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MINUTES OF 238th MEETING OF THE SENATE HELD ON 6th MAY 2026 AT 03:00 PM IN THE SENATE ROOM

The 238th Meeting of the Senate was held on 6th May 2026 at 03:00 pm in the Senate Room. Names of Members/Special Invitees, who attended the meeting, are given in **[Appendix – A].**

Due to non-availability of the quorum, the meeting was adjourned at 3:05 p.m. and reconvened at 3:10 p.m.

At the outset, the Chairperson Senate thanked the outgoing Members for their valuable contributions to the Senate and welcomed the new Members. The list of incoming and outgoing Members is given at **Appendix B.**

Item No. 1: Confirmation of minutes of 237th meeting of the Senate held on 11.03.2026

The Senate was informed that one comment was received on item 8, point 4 regarding using the terminology "admission merit – list order" instead of "priority order". The Senate decided to revise the minutes of Item 8, Point 4, as follows:

"In the event that an Institute assistantship seat falls vacant after admission, a self-sponsored student with GATE from the corresponding category may be converted to Institute assistantship, in admission merit-list order, based on:

a) GATE score, and
b) Written admission test and/or Interview performance (if applicable)."

The minutes of the 237th meeting of the Senate, held on 11th March 2026, were confirmed with the above modification.

Item No. 2: Action Taken Report on previous meetings of the Senate

The action taken on the following matters of the previous meetings of Senate was presented in the meeting:

(i) To consider redefining the cumulative grade point average.
The minutes can be seen at Item 6.

Item No. 3: To consider the curriculum for the B.Tech in Electrical Engineering programme for IIT Delhi – Abu Dhabi

The Senate was informed that the curriculum for the B.Tech in Electrical Engineering programme for IIT Delhi – Abu Dhabi was presented in the 18th meeting of the Vision, Coordination and Strategy Committee for the IIT Delhi Abu Dhabi (VCSC), held on 24.04.2026.

After discussion, the VCSC recommended the curriculum for the proposed B.Tech in Electrical Engineering programme for the IIT Delhi – Abu Dhabi to the Senate.

Prof. Shouribrata Chatterjee (Chairperson of the Electrical Engineering Committee for IITD - AD) presented the B.Tech. in Electrical Engineering curriculum to the Senate. It was informed that the Department of Electrical Engineering at the IIT Delhi campus currently offers two B.Tech. programmes: EE1 (B.Tech. in Electrical Engineering) and EE2 (B.Tech in Electrical Engineering – Power and Automation). The Senate noted that the proposed B.Tech in Electrical Engineering programme at the IIT Delhi - Abu Dhabi campus will be a merger of these two programmes, retaining both streams within a single structure. The key differences in the credit structure were also presented.

After detailed discussions, the Senate approved, in-principal, the recommendations of the VCSC regarding the curriculum for the B.Tech. in Electrical Engineering program for the IIT Delhi - Abu Dhabi, subject to minor changes if any, in the programme templates and course templates / course numbers. The programme template is given at **Appendix 1.**

RESOLUTION NO. 2026/238/1:	RESOLVED THAT the recommendations of the VCSC regarding the curriculum for the B.Tech. in Electrical Engineering program for the IIT Delhi - Abu Dhabi, be approved, in-principle, subject to minor changes if any, in the programme templates and course templates / course numbers.

Item No. 4: To consider the recommendation of the committee constituted for restructuring the M.Sc. Cognitive Science programme to make it interdisciplinary

The Senate was informed that a Committee was constituted for restructuring the M.Sc. Cognitive Science programme with the objective of strengthening its interdisciplinary character. Prof. Sumeet Agrawal presented the proposal and explained the need to restructure the programme to better integrate perspectives from multiple disciplines and enhance the overall academic framework of the programme.

After detailed discussions, the Senate approved the recommendations of the BAP regarding restructuring the M.Sc. Cognitive Science programme to enhance its interdisciplinary nature. The programme template is given at **Appendix 2.**

RESOLUTION NO. 2026/238/2:	RESOLVED THAT the recommendations BAP regarding restructuring the M.Sc. Cognitive Science programme to enhance its interdisciplinary nature, be approved:

Item No. 5: To consider the Program Template for the Master of Business Administration (with focus on Telecommunication Systems Management)

Prof. Arpan Kar presented the programme templates for the Master of Business Administration (with focus on Telecommunication Systems Management).

After detailed discussion, the programme templates were approved in-principle, subject to minor changes if any, in the programme templates and course templates / course numbers. It was also suggested that Head, DMS and Head, Bharti School may jointly deliberate and come up with a proposal for revamping the programme before the next round of admissions.

RESOLUTION NO. 2026/238/3:	RESOLVED THAT the programme templates for the Master of Business Administration (with focus on Telecommunication Systems Management), be approved in-principle, subject to minor changes if any, in the programme templates and course templates / course numbers.

Item No. 6: To consider extension of removal of DGPA requirement for graduation to Post Graduate Diploma programmes

Associate Dean, Academics (Curriculum) informed that the Senate in its 228th meeting held on 08.05.2024 decided to remove the DGPA requirements for graduation for UG and PG (except PhD) degrees. It was also decided that all other course level requirements, as well as the CGPA/DGPA/SGPA criteria for continuation, termination, or stopping of assistantship, would remain unchanged. However, this provision has not been extended to Post Graduate Diploma programmes, resulting in a lack of uniformity in academic regulations across programmes.

Accordingly, it was proposed that the Senate's decision regarding removal of DGPA requirement for graduation be extended to Post Graduate Diploma programmes as well.

After deliberations, the Senate approved the recommendations of the BAP to remove the DGPA requirement for graduation in Post Graduate Diploma programmes.

RESOLUTION NO. 2026/238/4:	RESOLVED THAT the recommendations of the BAP to remove the DGPA requirement for graduation in Post Graduate Diploma programmes, be approved.

Item No. 7: To consider introduction of Student Declaration Page in Thesis Submission

Associate Dean, Academics (PG Research) informed that at present, thesis submissions by students do not include a formal declaration by the student certifying the originality and authenticity of the work. Incorporating such a declaration is a standard academic practice

followed by leading institutions to ensure academic integrity and adherence to ethical guidelines.

In view of the above, it was proposed that a mandatory Student Declaration page be included in all thesis submissions (UG, PG, and PhD, as applicable) from the Academic Year 2026–27 onwards.

The matter was discussed. Changes were suggested in Point 1 of the declaration. After discussion, the Senate approved the recommendations of the BAP regarding the introduction of Student Declaration page in Thesis submission, with suggested changes. The revised Declaration is given at **Appendix 3.**

RESOLUTION NO. 2026/238/5:	RESOLVED THAT the recommendations of the BAP regarding the introduction of Student Declaration page in Thesis submission, with suggested changes, be approved.

Item No. 8: To consider the proposal for PG Diploma from Department of Energy Science and Engineering in 'Solar Systems and Management'

Prof. Ramesh Narayanan, Head, Department of Energy Science and Engineering presented the proposal to start a Postgraduate Diploma programme titled "Solar Systems and Management", sponsored by the International Solar Alliance (ISA).

The Senate was informed that the programme is intended for international students from STAR-C Centres of ISA member countries and is proposed to commence in Semester 1 of the 2026–27 academic year. It was also informed that the programme will be of two semesters duration, during which participants will be required to reside on the IIT Delhi campus for the entire period. He also outlined the key features of the proposed PG Diploma programme.

The matter was discussed. After deliberations, the Senate recommended the proposal from the Department of Energy Science and Engineering to start a PG Diploma programme in "Solar Systems and Management" to the Board of Governors for approval.

RESOLUTION NO. 2026/238/6:	RESOLVED THAT the proposal from the Department of Energy Science and Engineering to start a Postgraduate Diploma programme titled "Solar Systems and Management" be recommended to the Board of Governors for approval.

Item No. 9: To consider Olympiad-qualified candidates for admission to the Bachelor's degree programme at IIT Delhi

Associate Dean, Academics (Curriculum) presented the proposal. The matter was discussed in detail. Suggestions were received including delinking the eligibility criteria from JEE (Mains)

and JEE (Advanced), and restricting eligibility to only those students who have represented India in the International Olympiads or have been selected for International Training (or, Orientation-cum-Selection) Camps organized in India.

After detailed discussion, the proposal was approved in-principle. It was decided that the seats under this admission channel would be outside the JoSAA seats matrix of 1209. It was also decided that admissions through this channel be limited to a maximum of two seats per programme up to a maximum of 20 seats. It was further decided to constitute a Committee comprising the Dean (Academics) and representatives of the participating AUs to recommend a clear mechanism for admissions through this channel.

RESOLUTION NO. 2026/238/7:	RESOLVED THAT the recommendations of the BAP to consider Olympiad qualified candidates for admission to the Bachelor's degree programme at IIT Delhi, be approved. RESOLVED FURTHER THAT the total seats for Olympiad qualified candidates be limited to a maximum of two seats per programme up to a maximum of 20 seats.

Item No. 10: To consider the proposal for recognizing the Online B.S. in Data Science (IIT Madras) as Eligible Qualification for Admission to M.Tech. in Machine Intelligence and Data Science (MINDS) programme

Associate Dean, Academics (Curriculum) presented the proposal. The matter was discussed in detail. Several concerns were raised, including the recognition of online programmes offered by all universities and not only by IIT Madras, permitting only those online programmes of universities where examinations are conducted in physical mode, and carefully verifying the educational qualifications before granting admission to candidates.

After detailed deliberation, the Senate approved that online B.S. or equivalent programmes offered by any IIT/IISc with examinations conducted in physical mode may be considered as eligible qualifications for admission to the M.Tech. in Machine Intelligence and Data Science (MINDS) programme, subject to evaluation by the respective AU.

RESOLUTION NO. 2026/238/8:	RESOLVED THAT the online B.S. or equivalent programmes offered by any IIT/IISc with examinations conducted in physical mode and having a significant hands-on component may be considered as eligible qualifications for admission to the M.Tech. in Machine

	Intelligence and Data Science (MINDS) programme, subject to evaluation by the respective AU.

Item No. 11: To consider recommendations of the committee constituted to enhance the Capability Linked Opportunities for Undergraduates

The Senate was informed that the Director had constituted a Committee to examine and enhance capability-linked opportunities for undergraduate students. Prof. Divesh Bhatia, Chairperson of the Committee, presented the recommendations of the Committee. The Senate appreciated the efforts of the Committee for clearly and comprehensively articulating each of the points in the proposal.

After detailed discussions, the Senate approved the recommendations of the Committee. Of the three possible names suggested by the Committee for the "Advanced Standing Program", the Senate approved the change in name to "Accelerated Bachelors-Masters Program". The Senate also suggested that the Dean (Academics) and Prof. Divesh Bhatia may consult with the AUs and students to implement the recommendations.

Item No. 12: Reporting Items

(i) To report the Minutes of the Meetings of BERP, BAP & ECS

The Senate noted the minutes of the BERP, BAP and ECS meetings.

(ii) Regarding inclusion/exclusion of courses

The Senate noted the approval accorded by the Dean, Academics for the following:

a) Inclusion of **APL405 (Machine Learning in Mechanics)** as an elective course under the IDSR programme.

b) Addition of **COL778 (Principles of Autonomous Systems)** to the list of electives for the CS Minor.

Item No. 13: Ratification Item

(i) Approval of examination results of MTech in Energy Transition and Sustainability program of IIT Delhi – Abu Dhabi

The Senate ratified the approval accorded by the Chairperson, Senate for awarding provisional degrees and the consolidated transcripts for the students of MTech in Energy Transition and Sustainability program of IIT Delhi – Abu Dhabi.

(ii) To ratify the amendments in the Summer Research Fellowship Program

The Senate ratified the approval accorded by the Chairperson, Senate regarding the amendments in the Summer Research Fellowship Program as follows:

S.No.	Particulars	Old Provisions	New Provisions
1.	Fellowship Amount	The program will include a consolidated fellowship of Rs. 500 per week.	The program will include a consolidated fellowship of Rs. 2000 per week.
2.	Number of Fellowships	Maximum of 20 fellowships per year	Maximum of 100 fellowships per year

The Chairperson thanked the members and special invitees for attending the meeting.