NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY KURUKSHETRA

MINUTES OF 42nd MEETING OF THE SENATE

Minutes of the 42nd meeting of the Senate, NIT, Kurukshetra held on 7th April 2021 at 3.30 p.m. in the Senate Hall of the Institute.

MEMBERS PRESENT

1. Dr. Satish Kumar   Chairperson
   Director
   National Institute of Technology
   Kurukshetra

2. Dr. S.K. Mehta, Professor   External Member
   Deptt. of Chemistry
   Punjab University, Chandigarh

Internal Members (Department wise & in alphabetical order)

Business Administration

3. Prof. Neeraj Kaushik, Associate Prof. & HOD
4. Prof. Rajendra Kumar, Professor

Civil Engineering Department

5. Prof. Arun Goel, Professor
6. Prof. Baldev Setia, Professor
7. Prof. Mahesh Pal, Professor
8. Prof. Pratibha Aggarwal, Professor
9. Prof. Saraswati Setia, Professor
10. Prof. S.K. Madan, Professor
11. Prof. S.M. Gupta, Professor
12. Prof. Surinder Deswal

Chemistry Department

13. Prof. D.P. Singh, Professor
14. Prof. Minati Baral, Professor

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Computer Application Department

15. Prof. Ashutosh Kumar Singh, Professor

Electrical Engineering Department

16. Prof. A.Swarup, Professor
17. Prof. Ashwani Kumar, Professor
18. Prof. Jagdeep Singh Lather, Professor
19. Prof. L.M. Saini, Professor
20. Prof. Sathans, Professor
21. Prof. Yash Pal, Professor

Electronics & Communication Engineering Department

22. Prof. O.P. Sahu, Professor
23. Prof. Rajoo Pandey, Professor
24. Prof. Umesh Ghanekar, Professor
25. Prof. N.P. Singh, Associate Prof. & HOD

Humanities & Social Sciences Department

26. Prof. Kiran, Professor
27. Prof. Vikas Choudhary, Professor

Mechanical Engineering Department

28. Prof. Dixit Garg, Professor
29. Prof. Gian Bhushan, Professor
30. Prof. Meenu, Professor
31. Prof. Pankaj Chandna, Professor
32. Prof. P.C. Tiwari, Professor

Mathematics Department

33. Prof. A.S.V Ravikanth, Associate Prof. & HOD

Physics Department

34. Prof. Ashavani Kumar, Professor
35. Prof. R.P. Chauhan, Professor

Member of BOG as Special Invitee

36. Prof. Rupanshi Batra, Associate Professor, EED

Special Invitee

37. Dr. J.K. Kapoor, Associate Professor, Chemistry Deptt. & Prof. I/C (Acad.)

The following members could not attend the meeting

1. Prof. Rashmi Gaur   External Member
   Prof. & Head, Dept. of HSS
   IIT Roorkee

2. Prof. Sudhir Kumar ,   External Member
   Professor (HAG), Deptt. of Civil Engg.
   MNIT Jaipur

Internal Members (Department wise & in alphabetical order)

Civil Engineering Department

3. Prof. Anupam Mittal, Professor
4. Prof. Ashwani Jain, Professor
5. Prof. H.K. Sharma, Professor
6. Prof. K.K. Singh, Professor
7. Prof. Parveen Aggarwal, Professor
8. Prof. S.K. Patidar, Professor
9. Prof. Subodh Ranjan. Professor
10. Prof. V.P. Singh, Professor

Computer Engineering Department

11. Prof. A.K. Singh, Professor
12. Prof. J.K. Chhabra, Professor
13. Prof. Mayank Dave, Professor
14. Prof. Sanjay Kumar Jain, Professor
15. Prof. R.K. Aggarwal, Professor

Chemistry Department

16. Prof. Dinesh Kumar, Professor

Electrical Engineering Department

17. Prof. G.L. Pahuja, Professor
18. Prof. Jyoti Ohri, Professor
19. Prof. K.S. Sandhu, Professor
20. Prof. Lillie Dewan, Professor
21. Prof. Ratna Dahiya, Professor
22. Prof. R.S. Bhatia, Professor

Electronics & Communication Engineering Department

23. Prof. Brahmjit Singh, Professor
24. Prof. R.K. Sharma, Professor

Mechanical Engineering Department

25. Prof. Ajai Jain, Professor
26. Prof. Dinesh Khanduja, Professor
27. Prof. Hari Singh, Professor
28. Prof. P.K. Saini, Professor
29. Prof. Puneet Kumar, Professor
30. Prof. Surjit Angra, Professor
31. Prof. V.K. Bajpai, Professor
32. Prof. Vinod Kumar, Professor

Mathematics Department

33. Prof. Paras Ram, Professor

Physics Department

34. Prof. Neena Jaggi, Professor

At the outset, Hon'ble Director and the Chairman Senate welcomed External & Internal Senators. He applauded the efforts of all the faculty and staff members in efficiently managing academic and administrative activities under prevailing conditions of COVID-19. He accorded permission to present the agenda of the meeting.

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

S 42.01   **To confirm the minutes of 40th and 41st Senate meetings held on 17.11.2020 and 15.1.2021 respectively.**

The Senate confirmed the minutes of 40th and 41st Senate meetings held on 17.11.2020 and 15.1.2021 respectively.

S 42.02   **To note the action taken report on the minutes of 40th and 41st Senate meetings held on 17.11.2020 and 15.1.2021 respectively.**

The Senate noted the action taken report on the minutes of 40th and 41st Senate meetings held on 17.11.2020 and 15.1.2021 respectively.

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S 42.03 **To ratify the approval of the Chairman, Senate for Academic Calenders for M.Tech. 1st semester & MCA 1st & 2nd semester for academic session 2020-21.**

The Senate ratified the approval of the Chairman, Senate for Academic Calenders for M.Tech. 1st semester & MCA 1st & 2nd semester for academic session 2020-21.

S 42.04 **To note the admission status of UG and PG Programmes in the Institute for the academic year 2020-21.**

The Senate noted the admission status of UG and PG Programmes in the Institute for the academic year 2020-21.   The Chairman, Senate applauded the efforts of all the departments/schools for continuously improving the schemes/curriculum of PG courses and improvement in admission status from 81% in academic year 2019-20 to 94% in academic year 2020-21.

During deliberation on admission status, it was resolved by the Senate that placement status of the students will also be placed along with the admission status in future. While discussing admission status of M.Tech. programme of Renewable Energy Systems run by the School of Renewable Energy & Efficiency, the Senate felt that the curriculum of Renewable Energy Systems may be reviewed in light of B.Tech. Civil Engineering students also being admitted in the programme w.e.f. academic year 2019-20.

S 42.05 **To ratify the approval of the Chairman, Senate for registration of SWIR 11 course of B.Tech. 1st semester along with regular higher semester during academic session 2020-21 and to consider & decide regarding registration for SWIR 11 & SWIR 12 courses of respective semesters along with higher semesters.**

The Senate ratified the approval of the Chairman, Senate for registration of SWIR 11 course of B.Tech. 1st semester along with regular higher

semester during academic session 2020-21 and approved the registration for SWIR 11 & SWIR 12 courses of respective semesters along with higher semesters w.e.f. academic session 2020-21 onward.

S 42.06   **To ratify the approval of Chairman, Senate for change in scheme of examination of B.Tech. (Civil) 7th & 8th semesters.**

The Senate ratified the approval of the Chairman, Senate.

S 42.07   **To facilitate pursuing of Ph.D. in the Institute for regular employees of the Institute as Part-time candidates.**

The Senate deliberated upon the agenda in detail and did not agree upon the proposal. However, the Senate may consider the request of a regular employee of the Institute on merit.

S 42.08   **To introduce part-time M.Tech. programme in the Institute under self-financing scheme.**

The Senate held detailed discussions on the agenda and it was felt that starting part-time M.Tech. programme in some disciplines in the Institute under self-financing scheme will help the Institute to enhance its outreach activities, internal resource generation and perception. The Senate agreed upon the agenda in principle and authorized the Chairman, Senate to constitute a Committee to prepare a draft proposal that includes feasibility of programmes, essential qualifications, admission criterion, number of seats, duration of program, fee structure, revenue generation etc. The report of the Committee will be placed in the Senate for consideration.

S 42.09   **To decide the modalities of end semester examinations for even semester of AY 2020-21.**

The Senate deliberated upon the agenda in detail and felt that under prevailing conditions of COVID-19, the end semester examination for even semester of AY 2020-21 will be held online in similar manner as were held

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in odd semester of AY 2020-21. The online examination guidelines as approved by the Senate in its 40th meeting vide item S 40.08 will be notified by the office of Dean (Acad.)

S 42.10 **To decide the modalities for conduct of M.Tech. viva-voce for even semester of AY 2020-21.**

The Senate decided that under prevailing conditions of COVID-19, M.Tech. viva-voce for even semester of AY 2020-21 will be held online. M.Tech. students will submit their thesis/dissertation (as pdf document) online to the concerned supervisor with a copy to HoD/School Coordinator, examination branch/library. The HoD/School Coordinator will appoint an internal faculty member (as subject expert) who in coordination with thesis/dissertation supervisor will conduct the viva-voce examination online. No external examiner will be appointed for the conduct of viva-voce.

Under prevailing conditions of COVID-19, the condition/need of publications for securing particular grade is waived off. However, the students who publish/present papers in Journals/conferences will be given due weightage/consideration accordingly while awarding marks/grade. The evaluation criteria followed in academic year 2019-20 will be followed in current academic year i.e. 2020-21.

The Senate's decision vide S 36.08 regarding evaluation of PG dissertation/internship/project work notified vide Acad./2019/1238 dt. 21.11.2019 will be implemented w.e.f. next academic year i.e. 2021-22.

S 42.11 **To consider the proposal of establishment of Best All-Round Student Awards by Alumni Association.**

Dean (I&IR) apprised the Senators in detail about establishment of Best All-Round Student Awards by Alumni Association. The Senate deliberated upon the proposal and it was resolved that Best All Round Student Awards (Boys/Girls) awarded by the Institute in Convocation will
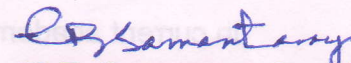
be sponsored by Alumni Association w.e.f. academic year 2021-22 onwards. The Best All Round Award (Boy) will be sponsored by 1980-85 batch and will carry a cheque of Rs. 25,000/- and a gold medal in the name of late Mr. Raj Ranjan Patnaik. The Best All Round Award (Girl) will be sponsored by 1990-94 batch and will carry a cheque of Rs. 25,000/- and a gold medal in the name of 1990-94 batch alumni.
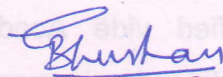
In addition to above, Best All Round Student Award shall also be conferred upon a student under the Persons with Benchmark Disability (PwBD) category. This award will be sponsored by an alumnus, Mr. Saurabh Jain from 2K batch and will carry a cheque of Rs. 25,000/- and a gold medal in the name of his wife late Ms. Nupur Jain. The guidelines for the award of Best All Round (Boys & Girls) as approved by the Senate vide S 30.10 will be followed for under the Persons with Benchmark Disability (PwBD) category. For all the awards, a financial contribution of Rs. 6 lakhs for each category has been kept in the form of FDRs in NITKKA bank account.
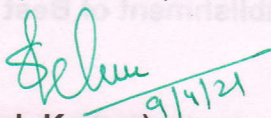
The Senate appreciated the efforts of NITKAA and recorded the thanks to alumni for sponsoring these awards.

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

(G.R. Samantaray) 09|04|21
Registrar Incharge & Secretary, Senate

(Gian Bhushan) 09.04.2021
Dean (Academic)

(Satish Kumar) 9/4/21
Director & Chairman Senate