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Minutes of Industrial Advisory Board (IAB) Meeting held on 23rd July, 2015 in Mechanical Engineering Department

- 1) An industry update was shared by the Chairman which focused on multiple skill development and attractiveness of India as a manufacturing destination.
- 2) Most members expressed need for improvement on soft skills for the students including etiquette training. We need to improve awareness of students on multiple dimensions (behavioral, ethics, practical exposure to different areas using on-line / Professional development courses, etc). Besides academics, this will improve the employability of students. A feedback mechanism to be institutionalized to track the alumni of VIT. These alumni can help engagement with the industry actively. Current and immediate past students to be roped in or engaged in focus group discussions to improve inputs to the IAB body.
- 3) Innovation, entrepreneurship, ethics and process / information on getting an IP right etc. can be incorporated as extended scope or through guest lectures.
- 4) Industry visits (different sectors) can give more exposure to students so that they can decide on what they like and where do they want to build their careers going forward.
- 5) For the next meeting, members are requested to list 5 top soft skills they would like to see in potential employees and also to suggest list of on-line courses for professional development. Besides this, if the members know of some experts in certain subject a central repository of such names can be created at VIT and guest lecturers can be arranged.
- 6) Next date of the meeting to be finalized at least 30 days in advance.

Photographs of IAB Meeting Mechanical Department

