

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

Date: March 19, 2018

**Subject: Minutes of the MoU Committee Meeting Dated 9<sup>th</sup> March, 2018.**

The MoU Committee comprising the undersigned members met on 9<sup>th</sup> March, 2018 in SRIC Conference room. The minutes and resolutions of the meeting are as under.

Prof. Sriman Kumar Bhattacharyya	Chairman, MoU Committee
Prof. Anandaroop Bhattacharya	Special Invitee
Prof. Prasanta Kumar Das	Dean, PGS&R
Prof. Pallab Dasgupta	Dean, SRIC
Prof. Sudhirkumar Barai	Dean, UGS
Prof. Baidurya Bhattacharya	Dean, IR
Prof. Subrata Chattopadhyay	Dean AA

**REPORTING ITEMS:**

The following MoUs were approved by circulation in the intervening time since the last meeting of the Committee, and were placed as Reporting Items:

1. ***CSIR/ICMR Labs***

Status: Approved. Sent to CSIR Labs for consideration.

2. ***AI with Capillary Technologies:***

Status: approved. Signed by Dean SRIC. Faculty Coordinator: Prof. P. P. Chakrabarti, CSE

3. ***Univ. of Tokyo, extension of MoU:***

Status: approved. Sent to U. of Tokyo for processing. Faculty coordinator: Prof. Joy Sen, ARP

4. ***The Wadwani Institute:***

Status: approved. Sent for signature. Faculty coordinator: Prof. Sudeshna Sarkar, CSE

5. ***IITKGPF Award Program for International Internships:***

Status: approved. Signed by Dean AAIR. Coordinator: Dean IR

6. ***Mandakini Majumdar Award for Students Excellence:***

Status: approved. Signed by Dean AA. Coordinator: Dean AA

7. ***MoU with GP Shastri Excellence Award***

Status: approved. Signed by Dean AA. Coordinator: Dean AA

8. ***AIIMS:***

Status: approved. Sent to AIIMS for consideration. Faculty coordinators: Prof. Suman Chakraborty, Mech & Prof. Goutam Saha, ECE&E

9. ***IITKGPF Award for International Student competitions:***

Status: approved. Signed by Dean IR. Coordinator: Dean IR



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10. **A. K. Singh Distinguished Chair Professorship:** Prof. S. Chattopadhyay, Dean AA

**Resolution:** Chairman, MoU committee suggested that Dean AA discuss with IITKGPF the possibility of handing over the entire amount of the Award to IITKGPF for disbursement to the awardees or handle the administration of funds entirely on their own. Dean AA was requested to convey IITKGPF's decision to the Committee.

**Note:** "Subsequent to the meeting, President IITKGPF sent an updated MoU draft that stated that IITKGPF would transfer the entire amount to IITKGPF. This draft was approved by the DD and MoU was signed by Dean AA on behalf of IITKGPF."

**ACTION ITEMS:**

1. MoU with ***Aurobindo Society***: Prof. Abraham George, GG

**Resolution:** Discussion was deferred due to the absence of Prof. George

2. MoU with ***Univ. of Timisoara, Romania***: Prof. Ghangrekar, Civil

**Resolution:** The MoU was approved with the following recommendation that the validity period of the MoU be changed to five (05) years. The document may be modified and shared with Prof. Ghangrekar. Prof. Ghangrekar is requested to share the modified draft with Timisoara. If concurrence is received, the document may be made ready for signatures.

3. MoU with ***Karlsruhe Inst. Of Technology***: Prof. P. S. Ghosh, Cryogenic Engineering Centre

**Resolution:** The committee made the following observations:

- The names of the coordinators need to be incorporated.
- IP details will have to be incorporated.
- Prof. Ghosh is requested to enquire with KIT about their concerns or reservations regarding joint ownership of the intellectual property.

Prof. Ghosh is requested to share KIT's feedback with the committee.

4. MoU with ***India Meteorological Dept Ministry of Earth Sciences***: Prof. Dhrubajyoti Sen, Civil

**Resolution:** The committee suggested certain modifications in the IPR section of the document. Prof. Sen is requested to share the modified draft with IMD and seek concurrence. If the changes are acceptable to IMD, the document may be made ready for signatures.

5. MoU with ***Univ. of Bradford***: Prof. Nikhil Singha, Rubber Technology Centre

**Resolution:** The committee suggested certain modifications in the document. Prof. Singha is requested to share the modified draft with Univ. of Bradford and seek concurrence. If the changes are acceptable to UB, the document may be made ready for signatures.

6. MoU with ***Univ. of New Castle***: Prof. Gargi Das and Prof. Arnab Atta, Chemical

**Resolution:** The following recommendations were made by the committee:

- Joint development of Intellectual Property will have to be stated. It would have to be additionally stated that all IP generating from this partnership will be jointly held by both the Institutions.



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- Termination of the MoU will be 90 days with written notice.
- Any on-going activities and obligations thereof will be honoured till the conclusion of the activity.
- It was also recommended that the duration of the MoU be extended to 5 years instead of the present 3 years.

Prof. Das is requested to share the modified document with UON and seek concurrence.

7. MoU with ***Univ. of Lorraine***: Prof. Somjeet Biswas, Metallurgy

**Resolution:** The committee felt, that the term, in proportion of the intellectual and financial contributions 'will be difficult to quantify. As a general policy, any IP generated as a result of collaboration between the two Institutes will be jointly owned. Prof. Biswas is requested to run this by UL and get their concurrence.

Prof. Somjeet Biswas' name should be included as the coordinator from IIT KGP.

8. MoU with ***Univ. of Grenoble***:

**Resolution:** The committee recommended that Prof. Debarati Sen be considered as the coordinator of the MoU. Several modifications were recommended:

- a. Article 3 mentions about "Student Exchange Agreement. Office of International Relations is advised to share IITKgp's Reciprocal Student Exchange Agreement with Univ. of Grenoble and seek concurrence if the Student Exchange Agreement may be considered as an annexure to the draft MoU.
- b. For early termination, a notice of 90 days should be included with the rider that the ongoing obligations by both parties will continue to be honoured till completion of the activities.

9. MoU with ***Univ. of Western Florida***: Prof. Siddhartha Mukhopadhyay, EE

**Resolution:** The committee recommended that the standard termination and dispute clause of ninety (90) days be inserted in the document. Prof. Mukhopadhyay is requested to share the modified draft with UWF for their concurrence.

10. MoU with ***Satish Dhawan Space Centre (SDSC SHAR), Sriharikota***: Prof. K. Jayanarayanan, Coral

**Resolution:** The committee observed that since an MoU already exists with ISRO, there was no scope for another MoU with Satish Dhawan Space Centre. However, the committee welcomed the idea of collaboration with SDSC and suggested that the current proposal, suitably modified, be added as an annexure to the existing ISRO MoU. The committee suggested that the ISRO MoU be shared with Prof. Jayanarayanan, for him to draft the annexure

11. MoU with ***Univ. of Strathclyde***: Prof. Bhargab Maitra, Civil

**Resolution:** The committee recommended that Joint development of Intellectual Property will have to be stated. It would have to be additionally stated that all IP generating from this partnership will be jointly held by both the Institutions. Prof. Maitra is requested to share the modified document



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with Strathclyde and request that it be vetted by their legal department, and feedback shared with IITKgp.

12. MoU with ***NIT, Agartala for student's internship and Joint Collaborative Research:*** Prof. S. Barai, Dean UGS

**Resolution:** Discussion was deferred due to the absence of Dean UGS.

13. MoU with ***NTNU, Trondheim Norway:*** Prof. M. Ramgopal, Mech

**Resolution:** Discussion was deferred due to the absence of Prof. M. Ramgopal.

14. MoU with ***Cornell University:*** Prof. A. K. Datta, AgFE

**Resolution:** The committee expressed concern at several legal and other provisions in the draft sent by Cornell U. The committee requested Prof. Datta to send the MoA to Registrar and request that the document be vetted by the legal cell. Any changes that is recommended by the legal cell would be shared with Cornell University for their concurrence.

15. MoU with ***Univ. of Queensland:*** Prof. Prabod Bajpai, EE

**Resolution:** It was recommended that the latest draft that has been shared by Prof. Siddhartha Mukhopadhyay also be shared with Prof. Goutam Das. It was suggested that Profs. Prabodh Bajpai and Goutam Das jointly examined the document and share the modified draft with Queensland.

16. MoU with ***TUM:*** Prof. Pallab Dasgupta, CSE

**Resolution:** Approved and ready for signatures.

17. MoU with ***Texas A & M University:*** Prof. Baidurya Bhattacharya, Civil

**Resolution:** The minor modifications requestes by Texas A&M were approved.

18. MoU with ***Carleton University:*** Prof. Adrijit Goswami, Maths

**Resolution:** The committee recommended the following modifications in the MoU:

- IPR clause be included in the document
- The cost sharing model as implied in the MoU will need to be better understood.
- Modalities of tuition waiver and travel expenses will have to be discussed.
- Registrar to be the signatory on behalf of IITKgp, the counterpart from NAD will have to be determined.

Prof. Goswami is requested to share the modified document, reflecting the suggested changes with Carlton University for their concurrence.

19. MoU with ***Trinity College, Dublin:*** Prof. Suvra Sekhar Das, GSST



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**Resolution:** Discussion was deferred due to the absence of Prof. Suvra Sekhar Das.

20. MoU with **University of Waterloo, Canada**: Prof. Suman Chakraborty, SMST

**Resolution:** The committee approved the draft. It was further decided that the draft MoU would mention that a separate agreement would be created to govern the visit and course-work of students applying for credit transfer in which tuition fee waiver will also be mentioned.

21. Agreement Between **Academic Institutions/Boards/Assessment Bodies & Digital Depositories in NAD**: Prof. Adrijit Goswami, Maths

**Resolution:** The committee decided that the document is legal in nature and the modified draft, that includes the comments suggested by legal consultant, Ms. Debjani may be reviewed by the Registrar's Office. The committee has decided that the Registrar may be the signatory of the Agreement.

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**Anandaroop Bhattacharya**  
Special Invitee, MoU  
Committee

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**Subrata Chattopadhyay**  
Dean, AA

sd/-

**Baidurya Bhattacharya**  
Dean, IR

(Absent)

**Sudhirkumar Barai**  
Dean, UGS

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**Pallab Dasgupta**  
Dean, SRIC

(Absent)

**Prasanta Kumar Das**  
Dean, PGS&R



**Sriman Kumar Bhattacharyya**  
Deputy Director and Chairman, MoU Committee

This document is identical to the one, attached with this. Item no. 21, which was approved by the MoU Committee meeting held on 9/5/18, was by mistake got clubbed with 18 (Ref. 'A' on page 4). The attached document was signed by the members present.

Hence the present document with the addition of item no. 21 is approved.

