NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY SIKKIM

(An Institute of National Importance, MHRD, Govt. of India)

Minutes of the 12th Meeting of the Senate

The 12th Meeting of the Senate was held online on 18th July 2020 at 11:30 AM under the Chairmanship of Prof. Mahesh Chandra Govil, Director & Chairman, Senate. The following members were present in the meeting:

1.	Dr. Md. Nurujjaman	Dean faculty welfare & Registrar (I/c)
2.	Dr. Ranjan Basak	Dean Academic
3.	Dr. Anindya Biswas	Associate Dean Academic, HoD Civil & Physics
4.	Dr. Achintesh N. Biswas	Dean Administration
5.	Dr. Sangram Ray	Dean Student welfare
6.	Dr. Surajit Kundu	Associate Dean Student welfare
7.	Dr. Anjan Kumar Ray	Dean Research & Consultancy
8.	Dr. Aurobinda Panda	Dean Planning & Development
9.	Dr. Pratyay Kuila	HoD, CSE
10.	Dr. Shambhunath Barman	HoD, ME
11.	Dr. Sanjay Kumar Jana	HoD, ECE
12.	Dr. Sourav Mallick	HoD, EEE
13.	Dr. Om Prakash	HoD, Mathematics
14.	Dr. Taraknath Kundu	HoD, Chemistry
15.	Dr. Dhananjay Tripathi	HoD, HSS
16.	Prof. Lalit Awasthi	External Expert
17.	Prof. K. R. Niazi	External Expert
18.	Prof. Virendra Singh	External Expert
19.	Prof. Supriya Agarwal	External Expert

At the outset, the Chairman Senate extended heartiest welcome to the members present in the 12th Meeting of the Senate for sparing their valuable time and contributions made towards the academic development of the Institute. The agenda items were presented with the permission of the Chair and the following decisions were taken after due deliberation:

Item No.12.01: **To confirm the Minutes of the Meeting of the 11th Senate held on 29th February 2020.**

The minutes were confirmed.

Item No.12.02: **Academic & Action Taken Report.**

The Senate members noted the academic reports and actions taken by the Institute in this difficult time of Covid-19 Pandemic. The Senate appreciated the effort made by the faculty and staff for successfully conducting online classes, examinations and other academic activities. Actions taken were also noted and appreciated by the Senate.

Item No.	Agenda items	Action Taken
11.01	To confirm the Minutes of the Meeting of the 10th Senate held on 27th July 2019.	No action required
11.02	Academic Report & Action Taken Report	Noted and appreciated
11.03	To decide the nominal fee/charges for different academic activities.	Implemented
11.04	To consider the cases of students for promotion to higher semester.	Implemented
11.05	To consider and approve the inclusion of Ph.D. supervisor(s).	Implemented
11.06	To consider and approve the nomination of faculty members in the BoG as per statute.	Noted and approved by the BoG
11.07	To consider the organization of 3rd convocation on 18th April 2020	Postponed due to COVID19
11.08	To consider and approve the list of B.Tech. and M.Tech. students for award of degree and various medals.	No actional required
11.09	To consider and approve the cancellation of enrolment of students from the Institute.	Implemented
11.10	To consider and approve the withdrawal for two semesters on medical ground of Miss Nunavath Sona Jayasree, a student of B.Tech 1st year.	Implemented
11.11	To ratify the introduction of new courses offered as a part of Ph.D. coursework.	Implemented
11.12	To ratify the introduction of elective subjects in B.Tech. and M.Sc. courses.	Implemented
11.13	To ratify the constitution of committee for implementation of self-sponsored admission for M.Tech. and M.Sc. (Chemistry) through Institute level entrance examination	Work completed
11.14	To ratify the inclusion of Ph.D. supervisor(s).	Notified
12.15	To ratify the withdrawal of one semester (Jan-June, 2020) for Mr. Abishek Prasad, B.Tech. Student on personal ground.	Notified
11.16	To report the placement for Academic year 2019-2020.	Noted and no action required
11.17.1	To approve the template of Degree certificate of Ph.D. program	Implemented
11.17.2	To consider and approve Prof. Virendra Singh as adjunct faculty member of the Institute.	Implemented

Item No.12.03: **To approve the admission procedure for M.Tech. and M.Sc. programs through Institute Admission Test.**

After due deliberation, the Senate approved the M.Tech. and M.Sc. Admission procedure through Institute Admission Test. In view of the prevailing COVID-19 situation in the country, Senate approved the proposal of admission on the basis of previous academic records and interview for this year. The Senate also insisted that the scholarship to be awarded to GATE qualified candidates in this category also.

Item No.12.04: **To consider and approve the deferment in admission to Ph.D. program due to COVID-19 till December 2020.**

The Senate deliberated on the matter at length and approved the deferment of admission to Ph.D. program. The Senate empowered the Chairman Senate to take the decision for admission to Ph.D. program from January 2021.

Item No.12.05: **To consider and approve the registration process for Odd semester 2020-21.**

In view of the COVID 19 pandemic, the Senate approved the online registration process for Odd semester 2020-21. As the students will participate in online classes for Odd semester 2020-21 from their home, the Senate decided to waive off the hostel fee for the duration the students are not returning to hostels, however, the Institute fee shall be charge as per the norms. Further, if the students return back to hostel during this semester, hostel fee should be charged on pro-rata basis. After appreciating the online evaluation method consisting of assignment, oral test, online test, etc., the Senate decided that the same evaluation method may be adopted for Odd semester 2020-21, if the Covid-19 Pandemic continue. The Chairman Senate was authorized to take necessary decision in this regard.

Item No.12.06: **To consider the registration and teaching/ evaluation process for backlog courses.**

After due deliberation, the Senate approved the guidelines of registration and teaching/ evaluation process for backlog courses. The Senate authorized the SUGB and SPGB to take necessary decision in this regard with the approval of the Chairman Senate.

Item No.12.07: **To consider and approve the Academic Calendar for 2020-21.**

The Senate approved the Academic calendar of Odd semester 2020-21. However, The Senate authorized the Chairman Senate to do the needful changes as and when required.

Item No.12.08: **To consider and approve Six month's extension for PhD students.**

The agenda was approved as proposed.

Item No.12.09: **To consider the academic action plan for Odd semester 2020-21 starting from July 2020.**

The Senate appreciated the academic actions for the even semester 2019-20. The academic action plan for this odd semester was presented in the Senate and approved in principle. The SUGB/SPGB was authorized to make necessary modification as and when required with the permission of the Chairman Senate. The issue of connectivity of the students was also came into discussion and the Senate is of the view that in this Covid-19 situation, the academic activities has to be conducted in online mode and therefore, students need to be advised to make necessary arrangements for online teaching and evaluation. However, some students may be permitted with the permission of the Government and parents to come to Institute, if connectivity is an issue.

Item No.12.10: **To consider the restrictions applicable for admission in B.Tech. for PwD candidates at Institutes/Academic Program from 2020-21 onwards.**

After due deliberation and considering the temporary campus and hilly region of Ravangla, the Senate approved the restrictions of admission to Orthopedically Divyang with difficulty in walking, using wheel chair and Visually Divyang with permanent blindness of both sights.

Item No.12.11: **To nominate external members for the Senate.**

After due deliberation, Senate nominated the following external members as the members of the Senate, NIT Sikkim as per the NIT statute:

    (i)   Prof. Lalit Awasthi   Director NIT Jalandhar (Engineering)
    (ii) Prof. Supriya Agarwal   Central University Rajasthan (HSS)
    (iii) Prof. Adrijit Goswami   IIT Kharagpur (Science)

As per the Acts and Statutes, Professors of the Institute are the members of the Senate, however, the faculty at the level of Professor and Associate Professor is not available. The matter was discussed in the Senate at length and it is felt that as the Senior Faculty at the level of Professor per department need to be present in the Senate meeting to guide and ensure the best practices of teaching learning in each department. The Senate authorized the Chairman Senate to invite Professors from NITs/IITs/IIITs. The proposed list (enclosed) of external members who can be invited is also approved. It was suggested that one professor per engineering discipline may be invited in each Senate meeting to ensure compliance of good teaching-learning approaches and other academic actions in this new NIT.

Item No.12.12: **To consider and approve the syllabus of elective courses for B.Tech. program.**

The Senate discussed the agenda at length and advised to take the feedback on the subject along with the syllabus from some old NIT/IIT. The Chairman Senate was authorized to approve the name of the subjects and syllabus.

Item No.12.13: **To consider the change of branch for the First Year B.Tech. students admitted in the session 2019-20.**

After due deliberation, the Senate decided that the change of branch should be done by calculating the CGPA considering all the subjects of 1st semester and theory subjects of 2nd semester. The other criteria for change of branch shall remain same. This decision has been taken in view of Covid-19 Pandemic and shall be applicable only for this session.

Item No.12.14: **To consider the evaluation process of practical training of final year B. Tech. and M. Sc. students for the academic session 2020-21.**

The Senate deliberated on the matter and decided that the evaluation of the students, who have not undergone practical training during June- July 2020, can have two options. Such students may opt (i) for minor project under the guidance of faculty member and industry mentor - this will be treated as practical training. Or (ii) for practical training during December-January, 2021 and will be evaluated after completion of the training and shall be graded accordingly for the semester in which the practical training course listed.

Item No. 12.15: **To consider the promotion of students to the next semester.**

Considering the COVID 19 pandemic situation, the Senate approved the agenda as proposed. However, the DUGC and DPGC may restrict the total number of credits to be registered by a student looking at his past performance, mental health and her/his ability to pursue the number of courses to be registered. If any grievance arises out of the decision of the DUGC/DPGC, the SUGB/SPGB will resolve the same and decision of the SUGB/SPGB as approved by the Chairman Senate shall be final and binding on the students.

Item No.12.16: **To consider and approve the rejoining of Mr. Ong Tshering Lepcha, CSE (Roll No. B180015CS) in the third semester.**

The Senate approved the re-admission of Mr. Ong Tshering Lepcha, CSE (B180015CS) in the 3rd semester of B.Tech., CSE in academic year 2020-21 with the payment of semester withdrawal fee of Rs.3000/- for each semester.

Item No.12.17: **To consider and approve the seat matrix for UG and PG admission through JoSAA/ CSAB/CCMT/CCMN in academic year 2020-21.**

The Senate approved the seat matrix for UG and PG admission in the academic year 2020-21 with and without EWS reservation. The same shall be followed as per the directions of the MHRD.

Item No.12.18: **To ratify the decisions of meetings of Deans and Heads on 15.04.2020, 30.04.2020 and 26.05.2020.**

The Senate appreciated the decisions and actions taken during this Covid-19 pandemic situation and ratified the same.

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

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