MINUTES OF THE REQUISITIONED MEETING OF THE SENATE HELD ON 14.02.2012 AT 3.00 P.M. IN THE SENATE ROOM.

PRESENT:

The names of the Members/Special Invitees who attended the Meeting are given at Appendix - ‘A’.

The Chairman, Senate welcomed all the Members and Special Invitees to the Requisitioned Meeting of the Senate.

**Item No. 1: To consider & discuss the new admission system for the Engineering Institutions including IITs.**

At the outset, Prof. Sanjeev Sanghi, Deptt. of Applied Mechanics informed that the requisitioned meeting of the Senate has been convened to discuss the issue of JEE and proposed changes in the entrance examination for IIT Undergraduates.

Thereafter, the proposal to include Class XII marks and to reduce the number of entrance examinations to alleviate the stress on the school students was appreciated by the Senate members. The Senate felt that reducing the number of examinations was a good idea but having a single exam for entrance to Engineering Colleges would also lead to excessive stress on the students as the danger of spoiling one exam could have serious implications on their careers. This should be taken into account while designing any system of admission to Engineering Colleges.

Prof. Anoop Chawla
After detailed discussion, the Senate made the following suggestions:

1. The members unanimously agreed that any changes in the admission process should be implemented only from 2014. The students who are writing the Class XII exams in 2012 are not aware of the changed policy and many of these will appear for the entrance examination for IITs in 2013 also. These students have not been informed of the inclusion of Class XII marks and a change of the system would not be fair to them.

   Additionally, any change in policy should be implemented only after a thorough deliberation in the IITs and a careful study of the feasibility of the scheme including obtaining data from State Boards within the stipulated dates.

2. The Senate unanimously agreed that there should be a two tier process for entrance to the IITs. The first stage could consist of a composite score of Class XII marks and an MCQ test based on appropriate subjects. A merit list may be made on the basis of this composite score which could also be used by other Engineering Colleges, if needed.

3. The top few percentile (number to be decided, say 5-10 times the total number of seats in IITs in each category) students in the merit list of 2 above may appear in a paper and pen type (non-MCQ) written examination (JEE) in Physics, Chemistry and Maths. This exam should be conducted only by the IITs. A composite score may be given for this exam based on marks obtained in
this exam and Class XII marks. This composite score will form the basis of the final JEE ranks.

4. In both 2 and 3 above, the Class XII marks should only be included as the percentile scores and not as absolute marks.

The Chairman, Senate was requested to convey the above views of the Senate to the IIT Council.

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

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Copy forwarded to all members of the Senate for favour of comments / information and record. Members who attended the meeting are requested kindly to offer their comments, if any, by 02.04.2012. If no comments are received by that date, it will be presumed that they have no comments to offer and they approve of the Minutes, as recorded.

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All members of the Senate (by name).