NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY
KURUKSHETRA

Minutes of the 29th meeting of the Senate of National Institute of Technology, Kurukshetra held on 20.2.2017 at 11.00 a.m. in the Senate Hall of the Institute.

The following were present:

1. Dr. Satish Kumar, Director & Hon'ble Chairman, Senate
2. Prof. D.K. Nauriyal, External Member

Internal Members (Department wise & in alphabetical order)

CIVIL ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT

1. Prof. Arun Goel, Professor
2. Prof. Ashwani Jain, Professor
3. Prof. Baldev Setia, Professor
4. Prof. D.K. Soni, Professor
5. Prof. H.K. Sharma, Professor
6. Prof. K.K. Singh, Professor
7. Prof. Saraswati Setia, Professor
8. Prof. Mahesh Pal, Professor
9. Prof. S.K. Madan, Professor
10. Prof. S.M. Gupta, Professor
11. Prof. Subodh Ranjan, Professor
12. Prof. Surinder Deswal, Professor
13. Prof. V.K. Arora, Professor
14. Prof. V.P. Singh, Professor

COMPUTER ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT

15. Prof. A.K. Singh, Professor
16. Prof. Mayank Dave, Professor
17. Prof. Sanjay Kumar Jain, Professor
18. Prof. R.K. Aggarwal, Associate Prof. & HOD

CHEMISTRY DEPARTMENT

19. Prof. Dinesh Kumar, Professor
20. Prof. D P. Singh, Professor
21. Prof. Minati Baral, Professor
22. Prof. J.K. Kapoor, Associate Prof. & HOD

COMPUTER APPLICATION DEPARTMENT

23. Prof. Ashutosh Kumar Singh, Professor

BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

54. Prof. Neeraj Kaushik, Associate Prof. & HOD

Secretary, Senate

55. Sh. G.R. Samantray, Registrar Incharge

The following members could not attend the meeting:

1. Prof. (Ms.) Konduri Raja Rajeswari, External Member
2. Prof. Yashwant Singh, External Member

Internal Members (Department wise & in alphabetical order)

Civil Engineering Depatment

1. Prof. Anupam Mittal
2. Prof. Parveen Aggarwal
3. Prof. Pratibha Aggarwal
4. Prof. S.K. Patidar
5. Prof. S.N. Sachdeva

Computer Engineering Department

6. Prof. J.K. Chhabra

Electrical Engineering Department

7. Prof. Ashwani Kumar
8. Prof. Ratna Dahiya
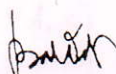9. Prof. R.S. Bhatia

Mechanical Engineering Department

10. Prof. Pankaj Chandna
11. Prof. V.K. Bajpai

At the outset, Director & Chairman, Senate welcomed the members of the Senate and accorded permission to present the agenda of the meeting for consideration of the Senate.

The agenda was taken up and following decisions were taken in the meeting:

Item 29.1 **To note the actions taken on the minutes of the 26th, 27th and 28th meetings of the Senate held on 29.9.2015, 4.3.2016 and 5.8.2016 respectively.**

The Senate noted the actions taken on the minutes of the 26th, 27th and 28th meetings of the Senate held on 29.9.2015, 4.3.2016 and 5.8.2016, respectively. The Senate expressed its concern over the non-submission of the report by the Committee constituted in 28th meeting of the Senate for preparing the seniority list of the faculty of the Institute.

Senate in anticipation of approval of Senate so that the matter may be placed before the BOG for consideration.

In view of the reason as above, the Senate noted the minutes of 51st meeting of SCSA.

Item 29.3   To note the actions taken on the minutes of 48th, 49th, 50th and 51st meetings of Standing Committee on Senate Affairs (SCSA) held on 16.7.2016, 21.11.2016, 13.1.2017 and 24.1.2017 respectively.

The Senate noted the actions taken on the minutes of the 48th, 49th, 50th and 51st meeting of the Senate held on 16.7.2016, 21.11.2016, 13.1.2017 and 24.1.2017, respectively with following observations/remarks:
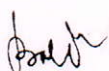
(i)   The Senate expressed its concern over items where required action had either not been initiated or not completed.

(ii)   In 50.2, a few members opined that in the Ph.D thesis evaluation report format, there should be a provision for questions by the Ph.D. examiner in the report format.

(iii) In 50.3, the recommendations of the Senate on the issue of revised rates of honorarium for Ph.D. examiners will be sent to the Finance Committee before it is implemented.

Item 29.4   To note the admission status of various programmes of the Institute for the Academic Session 2016-17.
(A)   Undergraduate Programmes (B.Tech.)
(B)   Postgraduate Programmes (M.Tech., MBA and MCA)

The Senate noted the admission status of Undergraduate programmes (B.Tech.) and Postgraduate programmes (M.Tech., MBA and MCA) of the Institute for the Academic Session 2016-17. The Senate raised a concern over the number of vacant seats in various programmes of Institute.

The Senate was duly apprised that for B.Tech., M.Tech. and MCA, the Institute had followed the counselling procedure and schedule as laid down by JoSSA 2016, CCMT 2016 and NIMCET 2016 respectively. Dean (Academic) apprised the Senate that in the year 2016, the counselling for B.Tech. admissions comprised of six rounds by JoSAA-2016. First round of counselling started on July 01, 2016 and the sixth round ended on July 20, 2016. The admitted students were

Item 29.7   To consider the results summary of students of UG and PG Programmes in May/June, 2016 examinations.

The Senate noted the summary of results (upto the date of reporting) of students of UG and PG programmes for May/June, 2016 examinations. Senate members expressed serious concern on the issue of low CGPA of students of different branches. Further, there was a cluster in the CGPA range of 7.5 to 9.49 During the discussion, the following suggestions were made:

      a) Range of CGPA to be well-distributed for better presentation of frequency

      b) Introduction of student mentorship programmes, academic reinforcement programmes, summer courses etc.

Accordingly, Director was authorized to constitute a committee to review the results and the associated discrepancies.

Item 29.8   To consider the placement status of the students of all programmes of the Institute.
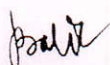
The Senate considered and noted the placement status of all the students of all programmes of the Institute.

Item 29.09   To approve the list of students to be awarded degrees in 14th Convocation, 2017 scheduled to be held on 04.03.2017.

The Senate approved the list of 1178 students to be awarded degrees in 14th Convocation, 2017 scheduled to be held on 4.3.2017. The Senate was informed that the list of degree recipients have been uploaded on the Institute website for verification of inclusion, spellings of the name of the student and his/her father's name, in English as well as in Hindi. The discrepancy if any, pointed by the concerned students will be corrected after due verification from the personal files of the students.

It was also resolved that in case some more students become eligible for the award of degrees on or before 27th February, 2017, their names will also be added to the list of degree awardees after due approval of the Chairman, Senate.

The Senate confirmed the minutes of this agenda item during the meeting itself.

Item 29.13 To apprise the Senate of the revision in tuition fee of students of the Institute of B.Tech. programmes from 2016-17 onwards and to consider and approve the fee structure of all the programmes of the institute for academic session 2017-18.

The Senate was apprised of the revision in tuition fee of students of the Institute of B.Tech. programmes from 2016-17 onwards. This was in accordance with the directions of MHRD vide letter no. F.No. 33-4/2014-TS III dated 24th June, 2016. Senate also considered the Institute charges of all the programmes of the institute for academic session 2017-18. The Senate observed that the Institute charges of all the programmes needed to be reviewed. It was resolved that a committee of three members will be constituted by the Director to revise the fee structure except tuition fee.

Item 29.14 To consider and approve the fee structure of B.Tech. programmes of the Indian Institute of Information Technology (IIIT) Sonepat for Academic Session 2017-18.

The Senate considered the fee structure of B.Tech. programmes of the Indian Institute of Information Technology (IIIT) Sonepat for Academic Session 2017-18. It was resolved that a committee will be constituted by the Chairman, Senate under 29.13 is to revise the fee structure except tuition fee for IIIT Sonepat as well.

Item 29.15 To approve DMC format for the B.Tech. programmes for Indian Institute of Information Technology (IIIT) Sonepat.

The Senate approved the DMC format for the B.Tech. programmes for Indian Institute of Information Technology (IIIT) Sonepat (copies attached).

Item 29.16 To consider renaming of M.Tech. (ECE) programme as M.Tech. ECE (Wireless Communication) and to start new M.Tech. programme as M.Tech. ECE (Signal Processing) from the Academic Session 2018-19.

The Senate approved the proposal of renaming of M.Tech. (ECE) programme as M.Tech. ECE (Wireless Communication) and starting of a new M.Tech. programme as M.Tech. ECE (Signal Processing) with effect from the academic session 2018-19.

Item 29.22 To consider the proposal of the Department of Computer Applications and Department of Business Administration for evaluation of the fifth and fourth semesters of MCA and MBA programmes, respectively from external experts.

The Senate considered and approved the proposal of the Department of Computer Applications and Department of Business Administration for evaluation of the Major Project and Seminar of fifth semester of MCA and Project Report of fourth semester of MBA programmes, respectively from external experts.

Item 29.23 To consider request of some faculty members recruited on contract basis for permission to supervise Ph.D. candidates.

The issue was deliberated upon in detail. However, since part of the solution is linked to the decision of BOG, the request was not acceded to. Senate clarified that this is applicable to the Ph. D. registrations associated with the admission process of November 2016. Special permissions granted earlier (if any) with the approval of competent authority are valid but are not to be quoted as precedence.
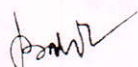
Item 29.24 To consider and approve the proposal received from wife of one of our alumni for instituting a memorial prize for B.Tech. students.

The Senate considered and approved the proposal received from wife of one of the alumni of the Institute for instituting a memorial prize for B.Tech. students. The Senate agreed in principal to institute the award and authorized the Director for deciding on the modalities of the issue.

Item 29.25 To consider the report of the External Peer Review Committee.

The Senate considered the report of the External Peer Review Committee which had visited the Institute during January 21-23, 2016. The report acknowledges the challenges faced by the Institute during the transition from REC to NIT. While the Institute has successfully addressed some of the challenges, bold and innovative solutions are required to address the remaining challenges to ensure that NIT Kurukshetra is ready for the future. The committee had identified certain critical parameters for the well being and functioning of NIT Kurukshetra. The observations and remedial measures had also been detailed by the committee corresponding to all the parameters.

The Director informed that the report was comprehensively discussed in the previous meeting of the Board of Governors (BOG). The BOG had expressed that

Item 29.28   To consider and approve the Panel of Expert Nominee of Senate from outside the Institute on the Selection Committees for recruitment of Academic staff.
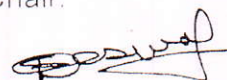
The Senate considered and approved the Panel of Expert Nominee of Senate from outside the Institute on the Selection Committees for recruitment of Academic Staff.

Item 29.29   Any other item

One of the Senate members suggested that both the Senate nominees on the BOG of the Institute should be invited to attend the meetings of the Senate. Any such nominee if not a member of the Senate should be invited as Special Invitee.

Appreciating the fact, that such members are not only the nominees of the Senate on the BoG but also form a significant bridge between the two bodies, the proposal was approved by the Senate.

The meeting ended with a note of thanks to the Chair.

Registrar Incharge &
Secretary, Senate

Dean (Academic)

Director & Chairman, Senate