member
4.	Prof. A. K. Srivastava	Member
5.	Prof. P K Roychoudhury	Member
6.	Prof. Prashant Mishra	Member
7.	Dr. Atul Narang	Member
8.	Dr. Ritu Kulshreshtha	Member
9.	Dr. Ravikrishnan Elangovan	Member
10.	Dr. Preeti Srivastava	Member
11.	Dr. Praveen Kaul	Member
12.	Dr. Shilpi Sharma	Member Convenor

A Special Faculty Board Meeting was held on 26th September 2012 to discuss the following one point agenda:

• Discussion on implementation of the New Undergraduate Curriculum

The meeting started with Head's briefing on the note received from Dean Academics pointing out some of the proposals approved by Senate with respect to implementation of new undergraduate curriculum. All departments offering dual degree programme were requested to re-look at the programme and decide whether to continue offering a 5-year programme at entry (JEE) level or to offer a 4-year programme with an option to convert it to a B.Tech-M.Tech or B.Tech- M.S.(R) or Ph.D combination based on performance of the student upto the end of 3rd year.

The topic was enthusiastically deliberated upon with faculty members discussing at lengths the pros and cons of various practical alternatives. Prof. Agarwal and Prof. Bisaria put forth the option of

admitting a fixed number of students for dual degree programme at the entry (JEE) level, with the others (admitted for 4 years B.Tech programme) having flexibility in converting into M.Tech degree based on his/her performance at a later time point. Prof Ashok Srivastava stressed on the fact that DBT partially funds 10 M.Tech students of our programme. Based on this the number of intakes for 5-year dual degree programme was fixed as 10, and the intake for 4-year B.Tech was fixed as 38. While the intricacies of this change needs to be worked out in detail, the Head was requested to communicate the departmental's view on implementation of new undergraduate curriculum to the Dean Academics.

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

Shilpi Sharma Convenor

All Faculty members