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MINUTES OF 237th MEETING OF THE SENATE HELD ON 11th MARCH 2026 AT 03:00 PM IN THE SENATE ROOM

The 237th Meeting of the Senate was held on 11th March 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.**

Prof. Sanjeev Sanghi appreciated the role and efforts of the Director and the Executive Director, IITDAD, in managing the affairs of IITDAD in the present geopolitical crisis.

Item No. 1: Confirmation of minutes of 236th meeting of the Senate held on 19.11.2025

The Senate was informed that one comment was received on the Concept note for the SSW basket, concerning the choice of instructors for the SSW courses. The same was addressed and the Concept note was modified accordingly.

The minutes of the 236th meeting of the Senate held on 19th November 2025 were confirmed.

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 Senate was informed that the proposal was approved in the 235th meeting and it was suggested that the possible impact of this redefinition of CGPA on different policies, benefits and incentives may be discussed by a Committee and be brought to the Senate later. Accordingly, the Committee was constituted, and the report of the Committee was presented to the Senate.

The recommendations of the Committee were presented by the Associate Dean, Academics (Curriculum). The Senate noted that the Committee did not find much impact of the redefined CGPA calculation on different policies, benefits and incentives. Accordingly, the recommendations of the Committee were agreed to. The new CGPA

definition will be implemented from the next Academic Year admissions onwards. It was suggested to relook into the E grade and prepare a proposal for removing the minimum CGPA criteria for PG Diploma.

(ii) Proposed academic programs for AY 2026-27 at IITD-AD.

The Senate was informed that the BoG vide its Resolution No. BG/53/2025 approved the recommendations of the Senate to start the following programmes for the AY 2026-27:

1. To start the B.Tech. in Electrical Engineering programme with an intake of 35 students, with curriculum to be finalized by the designated Committee.
2. To start two Ph.D. programmes in Computer Science & Artificial Intelligence, and Natural Sciences (maximum 20 seats each).
3. To allow IITD-AD to start Ph.D. programmes in any discipline in the future, subject to VCSC and Chairperson, Senate approval.
4. To start the M.Tech. in Machine Intelligence & Data Science (MINDS) as previously approved by the Board.

(iii) To consider the proposal of Convocation for IITD-AD

The Senate was informed that the BoG vide its Resolution No. BG/54/2025 approved the following recommendations of the Senate:

1. Holding of a separate Convocation for IIT Delhi – Abu Dhabi (IITD-AD) in order to preserve the academic distinction of the programmes offered at the Abu Dhabi campus, provide a distinct identity to its graduating students, and uphold the traditions and ethos of IIT Delhi.
2. Holding Convocation of IIT Delhi – Abu Dhabi in 2026, marking the graduation of the inaugural batch of MTech students in Energy Transition and Sustainability, and that the Convocation shall thereafter be held as an annual event.
3. The draft degree format for IITD-AD.
4. The adoption of the logo of IITD-AD as the official seal of IIT Delhi – Abu Dhabi.

Item No. 3: To consider the proposal to change the names of the four M.Tech. programmes under the Department of Electrical Engineering

Prof. Abhijit R. Abhyankar presented the proposal and highlighted the rationale for the proposed change in the programme names. The Senate was informed that it is proposed to change the names of four out of six M.Tech. programmes offered by the Department. Out of remaining two programmes, the name of one programme would remain unchanged, while the name change of another programme would be discussed with another AU as recommended by the BERP.

After detailed deliberations, the Senate approved the recommendations of the BAP to change the names of four M.Tech. programmes offered by the Department of Electrical Engineering.

RESOLUTION NO. 2026/237/1:	RESOLVED THAT the recommendations of the BAP regarding the change of the names of four M.Tech. programmes offered by the Department of Electrical Engineering, as mentioned below, be approved:

Prg. Code	Existing Name	Revised Names
EEA	M.Tech. Control & Automation	M.Tech in Systems, Learning and Control
EEE	M.Tech. Communication Engineering	M.Tech. in Communication Systems
EES	M.Tech. Power System	M.Tech. in Smart and Sustainable Power Systems
EET	M.Tech. Computer Technology	M.Tech. in Computing and Intelligent Systems Engineering

Item No. 4: To consider the Program Templates for the Master of Business Administration (MBA) and Executive Programme for Master of Business Administration (EMBA)

Prof. Kanika T. Bhal presented the programme templates for the Master of Business Administration (MBA) and the Executive Programme for the Master of Business Administration (EMBA), highlighting the revisions made compared to the previous programme templates.

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 the matter regarding discontinuation / reform of MBA in Telecom Systems Management (SMT) be discussed with Bharti School, and that a separate proposal be placed before the Senate.

RESOLUTION NO. 2026/237/2:	RESOLVED THAT the programme templates for the Master of Business Administration (MBA) and the Executive Programme for the Master of Business Administration (EMBA), be approved in-principle, subject to minor changes if any, in the programme templates and course templates / course numbers.

Item No. 5: To consider discontinuation of Hard Copy Submission of PhD Theses

Associate Dean, Academics (PG Research), presented the recommendations of the BAP regarding the discontinuation of hard-copy thesis submission and to adopt electronic submission through the ERP system as the sole mode of thesis submission, with controlled access to the full-text soft copy limited to the Central Library premises.

The proposal was discussed in detail. Suggestion was received that public access of the soft copy of the full-text thesis should not be provided to ensure data privacy and safeguard sensitive research information. After deliberation, the recommendations of the BAP regarding discontinuation of hard-copy thesis submission and adoption of electronic submission through the ERP system as the sole mode of thesis submission were approved.

During the discussion, the issue that the ownership and copyright of the PhD thesis was also raised. It was decided that a separate agenda on this matter would be placed before the Senate in a future meeting.

RESOLUTION NO. 2026/237/3:	RESOLVED THAT the recommendations of the BAP regarding the discontinuation of hard-copy thesis submission and adoption of electronic submission through the ERP system as the sole mode of theses submission, be approved.

Item No. 6: To consider admission of CFTI Graduates without GATE for M.Tech. programmes

The Senate considered the recommendations of the BAP to consider admission of CFTI Graduates without GATE for M.Tech. programmes. After detailed deliberations, the recommendations of the BAP were approved.

It was also decided that the Academic Unit may choose whether to conduct admissions through GATE or through the above mentioned provision or both. Further, it was also suggested to explore the possibility of extending these benefits to Institutes beyond CFTIs.

RESOLUTION NO. 2026/237/4:	RESOLVED THAT the following recommendations of the BAP to consider admission of CFTI Graduates without GATE for M.Tech. programmes, be approved: 1. Currently registered students in Centrally Funded Technical Institutes (CFTIs) having CGPA of 8.00 or above (in a 10-point scale) at the end of 6th semester or later, in a minimum four-year undergraduate program pursued in person after completion of Class 12 (e.g. B.E./B.Tech. /BS/B.Sc. or equivalent degrees),

	admission to which is on the basis of JEE, the requirement of GATE/National Exam is waived. Moreover, such students must have obtained a **CGPA of 8.0 or above at the time of graduation (and before they formally register for the M.Tech. programme)**, be shortlisted for **admission to M.Tech. programmes without a GATE score.** 2. Academic Units may set a higher CGPA criterion than 8.0 for shortlisting. 3. Selection of these candidates shall be through a **written test and/or interview**, as decided by the concerned Academic Unit/Programme. 4. Such students will be considered at par with GATE entry students, and will be eligible for hostel, OCS-managed placement, and institute assistantship.

Item No. 7: To consider conversion to Part-Time M.Tech. for Students Leaving after Two Semesters

The Senate considered the recommendations of the BAP regarding the conversion to Part-Time M.Tech. for Students Leaving after two Semesters. After discussion, the recommendations of the BAP were approved.

RESOLUTION NO. 2026/237/5:	RESOLVED THAT the following recommendations of the BAP regarding the conversion to Part-Time M.Tech. for Students Leaving after two Semesters, be approved: A. An M.Tech. student who **leaves the full-time programme after completing two semesters**, typically due to employment, be **permitted to convert to part-time M.Tech. registration** provided that: (1) The student has completed all the course requirements for the first two semesters of the M.Tech. Programme. (2) The student has completed all the core courses. (3) DRC approves the conversion, considering whether the student can complete the allocated M.Tech. project and coursework in part-time mode. B. The maximum **duration to complete the M.Tech. degree shall be three years** from date of resignation after conversion to Part-Time M.Tech. C. Up to 6 credits of **coursework** may be completed through self-**s t u d y** .

	D. The student **shall not be required to submit a No Objection Certificate (NOC)** from their employer. Instead of NOC, the students are required to submit the Bonafide certificate from their employer. The responsibility of the student to inform the employer about his/her part- time registration status will reside solely with the student as per the norms of his/her employer.

Item No. 8: To consider Admission of Self-Sponsored Full-Time M.Tech. Students with GATE score

The Senate considered the recommendations of the BAP to consider Admission of Self-Sponsored Full-Time M.Tech. Students with GATE score. The matter was discussed. It was suggested to increase the earmark supernumerary seats from 10 % up to 30%. After discussion, the Senate approved the recommendations of the BAP, with minor modification.

RESOLUTION NO. 2026/237/6:	RESOLVED THAT the following recommendations of the BAP to consider Admission of Self-Sponsored Full-Time M.Tech. Students with GATE score, be approved, with minor modifications: 1. Individual AUs/Programmes **may** earmarked supernumerary seats of **up to 30%** of the sanctioned intake in M.Tech. programme for full-time self-sponsored students. 2. Such students: a) Must possess a valid GATE score. b) Shall be selected through the same admission process as other GATE-qualified candidates, including Common Offer Acceptance Portal (COAP), written tests, and/or interviews, as applicable. 3. Self-sponsored students with GATE: a) Shall not be eligible for Institute assistantship at the time of admission. b) Shall be charged the same fee as full-time students with Institute Assistantship c) Shall not be eligible for Institute hostel accommodation. d) Shall be eligible to participate in OCS-managed campus placements. 4. 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 priority order, based on:

	a) GATE score, and b) Written admission test and/or Interview performance (if applicable). 5. The conversion to Institute assistantship shall be done at the beginning of next semester. The self-sponsored students with GATE score must have the minimum CGPA for continuation of assistantship as per the prevailing norms for conversion to Institute Assistantship. Moreover, upon conversion to Institute assistantship, such students will be considered at par with M.Tech. students originally admitted with Institute assistantship and hence eligible for hostel accommodation. 6. Full-time self-sponsored M.Tech. students must enroll for Teaching/Research practicum as per the curriculum requirements.

Item No. 9: Reporting Items

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

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

(ii) To include courses to Program Electives for the CS Minor, CS5 and MCS Programmes

The Senate noted the approval accorded by the Dean, Academics for inclusion of the following courses to Program Electives for the CS Minor, CS5 and MCS Programmes:

(a) To include COL775 (Deep Learning) as an Elective for the CS minor area program.

(b) To include COL761 (Data Mining) as a PE for the CS5 program.

(c) To include SIL7163 (Introduction to Blockchain) as a PE for the MCS program.

(iii) To include the ELL7603 course as PE for L&T CEC program

The Senate noted the approval accorded by the Dean, Academics for inclusion of ELL7603 as Programme Elective for the L&T CEC program.

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

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