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 Prof Sharmila Prof M Sohoni Prof K Sudhakar Prof V Sule Prof B Sunoj Prof J K Verma Prof M Vinjamur Prof U Yajnik