

Department of Biochemical Engineering and Biotechnology

Minutes of the Departmental Faculty Board Meeting (DFB-10/2019-2020)

June 24, 2020

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/YkiyqmJwdXykQrk>). 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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