

MINUTES

OF 24th SENATE

MEETING



**NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY
KURUKSHETRA**

HELD ON: 18th February, 2014

**NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY
KURUKSHETRA-136119**

Minutes of the 24th meeting of Senate of National Institute of Technology, Kurukshetra held on 18.02.2014 at 11.30 a.m. in the Senate Hall of the Institute.

The following were present:

Sr. No.	Name of the Senator (s)
1	Prof. Anand Mohan, Director & Hon'ble Chairman, Senate

Senate Members (Department & alphabetical order)

Dr./Prof./Ms.

Civil Engineering Department

2	Anupam Mittal, Professor
3	Arun Goel, Professor
4	Ashwani Jain, Professor
5	Baldev Setia, Professor
6	Diwan Singh, Professor
7	HK Sharma, Professor
8	KK Singh, Professor
9	Mahesh Pal, Professor
10	NK Gupta, Professor
11	Parveen Aggarwal, Professor
12	Pratibha Aggarwal, Professor
13	Saraswati Setia, Professor
14	SK Madan, Professor
15	SK Patidar, Professor



- 16 SM Gupta, Professor
17 SN Sachdeva, Professor
18 Subodh Ranjan, Professor
19 Surinder Deswal, Professor
20 VK Arora, Professor
21 VK Sehgal, Professor
22 VP Singh, Professor

Computer Engineering Department

- 23 AK Singh, Professor
24 Mayank Dave, Professor
25 Sanjay Kumar Jain Professor

Chemistry Department

- 26 Dinesh Kumar, Professor
27 Minati Baral, Professor

Computer Application Department

- 28 Ashutosh Kumar Singh, Professor

Electrical Engineering Department

- 29 Ashwani Kumar, Professor
30 GL Pahuja, Professor
31 Jagdeep Singh Lather, Professor
32 Jyoti Ohri, Professor
33 KS Sandhu, Professor
34 Lillie Dewan, Professor
35 LM Saini, Professor
36 Ratna Dahiya, Professor
37 RS Bhatia, Professor



38 Sathans, Professor

39 Yash Pal, Professor

Electronics & Communication Engineering Department

40 AK Gupta, Professor

41 Brahmjit Singh, Professor

42 OP Sahu, Professor

43 Rajoo Pandey, Professor

44 RK Sharma, Professor

45 Umesh Ghanekar, Professor

Humanities & Social Sciences Department

46 Kiran, Professor

47 PJ Philip, Professor

48 Rajendra Kumar, Professor

49 Vikas Choudhary, Professor

Mechanical Engineering Department

50 Ajai Jain, Professor

51 Dinesh Khanduja, Professor

52 Dixit Garg, Professor

53 Gian Bhushan, Professor

54 Hari Singh, Professor

55 Pankaj Chandna, Professor

56 PC Tewari, Professor

57 SS Rattan, Professor

58 Sudhir Kumar, Professor

59 Surjit Angra, Professor

60 VK Bajpai, Professor



Mathematics Department

61 Paras Ram, Professor

Physics Department

62 Ashavani Kumar, Professor

63 JK Quamara, Professor

Secretary, Senate

64 Shyam Narayan, Registrar
& Secretary, Senate

The following External/internal members could not attend the meeting

Sr. No. Name of the Senator (s)

Senate External Members

- 1 Prof. Chandra Shekhar
- 2 Prof. (Ms.) Shashikala Achyut Gangal
- 3 Prof. Rajendra Rai

Senate Internal Members (Department & alphabetical order)

Dr./Prof./Ms.

Civil Engineering Department

4 DK Soni, Professor

Computer Engineering Department

5 JK Chhabra, Professor

Chemistry Department

6 DP Singh, Professor

Electrical Engineering Department

7 A. Swarup, Professor

Mechanical Engineering Department

8 SK Sharma, Professor



At the outset, the Director welcomed all the members of the Senate. Thereafter, the agenda was taken up.

Following decisions were taken in the meeting:

Item 24.1 To note decisions taken in 46th meeting of Standing Committee on Senate Affairs (SCSA)

Some members opined that the minutes of SCSA be placed before the Senate for approval and not "to note". Discussion was going on. In the meanwhile there was sound of helicopter landing in which the Hon'ble Chief Minister, Haryana was landing in the Sports Ground of NIT Kurukshetra. The Director sought excuse from the meeting to go to Sports Ground to welcome the Hon'ble Chief Minister, Haryana. The Director and the Registrar went to the Sports Ground. The Director and Registrar came back in about 10 minutes and the discussion resumed.

Some members of the Senate expressed reservation upon the manner in which the Senate Nominee on BOG was decided. After seeking opinion of the various members, the Director asked the Registrar to brief the members about the sequence of the events.

Thereafter, the Registrar briefed the house regarding the nomination of Dr. C.R. Mariappan as Senate Nominee on BOG as under.

"One membership on the BOG (of Associate Professor / Assistant Professor nominee of Senate) fell vacant consequent upon the appointment of Dr. Umesh Ghanekar as Professor. The meeting of Board of Governors was fixed for 3rd January, 2014. The member on the Board of Governors was to be appointed to ensure quorum in the meeting. It was not possible to call the meeting of Senate due to shortage of time. During the various deliberations the Director had in the MHRD, meeting of Council of NITs and the Conference of the Directors of NITs with the Hon'ble President of India it was emphasized that the quality of education in NITs is to be improved to bring it at par with the top technical institutions of the world. Therefore, with the intent to encourage to focus on the quality of education, research, publications and patents, etc., it was considered desirable to recognize the academic and research performance of the outstanding faculty members by making their representation on the BOG as Senate nominee. It was considered necessary to deliberate in the SCSA

Director

Registrar

the procedure and the guidelines of arriving at the nominee of the Senate as member of Board on the Governors. Accordingly, an agenda was prepared and deliberated in detail in the 46th meeting of SCSA. After thread bare deliberations in the meeting of SCSA, all the members of the SCSA unanimously resolved (Annexure-I minutes dated 5/6.12.2013 having signature of all the SCSA members) that the Heads of all the Departments be requested to recommend TWO names of Professors, Associate Professors / Assistant Professors, as the case may be, in order of preference who have high credential in teaching, research, publications etc. and also have administrative acumen, for nomination as member(s) on the Board of Governors. The SCSA further resolved that the Chairman, Senate may consider these names for nomination as members on the Board of Governors and if none of the names is found suitable then the Chairman, Senate, was authorized to decide the name(s) for nomination as Senate Nominee member(s) on the Board of Governors." The Registrar further informed that the decision taken by SCSA vide item 46.2 is consistent with the policy of MHRD as conveyed vide MHRD letter dated 15-1-2014. The relevant para from the letter is reproduced below.

"Personal prospects as well as responsibilities assigned by the Administration in an Institute of higher learning should be decided on academic merit, scholastic contribution and performance, rather than by service seniority"

One of the Senators pointed out a correction to be made in the phrase "if none of the names is *not* found suitable" (ref. item 46.2). The required correction is made by replacing the phrase as "if none of the names is found suitable"

Some of the insisted that the minutes of SCSA be approved by the Senate and not placed before the Senate to note. Dean (Academic) and the Registrar argued and wondered about the status of the actions taken on the decisions of SCSA, if Senate does not approve the decisions of SCSA. There after the Chairman gave his ruling that the decision taken in the 46th meeting of SCSA stands approved.

After deliberations following committee was formed with the mandate to propose the guidelines for working of the SCSA, clearly bringing out which matters can be decided by the SCSA / dissolution of SCSA.

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| 1. Dr. V.K. Arora, Professor, Civil Engg. Deptt. | Member |
| 2. Dr. V.K. Sehgal, Professor, Civil Engg. Deptt. | Member |
| 3. Dr. Sudhir Kumar, Professor, Mechanical Engg. Deptt. | Member |
| 4. Dr. Surinder Deswal, Professor, Civil Engg. Deptt. | Member |
| 5. Dr. Shyam Narayan, Registrar | Secretary |




Item 24.2 Approval to the list of students to be awarded degrees in 11th Convocation

Dean (Academics) told that the candidate who will be eligible for Ph.D. degree upto 22nd February, 2014 will be included in the list of degree recipients. Dean (Academics) further told that the list of eligible B.Tech., M.Tech. and Ph.D. students has been uploaded on the Institute Website. The students have been asked to check the discrepancies, if any, and intimate the same for correction immediately. It was also decided that it will be the duty of the Academic Section to verify the names of the students as per the student registration and matriculation certificate. The Senate approved the agenda item

Item 24.3 Approval for awarding Medals, Academic and Cash Prizes to the students.

The Senate approved the agenda item.

Item 24.4 To note the pass percentage of students and the campus placement status during the academic year 2012-13

The Senate noted the information. The Director emphasized to improve the placement and packages for Post Graduate Students. To improve the placement and pay packages to PG students, the Director suggested :

1. There should be one Placement coordinator for each Department.
2. HOD be authorized to suggest the steps to be taken by calling the DAC meetings.
3. Outside experts be invited to improve the soft skill of PG students. For this purpose, a committee consisting of the following is constituted to decide the experts to be invited:

1. Dr. P.J. Philip, Professor, Deptt. of Human and Social Sciences
2. Dr. S.N. Sachdeva, Professor, Civil Engineering Department
3. Dr. Mahesh Pal, Professor, Civil Engineering Department
4. Dr. Ashwani Sharma, Professor, Electrical Engineering Department
5. Professor I/C Training and Placement



Item 24.5 To note the admission status of various UG, PG & Ph.D. Courses in the Institute for the academic session 2013-14

The Senate noted the Information. It was decided that efforts be made to increase the number of Ph.D. scholars (full-time). The Senate suggested that information regarding the policies adopted by NITs such as NIT Jalandhar, NIT Bhopal and NIT Surthkal etc. may be obtained and necessary steps may be taken to increase the number of Ph.D. Ph.D. scholarships. The Dean (Academic) apprised the members of Senate that the vacant seats for admission to B.Tech. are due to the leaving of the Institute by the students in the month of September / October as at that time it was not possible to make the admission.

Any other item

Item 24.6 To consider conferment of Honourary Degree of D.Sc. (Honoris Causa) of Dr. Bhujanga Rao Vepakomma a Distinguished Scientist and Chief Controller (R&D), Defence Research & Development Organization, Ministry of Defence, New Delhi.

The Senate approved the conferment of Honorary Degree of D.Sc. (Honoris Causa) on Dr. Bhujanga Rao Vepakomma a Distinguished Scientist and Director General, Naval Systems and Materials (NS&M), Defence Research & Development Organization, Ministry of Defence, New Delhi.

Item 24.7 To consider conferment of Honorary Degree of D.Sc. (Honoris Causa) on Prof. Dinesh Singh, Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, University of Delhi

The Senate approved the conferment of Honorary Degree of D.Sc. (Honoris Causa) on Prof. Dinesh Singh, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, University of Delhi.



(Anand Mohan)
Director & Chairman, Senate
NIT, Kurukshetra



(Shyam Narayan)
Registrar & Secretary, Senate
NIT, Kurukshetra



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No. Acad./2013/46th SCSA/

Dated: 05.12.2013

Sub: Minutes of the 46th SCSA meeting held on 04.12.2013 at 4.30 p.m. in the Board Room of the Golden Jubilee Administrative Building

The following were present:

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| 1. Prof. Anand Mohan, Director | in Chair |
| 2. Dr. V.K. Sehgal, Dean (P&D) | |
| 3. Dr. A.K. Gupta, Dean (Academics) | |
| 4. Dr. P.J. Philip (Dean Students Welfare & Head MBA) | |
| 5. Dr. K.K. Singh, Dean (Estate) | |
| 6. Dr. Mayank Dave, Dean (R & C) | |
| 7. Dr. V.K. Arora, Professor, CED | |
| 8. Dr. D.K. Soni, Head, CED | |
| 9. Dr. R.S. Bhatia, (Head, EED) | |
| 10. Dr. Sudhir Kumar, Head, MED | |
| 11. Dr. Umesh Ghanekar, Head, ECE Deptt | |
| 12. Dr. J.K. Chhabra, Head, Computer Engg. Deptt | |
| 13. Dr. J.K. Quamara, Head, Physics Deptt. | |
| 14. Dr. Minati Baral, Head Chemistry | |
| 15. Dr. Paras Ram, Head, Maths. Deptt | |
| 16. Dr. Rajender Kumar, Head um & SS | |
| 17. Dr. L.M. Saini, Professor I/C (Acad. Affairs & Senate) | |
| 18. Dr. S.M. Gupta, Controller of Exams | |
| 19. Dr. Shyam Narayan, Registrar & Secretary, SCSA | |

At the outset, the Director welcomed all the members and briefed them about the meeting held on 7 – 8 November, 2013 at the Rashtrapati Bhawan with the Hon'ble President of India. He told that in the meeting it was emphasized to take the steps required to improve the quality of technical education and faculty development in NITs to bring it at par with the top technical institutions of the world; steps for creating inter-linkages of NITs amongst themselves and with the industry; steps required to use National Knowledge Network effectively in the NITs; and suggestions to improve the Visitor- NIT interface within the existing statutory framework of each NIT.

The Director also informed that the MOU signed between NIT Kurukshetra and IIT Roorkee has been circulated to all the Heads of the Departments. He emphasized for working for implementing the MOU in its true sense.

Thereafter, the agenda was taken up and agenda wise following decisions were taken:

Item 46.1: To consider and approve the relaxation of eligibility conditions for admission to Ph.D. programs in inter-disciplinary areas of research in exceptional cases.

To encourage the research in inter-disciplinary areas, it was resolved that the eligibility condition be relaxed in exceptional cases and a candidate may be admitted to Ph.D. program in the Institute if :

- i) The proposed research topic is inter-disciplinary in nature and covers an important / novel area of research in national / international context.
- ii) The candidate has Master's degree with exceptional academic / research background and research / professional experience in proposed area of research, as evidenced by awards / research reports / research publications.
- iii) The proposed research Supervisor, DRC & Dean (Academics) have recommended and Chairman, Senate has approved the required relaxation in eligibility condition.

It was further resolved that above conditions shall only be applicable to the candidates having the academic / research outputs with high credential and having secured more the minimum percentage age of marks so far as eligibility of the candidate is concerned.

Item 46.2: To approve procedure for nomination of senate nominees on Board of Governors

It was resolved that the Heads of all the Departments be requested to recommend TWO names of Professors, Associate Professors / Assistant Professors, as the case may be, in order of preference who have high credential in teaching, research, publications etc. and also have administrative acumen, for nomination as member(s) on the Board of Governors. Chairman, Senate may consider these names for nomination as members on the Board of Governors and if none of the above names is not found suitable

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Dr. R.S. Bhatia, (Head, EED)

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Dr. V.K. Arora, Proessor, CED

Dr. Mayank Dave, Dean (R & C)

Dr. K.K. Singh, Dean-(Estate)

Dr. P.J. Philip (Dean Students Welfare & Head MBA)

Dr. A.K. Gupta, Dean (Academics)

Dr. V.K. Sehgal, Dean (P&D)

Prof. Anand Mohan, Director & Chairman, Senate & SCSA