

**Office of the Dean, International Relations
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Subject: Minutes of the MoU Committee Meeting dated, 25th September, 2024.

A meeting of the MoU Committee was held on **25th September, 2024 at 4:00 pm** in the Deans' Conference Room to deliberate on various MoU drafts as requested by faculty coordinators. The following members were present:

#	Chairperson and Members of the committee	Position
1	Deputy Director	Chairperson
2	Dean, International Relations	Convenor
3	Dean, Sponsored Research & Industrial Consultancy	Member
4	Dean, Faculty of Engineering & Architecture	Member
5	Dean, Faculty of Sciences	Member
6	Dean, Faculty of Bio Technology & Bio Sciences	Member
7	Dean, Outreach	Member
8	Dean, Alumni Affairs (India)	Member
9	Dean Student Affairs	Invited Member
10	Associate Dean CE&T	Invited Member
11	PIC Legal	Invited Member
12	JR Academics	Invited Member

Prof. Rintu Banerjee, Deputy Director & Chairman of committee extended a warm welcome to all the members and attendees in the meeting.

After the due deliberations, the committee members have recommended the following on the Agenda items:

1. IIT Sponsorship Agreement with Airbus: Prof. D.K Maiti, AERO
Resolution: The committee put forward the following recommendations:
 - The term 'Honorarium' may be replaced with 'out of pocket allowance'
 - Additional clarification needed on Clause 9 (d) 'Dispute Resolution'
 - The IPR should be jointly owned. Non-concurrence on this point may lead to non-signing of the Agreement by IITKGP
 - Institute Legal and SRIC Legal is jointly requested to review the draft agreement and rephrase the relevant points.
 - Once concurrence is obtained from AIRBUS, the agreement may be signed.

2. New MoAssociation with IIT Start-ups: Dr. Manoj Kr. Mondal, SEE

Resolution: The committee recommended that the document may be called an Understanding rather than an Agreement.

It further recommended that the duration of the MoU cannot be indefinite. The MoU will be valid for a duration of 5 years and may be terminated with a 06 months written notice. There were additional

modifications suggested to the draft. Dr. Mondal is requested to share the modified draft with the concerned and seek concurrence. The MoU may be signed after concurrence is received. Dean Alumni Affairs is recommended as the signatory from IITKGP.

3. Jointly funded bilateral mobility programme with: Leeds: Dr. A.K Goswami, RCGSIDM

Resolution: The item was not discussed in the absence of Dr. Goswami. It will be placed in the next committee meeting.

4. MoU renewal with Asoke Deysarkar International Program: Prof. Rabibrata Mukherjee, DeanIR

Resolution: The committee recommended that the draft be modified while including relevant clauses from the earlier versions along with updated names of signatories. The draft may be shared with IITKGP Foundation, USA for concurrence.

5. New MoU with Regulatory Representatives and Managers Association (RRMA): Prof. B.C Meikap, Chemical

Resolution: It was requested that the draft MoU be circulated with all committee members for their review and input.

6. New MoU with University of Connecticut: Prof. S.K Pal, ME

Resolution: The Committee noted that IP clause should be included in the draft. Additionally, Prof. SK Pal is requested to have a detailed discussion with University of Connecticut with regard to Export Control. Prof. Pal is requested to share his feedback with IITKGP following the discussions with UConn.

7. New MoU with Western Sydney University: Prof. Madan Kumar Jha, AgFE

Resolution: It was observed that certain acronyms in the document needed clarity and information. The start date of the MoU will have to be modified. The committee also observed that a generic IP clause should be included suggesting that any IP generated under agreements fostered through this partnership will be jointly owned.

Prof. Jha is requested to seek concurrence on the above from WSU.

8. New MoU l'Institute Agro, France : Prof. Rintu Banerjee, AgFE

Resolution: Agreed in principle. If there are certain modifications suggested by l'Institute Agro, it would be conveyed to the committee. It was suggested that the previously signed MoU be circulated with the committee members along with the renewal draft.

9. New MoU with Trumio Inc. USA: Prof. Rabibrata Mukherjee, DeanIR

Resolution: The MoU is approved. It was however suggested that the Revenue generation arrangement be revisited after 03 years of signing the MoU. Further, it is requested that the database of students who benefit from this MoU, be shared with the Office of Alumni Affairs, IITKGP.

10. MoU Renewal with Nagaoka University of Technology (NUT), JAPAN: Prof. Santanu Chattopadhyay
Resolution: Certain modifications have been suggested in the Academic Exchange document. For the Student Exchange Agreement, the committee have observed that a clause on credit transfer arrangements need to be specified.

Prof. Chattopadhyay is requested to convey the modifications to NUT and seek concurrence on the above.

11. MoU Renewal with International Advanced Research Centre (ARCI) Hyderabad: Dr. Mangal Roy

Resolution: Dr. Roy is requested to share the modified word doc of the draft MoU to be renewed (with names of coordinator), and share it with ARCI for concurrence. After concurrence is received, the draft may be circulated among the committee members.w

12. MoU Renewal with Guru Kripa Foundation Academy of Classical and Folk Arts: Prof. Anandaroop Bhattacharya, ME

Resolution: Approved for signatures.

13. New MoU with Z 21 Venture: Prof. Mrigank Sharad

Resolution: The committee maintained that the document be called a Memorandum of Agreement instead of an MoU. It was further recommended that along with 4year Btech students, students enrolled in the BSc course will also be eligible to apply.

It was requested that the modified draft be sent by Dr. Sharad to the IR executive, which would thereafter be circulated to the committee members. The committee recommended that Director be the signatory of the MoU with Dean, Alumni Affairs as witness.

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair.

ABSENT
Dean, IR

Karali Das
01.10.2024
Dean, OR
Officiating Convenor

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01.10.2024
Dean, FoS

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07-10-2024
Dean, FoEA

ABSENT
Dean, R&D

P. D. M
07/10/2024
Dean, FoID&BTBS

Shankar
8/10/2024
Dean AA

Ri-in Banerjee
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Chairperson
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MoU Committee

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