NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY SIKKIM

(An Institution of National Importance, Ministry of Education, Govt. of India)

Minutes of the Meeting of 18th Senate

The 18th Meeting of the Senate was held on 10th September, 2021 at 05:00 PM under Chairmanship of Prof. Mahesh Chandra Govil, Director & Chairman, Senate in the conference room of the Institute through virtual mode. The following members were present in the meeting:

S.No.	Name	Designation
1.	**Prof. Mahesh Chandra Govil** Director	Chairman, Senate
2.	**Prof. Lalit Kumar Awasthi** Director, NIT Jalandhar	External Expert
3.	**Prof. Supriya Agarwal** Professor, Central Univ., Rajasthan	External Expert
4.	**Prof. Virendra Singh** Professor, IIT Bombay	External Expert
5.	**Prof. Adrijit Goswami** Professor, IIT Kharagpur	External Expert
6.	**Prof. R. K. Garg** Professor, NIT Jalandhar	Special Invitee
7.	**Dr. Ranjan Basak,** Dean Academics & HoD, CE	Member
8.	**Dr. Dhananjay Tripathi** Dean Faculty Welfare & HoD, HSS	Member
9.	**Dr. Anindya Biswas** Dean Research & Consultancy & HoD, Physics	Member
10.	**Dr. Sangram Ray,** Dean Student Welfare	Member
11.	**Dr. Aurobinda Panda,** Dean Planning & Development	Member
12.	**Dr. Pratyay Kuila,** HoD, CSE	Member
13.	**Dr. Shambhunath Barman,** HoD, ME	Member
14.	**Dr. Sanjay Kumar Jana,** HoD, ECE	Member
15.	**Dr. Taraknath Kundu,** HoD, Chemistry	Member
16.	**Dr. Ravi Srivastava,** Acting HoD, Maths	Member
17.	**Dr. Sourav Mallick,** HoD, EEE	Member
18.	**Dr. Achintesh N. Biswas,** Dean Admin & Registrar	Secretary

At the outset, the Chairman welcomed all the members present in the meeting. He congratulates Prof. Virendra Singh, an esteemed external member of the Senate for his recent award in the Academic Achievement. The following agenda items were discussed and decisions were taken;

Item No.18.01: **To confirm the Minutes of the Meeting of the 17th Senate held on 20th July 2021.**

The minutes were circulated amongst the members, no comments were received. The minutes of the meeting of 17th Senate was unanimously confirmed by the house.

Item No.18.02: **Action Taken Report.**

The Senate noted the academic reports and the action taken by the Institute. The actions taken were appreciated.

Item No.18.03: **To consider and approve the Implementation of Academic Bank of Credit (ABC) as per the National Education Policy 2020.**

The Senate approved the implementation of Academic Bank of Credit (ABC) system at NIT Sikkim. The following committee was constituted to frame the detailed policy/ modality and requirements of the scheme and shall submit the above within one month:

i) Dean Academic	Convenor
ii) Dean Research and Consultancy	Member
iii) Associate Dean Academic	Member
iv) One external expert	Member

Item No.18.04: **To consider and approve the Multiple Entry and Exit Policy for various academic programs as per the National Education Policy 2020.**

The Senate deliberated and approved in principle the implementation of Multiple Entry and Exit Policy for UG and PG programs under the edges of National Education Policy 2020.

The highlights of the policy are briefed as under:

i) Students are allowed to leave the academic program at any point of time and can join again after a certain period of break.

ii) The students are allowed to exit permanently from the program of study at any point of time with an academic award, if eligible.

iii) There will be three exit points to B.Tech. students and one exit point in M.Tech./M.Sc. programs:

a) Exit policy for B.Tech. program:

Exit Level & Academic Award	Minimum Requirement	Nomenclature of Certification
Certificate	Successfully earned **minimum 40%** credits of the total credit of the program.	Certificate in *(Name of Discipline/Branch)*
Diploma	Successfully earned **minimum 70%** credits of the total credit of the program.	Certificate in *(Name of Discipline/Branch)*
Advanced Diploma	Successfully earned **minimum 85%** credits of the total credit of the program.	Certificate in *(Name of Discipline/Branch)*

b) Exit Policy for M.Tech./M. Sc. Program:

Exit Level & Academic Award	Minimum Requirement	Nomenclature of certification
Post Graduate Diploma	Successfully earned **minimum 55%** credits of the total credit of the program. The minimum stay at the Institute must be two semester.	Post Graduate Diploma in *(Name of Discipline/Branch)*

The senate raised the issue of the sanctity/equivalence of above certificates/degrees.

iv) Entry Points for all UG and PG Programs:

a) When there is no change in program structure:

Student's can take re-entry in the program if there are no changes in the curriculum (i.e. the curriculum of the programme is same as it was when student had its exit) and continue the course right from her/his exit point. The credits earned of exit level will be transferred to her/his academic Bank Credit. However, the DUGC shall assess the readiness of the students to continue with the program or may assign additional courses or part of course as a prerequisite before allowing her/him to continue with the regular program.

b) When program structure has undergone changes:

In case of the curriculum has been revised or updated, the DUGC shall ascertain the following and take the necessary decision to ensure successful completion of the program after re-entry:

- The student has to undergo the revised curriculum.

- The credit earned before the exit from the program will be evaluated and a decision regarding the actual credits to be considered towards the award of the degree will be taken.

- To bring the parity with the batch with which s/he will carry out her/his remaining studies (semesters), the DUGC will assess the readiness of the students to continue with the program s/he has left and if required may suggest additional courses or part of course before allowing her/him to continue with the regular program.

v) Implementation Schedule:

The Senate advised and approved the following points for implementation:

- The implementation of the policy will be made effective to the B.Tech., M.Tech. and M.Sc. programs for the students admitted in 2021 and onwards.

- The issue of the equivalency and notification for recognition of various academic awards (Certificate, Diploma, Advanced Diploma, PG Diploma, etc.) will be raised in the next meeting of NIT council. The ministry may be requested for the necessary ordinances/statutory provision for effective implementation of the same.

vi) The following committee will prepare the detailed policy, ordinance, implementation modalities, etc. and the same will be placed in the next meeting for finalization. The committee shall submit the above within one month.

i) Dean Academic	Convenor
ii) Dean Research and Consultancy	Member
iii) Associate Dean Academic	Member
iv) One external expert	Member

Item No.18.05: **To consider and approve the Revision of Curriculum and Syllabi in accordance with National Education Policy 2020.**

The Senate approved in principle. The Departments are directed to organize the workshop to revise the scheme and curriculum by inviting experts from reputed institutions such as NITs, IITs, and Industries. The task must be completed by December 2021 and the revised curriculum shall be implemented from the new academic session 2022-23.

Item No.18.06: **To consider and approve the Commencement of Online Courses.**

The Senate discussed the importance of the online courses and constituted the following committee to frame the rules and regulations for the offering of online courses in collaboration with Institute of repute or reputed Industries;

i) Dean Academic, Convener
ii) HoD and Two Faculty Members from the concerned department
iii) One External Expert from the NITs/IITs/IIITs
iv) Atleast One expert from the Industry

Item No.18.07: **To consider and approve the Academic Calendar of 1st Semester of 2021-22 session for newly admitted students of PG programs.**

The Senate approved the following Academic Calendar for 1st Semester of M.Tech. and M.Sc. Program.

S. No.	Activities	M.Tech. and M.Sc. 1st Semester
1	Commencement of Class	September 27, 21
2	Semester Break	October 12-19, 21
3	First Online Test (type-I) and First Oral Examination**	November 01-03, 21
4	Second Online Test (type-I) and Second Oral Examination**	December 06-08, 21
5	Online Test (type-II)	January 03 - 08, 22
6	Practical/ Sessional Examination	January 10-15, 22
7	Declaration of Result	January 20, 22
8	Commencement of Even Semester	January 24, 22
** *Oral Examinations should be conducted regularly and preferably be completed before the online tests (type-I).*		

Item No.18.08: **To consider and adopt the letter vide F.No.35-412018- TS.III, Dated: 5th August 2021 in regards to the implementation of EWS in admission and exemption for NIT Sikkim.**

The Senate adopts the Office Memorandum of the Ministry of Education (MoE).

Item No.18.09: **To consider and approve the cancellation of enrolment of students from the Institute.**

The Senate approved the enrolment cancellation for the following students:

a) **Students requested for withdrawal:**

Roll. No.	Name	Program
PHME210010	Mr. Ajay Vishwakarma	Ph.D. (ME)
PHME210018	Mr. Manohar Kumar	Ph.D. (ME)

b) **Student not registered in Odd semester 2021-22 after multiple reminders:**

Roll. No.	Name	Program
PHME16021	Aditya Kumar Singh	Ph.D. (ME)
PHCS190009	Deepak Kumar Khandelwal	Ph.D. (CSE)
B180012CS	Rabin Chettri	B.Tech.(CSE)
B200097EC	Somathing Ningshen	B.Tech. (EC)
B200127EE	Naveen Kumar Jakhar	B.Tech. (EE)

B150060EE	Undinti Akhil Kumar	B.Tech. (EE)
B160021ME	Sonu Kumar Shah	B.Tech. (ME)

c) Enrolment cancellation due to demise:

Roll. No.	Name	Program
B200079EC	Sidhartha Barman	B. Tech. (ECE)

The intimation of cancellation of studentship shall be issued from the Institute and sent through e-mail as well as registered post.

Item No.18.10: **To consider and approve the request of Mr. Jwnwmjit Brahma (B150015CS) for registration in the final year for appearing in the pending final year project (CS4099) and evaluation process.**

The Senate approved the request of Mr. Jwnwmjit Brahma (B150015CS) of CSE Department for registration and continuation of final year (CS4099). He will be charged a fee as follows:

Details of Fees	Amount
Semester Withdrawal for last 4 semester	Rs. 20,000.0
Registration fee for semester retention (Odd sem 2021-22)	Rs. 5000.00
Fee for Backlog registration	Rs. 2500.00
Total	**Rs. 27,500.00**

Agenda for Ratification

Item No.18.11: **To ratify the grant of extension to Research Scholars after the completion of Five (05) years from the initial registration.**

The Senate ratified the extension for pursuing the PhD program beyond five years for the following students:

S. No.	Name and Enrolment No.	Dept.	Date of completion of Five-year from initial Registration	Period of extension recommended by DGC/DPGC (In Month)
1	Uddalak Chatterjee (PHCS15010)	CSE	21.07.2020	24 Months (Till 21.07.2022)
2	Hanuman Godara (PHCS16013)	CSE	03.07.2021	12 months (Till 03.07.2022)
3	Subash Harizan (PHCS16019)	CSE	11.08.2021	12 months (Till 11.08.2022)
4	Vivek Kumar (PHCS16026)	CSE	15.08.2021	12 months (Till 15.08.2022)
5	Santanu Kumar Mishra (PHCS160004)	CSE	26.02.2021	12 months (Till 26.02.2022)
6	Suman Majumder (PHCS160005)	CSE	26.02.2021	12 months (Till 26.02.2022)
7	Rahul Deo Verma (PHCS160002)	CSE	17.01.2021	12 months (Till 17.01.2022)

8	Deo Dutta Ishwar (PHCS160015)	CSE	26.07.2021	12 months (Till 26.07.2022)
9	Sharmistha Adhikari (PHCS160003)	CSE	24.01.2021	12 months (Till 24.01.2022)
10	Keshab Das (PHEC16011)	ECE	28.02.2021	12 months (Till 28.02.2022)
11	Jayati Routh (PHEC160008)	ECE	28.02.2021	12 months (Till 28.02.2022)
12	Subhanil Maity (PHEC160014)	ECE	13.07.2021	6 months (Till 13.01.2022)
13	Sudhanksu Sekar Das (PHEE16028)	EEE	15.09.2021	12 months (Till 15.09.2022)
14	Arabinda Ghosh (PHEE16023)	EEE	15.08.2021	12 months (Till 15.08.2022)
15	Roshan Pradhan (PHEE160002)	EEE	26.02.2021	12 months (Till 26.02.2022)
16	Shrabani Pal (PHEE160007)	EEE	28.02.2021	12 months (Till 28.02.2022)
17	Arindam Singha (PHEE160001)	EEE	18.01.2021	12 months (Till 18.01.2022)
18	Lakshman R (PHME16010)	ME	28.03.2021	12 months (Till 28.03.2022)
19	Prasan Ralph Dewan (PHME16003)	ME	25.02.2021	12 months (Till 25.02.2022)
20	Virkunwar Anwesh Keshav (PHME150011)	ME	21.07.2020	24 months (Till 21.07.2022)
21	Ajit Mahata (PHPH16025)	PHY	15.08.2021	12 months (Till 15.08.2022)
22	Aparajita Borah (PHMA150012)	MATH	23.07.2020	18 months (Till 23.01.2022)
23	Lekha Rai (PHEN15003)	HSS	19.07.2020	18 months (Till 19.01.2022)
24	Laxmi Rai (PHEN15004)	HSS	19.07.2020	18 months (Till 19.01.2022)
25	Bhaskar Chettri (PHEN160016)	HSS	09.08.2021	12 months (Till 09.08.2022)
26	Ankita Sarmah (PHHS160027)	HSS	15.09.2021	12 months (Till 15.09.2022)

Item No.18.12: **To report the admission status 2021-22 in the M.Tech. and M.Sc. through CCMT and CCMN respectively.**

The Senate has noted the status of admission progress for M. Tech and M.Sc. programs for the academic year 2021-22.

Item No.18.13: **To report the status of Memorandum of Understandings (MoUs) between NIT Sikkim and other Academic and Research Institutions.**

The Senate noted and applauded the expansion of academic growth made by the NIT Sikkim by signing the memorandum of understanding (MoU) with IIT Gandhinagar. The Senate was also apprised of the communication made with

IIT Delhi, IIT Guwahati, IIT Bombay, IIT Ropar, IIT Bhilai, and other reputed institutes for academic and research collaborations through MoU.

Item No.18.14: **To report the conversion of Mr. Hanuman Godara, Department of CSE from Full time to Part time Ph.D. program.**

The Senate noted and ratified the conversion of Mr. Hanuman Godara (Registration No. 2017050050), Department of Computer Science and Engineering from Full-time to Part-time Ph.D. program.

Item No.18.15: **Any other items with the permission of the Chair.**

No such items were placed in the meeting.

The meeting was concluded with the vote of thanks to the chair.

Registrar 11/09/2021

Dean Academic 11-09-21

Director & Chairman

11/09/2021