

## Department of Biochemical Engineering and Biotechnology

### Faculty Board meeting (05/2016-17)

January 23, 2017

The 5<sup>th</sup> *Departmental Faculty Board* of 2016-2017 was held on **January 23, 2017** at **2 PM** in the Departmental Committee Room (I-230).

The following members were present:

Prof. Atul Narang (*Chairman*)  
Prof. G.P. Agarwal  
Prof. V.S. Bisaria  
Prof. Saroj Mishra  
Prof. A.K. Srivastava  
Prof. T.R. Sreekrishnan  
Prof. Sunil Nath  
Prof. P.K. Roychoudhury  
Prof. Prashant Mishra  
Dr. Ritu Kulshreshtha  
Dr. Preeti Srivastava  
Dr. Ravikrishnan Elangovan  
Dr. Ziauddin Shaikh Ahammad  
Dr. Ashish Misra  
Dr. D. Sundar (*Acting Convener*)

#### **Item No. 1 - To confirm the minutes of the 4<sup>th</sup> meeting of the DFB for the session 2016-2017 (DFB-04/2016-2017) held on December 23, 2016.**

The Minutes of the DFB meeting No. 04/2016-2017 were confirmed as circulated.

#### **Item No. 2 - Matters arising out of the minutes of DFB-04/2016-2017.**

##### *Item No. 4 of DFB 04/2016-2017 – PLN03C Budget*

*The board agreed to the request of Prof. Prashant Mishra to meet the additional cost to be incurred in the purchase of Spectrofluorimeter from PLN03C budget and it was decided that the instrument will be placed in the shared Instrumentation lab.*

*[Action: Profs. AN, PM & PS]*

##### *Item No. 6 of DFB 04/2016-2017 – Discussion PE credits in new curriculum*

*The board identified the following PE courses for raising the course credits to 4. The concerned Course Coordinators were asked to revise the course templates and submit it for consideration of the DFB by end of February:*

<b>Sl.</b>	<b>Course Code</b>	<b>Course Title</b>	<b>Faculty</b>
1	BBL740	Plant Cell Technology	AKS
2	BBL741	Protein Science and Engineering	SM
3	BBL743	High Resolution Methods in Biotechnology	SM / PM
4	BBL745	Combinatorial Biotechnology	PS
5	BBL747	Bionanotechnology	PM
6	BBL750	Genome Engineering	PS

*[Action: Profs. SM (Chair), AKS, PM, PS]*

**Item No. 3 – Discussion on Concept Note for School of Interdisciplinary Research (SIRe)**

The board strongly supported the concept of SIRe keeping in mind the rapidly changing research horizons and the need to admit students from diverse background to join in the research programs of the Institute. The board was of the opinion that SIRe will also provide an opportunity for faculty members from different disciplines/academic units to recruit PhD students who may not be otherwise compatible (in terms of their background degree) for admission in their respective parent academic units. However, the board strongly recommended that the DRC of the proposed SIRe should ensure that criteria to be followed for admitting PhD students shouldn't be compromised under any circumstances.

**Item No. 4 – Revision of PG admission brochure.**

Noting that a larger deliberation / discussion is required, this item was deferred to the next meeting.

**Item No. 5 – Review three applications from potential Ramalingaswami Fellows.**

Noting that a larger deliberation / discussion is required, this item was deferred to the next meeting.

**Item No. 6 – Review assignment of advisors for students on probation.**

Considering the large number of the departmental UG/Dual degree students who are placed under probation, the board identified additional faculty members (Profs. G.P. Agarwal, Saroj Mishra, A.K. Srivastava, Sunil Nath and Prashant Mishra) to advise these students. The other faculty members where were already advising weak students included Drs. Ritu Kulshreshtha, Ziauddin Ahammad and Ravi Elangovan.

**Item No. 7 – Feedback on creation of new teaching slots.**

The board agreed to the idea of new teaching slots (AA, AB, AC and AD) in principle. The faculty were urged to look into the possibility of floating any of their courses, both in the odd and even semesters, in these slots.

*[Action: All faculty to send their inputs to DFB Convener Dr. AM]*

**Item No. 8 – Feedback on sharing Seminar Room with Institute.**

The board agreed to share the Departmental Seminar Room upto 11 AM on each day for offering Institute-level courses. The faculty who teach in slots upto 11 AM were advised to send their inputs, so that the Deputy Director (S&P) can be informed accordingly.

*[Action: Concerned faculty to send their inputs to DFB Convener Dr. AM]*

**Item No. 9 – GIAN fellowship proposals.**

While welcoming the proposals for hosting Foreign Faculty under the MHRD scheme on *Global Initiative of Academic Networks* (GIAN), it was recommended that the DFB will consider the proposal complete in all aspects, as and when it is submitted by the departmental faculty who will serve as the Host.

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



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*Acting Convener - DFB*

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