The tenth meeting of the Departmental Faculty Board for the academic session 2019-2020 was held on Monday, June 22, 2020 at 10:00 AM through video conferencing (Microsoft Teams)

The following members were present:

- Prof. D. Sundar, Chairman
- Prof. Saroj Mishra, Member
- Prof. Ashok K. Srivastava, Member
- Prof. T.R. Sreekrishnan, Member
- Prof. Prashant Mishra, Member
- Prof. Shilpi Sharma, Member
- Prof. Preeti Srivastava, Member
- Prof. Ravikrishnan Elangovan, Member
- Prof. Ziauddin Shaikh Ahammad, Member
- Prof. Lucinda E. Doyle, Member
- Prof. Rohan Jain, Member
- Prof. Ishaan Gupta, Member
- Prof. Ritu Kulshreshtha, Convener

1. **Confirmation of the minutes of the 9th meeting of the DFB for the session 2019-2020 held on Mar 06, 2020.**

The minutes of the meeting were confirmed as circulated

2. **Matters arising out of the minutes of the meeting 09/2019-2020**

None

3. **To discuss the re-opening and return-to-work plan for the departmental research labs.**

The Head shared the report of the survey that he had conducted among the eligible students to return to campus as and when the Institute decides to re-open (Institute Postdoctoral Fellows, 2016 and prior entry PhD students, 2018 and prior entry MSR students and IRD/FITT project staff) (https://owncloud.iitd.ac.in/nextcloud/index.php/s/YkiyqmJwdXykJQrk). The board suggested that given the continuing increase in the number of COVID-19 cases in Delhi, the risk in availing public transport, the very limited medical facilities in IITD, and the shortage of adequate medical facilities in Delhi overall, the department needs to adopt a cautious approach and wait until the infection rate in Delhi starts declining before allowing our research students to restart work in the research labs. It was recommended that the Institute-approved norms for social distancing, lab protocols and roster system be strictly followed by the faculty members/lab incharges as and when the research students return.
4. Admission for PhD/MSR programs (Sem 1, 2020-21)

The DRC Chairperson Prof. Shilpi Sharma and the PhD/MSR Coordinator Prof. Rohan Jain presented the plan for the admission process for PhD/MSR programs (Sem 1, 2020-2021) that was earlier approved by the DRC and requested the faculty members to actively participate in the selection process in July.

5. To report the matters for information of the Faculty Board.

The Head informed that Mr. Nitin Kandpal has joined as a Junior Assistant in the Departmental Office.

6. Any other item with the permission of the Chair.

Prof. Ravikrishnan Elangovan informed the Board about a project that he has recently undertaken on development of rapid, deployable diagnostics platform for COVID-19 virus, funded by M/s. Reliance Industries Ltd., Mumbai. The other investigators in this project included Prof. Dinesh Kalyanasundaram (CBME), Prof. Manoj Menon (KSBS) and Prof. Vivekanandan Perumal (KSBS).

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

Ritu Kulshreshtha  
Convener, DFB

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