

IIIT-A Policy on Institution of Medals, Certificates of Merit, etc. w.e.f. Sept 13, 2019

(Ratified in XV Senate Meeting of 13/09/2019 vide Agenda Item No. 5)

Minutes of the Meeting on Medals Institution

Meeting was held in the Chamber of the Dean Academic and Research, IIITA on 01/04/2019 PM onwards, wherein the following attended:

Prof. T. Lahiri, Dean A&R	Chairman
Dr. Neetesh Purohit, Assoc. Dean, AAA	Member
Dr. Asheesh Kumar, Jt. Registrar, AAA	Member

The meeting was convened against the backdrop of the noting of the Chairman, Senate on an office note, which had desired a decision on the question of addressing upon the need of a provision for awarding medals to students, whose;

- a) Programs were coming up for award of Degree Awarding for the first Time.
- b) Programs were created in Recent past

In reference to the above, it was observed as follows;

- 1) Institute already had a set of One Gold, One Silver and One Bronze Medals each for students who were enrolled in Five Year Dual Degree B.Tech. (IT) Programs with Specializations in Robotics as well as Software Engineering.

While earlier, based on the enrollments prior to 2014, 15 students each were coming in the zone of consideration for the said set of three medals, from this year onwards; students from Seven Different Specializations namely (1) Robotics, (2) Software Engineering, (3) Wireless Communication Engineering, (4) Intelligent Systems, (5) Human Computer Interaction, (6) Cyber Law and Information Security and (7) Bio-Information with an annual intake in 7 students each (thereby making a total of 49 students only), are in the zone of consideration.

- 2) Institute already had students who were enrolled in Five Year Dual Degree B.Tech. (ECE), M.Tech. (ECE) Programs with Specializations in Micro-electronics as well as Bio Medical Engineering.

Which this year, based on the enrollments in 2014, only 7 and 45 students respectively for both the Specialization, shall be coming in the zone of consideration for award of Medals, from next year onwards, 7 students in each of the two Specializations shall be in the zone of consideration. No medals as on date is in place to cater to the requirements of this set of students.

- 3) Institute already has students who were enrolled in Five Year Dual Degree B.Tech. (IT) – MBA Program (9 Student) and Five Year Dual Degree B.Tech. (ECE) – MBA Program (4 Students). No medal as on date is in place to cater to the requirements of this set of students.

Recommendations on the subjects as at Sl. No. 1), 2) and 3) above, after detailed deliberations on various aspects and striking a delicate balance between promoting academic merit vis-a-vis maintaining economy for the Institute:

- i. While continuing with the Medals already constituted an effort should be made to clusterise the similar degree Programs, such that maximal number of students can be brought under the zone of consideration for any Medal, by promoting excellence among students. The existing Medals also, in due course of time should meet the student cohort criterion as suggested in (ii) below.
 - ii. Medals should be considered for a cohort of students population as follows only:
 - a) For students population of 41- 50 students in zone of consideration (based on sanctioned strength of the Programs only) – One Silver Medal Only. (For student cohort of 1- 40, provision as in (i) / (ii) shall apply).
 - b) For students population of 51 – 100 students in zone of consideration (based on sanctioned strength of the Programs only) – One Silver Medal and One Bronze Medal only.
 - c) For student's population of 101 and above students in zone of consideration (based on sanctioned strength of the Programs only) - One Full set of Gold, Silver and Bronze Medals (In case of a tie, number of medals on the respective slot may increase accordingly).
 - iii. In case of cohorts of students, whose Programs are of such distinctive nature that they neither have their own distinctive sanctioned intake as in (ii) above and nor are considered suitable of being clusterised with any of the existing Programs, then, only Certificates of Merit, signed by the Dean Academics, may be awarded upon request, to the top two students stating their First and Second Rank in their Degree Program. Provided further that in case the sanctioned student strength is below 10 students, then no such Certificate shall be awarded, with as soon as their sanctioned strength the one stated in (ii) above, separate Medals may be created for them accordingly.
- 4) Institute already has students who were enrolled in Dual Degree M.Tech. (IT) – Ph.D. Program with various Specializations (32 Students) and Dual Degree M.Tech. (ECE) – Ph.D. Program (4 Students). No medal as on date is in place to cater to the requirements of this set of students.

Recommendation: Considering both the Programs as one Single Unit, recommendation as at (ii) above should apply.

- 5) Institute already has students who were enrolled in Dual Degree MBA – Ph.D. Program (5 Students). Program though discontinued from Academic Session 2018, No medal as on date is in place to cater to the requirements of the set of students already under enrollment.

Recommendation: As at (ii) above.

Implementable Summary of Recommendations therefore:

Program Name	Student Strength in the Zone of Consideration	Committee Recommendation	Remarks
5 Yr. Dual Degree B.Tech (IT)- M.Tech (IT) with Seven Different Spclsns PLUS 5 Yr Dual Degree B.Tech. (ECE) – M.Tech. (ECE) with two Different Spclsns	49 + 14 = 63	One set of Gold, Silver and Bronze Medals for all these programs put together.	In lieu of the per-existing Gold, Silver and Bronze Medal for 5 Yr Dual Degree B.Tech. (IT) – M.Tech (IT) with Spclsns in Robotics and Software Engg.
5 Year Dual Degree B.Tech. (IT) – MBA Program PLUS 5 Year Dual Degree B.Tech. (ECE) – MBA Program	9 + 4 = 13	Two Certificates of Merit, upon request, for all these programs put together (Unit: B.Tech - MBA).	--
M.Tech. (IT) – Ph.D. in various Spclsns. PLUS M.Tech. (ECE) – Ph.D.	32 + 4 = 36	Two Certificates of Merit, upon request, for all these programs put together (Unit: M.Tech – Ph.D.)	--
MBA – Ph.D	5	--	

Criterion for Eligibility for all above – CGPA of at least 8.50 for Gold Medal and CGPI of at least 8.00 for Silver and Bronze Medals, in the respective Degree Program, achieved through-out in First attempt i.e. without availing Backs or DROPs AND Not guilty of any kind of mis-couduct, during his/her Enrollment at the Institute.

The-meeting then ended with thanks to the Chair.