

Outcome of the meeting held with SC/ST & Minority Students on 25-08-2014 @ L102 (04:30PM onwards)

Sl. No.	Point of Discussions	Remarks /Comments
1.	Tuition Fee Waiver to Minority Students- Students of Minority Community requested that they should be provided Tuition fee waiver as the same is being provided to SC/ST students at UG and PG levels.	At present there is no such scheme available from Ministry.
2.	SC-ST Book Bank- Some of the students mentioned that Institute library must have SC-ST book-bank facilities and some books may be issued only to SC-ST students for the entire semester above the normal library facilities.	Accepted and is under process.
3.	Travel Grant for Research Scholars- Some PhD Scholars requested to provide Travel Grant for presenting Research Papers within country and outside country.	Institute already provides travel support to the PG students for attending and presenting papers in reputed Conference at national and international level. Each case is dealt with on the basis of merit of the case.
4.	Dual Degree Relaxed Criterion - One student informed that in Dual Degree Program (conversion from M.Tech to PhD), institute is not offering relaxed criteria for SC/ST/OB category students.	Proposal to be put-up in a subsequent Senate meeting
5.	Sensitive issues should not be called for open discussion- one student reported that in his class a faculty has given the topic <i>Reservation</i> for Group Discussion in class. However, discussion went well but the concluding remarks by the faculty were very annoying and embarrassing. Similarly, a student also highlighted that the drama or similar other cultural activities targeting a particular community must be screened before showcasing. Student requested that such type of discussions among students at large may hurt their feelings or they may be treated like out of group.	Concerned faculty will be informed.
6.	Prayer Room or a Place for worship- One student from Minority community requested that they need a prayer room, so that they may do their worship properly.	We have students from diverse religious background and providing prayer room to a specific community may not be possible.
7.	Scholarship matters- Some of the students pointed that their Central Sectoral Scholarships are being disbursed very late.	Institute is making best efforts for getting scholarships at earliest possible time.
8.	Extra Classes- Students of 2 & 3rd year reported that there should be extra classes for all SC/ST student right from first year onwards.	Class for all needy students is already running with the help of counselling services, students and teachers are engaged specially for this purpose.
9.	Representative in Counselling Services- Some undergraduate students said that they are not getting full support of counselling	Request was sent to Head, Counselling services and the suggestion has been incorporated.


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	services related to academic matters they mentioned the reason of not having their representative or same category member in counselling services.	
10	To remove column of Name from Exam Copy/Answer Sheets- One of the PG student suggested that Students should not write his/her name in answer sheet as it may lead to identify the caste/community of students which may affect their evaluation.	Suggestion has been incorporated.
11	Spoken English Classes- Undergraduate students requested that Spoken English classes should be provided to them from first year onwards; so that students from Hindi medium will not face difficulties for understanding their classes further it will be helpful to be comfortable with their classmates.	Classes are already being taken by Dr. Priya Dutta Ray for all needy students. It has been observed that students do not take benefit of these classes. They are advised to attend all classes.
12	Timely payment of Assistantship- PG students informed that they are not getting assistantship on time, they requested for timely payment of assistantship.	Noted and referred to the concerned section.
13	Availability of Courses in Summer Term- UG students reported that sometime it happens when Institute does not offer the required courses in summer term; they requested to frame the policy of summer courses which may help them to complete their program without any delay. They also pointed out that students are allowed to opt only two courses, due to which they are unable to complete the degree within time. Also provision of supplementary exams can be made in case summer courses cannot be run, that will also help them in completing their degree timely.	The concerned communication has been conveyed to Dean, Academic
14	Attitude towards Students- UG and PG students reported that attitude of some faculty members are not friendly or normal, due to this, during lecture students do not feel comfortable to get response or to represent their doubts.	It will be discussed with concerned faculty.


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