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**Minutes of the 14<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Senate, National Institute of Technology, Kurukshetra held on Sunday, the 14<sup>th</sup> March, 2010 at 11.00am in the Senate Hall of the Institute**

The following were present:

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| 1.  | Dr. M. N. Bandyopadhyay<br>Director<br>NIT, Kurukshetra   | Chairman |
| 2.  | Dr Ishwar Singh<br>Professor & Dean (Academic Affairs)<br>Deptt. of Inorganic Chemistry<br>M D University, Rohtak | Member   |
| 3.  | Dr. Krishna Gopal<br>Professor, Electrical Engg. Deptt.<br>NIT, Kurukshetra.                                      | Member   |
| 4.  | Prof. R. K. Bansal<br>Professor, Civil Engineering Department<br>NIT, Kurukshetra                                 | Member   |
| 5.  | Dr. T. K. Garg<br>Professor, Mech. Engg. Deptt.<br>NIT, Kurukshetra   | Member   |
| 6.  | Dr. S. P. Jain<br>Professor<br>Electrical Engineering Department<br>NIT, Kurukshetra                              | Member   |
| 7.  | Dr. V. K. Arora<br>Professor, Civil Engineering Department<br>NIT, Kurukshetra                                    | Member   |
| 8.  | Dr. V. K. Sehgal<br>Professor<br>Civil Engineering Department<br>NIT, Kurukshetra                                 | Member   |
| 9.  | Dr. K. S. Kasana<br>Professor<br>Mechanical Engineering Department<br>NIT, Kurukshetra                            | Member   |
| 10. | Dr. K. B. Singh<br>Professor<br>Department of Humanities & Social Sciences<br>NIT, Kurukshetra                    | Member   |

11.	Dr. D. V. Singh Professor Mathematics Department NIT, Kurukshetra	Member
12.	Dr. Kuldeep Kumar Professor Mathematics Department NIT, Kurukshetra	Member
13.	Dr. S. S. Rattan Professor Mechanical Engineering Deptt. NIT, Kurukshetra	Member
14.	Dr. K. S. Sandhu Professor Electrical Engineering Deptt. NIT, Kurukshetra	Member
15.	Dr. Sudhir Kumar Professor Mechanical Engineering Department NIT Kurukshetra	Member
16.	Dr. Baldev Setia Professor Civil Engineering Department NIT, Kurukshetra	Member
17.	Dr. Rajender Kumar Professor Department of Humanities & Social Sciences NIT, Kurukshetra	Member
18.	Dr. Brahmjit Singh Professor Electronics & Comm. Engg. Department NIT, Kurukshetra	Member
19.	Dr. S.K. Madan Professor Civil Engineering Department NIT, Kurukshetra	Member
20.	Dr. H. K. Sharma Professor Civil Engineering Department NIT, Kurukshetra	Member
21.	Dr. S. N. Sachdeva Professor Civil Engineering Department NIT, Kurukshetra	Member

22.	Dr. Dixit Garg Professor Mechanical Engineering Department NIT, Kurukshetra	Member
23.	Dr. S. K. Mahna Professor Physics Department NIT, Kurukshetra	Member
24.	Dr. B. K. Kaushik Professor Physics Department NIT, Kurukshetra	Member
25.	Dr. P. J. Philip Professor Department of Humanities & Social Sciences NIT, Kurukshetra	Member
26.	Dr. Surjit Angra Professor Mechanical Engineering Department NIT Kurukshetra	Member
27.	Dr. R. S. Bhatia Professor Electrical Engineering Department NIT Kurukshetra	Member
28.	Dr. G L Pahuja Professor Electrical Engineering Department NIT Kurukshetra	Member
29.	Dr. R. K. Sharma Associate Professor & Head Electronics & Comm. Engg. Department NIT, Kurukshetra	Special Invitee
30.	Dr. Dinesh Kumar Associate Professor & Head Chemistry Department NIT, Kurukshetra.	Special Invitee
31.	Prof. (Ms.) Manjula Sharma Associate Professor & Head Department of Humanities & Social Sciences NIT, Kurukshetra	Special Invitee
32.	Dr. Ashwani Jain Associate Professor, Civil Engg. Deptt. Professor Incharge (Academic & Senate Affairs) NIT, Kurukshetra	Special Invitee

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| 33. | Dr. Mayank Dave<br>Associate Professor & Head<br>Computer Engineering Department<br>NIT, Kurukshetra | Special Invitee   |
| 34. | Sh. R. P.S. Lohchab<br>Registrar<br>NIT, Kurukshetra   | Secretary, Senate |

The following members could not attend the meeting:

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| 1. | Sh. Vijay Prakash Saha<br>Chair, WFO, Energy Saving Commission<br>Res: W-16, Green Park, New Delhi – 110016 | Member |
| 2. | Dr. (Mrs.) Bani Chatterjee<br>Professor<br>Deptt. of Humanities & Social Science<br>IIT, Kharagpur.         | Member |
| 3. | Dr. S. K. Sharma<br>Professor<br>Mechanical Engineering Department<br>NIT, Kurukshetra                      | Member |
| 4. | Dr. A. K. Gupta<br>Professor<br>Electronics & Comm. Engg. Department<br>NIT, Kurukshetra                    | Member |
| 5. | Dr. (Ms.) Minati Baral<br>Professor<br>Chemistry Department<br>NIT, Kurukshetra                             | Member |
| 6. | Dr. Diwan Singh<br>Professor<br>Civil Engineering Department<br>NIT, Kurukshetra                            | Member |
| 7. | Dr. (Ms.) Lillie Dewan<br>Professor<br>Electrical Engineering Department<br>NIT, Kurukshetra                | Member |
| 8. | Dr. J. K. Quamara<br>Professor<br>Physics Department<br>NIT, Kurukshetra                                    | Member |

**Item 14.1 To confirm the minutes of the 13<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Senate held on 03.12.2009**

The Senate confirmed the minutes alongwith addendum of the 13<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Senate held on 03.12.2009 as circulated to the members of the Senate and as per details furnished in the agenda item.

**Item 14.2 To note the Action Taken Report on the minutes of the 13<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Senate held on 03.12.2009**

The Senate noted the actions taken on the minutes of the 13<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Senate held on 03.12.2010 as per details furnished in the agenda item.

The Senate while noting the action taken report under any other item decided that the remuneration for External Examiner for M.Tech. Dissertation Examination be increased to Rs. 2500/- (for evaluation and viva-voce) as per the practice followed at NIT Jalandhar and remuneration for Indian External Examiner for evaluating Ph.D Thesis be increased to Rs. 5000/- (Rs. 3000/- for evaluation + Rs. 2000/- for viva-voce) as per the practice followed at NIT Bhopal. The Examiners be provided free hospitality with no DA payment for stay. The decision to increase remuneration will be implemented after getting approval from the Finance Committee and the Board of Governors.

Regarding the matter of increase in remuneration of Foreign External Examiner for evaluation of Ph.D Thesis, it was decided that the matter be brought after studying the practice followed at various NITs and IITs.

Regarding the matter of shortage of faculty, the Director apprised members that faculty positions in various departments have been advertised and vacant positions will be filled up shortly. About problem of shortage of laboratory space in some departments, it was brought to the notice of the Senate that new administrative block is near completion and more space would become available for the purpose.

**Item 14.3 To consider nomination of a Professor as Senate Nominee on the Board of Governors, NIT, Kurukshetra.**

The Senate considered nomination of a Professor as Senate Nominee on the Board of Governors, NIT, Kurukshetra. As per Section 12(c) of the National Institutes of Technology Act, 2007, the term of office of Senate nominee is two years from the date of nomination. Since, Dr. V K Arora had already completed his term, it was decided that the next senior most Professor, Dr. V K Sehgal, Professor in Civil Engg., be nominated to Board of Governors w.e.f. the date of meeting, i.e.14-03-2010, for a period of 2 years. The Senate confirmed the minutes of the item for its immediate implementation.

It was observed that in future, the matter regarding the nomination to BOG be brought to the Senate well in advance prior to the expiry of the term of existing nominees.

- Item 14.4 To consider nomination of 2<sup>nd</sup> nominee of the Senate on the Board of Governors, NIT, Kurukshetra (against the constituency of Assistant Professor/Lecturer).**

As per Section 11(f) of the National Institutes of Technology Act-2007, one Professor and one Assistant Professor or a Lecturer of the Institute are to be nominated by the Senate on the Board of Governors. As per the recommendations for revision of the pay scale of teaching and other staff of Universities and Colleges vide letter No.1-32/2006-U.II/U.I(I), 31 December 2008 and of Centrally Funded Technical Institutions vide letter F. NO. 23-1/2008-TS.II, Technical Section-II, 18 August, 2009, Ministry of Human Resource Development, Department of Higher Education, Government of India, following the pay revision of the Central Government Employees on the recommendation of 6<sup>th</sup> CPC, there shall be only three designations in respect of teachers, namely, Assistant Professor, Associate Professor and Professor. Therefore, there are, at present, three cadres of faculty in the Institute, i.e. Assistant Professor, Associate Professor and Professor. Now, there is no cadre of Lecturer in the Institute. The Senate was of the view that it can be interpreted that a Lecturer is now Assistant Professor, and Assistant Professor and Lecturer (Selection Grade) in the old scale, after completing three years of service in that scale, are to be re-designated as Associate Professor on or after 1.1.2006. In light of this, the Senate decided that Dr. Subodh Ranjan, Associate Professor in Civil Engg. be nominated to the Board of Governors as second nominee w.e.f. the date of meeting, i.e.14-03-2010, for a period of 2 years under Clause 11(f) of the NITs Act, 2007 (against the constituency of Assistant Professor/Lecturer). He would replace Prof. C P Bansal who has already completed his two year term. The Senate confirmed the minutes of the item for its immediate implementation.

- Item 14.5 To consider and approve decisions taken in 27<sup>th</sup> meeting of Standing Committee on Senate Affairs (SCSA)**

The Senate considered and approved the decisions taken in the 27<sup>th</sup> meeting of Standing Committee on Senate Affairs which was held on 14.01.2010.

- Item 14.6 To note the admission status of various UG/PG Courses for the academic session 2009-2010 at National Institute of Technology, Kurukshetra**

The Senate noted the admission status of various UG/PG Courses for the academic session 2009-2010 at National Institute of Technology, Kurukshetra per details furnished in the agenda item.

- Item 14.7 To consider approval for students to be awarded degrees in the 7<sup>th</sup> Convocation scheduled to be held on 20<sup>th</sup> March 2010 and to note the result status of B.Tech 2005 batch students**

The Senate considered and approved the award of degrees to the graduates of B.Tech., M.Tech., MBA and Ph.D. of NIT, Kurukshetra in the 7<sup>th</sup> Convocation scheduled to be held on 20<sup>th</sup> March, 2010, as detailed in the agenda item 14.7 and supplementary agenda item 14.7(a). For the two Ph.D scholars, one from Electrical Engg. Deptt.

and the other from Mathematics Deptt., who had already appeared in their viva-voce examination, the Director was authorized to accord approval for the award of degrees in 7<sup>th</sup> Convocation if all the formalities are completed in time. The Senate also noted the result status of B.Tech. 2005 batch students. The minutes of the item were confirmed by the Senate as degrees were to be awarded in the 7<sup>th</sup> Convocation.

**Item 14.8 To consider approval for the students to be awarded Medals and Certificates in the 7<sup>th</sup> Convocation scheduled to be held on 20<sup>th</sup> March, 2010**

The Senate considered and approved the award of medals and certificates in the 7<sup>th</sup> Convocation as detailed in the agenda item including award of Dr. R. P. Singh medals as per past practice.

As regard to the award of Dr. R. P. Singh medals, it was brought to the notice of the Senate that the Constituted Committee recommended that the practice of awarding two medals be continued and any shortfall in funds may be met from the Alumni/Institute funds. The Institute had already expressed its inability to fund the awards. President of the Alumni Association was also requested to consider providing funds for the award of medals vide letter dated 7.12.2009. The Secretary, Alumni Association had intimated that in the meeting held on 8-3-2010, it was decided to extend the offer to meet the shortfall of funds to this year also. The Senate decided that the offer be accepted. Since the issue needs to be resolved once for all, as the same problem will crop up next year also, it was decided that the matter be brought to the SCSA, where President and Secretary of the Alumni Association be invited to explore the possibility of regular funding of the award by the Alumni Association.

The minutes of the item were confirmed by the Senate as medals were to be awarded in the ensuing Convocation.

**Item 14.9 To consider formats of Honorary degree of D.Litt, and MCA degree**

The Senate considered formats of Honorary degree of D.Litt, and MCA degree. Modifications in the proposed format for D.Litt were suggested. After incorporating some modifications, the degree formats were approved.

Minutes of the item were confirmed as Honorary degree of D.Litt was to be awarded in the 7<sup>th</sup> Convocation.

**Item 14.10 To consider and approve the Academic Calendar for the session 2010-2011**

Draft of the Academic Calendar for the Session 2010-2011 was considered. It was decided that the draft calendar be referred to the SCSA for finalizing the same to take into account holidays of the year 2011.

