# NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY
# ROURKELA

# *Minutes*

## 90<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Senate



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| **MEETING NO.** | : | **90<sup>th</sup> Senate Meeting** |
| **DATE** | : | **04.03.2020 [Wednesday]** |
| **TIME** | : | **10.00 AM** |
| **VENUE** | : | **Senate Hall, NIT, Rourkela** |

To: _____

Dept./Centre: _____

| Date | : | 4<sup>th</sup> March, 2020 [Wednesday] |
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| Time | : | 10:00 AM |
| Venue | : | Senate Hall, NIT Rourkela. |

## MINUTES

**Senate-90[2020]-01: Welcome to the members and invitees**

*Director and Chairman of Senate welcomed all the members including 24 recently promoted Professors and invitees present to the meeting.*

**Senate-90[2020]-02: To confirm the minutes of 89<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Senate.**

The draft minutes of 89<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Senate held on 3rd January, 2020, provisionally approved by the Chairman, Senate was circulated to all members by group email.

*Senate deferred this item.*

## A.   RULES, PROCEDURES, CURRICULA AND POLICY MATTERS

**Senate-90[2020]-03: Relaxation in minimum educational qualification for admission in PhD programme in BM.**

DRC of BM dept observed in the past that many deserving candidates from science background with good score in NET/GATE/BET/GPAT were not able to qualify for admission in PhD  programme in BM dept as the existing requirement demands a minimum of score of 95 percentile in GATE. Its recommendation for the revision of minimum educational qualification was enclosed in Annexure for approval of Senate.

*Senate approved the following modification in minimum educational qualification requirement for admission in PhD programme of BM dept:*

*"A Master's degree in Engineering (any branch) / Medicine / Dental / Pharmacy / Veterinary OR a Bachelor's degree in Engineering (any branch) / Medicine / Dental / Pharmacy / Veterinary with valid GATE / NET / BET / GPAT score OR a MSc degree in Biotechnology / Life Sciences / Physics / Chemistry / Allied Sciences with 1st class in UG and PG degree with a valid GATE / NET / BET / GPAT score or any National level eligibility test. All other minimum criteria shall remain same as that for other departments."*

**Senate-90[2020]-04: MoU between NIT, Rourkela and University of Regensburg, Germany**

Vide resolution no. BOG-67(2020)-09 dated 11 Feb, 2020 BOG authorized the Institute to sign the MoU with University of Regensburg, Germany (copy enclosed) on the following points:

1) Joint educational and research activities;
2) Exchange of academic materials and academic publications;
3) Exchange of Faculty members for research, Lectures, and discussions
4) Exchange of students for study and research.

However, BOG desired that the dual Ph.D. degree to be awarded jointly by both the Institutes needs detail deliberation in the Senate about its modalities to implement, keeping in view the existing Academic Regulations of the Institute. The modalities for faculty and student exchange programme, particularly with regards to cost involved should also be spelled out.

*Senate deliberated on the matter and accepted the first three points. For the fourth point, it decided to form a committee consisting of the following members to examine the existing Academic Regulations of both institutes and recommend the modalities for the Dual PhD degree to be jointly awarded by NIT Rourkela and University of Regensburg, Germany:*

1. *Dean(AA) - Chairman*
2. *Prof. Samir Kumar Patra (LS)- Member*
3. *Prof. Poonam Singh (EC) - Member*
4. *Prof. Niranjan Panda (CY)- Member*
5. *Prof. Pawan Kumar (PH)- Member*
6. *Prof. Anindya Basu (MM) – Member*
7. *Prof. Kishanjit Kumar Khatua(CE) - Member*

**[Annexure-A1, Page No. 1 – 14]**

**Senate-90[2020]-05: Information Brochure for Executive PhD Programme.**

First batch of Executive Ph.D. candidates have been admitted in Autumn 2019-20 and departments have been informed to complete their Enrollment, Provisional Registration and First Semester Registration as per guidelines issued vide Circular No.1499, dated 13.09.2019.

Certain activities to be carried out subsequent to completion of above activities were placed in the 86th Senate meeting held on 5 November, 2019 for deliberation. Senate advised to prepare a draft of all proposed regulations and put up for further deliberation. A draft Information Brochure containing major regulations required for the admitted candidates was prepared and was earlier circulated as an agenda item of 87th Senate held on 15th Nov, 2019. However, this item was deferred due to paucity of time. In addition, the following two proposals was also put up for approval:

i)  They may be allowed to take online courses without limiting to maximum 20% provided they are not core courses.
ii) Self-guided courses are at present not allowed to any students. However, these courses may be allowed for Executive PhD students provided they contact the course teachers @ minimum 5 days per subject.

*Senate approved the Information Brochure for Executive PhD Programme, a copy of which is enclosed in Annexure. Further, it also resolved to*

1.  *Increase the limit of online courses from 20% to 60% for Executive PhD student provided these are non-core courses.*
2.  *Follow the same regulations on self-guided courses as applicable to other students and hence, Executive PhD students can register for only those course which have been registered by regular MTech students.*

**[Annexure – A2, Page No. 15 – 27]**


**Senate-90[2020]-06: Updated Academic Regulations for PG Programmes.**

The complete Academic Regulations for the PG Programmes was last approved in 47th meeting of the Senate held on 23.12.2013 (Monday), 03.01.2014 (Friday), 04.01.2014 (Saturday) and 08.01.2014 (Wednesday). There have been additions and modifications thereafter. Incorporating the additions and modifications as approved in various Senate meetings starting from 48th meeting held on 14 May, 2014 till 85th meeting held on 15 July 2019, a draft summarized version of the updated regulation was earlier circulated as an agenda item of 87th Senate held on 15th Nov, 2019. However, this item was deferred due to paucity of time.

*Senate deferred the item.*

## B.  UNDERGRADUATE AND POSTGRADUATE STUDIES

**Senate-90[2020]-07:** **Approval of provisional registration of Amarendra Behera Roll no. 113CS0124 in Spring 2019-20**

Amarendra Behera Roll 113CS0124 has already completed 6 years without clearing all his papers. He has only three papers to clear and all these papers can be taken in $8^{th}$ semester. Subsequent to death of his brother in an accident, he went into depression and could not register for last 3 semesters as a result of which his studentship was terminated. On examining his case, it was found to be genuine and it was felt that given a chance on his appeal to register in 8th semester, he may clear all his pending subjects and graduate. On the recommendation of Dean (AA), Chairman of Senate allowed him to do semester registration in Spring 2019-20. It was put up for approval of Senate.

*Senate approved the semester registration.*

**[Annexure – A3, Page No. 28 & 29]**

**Senate-90[2020]-08:** **Mukti Mandavi, Roll 117CS0224 requesting for Semester Registration.**

Mukti Mandavi bearing roll no. 117CS0224 did not register for last two consecutive semesters due to medical problem. Accordingly, she was terminated. However in response to her appeal, Senate in its last meeting held on $3^{rd}$ Jan, 2020, advised her to produce medical certificates. She has now submitted the relevant medical documents and HOC (HC) has verified them and confirmed that she is under depression and she may improve is she takes treatment and counselling regularly. Her CGPA is 6.62. Her mother is an widow and her economic condition is not good. It is proposed that she may be permitted to do semester registration in Autumn 2020-21.

*Senate referred the case to Institute Counselling Cell.*

**[Annexure - A4, Page No. 30 – 33]**

**Senate-90[2020]-09:** **Late Semester Registration of Saumya Rastogi after 30 days.**

Saumya Rastogi, Roll 115AR0014 did not do her semester registration in Jan, 2020. She submitted an application for allowing her to do semester registration on $5^{th}$ Feb, 2020 enclosed with a medical certificate of Ravi Hospital, Bareilly that she was under medical treatment during Jan 15-31, 2020. As per academic regulation "Under no circumstances, even with approved leave, late registration after 30 calendar days from the scheduled date of registration is allowed". It was proposed that she may be allowed to register only for the subjects that does not require any attendance in classes, since she is a final year student.

*Senate did not allow her to register in Spring 2019-20.*

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## C. RESEARCH STUDIES

**Senate-90[2020]-10: Thesis Submission of Simanchal Dash Roll 508MN901**

Mr. Simanchal Dash bearing Roll 508MN901 was granted extension of PhD thesis submission date till 31st Aug, 2019 vide Senate resolution 2019-81-Senate-10 dated 16th Jan, 2019. The student delivered his PhD Synopsis seminar on 19-07-2019 and submitted the thesis on 30-12-2019 with the impression that thesis can be submitted within 6 months after synopsis seminar. The student's supervisor has requested to extend thesis submission date by another 4 months i.e. till 31st Dec, 2019 so that the process of thesis adjudication can be initiated.

*Senate allowed the late thesis submission.*

**[Annexure – A6, Page No. 40 – 41]**

## D. MISCELLANEOUS

**Senate-90[2020]-11: Result of the Election for nomination of BOG member from the Asso. /Asst. Professor.**

The tenure of Prof. H. B. Sahu, BOG member will be over on 08.03.2020. The Senate, NIT, Rourkela has nominated Prof. Nihar Ranjan Mishra, Asso. Professor, HS as BOG member from the Asso./Asst. Professor on 13.02.2020 through secret ballot conducted by Prof. S. Mishra, CH as returning officer on 13.02.2020, in line with Senate resolution vide No.Senate-89(2020)-16 dated 3rd January 2020 for two years w.e.f. 09.03.2020 under Sections11(f) and 12(c) of the NITSER Act, 2007.

*Senate noted it.*

**Senate-90[2020]-12:** It is proposed to form a committee for Best Teacher Award (among existing faculty members) and Lifetime Achievement Award (among superannuated faculty members).

*Senate constituted two committees. The responsibility of the first committee consisting of the following members shall be to search, scrutinize and recommend the name from among the existing faculty members for Best Teacher Award:*

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| *1)* | *Prof. S. K. Rath, CS* | - | *Chairman* |
| *2)* | *Prof. A. Satapathy, ME* | - | *Member* |
| *3)* | *Prof. P. Sarkar, CE* | - | *Member* |

*The second committee consisting of the following members is to search, scrutinize and recommend the name(s) from among the superannuated faculty members for Lifetime Achievement Award:*

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| 1) Prof. A. Sahoo, CH | - | Chairman |
| 2) Prof. S. Das, EE | - | Member |
| 3) Prof. S. K. Behera, CR | - | Member |

**Senate-90[2020]-13:** To recommend the award of D.Sc. to the following personalities in technology, administrative/management and literature in next Convocation.

i) Mr. Kumar Mangalam Birla
ii) Mr. P. K. Mishra, IAS, Principal Secretary to PM.
iii) Mr. Ramakanta Rath/ Dr. Prativa Ray

*Senate decided to constitute a committee to search, scrutinize and recommend the names of personalities on the basis of their significant contribution in the field of technology, administration/management and literature for the award of Honorary D.Sc. degree in next convocation of the Institute:*

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| 1) Prof. S. Mohanty, HS | - | Chairman |
| 2) Prof. A. Satapathy, ME | - | Member |
| 3) Prof. A. K. Rath, HS | - | Member |

*Senate agreed in principle for the award of Honorary D.Sc. degree to the first two personalities subject to their willingness to receive. Further, it suggested to include the name of Dr. Sitakanta Mahapatra along with Mr. Ramakanta Rath/ Dr. Prativa Ray for deciding the award in the field of literature.*

**Senate-90[2020]-14: Any other matter with permission of the Chair.**

**(1) Semester Registration Issue**

*In the registration of Spring 2019-20, some students were given extra credits over and above their normal course load although they do not have CGPA of 8.0 or above. This is against the Institute Regulations. However, Senate got convinced that it was a mistake on the part of AR (Academic – UG, Officiating) which was unintentional and not deliberate. Taking into consideration, that the AR is new and the large number of registration problems being settled by him while staying beyond working hours during registration, the Senate as a special measure allowed the extra load to the students. However, under no circumstance, this shall be cited as a precedence in future.*

**(2) Plagiarism policy**

The committee for plagiarism policy presented its recommendation.

*Senate deliberated on this matter to some extent and decided to circulate the draft policy among all members in advance and to continue the deliberation in next meeting.*

**(Prof. P. K. Das)**
**Registrar and Secretary (Senate)**

**(Prof. A. Biswas)**
**Director and Chairman (Senate)**