राष्ट्रीय प्रौद्योगिकी संस्थान, राउरकेला
NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY, ROURKELA

80th MEETING OF THE SENATE

Date	:	21st December, 2018 (Friday)
Time	:	10.00 A.M.
Venue	:	Senate Hall, NIT Rourkela

MINUTES

2018-80-Senate-01: Welcome to the members and invitees by the Chairman (Senate).

PART – I: WITH STUDENT INVITEES

NO ITEMS

PART – II: WITH-OUT STUDENT INVITEES

2018-80-Senate-02: To confirm the minutes of 79th meeting of the Senate.

The draft minutes of 79th meeting of the Senate, provisionally approved by the Chairman, Senate was circulated to all members. No comments / suggestions on the correctness of the recording of the minutes were received from member(s).

Senate confirmed the minutes with following additions/modifications:-

1. ***2018-79-Senate-08** – Requirement of 8.00 CGPA in Course Work is to be considered without Compulsory Mathematics in which a minimum of "P" Grade will be acceptable only till Autumn 2018-19 Semester.*

2. ***2018-79-Senate-18** – Assignment of Scribe will be decided as per the latest O.M. No. 16-110/2003-DD.III, dated 26/02/2013 issued by the Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment (copy given in Annexure for reference).*

   Further, permission to write exam in Sick Room (or in a special room outside the regular venue) is to be granted by PIC (Exam) on merit of each such case op application of the concerned student(s).

A. RULES, PROCEDURES, CURRICULA AND POLICY MATTERS:

2018-80-Senate-03: **Institute Policy on Promotion of Academic Integrity and Prevention of Plagiarism.**

BOG vide Resolution No. – BOG-62(2018)-11, dated 8/12/2018 has directed to formulate a policy on plagiarism and circulate the same among students and faculty members for creating awareness. The University Grant Commission (Promotion of Academic Integrity and Prevention of Plagiarism in Higher Educational Institutions) Regulations, 2018 has also been notified on the Gazette of India Exatrordinary Part – III, dated 23rd July, 2018. In light of above, the Institute must formulate a policy on Promotion of Academic Integrity and Prevention of Plagiarism.

Senate deliberated the issue and constituted the following Committee for preparation of the Draft Policy by end of February 2019.

1.	*Prof. S. Bhattacharyya [CR]*	–	*Chairman*
2.	*Prof. A. K. Turuk [CS]*	–	*Member*
3.	*Prof. M. K. Gupta [BM]*	–	*Member*
4.	*Prof. B. Ganguli [PH]*	–	*Member*
5.	*Mr/ K. P. Panigrahi [AR]*	–	*Secretary*

2018-80-Senate-04: **Possibility of offering Online Degree Programmes.**

A D.O. letter vide No. 18-19/2018-DL, dated 6th November, 2018 has been received from the Secretary, MHRD requiring deliberation on the possibility of offering online degree programmes either using courses already running in the NPTEL/SWAYAM portal, or by developing course material specially for the programme. A copy of the letter is given in the Annexure.

The Item was deferred.

2018-80-Senate-05: **Proposal for Executive PhD Program.**

The Senate has finalized Extended Duration programmes for Institute regular employees and various part-time programmes for employees of local industry in its 77th meeting held on 08/06/2018. In view of request and/or feedback being received from various sources, it is proposed to offer Executive Ph.D program through self-financing mode. Tuition Fee may be charged at higher rate. There will be minimum residency

requirement of first semester in which the admitted students should complete the full course work requirement of 18 credits. Admissions to be given in Autumn semesters only. The residency requirement after completion of course work may be at least 15 working days (3 weeks) in each semester. Minimum duration of the Executive PhD program will be 5 years as per following structure.

Year	Semester	No. of courses in Regular Duration	No. of courses in Executive Program
1st Year	Autumn	4 Courses, 1 STW	6 Courses / 18 Credits
	Spring	2 Courses, 1 STW, RP	12 RP & 2 STW credits
2nd Year	Autumn	32 RP @ 3 credit, 4 or 6 STW @ 2 credit	12 RP & 2 STW credits
	Spring		12 RP & 2 STW credits
3rd Year	Autumn		12 RP & 2 STW credits
	Spring		12 RP & 2 STW credits
4th Year	Autumn		12 RP & 2 STW credits
	Spring		12 RP & 2 STW credits
5th Year	Autumn		12 RP & 2 STW credits
	Spring		12 RP & 2 STW credits

The Item was deferred.

2018-80-Senate-06: **Additional Requirement of SCI publication for PhD Students.**

In order to improve the quality of PhD thesis it is proposed to introduce an additional requirement of publishing (or acceptance) of at least two papers as first author in SCI journals for engineering streams and SCI equivalent journals for science, humanities and management streams before giving Synopsis Seminar. The DSC has to give a specific certificate in this regard.

Senate approved introduction of the additional requirement of at least 1 publication in any of the SCI journals [equivalent for HS and SM] for Ph.D students who will give their Synopsis Seminar on or after 1st January, 2020.

2018-80-Senate-07: **Policy/Guidelines on Academic Assistance by Faculty Members to other Institutes.**

It is being observed that certain faculty members are guiding students as Supervisors/Co-Supervisors in other Institutes/Universities. It is also being observed that certain faculty members are also taking classes and/or are associated in other academic activities of other Institutes/Universities. While it is desirable to help such other Institutes/Universities, it is equally

desirable that their primary responsibility towards the Institute is not compromised in the process. There is no policy/guideline in this regard.

The Item was deferred.

2018-80-Senate-08: **Policy/Guidelines for Conducting Examination of outside agencies.**

The Institute is being selected as a preferred center for conducting many outside examinations like JEE (Main), GATE, recruitment of OPTCL, AICTE Special Examination, etc. Examinations are being conducted both in offline mode as well as in online mode. However, there is no policy/guideline in this regard which results in improper record keeping for such activities which in turn may result in some possible legal complications in future.

The Item was deferred.

2018-80-Senate-09: **Policy/Guidelines for Managing Reporting Center Activities of JoSAA/CCMT/CCMN.**

Every year, the Institute is being selected as one of the Reporting Center and/or Help Center for JoSAA, CCMT and CCMN in relation to admission of UG and PG students through central bodies. However, there is no policy/guideline in this regard which results in improper record keeping for such activities which in turn may result in some possible legal complications in future.

The Item was deferred.

2018-80-Senate-10: **Policy/Guidelines for Naming International Conferences.**

It is being observed that certain conferences organized by the Institute has been named as international conference without much reflection of international characteristics like participation of international delegates and/or invited speakers from abroad who are not of Indian origin. It is desirable that naming of conference as national or international should be based on certain well laid down policy/guideline.

The Item was deferred.

2018-80-Senate-11: **Eligibility Criteria for Part-Time Evening MBA and Regular MBA.**

A proposal vide FTS No. – 8540/J has been received from the HOD (SM) proposing minimum academic qualification for admission to Part-Time Evening MBA and Regular MBA and aslo for keeping provision of single room hostel facility and/or Guest House booking facility for the Part-Time Evening program students. Copy of his proposal is given in Annexure.

The Item was deferred.

2018-80-Senate-12: **Provisional Institute Fellowship for INSPIRE Fellows.**

Representations have been received from the PhD students of Life Science, and Physics & Astronomy departments receiving external fellowship under INSPIRE scheme. They have cited that their fellowship is disbursed by DST once in every year which causes them financial hardship. They have requested for payment of fellowship amount from Institute in advance which may be adjusted as and when funds are received by the Institute from DST. Copy of their applications are given in Annexure.

The Item was deferred.

B. UNDERGRADUATE AND POSTGRADUATE STUDIES

2018-80-Senate-13: **Publication of results of 2018-19 Autumn Semester Examination of UG Programs.**

The results as recommended by UGPEC will be presented <u>on the table</u> by the PIC [Examination] for approval of the Senate.

Senate approved the results with following advice:-

1. *HOD (TP) will circulate the list of students who have not gone for SIRE to respective HODs marking a copy to Academic Office. Publication of Autumn Semester Result of all such defaulter students will be held up till compliance of SIRE requirement.*
2. *Evaluation of Data Structure Paper of Autumn End-Sem. Exam. will be reviewed by the APOC. HOD [CS] and Prof. D. P. Mahapatra [CS] may be invited to suggest any change in the marks/grades awarded.*
3. *Withdrawn of the regulation for termination of students who failed to score at least 4.00 SGPA in their first semester as approved by the Senate vide Res. No. 2017-69-08, dated 01/03/2017.*

2017-80-Senate-14: **Publication of results of 2018-19 Autumn Semester Examination of PG and Research Programs.**

The results as recommended by PGPEC will be presented <u>on the table</u> by the PIC [Examination] for approval of the Senate.

Senate approved the results with following advice:-

1. *Grade-back due to shortage of attendance of Research Students of Autumn 2018-19 admission batch is to be relaxed as the same was mostly due to delay in Semester Registration because of Time Table issues.*

2018-80-Senate-15: **Report of APOC on Question Paper.**

After going through the question papers the APOC has felt that while there are some serious omissions and commissions in the question papers (a report of which will be submitted to Dean Academics), there are some other points (like question pattern, instructions to the candidates, marks distribution etc.) which can be discussed as a policy matter in the senate. Chairman (APOC) presented his Report <u>on the Table</u>.

Senate directed the following.

1. *Teachers are to be advised to adhere to only English as the medium of instruction except for literature courses (e.g. Sanskrit).*
2. *Newly inducted teachers are to be properly counselled in this regard by the Senior Teachers and respective HODs.*
3. *Report of the Chairman (APOC) to be circulated by Dean (AC) as general guidelines.*

2018-80-Senate-16: **Semester Registration of Arindam Prasad Sinha.**

Arindam Prasad Sinha, Roll No. – 217CE3294 requested for doing semester registration of Autumn 2018-19 after permissible period of 45 days citing medical reasons. After due examination of the documents submitted by him, he was permitted provisionally by the Director to do semester registration on 3rd October, 2018 and attendance to be considered as per medical certificate.

Senate approved the delayed semester registration as a special case and advised not to cite the same as a precedence.

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C.   RESEARCH STUDIES

2018-80-Senate-17: **Report of RPEC on Enrolment, Provisional Registration and Registration of Ph. D and M. Tech. (Res) students.**

The report of the 46th RPEC on Enrolment, Provisional Registration and Registration of Ph.D. and M. Tech. (Res) students is given in the Annexure.

Senate approved the report.

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2018-80-Senate-18: **Award of Provisional Degree to Ph. D and M. Tech. (Res.) students.**

46 Ph.D and 7 M. Tech. (Res.) students as given in the Annexure have been awarded Provisional Degree after approval of the Chairman, Senate from 01/06/2018 to 30/11/2018.

Senate approved award of the degrees.

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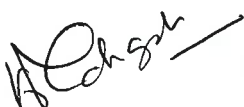**2018-80-Senate-19:** **Appeal of Siprarani Pradhan.**

Siprarani Pradhan, Roll No. 512CE1006 vide her application dated 05/10/2018 has requested for permission to pursue her PhD by utilizing summer vacation and personal leaves. She was enrolled on 30/10/2012 and subsequently granted temporary break for one year w.e.f 10/12/2014 to join as a faculty in CET, Bhubaneswar. She has cited that she is not getting any long leave to come back and fulfill balance requirements. She has been registering all the semesters since given temporary break.

The Item was deferred.

2018-80-Senate-20: **Appeal of Sangita Bisi, Anil Ekka and Purnima Naik and for Financial Assistance.**

Sangita Bisi, Roll No. - 518CY2020, Anil Ekka, Roll No. - 518CY2022 and Purnima Naik, Roll No. - 518PH2015 have requested for financial assistance from the Institute citing that they have joined as "Full Time Students with External Fellowship" from CSIR but not receiving grant in view of CSIR Notice dated 15/01/2018 w.r.t LPA No. 2243/2017 pending before Hon'ble High Court of Punjab and Haryana.

The Item was deferred.

2018-80-Senate-21: **Proposal of DRC of CY Department to nominate Supervisor and/or Co-Supervisors for the students of Dr. S. Giri, INSPIRE faculty.**

Dr. S. Giri who joined as an INSPIRE faculty in the department of CY had taken two Project Fellows in his DST-INSPIRE project (SRIICE Code – CY-IMO). These two students were also admitted as PhD scholars under "Project Fellow / Institute Staff" category with special approval of the then Director. Dr. Giri has now intimated that he will leave the Institute to join Haldia Institute of Technology, West Bengal and hence the DRC has recommended to nominate Supervisor and/or Co-Supervisors for two of his students who are Project Scholars as follows:-

#	Name of the Student	Roll No.	Date of Registration	Recommendation
1	G. Naresh Reddy	515CY6015	23 Aug 2017	Prof. S. Giri to remain as Supervisor and Prof. (Mrs.) M. Jana to be a Co-Supervisor
2	Rakesh Parida	516CY6017	30 Aug 2018	

The Item was deferred.

D. **DISCIPLINE, ENDOWMENT AND STUDENT AFFAIRS**

2017-80-Senate-22: **List of Endowment and Institute Medal Winners of 2017-18 batch.**

Recommendation of the Selection Committees for various Endowment and Institute Medal Winners from the 2017-18 pass-out batches to be presented during XVI Pre-Convocation and XVI Convocation will be put up on the table.

Senate approved the list.

2017-80-Senate-23: **Modification to Alumni Endowment Scholarships.**

In the meeting of the Alumni representatives lead Mr. S. P. Rao (1972 batch) and the Institute officials represented by Dean (AR) and Registrar held in the Institute Board Room on 13/12/2018, certain modifications were agreed to be implemented for the Alumni Endowment Scholarships. Copy of the minutes is given in the annexure.

Senate approved the modifications.

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2017-80-Senate-24: Reports on malpractice cases of Autumn 2018-19 Mid-Semester and End Semester Examinations.

Reports on malpractice cases of Autumn 2018-19 Mid-Semester and End-Semester was put up <u>on the table</u>.

Senate approved the reports including the punishments awarded. The Senate further decided not to allow possession of Mobile Phones inside Examination Halls and to make the Full Semester as "UR" if caught.

E.   <u>MISCELLANEOUS</u>:

2018-80-Senate-25: Any other matter with permission of the Chair:

1) Role of student invites in the Senate

There are two student invitees (one from UG and one from PG and Research) to the Senate. However, there is no established guidelines for their role in the Senate meetings. Chairman, Senate expressed his concern relating to involvement of the student invitees in the Senate.

Senate requested Dean (SW) to review the current practice and to frame a guideline for consideration of Senate.

17/4/19

(Prof. S. K. Patel)
Registrar and Secretary (Senate)

Approved
17/4/19