

DEPARTMENT OF ARCHITECTURE, NITC

Report of PTA meeting held on 25th February, 2017

The Department level meeting started at 11:20am at the Seminar Hall of the Department of Architecture. The meeting was attended by parents of 29 students. The meeting commenced with a silent prayer, followed by a welcome address by the PTA coordinator of the Department Ar. Bimal P. He highlighted the importance of PTA meeting in achieving the vision of the Institute and Department. The head of the Department, Dr. Naseer M.A. addressed the gathering and highlighted the role of parents in guiding the students to achieve their academic goals. He suggested parents to follow the results and attendance of students closely and extend support when required.

Dr. P.P. Anilkumar, enumerated the student's achievements in ZONASA, NASA, and the best paper award received by Ms. Lakshmi Prabha in an international conference held at IIT Roorkee this year. He also shared his happiness in the Department being in 6th position among all Institutes offering Architecture in India, as per the survey conducted by Outlook magazine in 2016. Among various activities held in the Department, he highlighted the second edition of Thanima, (an international conference being organized by the Department) which happened in January 2017. He expressed his admiration for the excellent documentary movie done by Mr. Vishnu, Mr. Abhijit and Mr. Animesh on Peruvayal Raman, which was widely appreciated by the august gathering in the conference. He pointed that the best paper award and the documentary are products of the two unique labs of the Department namely Building Science Lab and Interactive Media Lab. He highlighted the need for such specialized finishing skills to be imparted in students to make them fit for the highly competitive world outside. He requested the parents to compassionately appreciate these achievements as the Department is working with a very minimal strength of permanent faculty, but are trying the level best to makeup the gap by recruiting faculty with high academic quality on ad hoc basis.

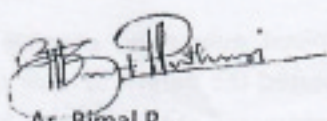
Later the faculty introduced themselves followed by the introduction of parents. The parents some of the parents expressed their concerns, issues and opinions about the working of the Department as follows.

1. A parent appreciated the exposure given to students to participate in events all over India, but expressed concerns about the students falling short of attendance due to their participation in such events.
 - a. The Head of the Department clarified that, students attending such events with permission from the Institute will not be suffering, as the regulation has provisions for the same.
2. One of the parent raised concern about the expected water shortage in the campus, and remembered the hardships faced by the students of B. Arch, as they had to extend the stay in the campus due to the jury examinations which generally scheduled after the regular examinations.
 - a. The HOD has noted the concern, and promised everything possible from the Department to avoid such issues but also requested the parent to raise the issue in the general body meeting as this issue is to be addressed at the Institute level.
3. Another parent raised the issue that, the students, who failed in some subjects were given accommodation with junior students, which emotionally affect the students. He also

expressed that it is disheartening to find that the Department is running with insufficient faculty.

- a. The HOD informed the parent that, the Institute is presently running with insufficient hostel rooms, and are managing the demand by converting apartments and faculty quarters to hostels. He promised that the situation will improve once the mega hostels are completed.
 - b. Dr. Anilkumar clarified that, the faculty positions are remaining vacant as the ministry has not given approval for the appointment. The Institute had invited applications for faculty a year before and had done all the processing but the interviews has not happened as the Institute has not received approval from the ministry. However, the Department has been trying its level best to prevent this affecting students by recruiting only people with high academic and professional achievements as ad hoc faculty.
4. A parent suggested that it will be convenient for the students if the test timetables are published well in advance.
- a. Ar. Chithra who is in charge of the Department time table and examinations, clarified that, the test time tables are published a week before the examination, but there will be certain adjustments required in the time slots, in order to avoid overlaps as there are students who are taking courses at other Departments and students from other Departments attending courses in the Department of Architecture. She told that, the students are aware of the test days from the academic calendar.
5. One parent suggested to extend the instruction days, by reducing the vacation period.
- a. The HOD clarified that, this may not be practical, as we are following an all India pattern, and we are presently getting sufficient number of working days as per the mandate. He also pointed out the issue of water shortage that may arise in summer months.
6. The HOD, Ar. Namratha, and Ms. Khadeeja Hanna, faculty of the Department addressed the concern of the parents about the work load. Dr. Naseer M.A., told that, the number of hours are as per the broad guidelines of the council of Architecture, and in general, the B.Arch. course is rigorous as it involves many application oriented activities due to the nature of profession. Ar. Namratha, pointed out that the tight schedules in which the architects and planners need to work in the industry, by quoting examples from her ten years of industrial experience.
7. Dr. Mohammed Firoz addressed the gathering, and requested the parents to be careful about the activities of the students outside the class hours. He also expressed the vote of thanks to the gathering.

The meeting ended at 13:00 hours and the parents proceeded for the meeting with respective faculty advisers, which was followed by meeting with individual faculty.



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Minutes of the Department Level PTA Meeting held on 25/02/17

Schedule:

10.00 am: Registration(Venue: Electrical PG block lobby)

10.30am-11.00 am: Tea

11.00am-12.00pm: Department level PTA meeting (all semesters)

12.pm -1 pm :Interaction of parents with faculty advisors/faculty

Members present: 25 faculty members including Adhoc faculty and 55 parents attended the meeting.

Minutes of the meeting:

The meeting started at 11.15 am with welcome speech by Dr. Mija S J. Dr Ashok S. Professor and Head of Electrical Engineering Department, addressed the parents and faculty members to attended the meeting .an overview of the department and student's academic performance were explained by Dr. Ashok S. The parents were asked to encourage their children to participate in various skill development programs conducted by NITC and also utilize the facilities like library, labs etc effectively .He also mentioned about various career options after B.Tech.He also informed the parents about the shortage of attendance especially during 8.00 am classes. Dr.Mija S J gave a description about the minimum credit requirement and attendance to continue the program. The parents were informed about the DSS through which they can the results and academic progress of their children. One of the parents raised a query regarding the shortage of faculty. That was answered by Dr Mija S J and Dr.Ashok S .Another parents suggested that the students should be made to participate in group discussions .The parents asked how to utilize the vacation in productive manner. Dr Ashok S replied to this by same that there are some internship opportunities in various industries and informing about the industrial visits.

Meeting came to an end at 12.15 pm with vote of thanks given by Dr.Sunitha K from 12.15 pm 1.00 pm, parents have interacted with the faculty advisers and course faculty.

Dr Mija S J

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