

**5th IIT Students' Council Meet**  
**Hosted by IIT Kharagpur**  
**17-18th December 2019**

IIT Kharagpur hosted the 5th IIT Students' Council Meet. Student Representatives of the following IITs were present:-

- IIT Bhilai
- IIT BHU
- IIT Bhubaneswar
- IIT Gandhinagar
- IIT Hyderabad
- IIT Indore
- IIT Kanpur
- IIT Kharagpur
- IIT Madras
- IIT Palakkad
- IIT Patna
- IIT Roorkee
- IIT Ropar

***Minutes of Meeting***

**1. Recognition of SPAN Meet by MHRD**

- 1) Discussion was made focussing upon the need for this meet to be recognised as an official meet of student representatives of all IITs by the MHRD.
- 2) A formal letter will be sent to MHRD asking the same.
- 3) Directors and Deans of all IITs will be sent the minutes of meetings from now on so that the council has more say.
- 4) Agendas of this meet should be discussed in IIT Council Meet.
- 5) The name has been finalized to **IIT Students' Council**.

**2. Recognition of Cultural and Technical Meet as "Inter IIT"**

- 1) Cultural and Technical Meet should also be recognised as "Inter IIT".
- 2) They are also an equivalent aspect of any institution and there must be an incentive for students to participate.
- 3) Cultural Meet also promotes "Cultures of various states".
- 4) Directors decided to scrap these meet citing monetary reasons and because of unclear selection and judging criteria.
- 5) Directors must be asked to reconsider the decision citing the positive aspects of Cultural and Technical Meet.

**3. Proposal for future Meets**

- 1) There should be 3 meeting throughout the year. Tentative months being January, April and October.
- 2) **"Action Taken"** Report must be there for each meet.
- 3) SPAN meet constitution must be followed after changes are made by IIT Madras.
- 4) There must be President/Secretary for our council.

#### 4. Research

- 1) Scope of **"IIT Transfer"** after 1st year with credit transfer was discussed to fill the seats which are left vacant after branch change in a particular IIT.
- 2) For semester exchange program, scope of NPTEL courses being credited was discussed.
- 3) PHD guide change in case of original guide leaves the institution was discussed.
- 4) Adequate infrastructure and faculty must be considered by IITs before an increase in intake.
- 5) To increase participation of UG in research, credits and stipend may be awarded.

#### 5. Entrepreneurship and Placements

- 1) Deferred placement program is in system in almost all IITs. The remaining IITs must start this system.
- 2) **"Co-working space"** as mentioned by IIT Kharagpur must be a part of all other IITs to promote start-up culture.
- 3) IIT Madras mentioned their **pre-incubation center, Nirman** whose details will be shared.
- 4) IIT Madras also mentioned **credited GN courses** like happiness etc which are electives.
- 5) Startup ecosystem must be promoted in all IITs.
- 6) There must be relaxation in attendance for students running startups. For implementing this, institutes should be approached along with statement from a government body promoting startups.
- 7) Collaborations with private companies must be made to attract them for placements.
- 8) At least one elected member should be a part of the placement team.
- 9) IIT Kharagpur and Madras mentioned their research parks to attract companies for placements.
- 10) IIT Madras's **ICSR** was discussed.

#### 6. Student Welfare

- 1) Drug abuse issue must be addressed by student council.
- 2) Welfare Secretaries can be elected in all IITs. Some IITs already have this position.
- 3) To curb depression and so that students share their thoughts **"Ready to chat"** benches have been set up in Kharagpur campus.

- 4) Informal discussions must be made between elected representatives and specific students whose CGPA are decreasing suddenly or continuously.
- 5) Women representation in council must be increased in all IITs.
- 6) All members agreed that drug addicts should not be punished as this does not solve the case.
- 7) Institute's counselling cell should be more efficient and proactive.

## **7. Miscellaneous**

- 1) Hike in M.Tech fee is discussed. All IITs must confirm and share the M.Tech drop out data.
- 2) IIT Kharagpur will confirm about their ERP and share the details.
- 3) IIT Hyderabad will confirm about organising next meeting in April.
- 4) IIT Madras offered help in establishing Student Disaster Management Team in other IITs.
- 5) There must be a tie-up between all IITs in providing accommodation to each other's students in cases like internships in cities where IITs are present.
- 6) A common google drive link to be shared with representatives of all IITs for easy sharing of various documents.