NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY: TIRUCHIRAPPALLI – 620015

Minutes of the 19th Senate Meeting of the National Institute of Technology, Tiruchirappalli held on 17th August 2011.

The following members were present:

1. Prof. S. Sundarajan
2. Dr. Malathy Duraisamy
3. Dr. Anantharaman, N
4. Dr. Asokan, P
5. Dr. Babasubramanian, T
6. Dr. A. K. Bakhavatsalam
7. Dr. Devamoney Selvam, D
8. Dr. Gopalan, N.P
9. Dr. Jayabalan, P
10. Prof. Joseph Newman Fernado
11. Dr. Kannabiran, G
12. Dr. Kumaran, S
13. Dr. P. A. Krishnan
14. Dr. Meenakshisundaram, C
15. Dr. Moses Santhakumar
16. Dr. Muthupandi, V
17. Dr. (Mrs.) Nagamani, C
18. Dr. R. Nallaswamy
19. Dr. Narayanasamy, R
20. Dr. Natarajan, C
21. Mr. Paruthuraj, L
22. Dr. Ponagusamy, R
23. Dr. Pandey, K S
24. Dr. Prabhu, H J
25. Dr. Punnamoorthy, M
26. Dr. T. K. Radhakrishnan
27. Dr. Raghavan, S.
28. Dr. B. Ramdoss
29. Prof. Ramprasad, V.
30. Mr. M. Rajendran, M.
31. Dr. Sankaranarayanasamy, K.
32. Dr. Sarangan, J
33. Dr. Sastikumar, D.
34. Dr. Selvakumar, S
35. Dr. Selvaraj, T
36. Dr. Shanmugam, S
37. Dr. Sivasubramaniam, P.
38. Dr. Srinivas Tadepalli
39. Dr. Sundareswaran, K
40. Dr. Swaminathan, G.
41. Dr. Udayakumar, M.

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The following members could not attend the meeting:

1. Dr. V. Jagadeeshkumar  
2. Prof. S. Umapathy  
3. Dr. Ammasai Gounden, N  
4. Dr. (Mrs.) Hemalatha Thiagarajan  
5. Dr. S. Natarajan  
6. Dr. Noorul Haq, A  
7. Dr. Viswanathan Iyer  
8. Prof. Somaskandan P

Chairman, Senate welcomed the Senate members to the 19th Senate Meeting. The details given in the Agenda were referred to and discussions were initiate item wise.

1. Nomination of Senate Representatives for Board of Governors

After deliberations, it was agreed that the process of nominating Senate Representatives for Board of Governors would be as follows:

Senate Members would suggest names from among the Professors and Assistant Professors to be considered as Representatives for Board of Governors and each such name would be proposed and seconded respectively by Senate members. From among such proposed and seconded names of Professors and Assistant Professors, Senate members would nominate a Professor and an Assistant Professor of their choice through ballot. It was further agreed that external member of Senate would coordinate the ballot process.

Accordingly, external member of the Senate, Dr. Malathi Duraisamy, Professor from IIT Madras coordinated the ballot process and Dr. M. Umapathy, Professor, ICE department and Dr. R. Murugesan, Asst. Professor, Humanities department were declared as nominees of the Senate for the Board of Governors.
2. To confirm the Minutes of the 18th Senate Meeting held on 31.01.2011

Minutes of the 18th Senate Meeting was approved

3. Results of Even Semester 2011 for UG & PG and Ph.D. Programmes

All the results of the examinations held in April/May 2011 were approved

4. To consider and recommend the award of Ph.D. Degrees for candidates who have successfully completed the requirements for the award of degree. (Annexure – III)

The award of Ph.D. degree to 29 candidates and M.S. to 3 candidates were approved.

5. Revision of syllabi brought out by various departments (Annexure – IV)

(a) The revision of syllabi as brought out by various departments was approved. All the departments offering M.Tech. programmes were informed to follow the uniform policy of giving exclusive project work in the III and IV semesters. Production Engineering department agreed to rework the credit distribution.

(b) New Courses / Renamed Courses:

(i) M.Tech in Engineering Design to be offered by Mechanical Engineering Department is approved.

(ii) It has been agreed to rename M.Tech in Industrial Engineering Programme M.Tech. in Industrial Engineering and Management.

(iii) B.Tech programme in Industrial and Systems Engineering to be offered by Production Engineering Department is approved.

6. Transfer of credits to NITT by Ph.D. scholars who had registered at IITM.

This has been deferred to next senate meeting


The senate had agreed in principle to the recommendations. However, as far as the remuneration aspects pertaining to conduct of supplementary examinations, Condonation classes and sitting fees for DPEC / PC members were concerned, it was agreed that the matter be referred to FC and BOG for approval.
8. a) Report on the evaluation of PG project submitted by Dr. S. Moses Santha Kumar, Prof & Head, Civil engineering

It was decided to have feedback from the departments on this proposal

9. b) Ph.D. Students Doctoral Committee meeting Procedure (Travel and Video Conferencing)

The suggestion of use of Video conferencing mode for conducting DC meeting was not approved.


It was agreed that the course on “Management of Intellectual Property rights” will be offered as a three credit course both to UG and PG programmes.

11. Printing of Answer Scripts and Printing of Certificates (with Security Features)

The following proposal as suggested is approved

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12. Request of Students for Senate’s Consideration.

(i) Request by Shri. Shanmugasundaram a part time research scholar, Department of Humanities - extension of Research period

This item was not discussed and deferred to next meeting

(ii) Representations by Ms. P. Suganya to continue the project II phase at the place of employment.

This item was not discussed and deferred to next meeting

(iii) Representation by Shri. Arka Bhattacharya and Shri Deepkanth Jain B.Tech Students to clear one paper in 7th semester.

It was decided to offer special supplementary exams to all the students who have completed their course both in UG and PG programmes.

iv) Shri. Harishikesh is permitted to rejoin.

13. Any other matter with the permission of chair.

HOD of Management studies proposed that a uniform course titled “Management Principles and Concepts” be offered to all the B.Tech. Programmes. It was further proposed to float a Ph.D. (Part-time) programme as done in IIT Madras.

It was also decided not to consider existing research scholars for Temporary Faculty recruitment.

Dr. A.K. Banerjee
Registrar (i/c)
Secretary, Senate

Dr. S. Sundarajan
Chairman, Senate