



**DEPARTMENT OF ARCHITECTURE**  
**SCHOOL OF ARCHITECTURE, PLANNING AND GEOMATICS**  
**IUST, AWANTIPORA**

**Minutes of the 2<sup>nd</sup> BoS Meeting of Department of Architecture**

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Board of Studies meeting of the Department of Architecture was held under the chairpersonship of Prof. Ayaz Hassan Moon (Dean, School of Architecture, Planning & Geomatics) on 22.03.2024. Following members were present in the meeting:

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| 1. Mr. Mehran Qureshi<br>Head, Department of Architecture, IUST.                  | (Convenor)               |
| 2. Dr. Sameer Hamdani<br>Chief Architect, INTACH Kashmir.                         | (AC Nominee)             |
| 3. Mr. Manu Mahajan<br>Associate Professor, School of Architecture, New Delhi.    | (AC Nominee)             |
| 4. Mr. Umar Farooq<br>Assistant Professor, Department of Architecture             | (VC Nominee)             |
| 5. Dr. Tariq Abdullah<br>Head, Department of Geomatics and Planning               | (VC Nominee)             |
| 6. Mr. Qazi Qamar Iqbal Qari<br>Associate Professor, Department of Architecture   | (Special Invitee)        |
| 7. Dr. Muhammad Saleem<br>Assistant Professor, Department of Geomatics & Planning | (Special Invitee)        |
| 8. Mr. Jasim Muhammad   | (Student Representative) |
| 9. Ms. Faheem Fatimah   | (Student Representative) |

**Proceedings:**

The meeting commenced with the Dean, School of Architecture, Planning and Geomatics, welcoming all attendees and expressing gratitude for their participation. The agenda for the meeting was outlined and the Head of the Department, Mr Mehran Qureshi, provided insights into the current syllabus and highlighted areas that require modification to align with industry standards and evolving practices.

**After thorough discussion and deliberation, the board agreed on the following decisions:**

1. After a comprehensive discussion on the proposed reduction of credit load and the number of courses per semester, it was unanimously agreed to proceed with the reduction of credit load from 30 to 26 credits per semester and to decrease the number of courses from 8 to 7 or 6 maintaining the overall credits to the minimum prescribed by Council of Architecture.

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*Jasim Muhammad*

*Muhammad Saleem*

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2. The proposal to move the practical training/internship from semester 9 to semester 8 was thoroughly discussed. After careful consideration, the attendees agreed to implement the proposed change, recognizing its significance in better preparing students for their 9<sup>th</sup> semester urban design studio and their final thesis work in 10<sup>th</sup> semester.
3. The communication from the Council of Architecture regarding the incorporation of courses relevant to climate change was deliberated upon. The attendees unanimously agreed on the significance of the matter and decided to incorporate the suggested courses into the curriculum. Dr. Tariq Abdullah, I/C Head Department of Planning & Geomatics agreed to develop and offer the courses titled *Environment Science and Climate Change* and *Climate Change and Disaster Management* to the students of architecture. It was also agreed that the Department of Planning & Geomatics will offer elective courses of relevance and suitability to the current batches of B. Arch program in addition to the above-mentioned courses.
4. In addition, the experts were of the opinion, the final semester of the degree should ideally bear minimal course load, advocating for no more than one course alongside the major thesis, allowing students to focus on their thesis project which is time intensive.
5. The proposal to integrate site visits, workshop-based teaching methods, and study tours into the curriculum was discussed extensively. The experts recommended that the study tours should be arranged annually in line with the directions of Council of Architecture.
6. The board emphasized on the significance of fostering collaborative endeavours between universities, advocating for joint studios with architectural studio across India to encourage interdisciplinary learning and exchanges of ideas and practices.
7. The attendees agreed on the consolidation of lab-based learning for students. It was also agreed to initiate the procurement of latest licensed software for the newly established CAD lab. The experts also suggested to set up a material lab so that students develop familiarity with the behaviour of materials and stay updated with the contemporary building materials used in the field.
8. In a bid to enrich the academic landscape, the experts advised to increase the number of conferences and workshops, fostering a vibrant culture of learning and exchange of ideas.

Sabeem  
Sartina

John  
Sinha

Mohd  
Salam

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9. The experts suggested an emphasized the need to change the methodology for teaching the courses like Theory of Structures and Building Construction and Materials to aspiring architects. It was recommended that such courses be made more accessible and effective by including practice based insights and knowledge through site visits, measured drawings, behaviour of structural elements etc.
10. The presented evaluation rubrics for studio and theory subjects were reviewed and discussed in detail. It was unanimously agreed to incorporate the evaluation rubrics into the curriculum, acknowledging their importance in ensuring fair and transparent assessment practices.
11. The Board also discussed the lack of student participation in extracurricular activities in view of the academic workload. It was recommended that for the overall development as a design professional, students should be encouraged to participate in events like NASA and other university level cultural activities.

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