

The Faculty Council at MDI

The Faculty Council (FC) is envisaged as an advisory forum for the faculty to discuss matters relevant to them and the institute and express their collective views and suggestions, where applicable, to the competent authority for its consideration.

Composition: The Faculty Council shall comprise the Director; all Faculty members at a campus of MDI – full-time, adjunct and distinguished – excluding the course-specific guest faculty members; and the Librarian. Its meetings shall be chaired by the Director or a senior Professor chosen by the Council. A faculty member chosen by the Council shall act as its Convener.

Roles and Responsibility:

1. The role of the Council will be purely advisory in nature.
2. All matters concerning faculty and MDI at large, may be referred for discussions with and advice of the Council.
3. The Council shall deliberate on matters that are referred to it for advice by the Director. Such advice shall not be binding on any competent authority, but may be viewed as the collective opinion of the faculty on the matter.
4. The Council can also discuss extraordinary matters if there is a prior demand for it in writing from at least 20% of Council members.

Procedures:

1. The Council shall meet at least once in a quarter or as often as needed to discuss important issues.
2. The meetings shall be convened by the Director in consultation with the Chairperson, Faculty Council.
3. An extraordinary meeting can be convened by the Chairperson if there is a demand for it in writing from at least 20% of Council members.
4. The term of office of the Chairperson and Convener of the Council shall be three years.

5. Approved minutes of Council meetings need to be maintained by the Convener and made available to all Council members.
6. Any resolution passed by the Council should have clear indication of the number of members supporting it as part of the minutes – whether through open or secret voting.
7. Other procedural rules shall be specified by the Director from time to time.
8. In matters of interpretation of these or future rules, the decision of the Director shall be final and binding on the Council.
