

DEPARTMENT OF RUBBER AND PLASTICS TECHNOLOGY

MIT CAMPUS::ANNA UNIVERSITY

MINUTES OF DCC MEETING HELD ON 26-12-2018

Present:

Dr V.Subrahmanian-Professor

Dr N.Natchimuthu-Professor

Dr K.Ravichandran –Professor

Dr L.S.Jayakumari-Associate Professor

Dr K.Elangovan - Assistant Professor

Dr M.Kannan- Head, Dept of Electronics Engg

Dr J.Prakash- Head, Dept of Instrumentation Engg

Dr N.Selvakumar, Chairman, Faculty of Technology, Anna University

Dr B.Kothandaraman –Head of the Dept and Convenor

Agenda: Reduction of students' intake in B.Tech and M.Tech programme of the Dept

The Departmental Consultative Committee met on 26-12-2018, to discuss the above matter.

- i) The increase in annual intake for B.Tech was doubled in 2014-15 (from 30 to 60) as part of a policy decision by the University in 2014
- ii) The members from outside the Department were apprised about the placement position in 2017-18(the first batch which came out after the intake was doubled). Inclusive of the off campus placements,(and excluding those who opted out of placement) the placement was about 95%(about 35 out of 38 who opted for placement, from a batch of 48 students). The Head of the Department felt that it will be difficult to sustain this in future(ensuring placement for more than 40 students would be very difficult in future).
The Faculty Chairman felt that this is a good score and any decision on reducing intake can be taken *only if it is proved that placement score is poor, which does not seem to be the case now*
- iii) The Faculty members also mentioned that giving Industrial Training for 4 weeks for all the 60 students will be difficult and due to this in 2015 syllabus, the training duration was reduced to 2 weeks.
- iv) Further, it is be very difficult to provide facilities in rubber and plastics processing laboratories for 60 students

- v) Also, staff position in the area of Non Teaching (technical) is adverse. It is extremely difficult to run the lab classes due to this.
- vi) Also a few Teaching positions need to be filled up/Teaching Fellows need to be appointed
- vii) The B.Tech programme lost its NBA accreditation in 2018 due to Faculty : students ratio which fell to 1:25.5 from 1:14 prior to the increase in intake(the recommended ratio is 1:20)
- viii) Regarding M.Tech programme, the Department felt that the increase in intake from 15 to 25 led to drop in admissions to the programme(it was informed to the committee that the number of students enrolled for M.Tech was 1 in 2015-16 and nil in 2016-17). Hence it was felt that the intake for M.Tech should be reduced to 15. The external members felt that this is not an issue because 25 intake for PG was as per AICTE norms and hence cannot be changed
- ix) The faculty chairman felt that unless the placement position is proved to be poor it will not be possible to convince the higher education Department of the Govt to reduce the intake of students
- x) In view of the above, the DCC has deferred the decision on passing of a resolution on reduction of intake of students for B.Tech and M.Tech programmes to a future date when problems in placement of the students arise
- xi) The DCC urges upon the University authorities to increase i) the staff strength – both in Teaching and non Teaching areas ii)lab facilities and help the Department impart better quality of teaching


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