

**Indian Institute of Technology
Senate Scholarships and Prizes Committee**

Minutes of SSPC Meeting-5 (2015-16)

Meeting Date: 14 September 2016

Members Present: Dr. Indra Shekhar Sen, Dr. Debopam Das, Dr. A. R. Harish, Dr. M. K. Ghorai, Dr. Ashu Jain, Dr. Arnab Bhattacharya, Mr. Anand Prakash Dwivedi, and Mr. Samyak Jain.

Regrets: Dr. Mini Chandran

Item 1: Minutes of the 4th SSPC Meeting

The minutes of the 4th SSPC meeting held on 12th August 2016 were confirmed.

Item 2: Items for ratification

The following items were ratified.

1. Proposal for modifications in the BGM Kumar Foundation Scholarship was sent for Senate's approval and approved in the 490th (2016-17/1st) meeting of Senate held on 30th August 2016.
2. Proposal for modifications in FOUR Garg Scholarships by Donor, Mr. Ashutosh Garg, was sent for Senate's approval and approved in the 490th (2016-17/1st) meeting of Senate held on 30th August 2016.

Item 3: Items for Information

1. The Chairperson, SSPC informed that the new web-site for SSPC has been created (<http://www.iitk.ac.in/sspc/>).
2. FBM Scholarship Announcement was sent on 03rd August 2016; Reminder-1 sent on 18th August 2016; Last date 24th August 2016; first list announced and uploaded on new SSPC web-site.
3. INSPIRE Scholarship Announcement sent on 18th August 2016; Reminder-1 sent on 26th August 2016; Reminder-2 sent on 6th September 2016; Last Date extended from 7th September to 12th September 2016.
4. MCM Scholarship Announcement sent on 19th August 2016; Reminder-1 sent on 26th August 2016; Reminder-2 sent on 6th September 2016; Last Date extended from 7th September to 12th September 2016.
5. Sports Prizes-2016 finalized in a meeting held on 22nd August 2016; sent for Chairman, Senate's approval on 26th August 2016; approval obtained on 27th August 2016; list announced and uploaded on new SSPC web-site.
6. Sports Scholarships 2015-16 finalized in a meeting held on 22nd August 2016; sent for Chairman, Senate's approval on 29th August 2016; approval obtained on 4th September 2016; list announced and uploaded on new SSPC web-site.

Item 4: To consider MCM scholarship for 2015-16 (F-Grade, 22)

In view of the recent Senate decision, the SSPC needs to give MCM scholarship for AY2015-16 to those 22 students who got one or more F grade during AY2014-15. Out of these 22 students, some students got other scholarships and/or have graduated. The details of the 22 students are provided in the following table.

Inspire Scholarship	2
Donor Scholarships	6
Graduated w/o getting any scholarship	6
Graduated but got Donor scholarship	1
Remaining w/o any scholarship	7
Totals	22

After detailed deliberations, it was decided to contact all of these students to offer MCM scholarship for AY2015-16 and seek their preference for scholarship except for those who got Inspire scholarships. The students who got Inspire scholarship will be called to convince them to keep Inspire scholarship since it carries higher repute and the difference in amounts is not much.

Item 5: Update on Proposals for Professor Burton J. Moyer Memorial Gold Medal and Professor Putcha Venkateswarlu Memorial Gold Medal

The Chairperson informed about the status of the two proposals for convocation awards still pending. The Donor had initially put a condition to give the award to the topper of 4-year/5-year UG program or 2-year M.Sc. program student based on the highest CPI. However, the Senate did not approve comparison of CPIs of 2-year M.Sc. and 4-year/5-year program students. The DORA office was informed of the same with an alternate proposal to give the award to 2-year M.Sc. students as there were already several convocation awards for 4-year/5-year program students. Several reminders were sent to DORA office to seek Donor's feedback on this issue and in-turn DORA office has been trying to contact the Donor. However, the Donor has not been responding. The DORA office will call up the Donor to sort out this issue. The members suggested getting a copy of the communications between DORA office and Donor that were sent as reminders for record-keeping purposes at SSPC's end.

Item 6: A letter sent to DORA for getting feedback from Donors for continuation of CGM-2 and Dr. S. D. Bokil Memorial Medal

The chairperson informed the members that a letter (attached at Appendix-1) has been sent to DORA to get the feedback from the Donors to continue Cadence Gold Medal-2 and Dr. S. D. Bokil Memorial Medal. The new SSPC will need to seek Senate's approval/guideline according to the feedbacks received from the Donors.

Item 7: Consider the letter received from Head, Mathematics and Statistics department regarding General Proficiency Medals (GPMs)

A letter has been received from Head, Mathematics and Statistics department requesting to award two General Proficiency Medals (GPMs) rather than one, at the time of convocation: one for 2-year M.Sc. program in Mathematics and other for 2-year M.Sc. program in

Statistics. After detailed discussions, this request was approved by the SSPC. This decision needs to be approved by Senate.

Item 8: Consider the request from DORA regarding institution of Prof. R. K. Jain Award

The request from DORA for instituting a new convocation award named Prof. R. K. Jain Award was considered and approved. The award will be given to the topper of 2-year M.Sc. program student in Mathematics at the time of convocation every year. A formal proposal shall be sent for Senate's approval.

Item 9: Late applications for FBM Scholarship

After detailed deliberations, it was decided that there will be no last date for submitting FBM Scholarship Application Forms since it is for SC/ST students only and it is our obligation to the society. The application forms will be processed by SSPC every three months. For current year, an additional e-mail shall go out requesting SC/ST students to submit FBM application forms. The forms received before the end of December 2016 will be processed next semester.

Item 10: Late applications for INSPIRE/MCM Scholarships

The number of MCM scholarships is limited. Also, the INSPIRE scholarships are granted by DST and proper data needs to be submitted to DST in a timely manner. The last dates for both MCM and INSPIRE scholarships are needed to be strictly adhered to. After detailed deliberations, it was decided that no late application for INSPIRE and/or MCM scholarships will be considered starting this year. This will send a strong message to the student community and hopefully things will get streamlined in future. However, the last date for submitting completed applications shall be extended till 19th September 2016.

Item 11: Clarifications/modifications in convocation awards' criteria based on past experience

The Chairperson informed that based on this years' experience of processing convocation awards and certain concerns raised by student community, there is a need to clarify/modify the criteria for some convocation awards. Based on detailed discussions, the following recommendations are made, which need to be approved by Senate.


1. For all CPI based awards/medals/prizes, the CPI up to only two digits after decimal shall be considered.
2. The Motorola Gold Medal (MGM) is only for graduating students from CSE and EE departments. The criteria shall be modified accordingly to remove ambiguity.
3. To be eligible for any of the Cadence Gold Medals, the CPI shall be 8.5 or above.
4. All convocation awards/medals/prizes based on CPI shall be decided by the SSPC using the latest CPI data obtained from DOAA office rather than seeking nominations from individual departments. For example, President's Gold Medal (PGM) and all General Proficiency Medals (GPMs), etc.
5. Some awards/medals/prizes have identical criteria and go to a single student every year, which should be avoided. In order to encourage more students getting convocation awards/medals/prizes, the following combination of awards shall be avoided to be given to a single student: (a) Dr. Prateek Mishra Memorial Gold

Medal-EE and GPM-EE, (b) Banco Foundation Prize-ME and GPM-ME, (c) Batra Gold Medal-MSE and GPM-MSE, (d) Suman Gupta Gold Medal-Math & Stat and GPM-Math & Stat. Since GPM is an Institute award, it shall have higher priority; therefore, the other award may be given to a student with the next highest CPI.

Item 12: Any other item with permission of chair

No item was discussed under this.

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to all present.



Ashu Jain
Chairman, SSPC

Appendix-1: CGM and Bokil Memorial Medal

INDIAN INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY KANPUR

SENATE SCHOLARSHIP & PRIZES COMMITTEE

No. : DOSA/SSPC/2015/____

Date: 24th August 2016

The Dean
Resource and Alumni
IIT Kanpur
Kanpur

Sub: Feedback from Donors for Continuation of Convocation Medals

Dear Sir,

The Academic Senate in its 487th (2015-16/8th) meeting held on 23-24 May 2016, decided that there shall be two Cadence Gold Medals (CGMs) subject to Donor's approval starting with Convocation-2016. One (CGM-1) for the best thesis in 2-year M. Tech./MS by Research Programs across all departments and the second one (CGM-2) for the best thesis in 5-year programs across all departments. In view of this, you are requested to kindly obtain Donor's approval for the second CGM as above. In case the Donor is not willing to provide funds for the second gold medal, the SSPC/sub-committee will need to seek guidance from Academic Senate in this matter.

The Dr. S. D. Bokil Memorial Medal is awarded to the graduating M. Tech student in Environmental Engineering and Management (EEM) program with the highest CPI. As you know, the EEM program has been discontinued starting with Academic Year (AY) 2016-17 and the Department of Civil Engineering (CE) has started a new M. Tech. program in Environmental Engineering (EE) specialization starting with AY 2016-17. Therefore, this award will be given the last time in its present form during the next year's convocation i.e. Convocation-2017. There can be two options to continue this award. The award is given to the graduating M. Tech student: (a) of EE specialization in CE Department, (b) of any specialization in CE Department. You are requested to kindly get the Donor's feedback for continuation of this award with respect to options (a) and (b) above.

Please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned in case you have any question or need any additional information.

Sincerely,

(Ashu Jain)
Chairman, SSPC

cc: SSPC File