

Announcement of the brainstorming session

Dear Prof,

Recently, the effectiveness of academics on the campus, and its various facets such as extra-curricular activities, thinning motivation of students for academics and difficulties in conducting large classes, have come up for discussion on discuss-faculty. Many colleagues had suggested that we should meet to discuss various facets of this problem and formulate some concrete actions concerning this issue.

A sustained and meaningful dialog on facets of the academic culture would be helpful in addressing specific issues and problems. With this in view, a brainstorming session has been organized to decide on how to set up such a dialog.

Title : Initiating a dialog on improving our academic culture.
Date : Wednesday, 23 January 2013
Time : 3.00 pm
Place : CSE Seminar Hall (inside CSE office), First floor, K Rekhi Bldg

Agenda

1. Opening remarks

2. 5-7 minute presentations on following dimensions of the academic culture
   (a) Limiting distraction due to extra-curricular activities
   (b) Student demotivation and its remedies
   (c) Issues in the conduct of large classes
   (d) Spreading awareness of the theory and practice of effective teaching

3. Discussion on how to tackle the above dimensions of academic culture

4. Deciding the road ahead—how to sustain the dialog, broaden the participation, achieve consensus, and plan actions.

I am writing this mail to seek your participation in this initiative. You are also requested to send me, via email, concrete suggestions on planning the road ahead (item 4 above) before this session.

With regards,
- D M Dhamdhere, CSE Dept
List of invitees:
Prof Shiva Prasad, Dean AP
Prof S D Agashe
Prof C Amarnath
Prof Varsha Apte
Prof A Athavale
Prof N B Ballal
Prof R Banavar
Prof S Biswas
Prof A Q Contractor
Prof K Deb
Prof U N Gaitonde
Prof D K Ghosh
Prof Sridhar Iyer
Prof S K Jha
Prof K P Kaliappan
Prof U P Khedker
Prof A Mahajan
Prof R Manchanda
Prof R Mohanty
Prof B K Mohan
Prof K Moudgalya
Prof H Narayanan
Prof Sahana Murthy
Prof N Limaye
Prof A Pandey
Prof S Patankar
Prof S Patwardhan
Prof R K Pant
Prof A G Ranade
Prof N Rangaraj
Prof V Sethi
Prof A Sanyal
Prof D K Sharma
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Prof M Sohani
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Prof V Sule
Prof B Sunoj
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