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Minutes of the
27th Meeting

October 5, 2026 (Monday) at 3.00 PM-5:00 PM

Board Room, Permanent Campus, IISER Berhampur

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The 2026-2/27th meeting of the Senate, IISER Berhampur was held on October 05, 2026 (Monday) at 3:00 PM in the Boardroom (in Hybrid Mode). The following members were present:

1.	Prof. Ashok Kumar Ganguli, Director, IISER Berhampur	Chairperson
2.	Prof. Tushar Kanti Nandi Department of Humanities and Social Sciences, IISER Kolkata (attended online)	Member
3.	Prof. Prosenjit Mondal Dean of Academic Affairs	Member
4.	Prof. Joydip Mukhopadhyay HoD, EES and Dean (Faculty Affairs)	Member
5.	Dr. Bodhisatta Nandy Dean (R&D) and DUGC Convener, Biological Sciences	Member
6.	Dr. Senthil Raani K S Associate Professor, Dean, Student Affairs	Member
7.	Dr. Prosenjit Daw Associate Professor, Associate Dean, Academic Affairs & Coordinator of Academic Affairs (PG)	Member
8.	Dr. Ritabrata Sengupta Associate Professor, HoD, Computer Science	Member
9.	Dr. Senthil Raani K S (for Kasi Viswanadham Gopajosyula) Associate Professor, HoD, Mathematical Sciences	Member
10.	Dr. Shashi Bhushan Singh Associate Professor, HoD, Physical Sciences	Member
11.	Dr. Thirupathi Barla Associate Professor, HoD, Chemical Sciences	Member
12.	Dr. Jose Sebastian Associate Professor, HoD, Biological Sciences Coordinator (UG), Academic Affairs	Member

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13.	Dr. R. Selvi Bharathavikru Associate Professor, Associate Dean, Student Affairs	Member
14.	Dr. Somrita Ray Assistant Professor, Chemical Sciences	Member
15.	Dr. S Rajesh Associate Professor, Earth & Environmental Sciences	Member
16.	Dr. Ujjal Kumar Dey Associate Professor, Physical Sciences	Member
17.	Dr. Amiya Mondal Associate Professor, Mathematical Sciences	Member
18.	Dr. Chinmaya Kumar Dehury Assistant Professor, Boys' Hostel Warden	Member
19.	Shri Sayan Sen, Student Representative-UG	Member
20.	Shri Pranjal Barik, Student Representative-PG	Member
21.	Dr. Victor Mukherjee Associate Professor, Coordinator, Academic Affairs (Semester Timetable management/ Examination/ Academic Calendar)	Special Invitee
22.	Dr. Subal Dey Assistant Professor, Coordinator (Scholarship & Fellowship) (attended online)	Special Invitee
23.	Shri Pradeep Kumar Ray, Registrar	Secretary

The following could not attend the meeting:

1	Prof. Preeti Ranjan Panda Department of Computer Science and Engineering, IIT Delhi (attended online)	Member
2	Prof. R Swathi Department of Chemistry, IISER Thiruvananthapuram (attended online)	Member
3	Dr. Rakesh Kumar Pathak Dean, International Relations, Outreach & Alumni Affairs	Member
4	Dr. Santanu Bhattacharyya Associate Professor, Head, Central Advanced Instrumentation Facility	Member

The following are the resolutions of the 27th Senate Meeting:

27.1.1	**Welcome to the Chairperson and other members; opening remarks by the Chairperson**
	Shri Pradeep Kumar Ray, Secretary of the Senate, extended a warm welcome to the Chairperson and all the members of the Senate. Prof. Ashok Kumar Ganguli, Chairperson of the Senate made opening remarks and encouraged all the members of the Senate to contribute towards the betterment of the Academic arena of the Institute.
27.1.2	**Confirmation of Minutes of the 26th Meeting of the Senate held on July 17, 2026**
	The Minutes of the 26th meeting of the Senate held on July 17, 2026 were circulated to all the members vide email dated July 29, 2026 and no comments were received.
	Resolution — The Senate resolved to confirm the Minutes of the 26th Meeting of the Senate held on July 17, 2026 (**Appendix-1**)
27.2	**Discussion items**
27.2.1	**To consider and approve the Evaluation Framework for Project Work to be undertaken during the IX and X Semesters of the BS–MS Programme**
	The evaluation framework for the BS-MS project work to be undertaken during the IX and X semesters (5th year) of the BS-MS programme was presented by Dr. Jose Sebastian, Coordinator, Academic Affairs (UG), as detailed in **Appendix-2**. The Senate observed that the BS-MS project Supervisor has a crucial role in the evaluation process and in awarding grades, based on the student's overall performance, merit, and the quality of work.
	Resolution — The Senate approved the proposed Evaluation Framework for the BS-MS Project to be undertaken during the IX and X Semesters (5th year) of the BS-MS Programme and this will be implemented from AY2026-27 (**Appendix-2**).
27.2.2	**To take on record Admissions into BS-MS Programme through IAT -2026**
	The Senate is requested to take note of and place on record the admissions to the BS-MS 2026 Batch through IAT-2026, as detailed in Appendix–3. The Senate took on record admissions into the BS-MS programme through IAT - 2026 (**Appendix-3**).
27.2.3	**To consider and approve the proposal for replacement of discontinued courses with Pre-Major courses.**
	The Pre-Majors system of the BS-MS Programme was implemented with effect from the 2025 batch. The courses discontinued due to the Pre-Majors system and their respective equivalent/alternative courses proposed by the respective departments are placed at Appendix-4. The Senate is requested to consider and accord approval to the same , in lieu of the discontinued courses.
	Resolution — The Senate resolved to approve replacement of discontinued courses with Pre-Major courses placed at **Appendix-4**.

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27.2.4	**To consider and approve the proposal for replacement of "FF" grade with passing grade in the transcript in case of repeating a course.**
	At present, when a student repeats a course and subsequently secures a passing grade, the original 'FF' grade is not replaced in the interim academic transcript. Consequently, both the 'FF' grade and the passing grade obtained upon repetition continue to be reflected in the interim transcript. However, in the final transcript, which is issued at the time of convocation, "FF" grades are replaced with passing grades. The Senate deliberated on the matter and approved the proposal to replace the 'FF' grade with the passing grade in the interim transcript. The Chairperson further advised that the practices followed by other IISERs in this regard may be examined.
27.2.5	**To consider and approve the proposal regarding award of more than one medal to the same student during Convocation**
	The Senate deliberated the matter of awarding more than one medal to the same student during convocation of the institute, and resolved that medals shall be awarded to the eligible students strictly in accordance with the prescribed criteria. It was further resolved that there shall be no restriction on the number of medals that may be awarded to the same student, provided that the student fulfills the eligibility criteria for respective medal.
27.2.6	**To consider and approve the proposal of issuance of Equivalence Certificates**
	The Senate deliberated on the matter regarding the issuance of equivalence certificates to students who are awarded the BS-MS Dual Degree with a major in Geological Sciences. After due deliberation, the Senate resolved to approve the issuance of equivalence certificates to such students on request for appearing in Government recruitment / admissions for higher education, as indicated below:

Degree Awarded	Equivalent Degree Programme(s)
BS-MS Dual Degree with a major in Geological Sciences	B.Sc. in Geology and M.Sc. in Geology

27.2.7	**To consider and approve the formats of various forms used by the Office of Academic Affairs**
	Various forms utilized by the Office of Academic Affairs for registration, admission, examinations, issuance of certificates, fellowships, and other academic activities are placed before the Senate for consideration and approval. The prescribed formats are enclosed at **Appendix–5**. The Senate has suggested that the forms should be reviewed comprehensively to identify and incorporate any necessary amendments or corrections in order to maintain consistency across various forms.

Resolution	The Senate in principle approved the forms used by the Office of Academic Affairs placed at (**Appendix-5**). The Senate suggested that the forms may change from time to time as per changes in the institute's policy/ guidelines, these must be revised periodically with the approval of the Chairperson, Senate and the same can be ratified in the subsequent Senate meeting.

27.2.8	**To consider and approve additional eligibility criteria to apply for admission into PhD Programme of the Institute**

The Senate has discussed at length about the eligibility criteria to apply for admission into PhD Programme at the Institute. The eligibility criteria with the modifications suggested are placed in Appendix 6.

Resolution	The Senate has resolved that the revised eligibility criteria can be approved (**Appendix-6**)

27.3 Ratification items

The following items were considered by the Senate for ratification.

Sl. No.	**Description of the Ratification item**
1.	Special Re-exam for the course BIO101
2.	Withdrawal from BS-MS programme:

Sl. No	**Roll No.**	**Name of the Student**	**Date of approval by Chairperson, Senate**
A.	25195	Ms. Trisha Tanaya Behera	06 August, 2026
B.	25119	Mr. Arindam Dangar	07 August, 2026
C.	25162	Ms. Shreya Aryan	07 August, 2026
D.	26008	Mr. Dil Raj	28 September, 2026
E.	26047	Mr. Om Bhusan Nag	28 September, 2026
F.	26241	Mr. Naresh Kumar	28 September, 2026
G.	26074	Mr. Abhishek Singh	25 September, 2026

3. Withdrawal from Ph.D. Programme Sem-I AY 2026-27

Sl. No	**Roll No. / Application No.**	**Name of the Student**	**Date of approval by Chairperson, Senate**
A.	CDS612163	Umesh Sahoo	09 July, 2026
B.	PHY801558	Sohan Subrat	06 August, 2026
C.	BIO261207	Arpita Sahoo	06 August, 2026
D.	BIO821682	Supriya K S	06 August, 2026
E.	2510506	Biswajit Nandi	26 July, 2026
F.	2520212	Sandhyarani Das	07 August, 2026

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4.	Admission into PhD Programme in the Department of Biological Sciences through Walk-in Interview for AY 2026–27, Semester I.
5.	Implementation of Visvesvaraya PhD Scheme for Electronics and IT Phase - II at IISER Berhampur
6.	Approval for BS-MS 5th Year Project done within & Outside IISER Berhampur, summary
7.	Matters related to Registration to Semester-I of AY 2026-27 (i) Registration to VII Semester during Sem-I of AY 2026-27. (ii) Minutes of the Meeting of the Committee to examine the request for Continuation in the BS-MS programme by Ms. Simran Singh (iii) Minutes of the Meeting of the DUGC Conveners and Office of Academic Affairs held on July 15, 2026 (iv) Registration to IX Semester (5th year) during AY 2026-27 - Regarding
8.	Policy on issuance of Duplicate Degree Certificates
9.	(i) Late Registration of Mr. Akshay Anil (Application No. MTH291197), in the Department of Mathematical Sciences.
	(ii) Change of Fellowship source in r/o Akshay Anil Fellowship changed
10.	Allotment of Major & Minor Disciplines to 2024 batch of BS-MS
11.	BS-MS Manual 2026 (Applicable for BS-MS programme upto 2024 batch)
12.	PhD Manual 2026
13.	Policy on Transfer of PhD Students of newly joined faculty from other Institutions / Universities to IISER Berhampur
14.	Extension of PhD tenure of the following students:-

Name & Roll No.	Department	Fellowship source
Arabinda Ghosh (2110105)	Biological Sciences	UGC-JRF
Deblina Dhabal (2110103)	Biological Sciences	UGC-JRF
Subharnil Misra (2210201)	Chemical Sciences	CSIR-JRF
Sayan Pal (2120102)	Chemical Sciences	PMRF

Above students have completed their 5 year fellowship period.

15.	Items for ratification from the Minutes of the 23rd, 24th & 25th Meetings of the IAAC:	

Sl. No.	Item
a	Ratification of Items from the Minutes of the 23rd meeting of the IAAC (i) 23.9 Crediting of NPTEL courses in transcripts (ii) 23.13 Change in Course Code for the courses (PhD Level): BIO615 for Advanced Population Ecology and Modelling BIO625 for Comparative and Evolutionary Genomics (iii) 23.14 Limit on similarity percentage in Plagiarism Report of PhD Thesis
b	Items for ratification from the Minutes of the 24th meeting of the IAAC
	24.3 Policy on Grade Improvement Exam for BS-MS Programme
	Introduction of New Courses / Revision of Courses by various Departments (i) 24.13 Change of Course Code from CS501 to CS503 for the course titled Research Asset Management and Latex by the Department of Computer Science (ii) 24.13 Introduction of a new course, CS307: Architecture and Operations of Computing Systems by the Department of Computer Science (iii) 24.11Introduction of a new course, PHY546: Introduction to Non-Linear Dynamics by the Department of Physical Sciences
c	Items for ratification from the Minutes of the 25th meeting of the IAAC (i) 25.3 Issuance of Separate percentage certificate for BS & MS (ii) 25.14 Minor degree for 2022 Batch of Students with CPI lower than 8.0

16	Proposal for Walk in interview for Ph.D. admission in the Department of Chemical Sciences.
17	Ph.D. selection Datasheet for the AY 2026-27 Sem-I (i) Physical Sciences (ii) Computer Sciences

Resolution	The Senate has resolved that the above items be ratified with modifications as below: a. With reference to the ratification item at Sl. No. 15(b)(24.3)

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		regarding Policy on Grade Improvement Exam for BS-MS Programme, it was resolved that the Grade Improvement Policy will be discontinued w.e.f., the BS-MS Batch of 2027 i.e., for students joining AY 2027-28 onwards. b. With reference to Sl. No. 12, modifications as suggested by Dr. Ritabrata Sengupta, HoD, Computer Science be incorporated in the PhD Manual in compliance with the existing policies c. With reference to Sl. No. 8, *Policy on issuance of Duplicate Degree Certificates,* **A. Procedure I. Lodge an FIR (First Information Report) for the same to the nearest Police Station** be replaced with **A. Procedure I. Lodge an FIR (First Information Report)/General Diary for the same with the nearest Police Station**. d. With reference to ratification item at Sl. No. 15(a) (i), the Senate suggested auditing of courses pursued on NPTEL and the same may be reflected on the transcript.

The meeting concluded with a vote of thanks to the Chair and members.

Secretary, Senate

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Chairperson, Senate IISER Berhampur