

# MINUTES OF THE 110<sup>th</sup> MEETING OF THE SENATE HELD ON 06.08.2020 AT 10.30 AM THROUGH VIDEO CONFERENCE

# **Members Present:**

Prof. N. V. RAMANA RAO

Director, NITW & Chairman, Senate

#### Shri S. GOVERDHAN RAO

Registrar & Secretary, Senate

#### **Internal**:

1.	Dr. R. Satish Babu, HoD, Biotech.	35.	Prof. V.T. Somasekhar	
2.	Prof. A. Venu Vinod	36.	Prof. L. Anjaneyulu	
3.	Prof. Anand Kishore Kola	37.	Prof. N. Bheema Rao	
4.	Prof. Shirish H Sonawane	38.	Prof. T. Kishore Kumar	
5.	Prof. A. Ramachandraiah	39.	Dr. K. Madhavi, HoD, H&SS	
6.	Prof. K. Laxma Reddy	40.	Prof. D. Srinivasacharya	
7.	Prof. K.V. Gobi	41.	Prof. Debashis Dutta	
8.	Prof. Srilakshmi V Patri	42.	Prof. J.V.Ramana Murthy	
9.	Prof. V. Rajeswara Rao	43.	Prof. K.N.S. Kasi Viswanadham	
10.	Prof. C.B. Kameswara Rao	44.	Prof. P. Muthu	
11.	Prof. C.S.R.K. Prasad	45.	Prof. Y.N. Reddy	
12.	Prof. Deva Pratap	46.	Prof. A. Neelakanteswara Rao	
13.	Prof. G. Rajesh Kumar	47.	Prof. A. Venu Gopal	
14.	Prof. Gunneswara Rao T.D.	48.	Prof. Adepu Kumar	
15.	Prof. K.V. Jaya Kumar	49.	Prof. Amba Prasad Rao	
16.	Prof. M. Chandra Sekhar	50.	Prof. Bangaru Babu Popuri	
17.	Prof. N.V. Umamahesh	51.	Prof. K. Madhu Murthy	
18.	Prof. V. Ramana Murty	52.	Prof. L. Krishnanand	
19.	Prof. P.Rathish Kumar	53.	Prof. N. Selvaraj	
20.	Prof. Rama Seshu D.	54.	Prof. R. Narasimha Rao	
21.	Prof. B.B. Ambarker	55.	Prof. K.V.S.S. Sai Srinadh	
22.	Prof. P. Radha Krishna	56.	Prof. S. Srinivsa Rao	
23.	Prof. R.B.V. Subramanyam	57.	Prof. Suresh Babu V.	
24.	Prof. S.G.Sanjeevi	58.	Dr. Asit Kumar Khanra, HoD MMED	
25.	Prof. D.M. Vinod Kumar	59.	Prof. G.V.S. Nageswara Rao	
26.	Prof. D.V.S.S. Siva Sarma	60.	Prof. N. Narasaiah	
27.	Prof. M. Sailaja Kumari	61.	Prof. P. Madhusudan Reddy	
28.	Prof. N. Subrahmanyam	62.	Prof. P. Ravi Kumar	
29.	Prof. N. Viswanthan	63.	Prof. R. Dayanidhi	
30.	Prof. L Ram Gopal Reddy	64.	Prof. D. Dinakar	
31.	Prof. R.L.N. Sai Prasad	67.	Prof. K. Venugopal Reddy	
32.	Prof. C.B.Rama Rao	68.	Dr. V. Rama Devi, HoD, SoM	
33.	Prof. S. Srinivasa Rao	69.	Prof. M. Ravinder Reddy	
34.	Prof. Sydulu Maheswarapu			

# **Special Invitees:**

1.	Dr. P. Hari Prsaad Reddy, Asct.Dean (PhD)	2.	Dr. P.V.Suresh, Asct Dean-Academic (PG)
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#### The following members have expressed their inability to attend the meeting:

# **External**:

1. Prof. T. Sundarajan

2. Prof. Debashis Acharya

1. Dr. (Mrs.) Kirti Srivastava

# **Internal:**

1.	Prof. P. Anand Raj	3.	Prof. Bhagwan K Murty
2.	Prof. E. Venkata Rathnam	4.	Prof. A. Sarath Babu

The Chairman, Senate welcomed all the members of the senate conducted through video conference.

The Dean Academic has presented the results of the terminal semester, Academic Calendar for the year 2020-21 and the modalities for conducting make-up/summer quarter and Re-end exams. The Senate resolved to approve the following:

S.No	Agenda	Approved / Modifications / Deferred	
1	Approval of minutes of 108 <sup>th</sup> & 109 <sup>th</sup> meeting of the Senate	Approved	
2	Results of UG, PG and PhD for the Even Semester 2019-20		
	Ph.D	Civil Engg and Mathematics results are presented in this senate.	
		Members approved the results. Suggested to correct the code for English for Scientific Communication.	
		Comprehensive exam results are approved.	
	PG	Approved. Few corrections are suggested as follows:	
		M.Tech. Manuf. Engg. – Change of grade "F" to "I" for one of the students who could not attend the Project Viva-Voce. (due to the prevailing pandemic situation)	
		MBA: III and VII Quarters – Standard grading procedure as the exams were conducted before the lockdown. Results are approved.	
	UG	Approved all the results.	
		The grades in PC based Instrumentation of IV B.Tech. ECE are referred back to review the range of grades and re-submit.	
3	G. Krishna Teja - IV Year B.Tech.:		
	a) Ratification by the Senate: UG-DAC recommendations of MMED to conduct exams.	Ratified.	
	b) Results	Approved.	
4	Modalities for conducting online classes:	Dean, Academic has presented salient points with respect to the conduct of online classes for theory courses, laboratory courses, project work and conduct	



		of examinations.
		Members expressed different opinions on each of the above issues.
		The Chairman, Senate asked the Dean Academic to collect opinions from all the departments and refer them to a Standing committee to recommend common guidelines.
		The Senate authorised the Chairman to approve the guidelines recommended by the Standing Committee.
	Academic Calendar for the Year 2020 – 21	Dean Academic has presented the Academic Calendar for both the semesters of the UG and PG programs. Senate approved only the ODD semester calendar in view of the current pandemic and the uncertainty in UG and PG admissions.
		Head SOM requested to prepare academic calendar and send for circulation to senators and get it approved by chairman senate
5	Makeup / Summer Quarter / Re-end	The Senate has approved the following:
	exams	➤ As per the decision in 108th / 109th Senate meetings, the Makeup Exams including Summer Quarter and Re-End Exams will be conducted for 50 Marks (20 marks for Assignment + 30 marks for online Exam).
		➤ All the registered students through WSDC portal online between 30-07-2020 to 17-08-2020 are eligible to appear for makeup exams. Those students who had registered for exam mode during December 2019 need not pay registration fee for appearing to these makeup exams.
		Examination section will release the centralized time table for B.Tech 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2 <sup>nd</sup> and 3 <sup>rd</sup> year students.
		➤ Respective Head of the Department / concerned faculty shall prepare the time table for Laboratories and PG students and conduct the exams between 19-08-2020 to 03-09-2020.
		➤ The Evaluation and grading is as per 108th Senate guidelines.
6	Any other item with the permission of the	e Chairman, Senate
	a) MOUs	MoU with AIT Thailand – approved
		MoU with NIT Agarthala - approved
	b) Issues related to PhD:	The various issues related to PhD are presented by the Dean, Academic and the Senate has approved the following:
	i) Irregularities in Registration	If any scholar doesn't register for two semesters regularly (internal / external / FT / PT) for any reason,



ii) Constitution of DSC

iii) Panel of Examiners

his / her registration shall deemed to be cancelled. As a onetime measure, all such existing candidates shall be informed through the respective HODs and supervisor(s) to regularize their registration.

The following guidelines are to be followed to avoid the frequent changes in DSC constitution:

- Usually the Head of the Department is nominated as the Chairman, DSC. However, a senior professor in the department based on the area of research work of the scholar may also be nominated as Chairman.
- No need to mention the name of the Head of the Department if the Head of the Department is nominated as the Chairman, DSC. This will avoid taking fresh approval every time whenever a change in the Headship.
- If the Research Supervisor happens to be the HoD and Chairman, DSC, another faculty member of the Department shall be included in the DSC.
- Proposing the faculty as a member in DSC who is getting retired in the next 3 years may be avoided.

The supervisor(s) shall recommend the panel of examiners as per the following guidelines:

- 1. The Panel of examiners shall only be with Associate Professor Rank or above. The Scientists from R&D shall also be equal or above the rank of an Associate Professor (Sc. E or above).
- 2. There shall be at least two members in the international panel from the advanced countries like USA / UK / Australia / Canada / Europe.
- 3. Indian examiners shall be only from NITs / IITs / Central Universities / R&D organizations.
- 4. The Panel shall never be contacted once the panel is submitted to the Academic section. The official mail ids (personal mail ids are optional) and contact numbers are to be provided very clearly. If possible, give the mobile numbers (National / International) of the panel members.
- 5. The examiners (both National and International) who have already reviewed a thesis shall not be repeated at least for a minimum period of ONE year. The list of both Indian and Foreign examiners being shared with the department shall be referred as a guideline.
- 6. The PhD students of NITW shall not be recommended in the panel of examiners for a minimum of 10 years of experience after the award of PhD.



iv) PhD review related enquiries

v) Committee for Comprehensive examination

vi) Conversion of Project to Institute fellowship:

Faculty are advised not to approach the staff of academic section for getting any updates about the thesis review related issues. Instead, faculty are requested to send a mail to the Dean, Academic to enquire the status of the reports. The details will be provided by the Dean, Academic within 2 to 3 working days.

The committee for conducting comprehensive Examination shall consist of DSC members and two Professors/Associate Professors from the allied departments of the Institute nominated by the Chairman, DSC.

The following procedure is recommended for converting JRF/SRF to Institute fellowship:

- 1. The scholar must have been selected through a regular advertisement at the time of PhD admissions satisfying the eligibility criteria. He/she will be paid scholarship from the project funds of the PI. His / Her admission at this point of time will be an addition to the number of seats allotted to the Department/Institute.
- 2. The scholar is eligible for conversion from JRF to Institute fellowship only after working for a period of 1 year in case of 2 year project or 2 years in case of a 3 year project.
- 3. If the project is getting completed in the beginning or in between the next semester:
  - a) Submit an application for PhD admission against the advertisement during the period in which the scholar wants to get his/her project fellowship converted to Institute fellowship.
  - b) No need to attend written test or interview, if his/her first selection as JRF/SRF was against an advertisement for PhD admissions.
    Otherwise, he/she has to attend the selection process.
  - c) The PI shall submit the recommendations of the DAC - PG&R for considering his application for converting from project to Institute fellowship. This is required as such conversions will be shown against the number of admissions allotted to the department for that Academic year.
  - d) The Department should include all such candidates in the shortlist for selection process irrespective of the merit among that batch of applicants.
  - e) The Head of the concerned department shall take care of including all such names in the final selection list.

f) Departments are requested to note that all such selections will be deducted from the number of admissions allotted to that department for that academic year. 4. The scholar shall submit an application to the Director through proper channel (i.e., Supervisor(s), DSC, DAC PG&R, Dean, R&C, Chairman Admissions and Dean, Academic) requesting for conversion of the scholar from Project funds to the Institute fellowship once the project gets closed. The supervisor (PI) should enclose the following with the application: a) UC and SE obtained from Institute accounts section at the time of closing the project, b) Proof of the selection at the time of selection of JRF/SRF against a regular advertisement for

vii) Special Casual Leave for PhD scholars

The scholar shall submit the Special Casual Leave with necessary and prior approvals to the Academic section before availing.

requested.

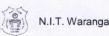
c) The scholar's application against the PhD admissions and the list of selection for the current semester in which the conversion is

- a) Attending for conferences (National/International): The leave shall be recommended by the Supervisor(s) and approved by the concerned HoD. The period of leave shall not be more than the duration of the conference + four days for travel in any case. The total number of Special Casual Leaves for a scholar in an academic year shall not be more than 10 days.
- b) Period for going outside NITW for data collection or any research related work: This shall be recommended by the Supervisor(s) and approved by the concerned HoD.
- c) Request for curriculum change by ChED

The senate has approved the request from Chemical Department to offer the course Data Analytics to the students of M.Tech. Chemical Engineering and M.Tech. Process Control. The senate approved the syllabus of the course based on the recommendations of the DAC PG & R. The Senate has also approved to shift the Elective, CH5161 Optimization Techniques, common to both the M.Tech. programs of the department from II semester to I semester. Senate also approved the same changes to reflect in B.Tech Chemical Engg. syllabus, as the above mentioned courses are common to B.Tech.

d) Syllabus revision based on New **Education Policy** 

The Senate has accepted to revise the scheme and syllabus of all the programs based on New Education



Policy. Senate has suggested the departments to review and restructure the existing programs or starting new programs with Major and Minor degrees. It has also suggested to review the rules and regulations accordingly.

e) Discontinuation of PhD Scholars in **MED** 

Senate has approved the recommendations of the Mechanical Department for discontinuation of the following Ph.D students:

Roll No	Name of the scholar	FT/PT	Supervisor
716137	Mr.Dilkeswar Das	PT	Prof. N. Selvaraj
719044	Mr.Paritosh Narayan	PT	Prof. A. Kumar
701928	Mr. Azaharoddin	FT	Dr. V.R.K. Raju
717121	Mr. Sarath Chandra	FT	Dr. G. Raghavendra

f) Request for Special invitees to the Senate

The senate has approved to permit all the Associate Deans of Academic and Exams as special invitees by default.

g) Request by one of the industry experts (Alumni) to offer an open elective on "Business for Non Business Professionals".

The proposal is provisionally accepted to be offered to the B.Tech students other than Mechanical Engineering and the matter was referred to School of Management to work out the modalities.

N.V. 78181200 **CHAIRMAN**