

Report of Meeting of Heads of MCA Institutes / Programs Under Zone-3 (V. V. Nagar) & Zone-5 (Surat)

Date: January 7, 2012

Time: 11:00 am to 01:45 pm

Venue: SVIT-Vasad (T&P Room)

The meeting was convened by Dr. Sanjay Vij, Dean –MCA at GTU.

Members Present

1. Prof. Chhaya Patel, AIIS
2. Prof. Varang Acharya, Parul
3. Dr. Jatinder R. Saini, Narmada College
4. Dr. Kalpesh Lad & Dr. Jitendra Nasriwala, SRIMCA
5. Prof. Jinal Tailor, S S Agrawal Inst.
6. Dr. Sanjay Vij, SVIT

All the members showed a sense of commitment to raise the academic level in their respective institutes.

Some of the important Points, discussed at the meeting

1. **Concern for increased use of “Guide Books” was raised and discussed.** Members shared that students and even some teachers perceive that language in such books is relatively easy to understand and, secondly, these books are relatively cheaper. The members came out with the following suggestions:
 - Most of the colleges have Book Bank service in library. So, the cost aspect will not influence the decision in favour of using “Guide Books”.
 - It was recommended that some of (preferably all) the teachers should demonstrate on at least some instances that the conceptual clarity in syllabus books is much better than in “Guide Books”, and secondly the authenticity of the material in syllabus books is guaranteed whereas it may be doubtful in “Guide Books”.
 - **It should also be demonstrated that the perception of syllabus books using difficult language is wrongly placed.**
2. It was unanimously decided that all the institutes will submit the list of subject experts in their respective institutes to the Dean, Dr. Vij. Dr. Vij will compile this information and send to all the institutes of its zones. **The institutes will use this information to invite subject experts to their institutes. It will thus encourage and enhance interaction between institutes.**
3. All the members shared an urgent need for improvement in the quality of conducting practical exams. A number of measures to be executed from the next semester were finalized.
4. The following points were unanimously agreed upon for the **end-semester project (IDP)**:
 - **Each student should be advised to maintain the daily log of activities done by him/her.** Similarly, a record of periodic reporting (may be partly thru’ e-mails) duly signed by the internal guide should also be maintained by each group of students. **Such reports and daily log should be available with the students at the time of Project Viva examination.**
 - **The members were suggested to submit the names of industry people (who have academic inclination) to be potential examiners for examining Dissertation and end-semester projects. Only persons, with outstanding experience are to be invited.**
5. **The HODs were advised to submit the names of only senior faculty members (with more than 5 years experience) for Project Viva Exams. The academic experience may be relaxed in case of faculty member having at least 2 years of industry experience and also for faculty members having higher qualifications, such as M. Phil or Ph. D, etc.**
6. It was reiterated that some inter-college competitive events may be organized. **Parul Institute has agreed to host “projects Competition” during the 1st week of May, 2012.**