

GTU INNOVATION COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting of Vadodara Sankul-1 Members

Date: Saturday, 18 June, 2011

Time: 16:00 Hrs. to 17:45 Hrs.

Venue: VCCI Office, 73 GIDC Makarpura, Vadodara



Members Present:

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| 1. Ms. Avi Sabavala, President, VCCI, Co-Chairmen, Industries | 4. Dr. Jayesh Patel, Principal, VIT |
| 2. Prof. Ashok R. Pandya, Director (R&D), BIT, Co-Chairmen Sankul Vadodara - 1 | 5. Prof. Kishore Chauhan, Principal, Butler Polytechnic. |
| 3. Dr. Sanjay Vij, Director (CE/IT/MCA), SVIT | 6. Mr. Kashyap Antani, Exec. Secy; VCCI |

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The meeting started at 4 PM on 18 June 2011 at VCCI 's conference hall with Ms. Avi Sabavala , President of VCCI and Co-chairperson of GTU Innovation Sankul Vadodara-1, In chair. The chair person welcomed the members. The following points have been deliberated and decisions taken.

Points Discussed

1. Although the Sankul-Udisha-Club structure seems to be okay but eco system needs to be developed to facilitate Students in getting industry defined projects. At the same time it was proposed that at least one senior faculty should accompany to the group of student at the beginning. This would alleviate the difficulties faced by the students.

Decision : Action as proposed.

2. There is a need to orient students before visiting industries on the following aspects: (a) The opening sentences to be spoken, (b) Communication skills, (c) Presenting and conducting themselves appropriately, etc.

Decision : All the Udisha Club Chairpersons should organize, as early as possible, the orientation session(s) as may be required for students to get themselves acquainted with the necessary procedure.

In this context Madam Sabavala expressed her willingness to address the pre-final year students of each discipline collectively or institute wise, as may be practicable. Prof. Ashok Pandya will look into the matter and make necessary arrangements and inform her accordingly about the date, time and Venue for such meetings.

3. It is proposed in the meeting that Students while visiting the industries should carry a recommendation letter issued by their respective Institutes. The letter will be on the Institute's letterhead and it may contain GTU's logo as well.

Decision : The members agreed to the proposal and Prof. Ashok Pandya is requested to send a draft of such letter to all the member colleges' Principals/UDISHA Chairpersons to ensure that the students are provided with such letters before they visit industries.

4. It was suggested that the industry would be interested in techno-commercial solutions in general. Secondly, respective faculty members should be assigned a group of students for regular monitoring of the progress of the project under taken by the students.

Decision : Principal/UDISHA Chairperson of the colleges should ensure its implementation.

5. Various disciplines were noted down as follows: (a) Engineering: Mechanical, Electrical, Civil, Computer, IT, Electronics & Communications, Instrumentation & Control, Aeronautical; (b) MCA; (c) MBA: Finance, Sales & Marketing, and HR; (d) Pharmacy.

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In order to ensure that the process of 'Shodh Yatra' leading to project definitions for students is successful, it is important to have a meeting of industry mentors and faculty mentors at an earliest possible date (before the end of June, 2011).

Decision : In this connection the VCCI offered that they will identify the mentors from Industries in various disciplines and Prof. Ashok Pandya agreed that he will identify the various faculty mentors from the colleges on or before 23rd June 2011 .He will also communicate the Principals of the colleges , the names of the mentors identified from the colleges along with the names of the mentors from Industries identified by the VCCI for further action.

6. It was suggested in the meeting that In addition to IDP (Industry Defined Problems)/UDP (User Defined Problem) , Research Centre Defined Problem, and College Defined Problems may also be considered . Here, the term 'Industry' is used in a broader sense and it includes (i) Government Organization and Departments, (ii) Social Organizations, etc.

Decision : The above suggestions accepted.

For Information

7. It was brought to the notice of members of the meeting by Prof. Ashok Pandya Co-Chairman of Academia that Mr. Hiranmaya Mahanta M.D. Techpedia has also expressed his desire to interact with the pre-final year students of various disciplines of BIT , Varnama, Vadodara. If approved, a combined meeting of Mr. Mahanta and Madam Sabavala, may be fixed for interaction with pre-final students.

Decision : Combined meeting approved as suggested for 2nd July 2011.

The meeting ended with thanks to the chair and light refreshment.