

**NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY
ROURKELA**

Minutes

118th Emergency Meeting of the Senate



MEETING No: 118th Emergency Senate Meeting
DATE : 03.05.2023 (Wednesday)
TIME : 11:00 AM
VENUE : B B Auditorium

To:

Dept./Centre: _____



राष्ट्रीय प्रौद्योगिकी संस्थान, राउरकेला
NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY, ROURKELA

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Date : 3rd May, 2023 (Wednesday)
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MINUTES

Senate-118[2023]-01: Welcome to the members and invitees by the Chairman, Senate.

The Director and Chairman, Senate welcomed all members and invitees to the meeting. He also extended a hearty and warm welcome to all newly appointed Professors as Senators. Leave of absence was approved for all members/invitees who were not present.

Senate-118[2023]-02: Hon'ble High Court of Odisha order on case no. W.P.(C) No.- 5731 of 2018 filed by Ms. Swagatika Sahoo.

Hon'ble High Court of Odisha vide order no.20 dated 11/04/2023 directed that "Mr. N. K. Sahu learned counsel appearing for opposite parties 2 to 7 seeks time to obtain instructions whether the petitioner, Ms. Swagatika Sahoo can be allotted registration seminar so that she can produce her thesis for evaluation".

Hon'ble High Court of Odisha vide order no.21 dated 21/04/2023 directed that "2. Mr. N. K. Sahu, learned counsel appearing for opposite parties 2 to 7 contended that in compliance to the order of this Court dated 11.04.2023 as sited above, the opposite party no.2 alone cannot take a decision; rather it is the syndicate (Senate) which is to take a decision which is going to be held shortly".

"3. Taking into urgency of the matter opposite party no.2 shall do well to invite the special Syndicate within a period of two weeks from today so that the decision will be taken and the same will be placed before this court on the next day".


The Senate deliberated on the matter and decided that Registration Seminar presented by Ms. Swagatika Sahoo on 27th Dec. 2016 is accepted subject to fulfilling Ph.D. regulations for Registration. She may go for Synopsis Seminar and Thesis Submission as per rules counting the time requirement from the date of registration seminar she has already delivered as the maximum time period for submission of thesis is already over.

Steps may be taken accordingly and Mr. N. K. Sahu, advocate for NIT Rourkela to be instructed suitable so that he can appraise the decision to the Hon'ble High Court before 10.05.2023.

[Annexure – A1, Page No. 2 - 8]

Senate-118[2023]-03: Any other matter with permission of the Chair.
Nil.


(Shri. B. Acharya)
Registrar & Secretary, Senate (I/c)


(Prof. K. Umamaheshwar Rao)
Director & Chairman, Senate



IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK

W.P.(C) No. 5731 of 2018

Swagatika Sahoo

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Petitioner

Mr. S. Mishra, Advocate

Vs.

Union of India and others

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Opposite Parties

Mr. P.K. Parhi, DSGI &

Mr. N.K. Sahu, Advocate (O.Ps. 2 to 7)

CORAM:

DR. JUSTICE B.R. SARANGI

MR. JUSTICE M.S.RAMAN

ORDER

21.04.2023

Order No.

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This matter is taken up through hybrid mode.

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3. Taking into the urgency of the matter, opposite party no.2 shall do well to invite the special Syndicate within a period of two weeks from today so that the decision will be taken and the same will be placed before this Court on the next date.

4. Call this matter on 10.05.2023.

(DR. B.R. SARANGI)
JUDGE

(M.S. RAMAN)
JUDGE

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Sir,
Count order
related to Madam
Swagatika Sahoo's case
is placed for your kind
perusal.
Dr. B.R. Sarangi
21/4/2023
24.4.23
Dean (Ac)
for discuss.
Director

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3. Put up this matter next week.

Sir, the court order is placed for your perusal.

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Dr. B.R. Sarangi
21/04/2023

(DR. B.R. SARANGI)
JUDGE

(M.S. RAMAN)
JUDGE

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21.4.23

The Senate desired that the action taken report should be put up in next meeting.

A. RULES, PROCEDURES, CURRICULA AND POLICY MATTERS:

2017-71-Senate-07: Recommendation of Prof. B. K. Nanda Committee.

The Senate in its 67th meeting constituted a Committee under the chairmanship of Prof. B K Nanda, ME to study different aspects of Semester Marking System, Summer Course etc. The recommendations of the committee are given in Annexure, out of which few could be discussed in the 69th Meeting of Senate vide resolution No.2017-69-Senate-19 dt.28.02.2017 & 01.03.2017.

The Senate accepted rest of the recommendations of the committee with one change that there should not be any minimum pass mark in mid-semester exam but appearing at the mid-sem exam must be compulsory.

2017-71-Senate-08:

Best Teacher Award

[Annexure-A3 Pg. No.26-30]

The recommendations submitted by a Committee under the chairmanship of Prof. B. K. Nanda, ME to implement Best Teacher Award as given in Annexure and the suggestion circulated by Prof. S. Panigrahi, PH (also given in Annexure) was discussed.

The Senate desired that the three member committee headed by Prof. B.K. Nanda should invite suggestions from other stakeholders and finalise the guidelines for selection of Best Teacher Award. The same committee shall also select the name for Best Teacher from among the existing faculty members and also the name for Life Time Achievement Award from among the retired professors.

[Annexure-A4 Pg. No.31-34]

2017-71-Senate-09:

Issues related to PhD Registration of Mrs. Swagatika Sahoo, 514SM5012 and Mrs. Kasturi Singh, 513CY6002

The recommendation of the committee headed by Prof. JK Satapathy on the issues related to eligibility criteria and certain administrative issues on PhD registration of two PhD scholars Mrs. Swagatika Sahoo, 514SM5012 and Mrs. Kasturi Singh, 513CY6002 was submitted on table for discussion.

The Senate recorded the note of appreciation on the efforts putting by the committee headed by Prof. J.K. Satapathy, EE and decided the followings:

- 1. In case of Mrs. Swagatika Sahoo, 514SM5012, the same committee shall investigate on administrative and eligibility lapses etc with the help of Dy. Registrar(ES) and Institute Legal Advisor. The status quo on her studentship shall continue till a decision is taken in next Senate meeting.*
- 2. The existing Supervisor Prof. V. Sivakumar, CY being the husband of the Ph.D student Mrs. Kasturi Singh cannot be appointed as Examiner. DRC shall appoint any other faculty of the Institute working in the same field as the Examiner in place of Prof. Sivakumar. No credit shall be given to Prof. Sivakumar for this Ph.D guidance.*

[Annexure-A5 Pg. No.35-41]

2017-71 -Senate-10:

Plagiarism issues related to 5 PhD theses of BM Dept

The recommendation of Prof. J K Satapathy on plagiarism issues related to five PhD theses of BM department was submitted on table for discussion.

The Senate realized that it is a genuine case of plagiarism and authorized the Director to inform the case to BOG for further investigation.

2017-72-Senate-12: *Revised policy for financial support to present paper in conference abroad by Research Scholars.*

The institute currently supports upto 50% of the total expenditure or Rs. 1.00 lakh, whichever is lower for presenting a paper in any one conference abroad. The students are free to apply to any other funding agency for the balance expenditure or bear the same on their own account.

However, due to restriction imposed by the Govt. of India to travel by Air India only wherever Govt. funds are used, students are also required to travel by Air India which at times cause additional financial burden on them due to usual higher fare being charged by Air India compared to other air lines.

Students are requesting for permission to travel by non-Air India flights for above reason.

In view of above, following revised policy is proposed:-

"Research students will receive the following financial support for presenting a paper in one conference abroad subject to a limit of Rs. 1.00 lakh:

- a) 50% of Visa Fee and travel expenses for visa interview in one occasion,
- b) 50% of the Registration Fee,
- c) 50% of the accommodation expenses and per-diem as applicable to employees,
- d) 50% of the round trip air fare by Air India or 100% of either side air fare by Air India."

Senate opined that this being an administrative proposal may be put up to the FC.

2017-72-Senate-13: *Issues related to Ph.D. registration of Mrs. Swagatika Sahoo, 514SM5012.*

The Senate vide resolution No.2017-71-Senate-09 recorded its appreciation on the efforts put in by the Committee headed by Prof. J.K. Satapathy and further decided that the same Committee shall investigate on administrative and eligibility lapses, etc. with the help of DR(ES) and Institute legal advisor. The statuesque on her studentship shall continue till a decision is taken in next Senate meeting.

An Office order vide No.RG/3102 dated 18.08.2017 has been issued to the above effect and requesting the committee to submit its report at the earliest which was placed on table.

Senate deliberated on the 2nd interim report submitted by the committee headed by Prof. J.K. Satapathy and decided to keep all Ph. D related work of Mrs. Swagatika Sahoo, 514SM5012 in abeyance and to treat the period as dies-non w.r.t her studentship, in the Institutetill a decision is taken on the final report of the committee. The committee is advised to submit the final report within one month.

[Annexure A33, Pg. No. 111 – 112]

less than 8 she was advised to drop S&TW-II (CS-494) of 2 credits. She has now requested to register for this S&TW-II (CS-494) of 2 credits over and above the normal course load in order to avoid stay for one more semester for the same. She is an ICCR student and has cited financial inability to bear the expenses for an extra semester as the reason for her request. Accordingly, the student was provisionally permitted to register CS-494 with undertaking that Senate's decision would be final in her case.

Senate ratified the decision.

[Annexure – A13, Page No. 73 - 75]

2018-74-Senate-23: Application of Shreyasi Bandyopadhyay, Roll No.114EC0025 for registration of 2 extra credit of S&TW-II (CS-494) in 8th Semester.

Shreyasi Bandyopadhyay, Roll No.114EC0025 has secured less than 6.00 CGPA in 4 consecutive (4th, 5th, 6th and 7th) semesters. Accordingly as per Institute rules he should leave the Institute. He has submitted an application for continuing his studies and to do semester registration as he was disturbed during Even semester due to an accident and suffered severe injuries and also he was shocked and in mental depression. The application was sent to PIC (SCC) and as per his opinion, the student was provisionally permitted to do registration in slow pace with an undertaking that he will abide by the final decision to be taken by the Senate in his case.

Senate ratified the decision.

[Annexure – A14, Page No. 76 - 78]

C. RESEARCH STUDIES

2018-74-Senate-24: Issues related to Ph. D Registration of Mrs. Swagatika Sahoo, Roll No. 514SM5012.

A committee headed by Prof. J. K. Satapathy (EE) was constituted to look into the academic aspects of the issues related to Ph. D Registration of Mrs. Swagatika Sahoo, Roll No. 514SM5012 and the Committee was further mandated to investigate on the administrative and eligibility lapses, etc. with the help of DR (ES) and Institute Legal Advisor. The 2nd Interim Report was deliberated by the Senate in its 72nd meeting and it was decided to keep all PhD related work of Mrs. Sahoo in abeyance and to treat the period as dies-non w.r.t her studentship in the Institute till a

decision is taken on the final report of the Committee. Final Report of the Committee was placed on the table.

Senate deliberated on the Report and decided the following:-

1. *She is allowed in-principle to continue her studentship in the programme. However, she may undergo in slow pace.*
2. *Registration Seminar given by her as on date is cancelled and she has to give the same afresh.*
3. *Further details including Earliest Date of Thesis Submission will be as per new regulation to be approved by the Senate.*
4. *The committee headed by Prof. J. K. Satapathy which was constituted vide Ref, No. NITR/RG/2017/1600, dated 03/03/2017 is assigned the task of preparing the regulation for higher studies by the Institute non-teaching employees in various programmes of the Institute. The Committee to submit the report at the earliest.*

[Annexure – A15, Page No. 79 - 82]

2018-74-Senate-25: Results of Ph.D. and M. Tech. (Res.) Examinations.

The Ph.D. (26 nos. up to 31/12/2017 and 8 nos. after 01/01/2018) and M. Tech. (Res.) (5 nos. up to 31/12/2017 and 1 no. after 01/01/2018) students as given in Annexure have been awarded degree and/or provisional certificate on approval of the Chairman, Senate.

Senate ratified the approval.

[Annexure – A16, Page No. 83 - 88]

2018-74-Senate-26: Report on RPEC on Enrolment, Provisional Registration and Registration of Ph. D and M. Tech. (Res) students.

The report of the 45th RPEC on Enrolment, Provisional Registration and Registration of Ph.D. and M. Tech. (Res) students was put up on the table. for consideration of the Senate.

Senate approved the report.

[Annexure – A17, Page No. 89 - 103]

2018-74-Senate-27: Proposal of DRC of ME Department to include Prof. S. Gangopadhyay, ex-Faculty as Co-Supervisor of two Ph.D students.

Supervisors of the two students (Sabana Azim and Chandramani Upadhyay) being supervised by Prof. S. Gangopadhyay, ex-Asst. Professor (ME) was rearranged by the Senate in its 72nd meeting wherein

E. MISCELLANEOUS:

2018-75-Senate-11: Any other matter with permission of the Chair:

1. Ph.D Studentship of Mrs. Swagatika Sahoo, 514SM5012 and General Guidelines for Employees to Pursue Higher Studies in the Institute.

The recommendation of Prof. J.K. Satapathy Committee was put up on table and discussed. The following were approved in relation to Ph.D Studentship of Mrs. Swagatika Sahoo, Roll No. – 514SM5012:-

- (i) Her admission be converted in the slow pace.
- (ii) The registration seminar that has already been delivered be cancelled and fresh Registration Seminar be delivered only after meeting the time limit from enrollment calculated considering only one course per semester.
- (iii) The maximum research credit that can be registered henceforth will not exceed 10 credits.
- (iv) Her earliest date of thesis submission will be 8 years from the date of enrolment or 6 years from the date of registration, whichever is later.

Senate directed that Mrs. Sahoo will be communicated the decision immediately.

Further, Senate also approved the general guidelines given in the Report for allowing employees to pursue higher studies in the Institute.

[Annexure – A8, Page No. 23 & 24]

2. Introduction of new course “English for Research Writing” for Ph.D students by HS Dept. and change of credit assigned for Communicative English (HS1300) for UG students.

Based on the proposal submitted by HS Department, Curriculum Development Committee has recommended as follows:-

- a. English for Research Writing will be a 4 credit course of L-T-P as 3-1-0 as per details given in the Annexure.
- b. Communicative English (HS1300) will be of L-T-P as 3-0-0 in place of 2-0-0 as per details given in the Annexure.

Senate approved both the proposals.

[Annexure – A9, Page No. 25 - 29]