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Minutes of the 12th meeting of the Senate of National Institute of Technology, Kurukshetra held on Monday, 19th January, 2009 at 11.00 am in the Senate Hall of the Institute

The following were present:

1.	Dr. M.N.Bandyopadhyay Director NIT, Kurukshetra	Chairman
2.	Dr. Krishna Gopal Professor, Electrical Engg. Deptt. NIT, Kurukshetra.	Member
3.	Prof. R K Bansal Professor, Civil Engineering Department NIT, Kurukshetra	Member
4.	Dr. T K Garg Professor, Mech. Engg. Deptt. NIT, Kurukshetra	Member
5.	Dr. S P Jain Professor Electrical Engineering Department NIT, Kurukshetra	Member
6.	Dr. V K Arora Professor, Civil Engineering Department NIT, Kurukshetra	Member
7.	Dr. V K Sehgal Professor Civil Engineering Department NIT, Kurukshetra	Member
8.	Dr. S K Sharma Professor Mechanical Engineering Department NIT, Kurukshetra	Member

9.	Dr. K S Kasana Professor Mechanical Engineering Department NIT, Kurukshetra	Member
10.	Dr. K B Singh Professor Department of Humanities & Social Sciences 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. (Ms.) Minati Baral Professor Chemistry Department NIT, Kurukshetra	Member
20.	Dr. Diwan Singh Professor Civil Engineering Department NIT, Kurukshetra	Member
21.	Dr. S.K. Madan Professor Civil Engineering Department NIT, Kurukshetra	Member
22.	Dr. H.K. Sharma Professor Civil Engineering Department NIT, Kurukshetra	Member
23.	Dr. (Ms.) Lillie Dewan Professor Electrical Engineering Department NIT, Kurukshetra	Member
24.	Dr. S.N. Sachdeva Professor Civil Engineering Department NIT, Kurukshetra	Member
25.	Dr. Dixit Garg Professor Mechanical Engineering Department NIT, Kurukshetra	Member
26.	Dr. S.K. Mahna Professor Physics Department NIT, Kurukshetra	Member

27.	Dr. B.K. Kaushik Professor Physics Department NIT, Kurukshetra	Member
28.	Dr. J.K. Quamara Professor Physics Department NIT, Kurukshetra	Member
29.	Dr. P.J. Philip Professor Hum. & Social Sciences Department NIT, Kurukshetra	Member
30.	Dr. R.S. Bhatia AP, EED & Chairman Deptt. of Computer Applications NIT, Kurukshetra	Special Invitee
31.	Dr. D.P. Singh Assistant Professor & Chairman Chemistry Department NIT, Kurukshetra.	Special Invitee
32.	Dr. A.K. Singh Asstt. Professor & Chairman Computer Engineering Department NIT, Kurukshetra	Special Invitee
33.	Dr. Ashwani Jain Assistant Professor, Civil Engg. Deptt. Professor Incharge (Academic Affairs & Senate) NIT, Kurukshetra	Special Invitee
34.	Sh. G.R Samantaray Registrar (Incharge) National Institute of Technology Kurukshetra	Secretary, Senate

The following members could not attend the meeting:

1.	Dr. A Swarup Professor Electrical Engineering Department NIT, Kurukshetra.	Member

2. Dr. S.K Chakarvarti   Member
   Professor
   Physics Department
   NIT, Kurukshetra.

Item 12.1:   **To confirm the minutes of the 11th meeting of the Senate held on 08.02.2008 and to discuss the comments of Dr. S.K Madan, Professor in Civil Engineering Department on Item No. 11.8(ii)**

The Senate discussed the comments of Dr. S.K Madan, Professor, Civil Engg. Department which were received in response to minutes recorded under item 11.8(ii). It was decided that the recording of the minutes was correct. The Senate confirmed the minutes of the 11th meeting of the Senate held on 08.02.2008 as circulated to the members of the Senate and as per details furnished in the agenda item.

Item 12.2:   **To note the Action Taken Report on the minutes of the 10th meeting of the Senate held on 29.11.2007**

The Senate noted the actions taken on the minutes of the 10th meeting of the Senate held on 29.11.2007 as per details furnished in the agenda item.

Under item 10.15, a committee was constituted for considering award of medals and prizes to M.Tech., MBA and MCA students. The Senate requested Convener of the committee to submit its report by 21.1.2009, so that further action could be taken for award of medals and prizes in the 6th Convocation of the Institute to be held on 28.01.2009. It was also decided that in place of Dr. R C Bhattacharjee, who has proceeded on long leave, Dr. P J Philip, be appointed a Member of the Committee in his capacity as Chairman, Business Administration Department.

Under item 10.17, a committee was constituted for reviewing the Ordinance of Studies, Regulations and Scheme of Master of Technology in the Institute. The Senate requested Convener of the committee to submit its report at the earliest possible.

The Senate decided that at least three Senate meetings be held in a calendar year.

Item 12.3:   **To note the Action Taken Report on the minutes of the 11th meeting of the Senate held on 08.02.2008**

The Senate noted the actions taken on the minutes of the 11th meeting of the Senate held on 08.02.2008. It was decided that, in future, an additional column mentioning the minutes recorded under the item be inserted in the Action Taken Report.

Item 12.4: **To apprise the Senate of the agenda and decisions taken in 15th to 21st meetings of Standing Committee on Senate Affairs (SCSA) and to consider and approve the same**

The Senate considered and approved the decisions taken in the seven meetings (from 15th to 21st) of Standing Committee on Senate Affairs which took place after the 11th meeting of the Senate.

It was brought to the notice of the Senate by the Chairman, Computer Engg. Deptt. that as the Department is starting full time M.Tech. Computer Engg. Course from the Academic Session 2009-2010, therefore the minutes of Item No. 1 of the 18th SCSA meeting held on 3.9.2008 may be confirmed by the Senate keeping in view the time bound and urgent nature of the item. The item was to be placed before the BOG in its meeting to be held on 20.01.2009 for approval and further necessary action. The minutes of the concerned item were confirmed by the Senate.

Item 12.5: **To ratify the action taken by the Chairman, Senate in approving the Scheme and Syllabi of B. Tech 5th & 6th Semester Information Technology**

It was brought to the notice of the Senate that the number of contact hours for 5th and 6th Semesters were fixed as 32 per week and 31 per week respectively. As per the existing practice, the contact hours should have been 35 per week for each Semester. On the request of Chairman, Computer Engg., the Senate allowed the proposed Scheme to be operative for the current Semester. However, for the next session, i.e. 2009-10, it was decided that a Committee constituted by the Chairman Senate will look into the matter and recommendations of the same be implemented after due approval.

Item 12.6: **To note the admission status of various UG/PG Courses for the Academic Session 2008-2009 at National Institute of Technology, Kurukshetra.**

The Senate noted the admission status of students for the Academic Session 2008-09 as per details furnished in the agenda item.

It was decided that, in future, statistical analysis of the admission record be presented before the Senate.

Item 12.7: **To consider approval for students to be awarded degrees in the 6th Convocation scheduled to be held on 28th January, 2009**

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 6th Convocation scheduled to be held on 28th January, 2009, as detailed in the agenda item 12.7 and supplementary agenda item 12.7(a). The minutes of the item were confirmed by the Senate.

It was reaffirmed that the eligibility for award of degree be ascertained as the date of Senate meeting and the degrees should be awarded to the students of all the previous batches who complete their degrees with a gap.

Item 12.8: **To consider award of one medal in the memory of Dr. R.P Singh to the Topper of Final Year of Mechanical Engg. Branch instead of two medals (For toppers of second and third year Mechanical Engineering)**

The Senate considered the request of the wife of Late Dr. R. P. Singh for reducing the number of medals from two to one which was proposed to be awarded to the topper of Final Year of Mechanical Engg. Branch.

The Senate was of the view that any existing award should not be discontinued because of lack of support from the trust/donator. Dr. Baldev Setia, in his capacity as President of the Alumni Association, offered to cover the shortfall of funds. In view of the above, it was decided that two Dr. R P Singh medals be awarded as per past practice and that as a one time measure, the Alumni Association be requested to provide additional funds for the award of medals. Further, it was decided that the committee already constituted for the purpose for considering award of medals and prizes to MBA/MCA/M.Tech., under item 10.15 of 10th meeting of the Senate, be requested to look into the issue and give its recommendations. The minutes of the item were confirmed by the Senate.

Item 12.9: **To consider approval for the students to be awarded Medals and Certificates in the 6th Convocation scheduled to be held on 28th January, 2009**

The Senate considered and approved the award of medals and prizes including award of Dr. R. P. Singh medals as per past practice.

It was brought to the notice of the Senate that the system of awarding the major project toppers on the basis of marks obtained is not in consonance with the grading system. It was decided that, in future, the DRC of the departments be empowered to decide the major project awards.

Item 12.10: **To consider the format of degree to be awarded to the MBA Students in the 6th Convocation of the Institute to be held on 28th January, 2009.**

The Senate considered the format of degree to be awarded to the MBA students. Several discrepancies in the format were brought to the notice and modifications were also suggested. It was decided to constitute a committee consisting of Dr. B. K. Kaushik and Dr. P. J. Philip for finalizing the format with relevant inputs from Senators. Chairman Senate was authorized to approve the format as the degrees were to be awarded in the 6th Convocation. It was decided that format for MCA degree should also be prepared.

Item 12.11: **To consider reconstitution of Standing Committee on Senate Affairs**

The Senate considered and approved the following constitution of Standing Committee on Senate Affairs in light of the new composition of the Senate under NIT Act 2007:

i)   All Deans
ii) All Professor Chairpersons of Departments
iii) Two Senior-most Professors of the Institute, not covered under (i) and (ii) above
iv) Special invitees as approved by the Chairman, Senate
v)   Registrar as Secretary

The Standing Committee on Senate Affairs shall be chaired by the Director.

Item 12.12: **To consider and approve the revised scheme of MBA Degree Programme**

The Senate considered and approved the Revised Scheme and Syllabi of MBA Degree Programme effective from Academic Session 2008-2009 with some suggestions for modification. The Chairman, Business Administration Deptt., was requested to incorporate the suggested changes.

Item 12.13: **To consider and approve changes proposed in the scheme of B.Tech. Computer Engineering and Information Technology.**

The Senate considered and approved changes proposed in the Scheme of B.Tech. Computer Engineering and Information Technology.

Item 12.14: **To consider the reports of two Workshops on examination reforms & rationalization of B.Tech. Scheme held on 19.12.2008 & 10.01.2009 respectively**

The Senate considered the reports of two Workshops on "Examination Reforms on IIT pattern" & "Rationalization of B.Tech. Scheme" held on 19.12.2008 & 10.01.2009 respectively. Some members raised objections on some of the observations of experts of the second workshop as reported by the Coordinators. After lengthy discussion, it was decided that another workshop be held by inviting experts from other IITs to arrive at a broader consensus.

Item 12.15: **To consider and approve modified scheme and syllabi of B.Tech. IEM 7th & 8th Semesters**

The Senate considered and approved the Modified Scheme and Syllabi of B.Tech. IEM 7th and 8th Semesters with some suggestions for modification. The Chairman, Mechanical Engg. Deptt. was requested to incorporate the changes and get the approval of the Chairman Senate for its implementation next semester.

Item 12.16: **To consider the request of Chairman Electronics & Comm. Engg. Department to review Clause R-7.4.1 of Ph.D Ordinance & regulations**

The Senate considered the request of Chairman Electronics & Comm. Engg. Department to review Clause R-7.4.1 of Ph.D Ordinance & regulations. Views were expressed in favour of and against the item under consideration. Finally, the discussions veered towards the formation of a committee to look into the issue. At this point, Professor Incharge (Academic Affairs and Senate) intervened and brought to the notice of the members that provision for the same already existed under Clause R-21.4 of the Ordinance of Studies for the Degree of Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D) of the Institute and all such issues can be dealt with under this Clause.

Item 12.17: **To consider the request of old B.Tech students for granting mercy chance for appearing in their remaining papers**

The Senate considered the request of old B.Tech. students for granting mercy chance for appearing in their remaining paper(s). It was decided that a committee be constituted by the Director for taking decision in this regard. The committee would give its recommendations considering the future implications also.

Item 12.18: **To consider the proposal sent by Executive Director of INDO-US Science and Technology Forum requesting the NIT, Kurukshetra to act as host institute for Research Internship in Science & Engineering Program**

At the outset, Prof. R. K. Bansal, Dean (Academic), apprised the members of the salient points of the proposal sent by Executive Director of INDO-US Science and Technology Forum requesting the NIT, Kurukshetra to act as host institute for Research Internship in Science & Engineering Program. The Senate considered and approved the proposal.
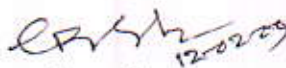
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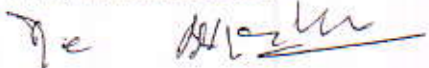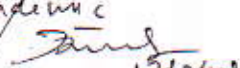
The draft constitution of student representatives as submitted by the students was considered. It was decided that the required students' body to look after the academic matters of the students be constituted as per the decision taken in the 21st SCSA meeting. A committee approved by the Director will go to IIT Madras, Chennai to study the draft constitution of Students Representatives there and give its recommendations.

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

(G. R. Samantaray)
Registrar (Incharge) & Secretary, Senate
NIT, Kurukshetra

Approved

(Dr. M. N. Bandyopadhyay)
Director & Chairman, Senate