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**Office of the Dean, International Relations
Indian Institute of Technology Kharagpur**

Date: 6th Oct, 2021

Subject: Minutes of the MoU Committee Meeting Dated 6th Oct, 2021.

The MoU Committee comprising the undersigned members met on 6th Oct, 2021 through Online Mode. The minutes and resolutions of the meeting are as under.

Prof. Amit Patra	Chairman, MoU Committee
Prof. Jayanta Mukhopadhyay	Dean, OR
Prof. V.R. Desai	Dean, FoEA
Prof. G.P. Raja Sekhar	Dean, FoS
Prof. Saswat Chakraborty	Dean, FoBTBS (<i>represented by Prof. S.B Singh, Associate Dean, FoBTBS</i>)
Prof. Suman Chakraborty	Dean, SRIC (ABSENT)
Prof. Surjya Kanta Pal	Associate Dean, AA & Branding (ABSENT)
Dr. Anandaroop Bhattacharya	Associate Dean, IR & Ranking (Secretary & Convener)

The Meeting's agenda included the following:

Reporting item (since last meeting)

- The MoU with Bharat Earth Movers Limited (BEML) (renewal): Coordinated by Dean SRIC Prof. Suman Chakraborty

Chairman MoU committee recommended that a procedural decision be taken on whether SRIC MoUs should be placed and approved by the MoU committee before obtaining signatures.

Action Items:

1. New MoU with **NVIDIA, Corp.**: Dr. Somnath Roy, ME

Resolution: Certain modifications were suggested in the 'Commitment from IITKGP' and 'Expense' sections of the draft MoU apart from a few minor modifications. The committee also recommended that the following text be included in the draft MoU: 'The faculty coordinators of the MoU from both sides shall conduct an Annual review of activities engendered under the MoU after it is signed and an annual report be submitted each year'. Dr. Somnath Roy is requested to share the modified draft with NVIDIA for concurrence. If any major comments are received from NVIDIA, it may be placed in the committee for further deliberations.

2. New MoU with **Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University**: Dr. Anandaroop Bhattacharya, ADean IR&R

Resolution: The MoU is approved and may be placed for signatures.

3. Joint Certificate Program with **Virginia Tech**: Dr. Anandaroop Bhattacharya, ADean IR&R

Resolution: The JCP is approved and may be placed for signatures.

4. New MoU with **University of Duisburg-Essen (UDE)**: Dr. Anirban Bhattacharyya, OENA

Resolution: The committee suggested minor modifications to the draft and recommended the following:

- Dr. Anirban Bhattacharyya is requested to ascertain the duration of the academic year (this may be reviewed) of UDE and make the necessary modifications in the draft with regard to the clauses on termination of the MoU.
- Text be included on the bi-yearly review of the activities engendered under the MoU and on submission of activity report.
- Dr. Anirban Bhattacharyya is further requested to ensure that the MoU will be institutional in nature.
- Dr. Anirban Bhattacharyya may share the modified draft with UDE and seek concurrence.

5. New MoU with **University of Texas at Austin:** Dr. Riddhiman Dhar, BT

Resolution: The committee recommended the following:


- The words 'Agreement' be replaced by 'MoU'.
- Clauses be included on the bi-yearly review of the activities engendered under the MoU preferably in January and July each year after the MoU has been signed and on periodic submission of activity report.
- Clauses on 'Non-discrimination' and 'Legal Status' be included in the draft.
- Prof Dhar is further requested to work towards expanding the MoU to make it truly institutional in nature.
- Prof. Dhar is also requested to work on the Student Exchange Agreement in parallel and when the SEA obtains a level of maturity, both the MoU and the SEA may be signed jointly.
- Prof. Dhar is requested to convey the above to University of Texas, Austin and seek their concurrence.
- Meanwhile, OIR creates and circulates a G-Form to IITKGP faculty members to survey ongoing collaborative activities with Texas Austin.

6. New MoU with **Universiti Teknologi Brunei (UTB):** TBD

Resolution: The committee recommended that a meeting be scheduled between IITKGP and UTB, while including the concerned members of the Indian High Commission and seek understanding on ways to foster collaboration with UTB. The findings may be shared with the MoU committee in due course.


7. New Agreement with **Coursera:** Prof. Debjani Chakraborty; ADean Outreach (CE & T /IOE)

Resolution: The committee has in principle approved the signing of the agreement to host online courses. However, office of CE&T is requested to obtain details on several modalities including evaluation/exam, terms & conditions and other clauses that would govern the agreement and share the information with the MoU committee during the next meeting.


Dr. Anandaroop Bhattacharya
Associate Dean, IR (Secretary & Convener)


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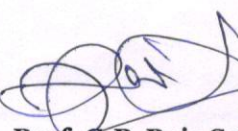
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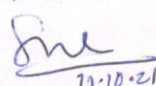

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