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Dr, Pramod Kumar,  
Registrar

Dear Dr. Pramod Kumar

Please find enclosed my response to the minutes of the 143<sup>rd</sup> the Academic Council held and adjourned on 9<sup>th</sup> May 2017, and then reconvened on 16<sup>th</sup> June 2017. Since I was unable to attend the reconvened meeting, my comments pertain to the proceedings on the 9<sup>th</sup> may meeting only.

Please record my dissent on the following:

**Item No. 1 (Confirmation of Minutes of the 142<sup>nd</sup> (A) meeting of the Academic Council held on December 23, 2016)**

The minutes of the 142<sup>nd</sup> (A) meeting of the Academic Council were not confirmed by the House and the conclusion that the minutes were passed is a misrepresentation and distortion of the proceedings. In fact, and quite to the contrary, a majority of members present on 9<sup>th</sup> May spoke in favour of amending the minutes to incorporate the objections and dissensions expressed by them on the floor of the House, or given subsequently in writing, on the way the 142<sup>nd</sup> AC meeting was conducted and minutes recorded. Further, it was shocking to see the Chairperson give a ruling confirming the minutes of the 142<sup>nd</sup> AC despite being comprehensively defeated on this during his seeking of opinions on the matter from members present.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Rajat Datta', with a horizontal line underneath it.

(Professor Rajat Datta)