

**NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY
ROURKELA**

Minutes

92nd Meeting of the Senate



MEETING NO. : 92nd Senate Meeting
DATE : 26.05.2020 (Tuesday)
TIME : 10.00 AM
VENUE : B. B. Auditorium, NIT Rourkela

To: _____

Dept./Centre: _____



राष्ट्रीय प्रौद्योगिकी संस्थान, राउरकेला
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MINUTES

Senate-92[2020]-01: Welcome to the members and invitees by the Chairman, Senate.

Chairman of Senate welcomed all the members and invitees present physically as well as digitally to the meeting.

Senate-92[2020]-02: To confirm the minutes of 91st meeting of the Senate.

The draft minutes of 91st Senate meeting held on 18th March, 2020 was circulated to all members by group email. No comments were received from any member on the correctness of the recording of the minutes.

Senate confirmed the minutes.

[Annexure – A1, Page No.1 - 3]

A. RULES, PROCEDURES, CURRICULA AND POLICY MATTERS

Senate-92[2020]-03: Revision in Current Academic Calendar 2019-20

All classes have been suspended w.e.f. 14th March, 2020 and students have been asked to vacate hostels as a precautionary measure due to recent outbreak of COVID-19 pandemic all over the country and imposition of nationwide lockdown wef March 25, 2020. . All rail, bus and flight services have been stopped. No one is able to predict how long it will take to restore normalcy. In view of this, it has been decided to reschedule Summer Vacation from 1st April to 17th June, 2020 and a revised academic calendar was enclosed. In the meanwhile, few urgent decisions were taken in the 203rd meeting of Deans & HODs for the evaluation of all final year courses (copy enclosed). Accordingly, the revised academic calendar for final year courses was prepared and circulated by Dean (AA) (copy enclosed).

Senate deliberated and took the following decisions:

1. There shall be no End-semester examination for Spring 2019-20. The End semester marks for each theory subject (out of 50) will be awarded out of the following two alternatives, whichever is higher:
 - i. Sum of the TA (out of 20) and Mid-sem marks (out of 30).
 - ii. CGPA till the last semester minus 0.5 multiplied with 10 and then divided by 2 i.e. $\{(CGPA - 0.5) * 10\} / 2$

This shall be applicable to students of all years and all programmes (except Executive PhD students).
2. Students who are not satisfied with their End-semester results, as per formula given in point 1, will be allowed to appear for Special End-semester exams, as an exception, with the following conditions:
 - i. The Special examination for End-semester will be conducted only after the Institute reopens.
 - ii. The marks secured in this exam will be final and will not be reverted back to the previous mark under any circumstances.
3. There will be online examination for students who have missed the Mid-sem examination of Spring 2019-20 due to compelling reasons (like Medical reason, family calamity etc) as per Academic Regulations. Their end semester marks will also be evaluated as per formula given in point 1. The concerned students should contact their respective subject teachers for the examination.
4. The practical/ laboratory subjects shall be evaluated based on continuous evaluation done till last class by scaling it up to 100.
5. The Supplementary examination, 2020 (which was scheduled in June 2020) will be conducted after reopening of the Institute. There shall be no Summer theory courses in the Summer 2020. Students eligible (as per Institute regulations) for Summer course 2020 will also be allowed to sit in the Supplementary examination 2020 which shall be conducted after the students return to the campus.
6. The summer vacation for all students will be extended till 19th July 2020. Students those who are not entitled for vacation must remain updated with our website/group email for notification regarding Institute reopening. Tentative date of registration for next semester i.e Autumn 2020-21 is 20th July 2020, subject to clearance from Government. However, the summer vacation for all faculty members shall be upto 30th June, 2020.
7. Pre-final year students who are required to conduct Summer Internship in summer 2020 will be permitted to complete their internship by 31st December 2020 (subject to availability of winter vacation for students) for a minimum duration of 4 weeks. The Summer internship will be evaluated in Spring 2020-21 i.e in final semester in place of pre-final semester.

8. *The Seminar & Technical Writing and Comprehensive viva-voce etc will be conducted through online mode by their respective faculty. The submission of research project report to their project supervisor by the students through online is mandatory for evaluation. End-semester viva for UG research project shall be taken through online mode only for those students who have missed mid-sem evaluation.*
9. *There will be no external evaluation for M.Tech/Dual degree dissertation work wef current semester and is to be done purely internal; by nominating any faculty having requisite expertise preferably from other related departments. The viva-voce for dissertation work shall be carried out online preferably using MS Team software and alike for all the students for the current semester only.*
10. *The result of all students (except Executive PhD) will be declared on 15th June, 2020. So, the faculty members have to finish the entering of the marks in the portal as per the schedule to be notified by Dean (Academic).*
11. *An extension up to maximum 6 months will be given for submission of thesis for adjudication and presentation of all seminars by all PhD/MTech students. If thesis is submitted within 15 days after reopening of institute, the registration fee for the next semester can be waived off for the student. The fellowship can be paid up to a period of maximum 5 years to any student.*

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Senate-92[2020]-04: Plagiarism Policy.

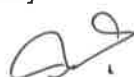
The report of the committee headed by Prof. S. Chakraverty, MA on plagiarism policy (copy enclosed) was discussed in last meeting of Senate, but no conclusion could be made. Senate deferred this item with an advice to members to submit all their suggestions before next meeting.

Senate deliberated and approved the plagiarism policy with few changes (revised copy enclosed) in the Institute. PhD/ M.Tech (Research) Students presenting Synopsis seminar after 1st July 2020 need to follow this plagiarism policy.

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Senate-92[2020]-05: Permission to conduct defense viva through skype.

As a precautionary measure to check the outbreak of COVID-19, now no external examiners are allowed to enter inside the campus. Moreover, the external examiners are also not willing to travel. Thus, defense viva of PhD and MTech(R) students are pending. It is proposed to permit defense viva through skype at least till normalcy is restored. In the meanwhile, due to urgency this is now being allowed based on the decision taken in the 203rd meeting of Deans & Heads, copy of which is available in Annexure - A2.



Senate approved the proposal of conducting online defence viva voce preferably using MS Team platform until further order. However, it will be limited to the theses having recommendations of external examiners within only top two levels in NITR/AC/320 form i.e. theses accepted as it is or subject to minor modifications. In case of 3rd level of recommendation by examiners i.e. thesis requiring enhancement/modification of scientific/technical content or substantial revision of text, the permission for online defence viva voce shall be at the discretion of Chairman, Senate.

Senate-92[2020]-06: Inclusion of defence viva date of Ph.D/M.Tech (Res) in provisional degree certificate.

A group of research scholars had submitted a request to include the date of defence viva in the provisional degree certificate of Ph.D & M.Tech (Res) students (copy enclosed).

Senate approved the request.

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Senate-92[2020]-07: Entrepreneurship Policy.

The report of the committee to formulation of faculty Entrepreneurship policy for the Institute was enclosed in the Annexure. It was proposed to implement this policy in the Institute.

Senate approved the proposal in principle.

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B. UNDERGRADUATE AND POSTGRADUATE STUDIES

Senate-92[2020]-08: Introducing New Courses under Extra Academic Activity

Presently, under Extra Academic Activity (EAA) three courses viz EA-171/172: National Cadet Corps (NCC), EA-173/174: National Service Scheme (NSS), and EA-175/176: Physical Education (PE). Having a sanctioned strength of 1102 (BTech, BArch, MTech Dual, Integrated MSc), number of students registering in one of the above three courses becomes more than 350. These courses become over populated making it very difficult to manage, since they are not confined to class rooms owing to the requirement of field activities. Besides, there has been frequent directives coming from MHRD to popularize the activities like Yoga, Self Defense (particularly among the girl students) and other activities to promote national culture and heritage.

In view of the above, it was proposed to introduce the following three courses in addition to the existing three courses under the EAA.

- Yoga and Natural Well Being
- Self Defense
- Craft and Culture

It was also proposed to have PIC for each of these six courses under EAA and PIC-EAA may be designated as Head, EAA.

Senate accepted the proposal in principle and advised that the proposal should be referred to Curriculum Development Committee for comments.

Senate-92[2020]-09: Compulsory Value Education class for first year students.

Dr. J. R. Senapati, PIC-Value education, proposes to have at least one compulsory class for all first year students. Mr. Babaji Sahoo, 1968 batch Nitraan, has given his consent to take all the classes for value education.

Senate did not approve the proposal and advised PIC (Value Education) to consult HOD, HS and propose this new course through proper channel.

Senate-92[2020]-10: Recommendation of the ISDC.

Recommendation of the ISDC in Case No. 02/2019-20 [Bharat Kumar Rai, Roll No. 417PH5056] and Case No. 03/2019-20 [Snehith Adabala, Roll No. 419CY5022] are given in Annexure.

Senate approved the recommendation.

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C. RESEARCH STUDIES

Senate-92[2020]-11: Thesis Submission of Suresh Chaluvadi.

Mr. Suresh Chaluvadi bearing Roll no 511CH104 has completed 8 years of study on 02-Jan-2020. DSC has recommended for extension of his studentship by four more months i.e. till 30th April, 2020.

Senate permitted for extension of his studentship till 30th June 2020 as a special measure in view of the lockdown due to COVID-19 pandemic.

[Annexure – A7, Page No. 46 - 47]

Senate-92[2020]-12: Award of Provisional Degree to Ph. D and M. Tech. (Res.) students.

15 PhD students as given in the Annexure were awarded Provisional Degree with approval of the Chairman, Senate during 1st Jan - 28th Feb, 2020.

Senate ratified the approval.

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Senate-92[2020]-13: Change of Supervisor of A.L.S. Brahma Reddy

Consequent upon termination of services of Prof. S.K. Karak, DRC of MM department had recommended to change the Supervisor as follows which was approved by the Dean [AA].

| # | Name | Roll No. | Registration | Recommendation |
|---|---------------------|-----------|--------------|---|
| 1 | A.L.S. Brahma Reddy | 519MM1007 | Not Done | Prof. M. Kumar, MM to be the new Supervisor |

Senate ratified the approval.

Senate-92[2020]-14: Change of Supervisor of Joy Chowdhury

Taking into the consideration the expertise of the Prof. Anguman Sarkar, Kalyani Govt. Engg. College, West Bengal, the DRC of EC dept had recommended to add Prof. Anguman Sarkar as the co-supervisor of Joy Chowdhury , Roll no 518EC1011 which was approved by the Dean [AA].

| # | Name | Roll No. | Registration | Recommendation |
|---|---------------|-----------|--------------|---|
| 1 | Joy Chowdhury | 518EC1011 | Not Done | Prof. Anguman Sarkar as the co-supervisor |

Senate ratified the approval.

Senate-92[2020]-15: Change of Supervisor of Deepti Bharti

Consequent upon resignation of Prof. Indranil Banerjee, DRC of BM department had recommended to change the Supervisor as follows which was approved by the Dean [AA].

| # | Name | Roll No. | Registration | Recommendation |
|---|---------------|-----------|--------------|--|
| 1 | Deepti Bharti | 517BM1004 | Done | Prof. Kunal Pal as the new Supervisor and Prof. Indranil Banerjee will be the co-supervisor. |

Senate ratified the approval.

Senate-92[2020]-16: Change of Supervisor of Sangita Bishi

DRC of BM department had recommended to change the Supervisor as follows which was approved by the Dean [AA].

| # | Name | Roll No. | Registration | Recommendation |
|---|---------------|-----------|--------------|---|
| 1 | Sangita Bishi | 518CY2020 | Done | Prof. Debyan Sarkar as the new Supervisor in place of Prof. Sasmita Mohapatra |

Senate ratified the approval.

Senate-92[2020]-17: Any other matter with permission of the Chair.

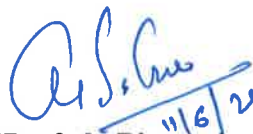
Table Agenda 1:- Reconstitution of various academic activities

Senate approved the list of PICs and Members of various academic committees/cells as given in Annexure.

[Annexure – A9, Page No. 51 - 53]


(Prof. P. K. Das)

Registrar and Secretary (Senate)


(Prof. A. Biswas)

Director and Chairman (Senate)

