

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

Date: July 12, 2021

Subject: Minutes of the MoU Committee Meeting Dated July 8, 2021.

The MoU Committee comprising the undersigned members met on July 8, 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 (Secretary & Convener)
Prof. V.R. Desai	Dean, FoEA
Prof. G.P. Raja Sekhar	Dean, FoS
Prof. Saswat Chakraborty	Dean, FoBTBS
Prof. Suman Chakraborty	Dean, SRIC (ABSENT)
Prof. Surjya Kanta Pal	Associate Dean, AA& Branding
Dr. Anandaroop Bhattacharya	Associate Dean, IR& Ranking

The MoU committee meeting commenced with Associate Dean IR&R, Dr. Anandaroop Bhattacharya welcoming Prof. Amit Patra as the new Chairman and Prof. Jayanta Mukhopadhyay as the new secretary & convener of the committee.

During the course of the meeting the following road-map was created for deliberating on MoUs, SEAs and JDPs in the future:

- A calendar for MoU committee meetings held every month. At the beginning the frequency can be shorter to clear the backlog of accumulated MoU drafts to be reviewed.
- Brainstorming session to create a policy document on future processes including
 - Streamlining the process of Student Exchange/Semester Away agreements especially in light of the new UG and PG curricula that put special emphasis on these programmes
 - Evaluation metrics to decide on prospective partners for dual/joint degree programmes and student exchange agreements
- Submission of proposal form be made mandatory for review of MoUs by the committee

Review and Reporting Items:

Sl#	Name of MoU	Coordinator/D-S-C	Status
1.	Kyoto Graduate School of Agriculture (MoU)	Madan Jha, Agriculture	Signed
2.	Kyoto Graduate School of Agriculture (SEA)	Madan Jha, Agriculture	Signed
3.	National Technical Research Organization (NTRO) (MoU)	W.K Mohanty, GG	Signed by IITKGP
4.	University of Queensland (MoU)	Adean IR&R	Signed by IITKGP
5.	National Highway Authority of India (NHAI) (MoU)	Bhargab Maitra, Civil	Signed by IITKGP
6.	University of Wollongong, Australia (SEA)	Dean OR/Adean IR&R	Signed

7.	Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA) (MoU)	Subrata Chattopadhyay, ARP	Signed
8.	Moscow Aviation Institute, (MoU)	Manoranjan Sinha, AERO	Signed
9.	National Institute of Technical Teacher's Training & Research (NITTTR), Kolkata	Not Indicated	Signed by IITKGP
10.	Center for Development of Advanced Computing (C-DAC) (MoU)	Pabitra Mitra, CSE	Signed
11.	Power Grid Corporation of India Ltd (PGCIL)	Siddhartha Mukhopadhyay, EE	Signed by IITKGP

Action Items:

1. New MoU with **European Spallation Source (ESS)**: Prof. T.S. Datta, Cryogenic Engineering

Resolution: The committee recommended that the sections on 'Joint Research Projects' and 'Coordinated Graduate Degree Programme' be removed from the scope of the MoU. The modified draft is otherwise approved. Prof. Datta is advised to share the modified draft with ESS for their concurrence. Once approved by ESS, the MoU can be processed for signatures.

2. MoU Renewal with **Colorado State University**: Prof. Jayanarayan Kuttippurath, CORAL

Resolution: The committee advised Dr. Anandaroop Bhattacharya to seek additional information on the following:

- Status of the project proposal and if the scope includes student exchange.
- Expand the activities with CSU beyond the current collaborations with Prof. Chandrasekhar

The renewal of the MoU has been approved in principle. The MoU shall be signed following feed-back from Profs. Bhattacharya and Kuttippurath.

3. MoU Renewal **Hebrew University Jerusalem, Israel**: Prof. Rabibrata Mukherjee, Chemical Engineering

Resolution: The renewal of the MoU is approved. The draft may be placed for signatures.

4. SEA **Hebrew University Jerusalem, Israel**: Dr. Anandaroop Bhattacharya, ADeanIR

Resolution: The committee agreed that in the light of the pandemic situation, where international travel is restricted and IITKGP's new academic curriculum, the draft SEA may be put on hold until the time there is a genuine interest from a student to engage in the student exchange program. When such an interest is observed, the SEA may be enabled to allow for exchange visits to take place.

Meanwhile, IITKGP will devise a strategy for processing all Student Exchange Documents.

5. MoU with **Coal India Ltd**: Prof. Samir Pal, Mining Engineering

Resolution: The committee recommended that Clauses 5C and 8 be removed from the draft since discussion on financial aspects of an MoU/Agreement is not within the purview of the committee.

It was also suggested that the document with modifications from ADean IR&R be shared with Dean (SRIC) for his feedback, following which further decisions may be taken with regard to the MoU.

6. New MoU with **Northern Coalfields Limited, Singauli**: Prof. Debasis Deb, Mining Engineering

Resolution: The committee recommended that the document after modifications by ADean IR&R be shared with Dean (SRIC) for his feedback. The draft may be reviewed again by the Chairman MoU committee. Prof. Deb could then share the observations with NCL and request their concurrence.

7. MoU Renewal with **Taipei Medical University (TMU)**: Prof. Rambabu Roy, RMSoEE

Resolution: The committee approved the renewal and recommended expansion of activities to include SMST and Bio-Sciences. Prof. Roy was advised to look into the possibilities of getting in-bound visitors under this MoU. The MoU is approved for renewal.

8. MoU with **National Institute Of Ocean Technology, Chennai, (NIOT)**: Dr. Kannabiran Seshasayanan, Physics

Resolution: The committee recommended that the scope of cooperation under this MoU be modified to 'Researcher exchange' from 'Faculty Exchange'. The MoU is approved for signatures. It is noted that the Directors of both the Institutes would be the signatories.

9. MoU renewal with **Kyoto University** Grad School of Management: Prof. PK Ray VGSom/TBD

Resolution: The committee recommended the following:

- The clauses on 'Non-Discrimination', 'Code of Conduct' and 'Legality' be added to the draft.
- VGSom be contacted for the name of the new coordinator.
- The modified draft be shared with KUGSM for their concurrence.

10. New MoU with **Karlsruhe Institute of Technology**: Prof. Manish Mamtani, GG

Resolution: The committee observed the following:

- Certain portions of the draft MoU was very specific and it would be of a greater interest to IITKGP if the ambit of the MoU could be extended to the Institute level.
- The Section on 'Costs' be modified as IITKGP does not have allocated funds for such activities.
- The words 'Agreement' may be replaced with 'MoU' in the document
- The modified draft to be shared with Prof. Mamtani for discussions at and concurrence from KIT.

11. MoU Renewal and SEA with **EWHA, Korea**: Dr. Anoop Ayyappan, Chemistry

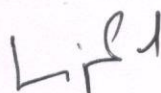
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The MoU may be considered for renewal when there is possibility of student exchange.



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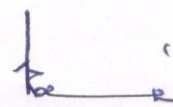
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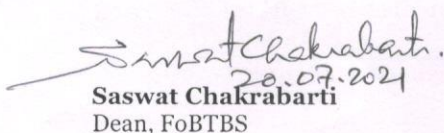
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