

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

Date: 26.02.2024

Subject: Minutes of the MoU Committee Meeting Dated 20 February, 2024.

A meeting of the MoU Committee was held on **20 February, 2024 at 4:30 pm** in the Deans' Conference Room to deliberate on various MoU drafts as requested by faculty coordinators. The following members were present:

Prof. Amit Patra, Deputy Director	Chairman
Prof. M. Ramgopal, Dean FoEA	Member
Prof. P.K Dutta, Dean FoID & BTBS	Member
Prof. Debashish Chakravarty, AdeanAA&IR	Secretary & Convener

The following invited faculty coordinators of MoUs were present:

Sl#	Faculty coordinators of MoUs	Dept/Center/School
1.	Dr. Sandeep Kulkarni	DCEPE
2.	Dr. Nilanjan Das Chakladar	ME
3.	Dr. Arkopal Goswami	RCGSIDM
4.	Prof. Vishwanath Nagarajan	OENA
5.	Prof. Abhijit Mukherjee	GG
6.	Prof. Niloy Ganguly	CSE
7.	Dr. Titas Mondal	RTC
8.	Dr. Saswat Samay Das	HSS
9.	Prof. C.S Kumar	ME

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

The committee discussed 11 nos. of Agenda items received from various departments and faculty members

After due deliberations, the committee members have recommended the following:

1. New MoU with University of Adelaide: Prof. Sandeep Kulkarni, DSCEPE

Resolution: The MoU is approved in principle subject to modifications.

It was recommended that the names of the coordinators be included in the document. Prof. Paresh Nath Singha Roy/ Dr. Sandeep Kulkarni is requested to include the names of the coordinators in the document and share with OAA&IR as quickly as possible. It was also recommended that DeanOR&AA would be the signatory from IITKGP.

2. Univ. of Edinburgh Seed Fund Agreement: Prof. Nilanjan Das Chakladar, ME



Resolution: The MoU committee responded favourably to the Seed Fund Agreement subject to modifications.

It was recommended that the document be reviewed by the Legal Cell of both the Institutions. It was recommended that the names of the coordinators be included in the document. Dr. Nilanjan Das Chakladar is requested to include the names of the coordinators in the document. It was also recommended that Joint Registrar Academics be included in the steering committee instead of International Relations Executive., Executive Officer, OAA &IR will also be a member of the steering committee.

3. Univ. of Leeds International Strategy Fund: Prof. Arkopal Goswami, *RCGSIDM*

Resolution: The committee recommended that the title of the agreement be changed to, "Agreement for External Joint Supervision".

The duration of the MoU will be for 05 years. Also in case of any unresolved conflict, the case will be handled in the defender's court of law. It was recommended that Joint Registrar Academic be the signatory of the MoU.

With regard to the International Strategic Fund, the committee requested that the document be sent to the Institute Legal Cell. The committee also requested that the coordinators be identified who would steer the activity. The committee concurred that the inbound faculty members may be paid according to the rates allowed under the Shri Gopal Rajgarhia International Programme. It was requested that Dr. Goswami initiate the next processes with regard to both the documents.

4. MoU Amendment with Larsen & Toubro Ltd: Prof. Vishwanath Nagarajan, OENA

Resolution: It was recommended that since this is a project based MoU, it may be referred to SRIC. Prof. Nagarajan may do the required.

5. MoU Amendment with Garden Reach Ship Building Ltd: Prof. Vishwanath Nagarajan, OENA

Resolution: The committee recommended that GRSE be requested by Prof. Vishwanath Nagarajan to explore the possibility of providing certain enablers in place like living allowances for the selected interns to attract good interns. It was also recommended that the possibilities of accommodating students under Semester Away Program (SAP) may also be explored. Further, the names of the coordinators need to be included in the document. It was also recommended that Joint Registrar Academics be the signatory of the MoU.

6. New MoU with Water Resources Investigation & Devpt Dept. (WRIDD): Prof. Abhijit Mukherjee, GG

Resolution: The committee has given an in principle go-ahead, with the following recommendations:

- a. The names of the coordinators be identified.
- b. Obtain greater clarity on what data would be shared, and how would that be obtained and benefit IITKGP.
- c. It be confirmed that authorship will be given only to those individuals who have participated in the joint collaborative research processes.
- d. IITKGP's interest with regard to IP and time be safeguarded.
- e. Both parties commit that in the event of the untimely dissolution or termination of the MoU, individuals who are already working on the project be allowed to complete their engagement.
- f. The draft MoU be modified accordingly by Prof. Mukherjee based on the above points and share the same with OAA &IR.

7. JDP Renewal with University of Auckland : Prof. Brajesh Dubey, Civil

Resolution: This item was not discussed as Prof. Dubey could not attend the meeting.

8. New MoU with Chanakya Fellowship Agreement: Prof. Niloy Ganguly, CSE

Resolution: The committee noted that this Agreement is outside the purview of the MoU committee and may be handled independently. The file may be processed accordingly by Prof. Ganguly. The committee however recommended that Joint Registrar can sign the agreement on behalf of IITKGP.

9. New MoU with University of Houston: Prof. Titas Mondal, RTC

Resolution: The MoU will be approved only after arrangements of funds have been identified and a strong financial commitment is put in place by both the parties to the MoU. Dr. Mondal is requested to look into the possibilities of getting the activities under the scope of the MoU, funded.

10. New MoU with University of Oldenburg: Prof. Saswat Samay Das, HSS

Resolution: The MoU is approved in principle. The due diligence process be followed before signing the MoU.

11. New MoU with Siemens Industry Software: Prof. C.S Kumar, Mechanical

Resolution: It was noted that this MoU may not qualify for CSR as it appears to be a promotion of their products by Siemens. In addition, Prof. Kumar is requested to connect with CIC and ERP to ascertain that this engagement with Siemens can be successfully implemented with IITKGP's existing infrastructure. In the section on "Institute's responsibilities" The HoD of ME will have to commit of points 'a' and 'b'. The committee recommended that since the document has already been sent to the legal cell, Prof. Kumar may wait for the comments and then consolidate the Legal cell's comments along with that of the MoU committee and prepare a modified draft. It was recommended that Registrar and Joint Registrar sign the modified MoU, if approved, on behalf of IITKGP after all internal processes are complete.

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



**Associate Dean, AA & IR
(Secretary & Convener)**

Absent
Adean, CE&T

Absent
Dean, FoS



Dean, FoEA

Absent
Dean, R&D



Dean, FoID&BTBS



**Chairman,
MoU Committee**

NB: Effective dates will be considered from the date of signature of the MoUs.



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