

Department of Humanities and Social Sciences

DFB Minutes

19 February 2013

Members Present:

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| 1. Prof. Sanil V. (Chair)          | 11. Dr. Farhana Ibrahim   |
| 2. Dr. Sarbeswar Sahoo (Secretary) | 12. Dr. Jayan Jose Thomas |
| (In alphabetical order)            | 13. Dr. Kamlesh Singh     |
| 3. Prof. Ambuj D. Sagar            | 14. Dr. Paroma Sanyal     |
| 4. Dr. Ankush Agrawal              | 15. Dr. Pritha Chandra    |
| 5. Dr. Arjun Ghosh                 | 16. Prof. Purnima Singh   |
| 6. Dr. Arudra Burra                | 17. Prof. Rukmini B. Nair |
| 7. Dr. Bharati Puri                | 18. Dr. Saurabh B. Paul   |
| 8. Prof. Bijoy Boruah              | 19. Dr. Stuti Khanna      |
| 9. Dr. C.A. Tomy                   | 20. Dr. Upasna Sharma     |
| 10. Dr. Debasis Mondal             | 21. Dr. Vibha Arora       |

1. The minutes of the DFB meeting held on 15 January 2013 were confirmed.
2. The Head of the Department welcomed Dr. Ankush Agrawal to the Department.
3. The DFB discussed about the possibility of having a PG programme in the Department. The committee consisting of Dr. Jayan Jose Thomas and Dr. Upasna Sharma made a presentation about the various possible models. The DFB decided to have an MA-PhD Integrated Program on "Development and Justice" in the Department. A Committee consisting of Dr. Arudra Burra, Prof. Ambuj Sagar, Prof. Purnima Singh, Dr. Ankush Agrawal, Dr. Jayan Jose Thomas, Prof. Rukmini B. Nair, Dr. Sarbeswar Sahoo, and Dr. Upasna Sharma was formed to discuss about structure and content of the MA-PhD Integrated Program.
4. It was suggested in the DFB meeting that an Inter-IIT Humanities and Social Sciences Department meeting be organised to discuss about the possibility of an All-IIT Entrance Test for the MA-PhD Program.
5. The DFB discussed about the Circular on curriculum review and tutorial structure. The committee consisting of Dr. Farhana Ibrahim and Dr. Bharati Puri (see 15 January 2013 Minutes) made a presentation about the various possible models. The DFB decided to adopt "Lecture-One Large Tutorial-Office Hours" policy for the 200 level courses in Humanities and Social Sciences Department.
6. The DFB discussed the Circular on course structure of PG courses and endorsed the suggestion to add self-study component to the PG courses. The Department has decided to start a MA-PhD Integrated Program. The semester-wise course structure of this Program in HUSS will be worked out later.
7. The DFB decided that the HUN 100: Introduction to Humanities and Social Sciences course to be scrapped. Instead, an English Language Proficiency Course is to be introduced for all first year students.
8. Prof. Ambuj Sagar proposed to organise a Department of Science and Technology funded brainstorming workshop on Science and Technology Policy in India. The DFB approved this.
9. The Circular from the Faculty Affairs Committee was discussed in the DFB meeting. It was decided that the agenda items should be forwarded to Dr. Pritha Chandra (the Department Representative).
10. With regard to the shortlisting criteria and listing of journals, a draft of the shortlisting criteria was discussed and approved with suggested modifications in the DFB meeting (Please see the attached draft).

11. The DFB discussed the course templates from Applied Mechanics Department (AML 736: Multiscale Modelling of Crystalline Materials) and Humanities and Social Sciences (HUL 703: Agrarian Societies and Rural Development; HUL 731: Perspectives on Development in India). The DFB did not have any comments on these courses.
12. The DFB discussed the Proposal for starting MS (Research) Programme in the School of Biological Sciences. The DFB did not have any comments on this.
13. The DFB discussed the Revision of Courses of Textile Technology Department. The DFB did not have any comments on this.
14. The DFB also discussed the course template from Industrial Development and Design Centre (DIL: Creativity and Innovation). The DFB pointed out that the Course Content of this course is not well defined and the lecture contents are very broad. These should be clearly defined.



(Dr. Sarbeswar Sahoo)  
DFB Secretary