

Minutes of 126th Meeting of the **Senate**

राष्ट्रीय प्रौद्योगिकी संस्थान वारांगल National Institute of Technology Warangal Hanamkonda, Warangal-506004, Telangana

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Time: 15:00 hrs

Minutes of 126th Meeting of the Senate held on 17th July 2023

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Director, NIT Warangal

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Special Invitees:

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- (1) Prof. S. Vidya Sagar, Associate Dean, UG
- (2) Prof. Karthik Balasubramanian, Chair-Person, Accreditation Committee

The following members could not attend the meeting:

Prof. K. V. L. Subramaniam, IIT Hyd. 13 Prof. Rashmi Ranjan Rout 2 Prof. Ch. Subrahmanyam, IIT Hyd. 14 Prof. S.G. Sanjeevi Prof. Sujatha Mukiri, IEFL, Hyd. 15 Prof. T.D. Gunneswara Rao 4 Prof. B.B. Amberker 16 Prof. V. Hari Kumar 5 Prof. Bhagwan K. Murthy 17 Prof. V. Ramana Murthy 6 Prof. C.S.P. Rao 18 Prof. V. Venkata Mani 7 Prof. C.S.R.K. Prasad 19 Prof. V. Rama Devi 8 Prof. Divi Haranath 20 Prof. Vishnu Shanker 9 Prof. M. Chandrasekhar 21 Prof. Y. Ravi Kumar Prof. N.V. Srikanth 22 Prof. Y.N. Reddy 10

Leave of absence was approved for all members absent.

Prof. N.V. Umamahesh

12 Prof. P. Hari Krishna

At the outset, the Chairman Senate and the Senators have placed on record the services rendered by the outgoing Deans (Prof. NV Umamahesh, Dean, Academic; Prof. Y. N. Reddy, Dean, Faculty Welfare; Prof. M. Chandrasekhar, Dean, Planning & Development and Prof. P. Ravikumar, Dean, Student Welfare) and the outgoing Heads (Prof. P. Srihari Rao, Head-EE; Dr. Mahesh Kumar, Head, MM; Dr. S. Ravichandra, Head-CS; Prof. K. Narasimhulu, Head, BT and Prof. H.P Rani, Head, Mathematics).

The Senate also welcomed new Deans and Heads to the Senate (Prof. A. Sarath Babu, Dean, Academic; Prof. A. Venu Vinod, Dean, Faculty Welfare; Prof. D. Srinivasacharya, Dean, Student Welfare; Prof. P. Rathish Kumar, Dean, Planning and Development) and the incoming Heads (Prof. D. Vakula, Head, EC; Dr. N. Kishore Babu, Head, MM; Prof. R. Padmavathy, Head CS; Dr. Prakash Saudagar, Head, BT and Dr. A. Benerji Babu, Head, Mathematics).

The Senate placed on record the services rendered by Prof. V. Rajeswara Rao, Professor of Chemistry, who superannuated in June 2023.

The Chairman Senate and the Senators have placed on record the services rendered by the External Senate members: Prof. Ch. Subrahmanyam, IIT Hyderabad; Prof. K.V.L. Subrahmaniam, IIT Hyderabad and Prof. Sujatha Mukiri, IEFL, Hyderabad.

2023-126-Senate-01 To confirm the minutes of the 125th Senate meeting

The minutes of the 125th Meeting of the Senate were placed before the Senate after incorporating the comments received from members.

The Senate approved the minutes of 125th Senate with the following modification.

The Senate advised to amend the minutes as follows. 5 days relaxation in attendance to be given to the placement coordinators. Further, the Head, CCPD is requested to inform about the list of placement coordinators to all the HoDs in the beginning of the academic year.

2023-126-Senate-02	Approval of the results of B.Tech II Semester, M.Tech IV Semester, MBA VIII quarter, MCA VI Semester, MSc (Integrated) II Semester and IV Year B.Tech Special Make-up Examination results for the
	Academic Year 2022-23

The results have been circulated to the Senators on 13-07-2023. The minutes of the Subcommittee is placed before the senate. The Analysis of results is presented to the Senate.

The results are placed before the Senate for approval.

Prof. Kiran Kumar, PIC Examinations made a detailed presentation on the analysis of results. The following observations are made:

- Large number of failures in CS and CE Departments
- Number of students failed in three courses or more is high.
- Number of students with less than 5 CGPA is alarmingly high.
- Considerable difference in CGPA between relative grading and absolute grading in case of PG students.

The Senate approved the results.

The Senate requested the departments to come up with measures to improve the performance of slow-learners (Students having more than 2 backlogs, can be considered as slow learners).

Summer courses shall be conducted for UG courses with 10% or more failures.

The proposal made by the Dean (Academic) to publish the above results has been approved.

2023-126-Senate-03	Approval of the results of PhD Comprehensive Viva-Voce	
	examinations	

The list of research scholars who completed the Comprehensive Viva-voce exam in June-July-2023 is placed before the Senate for approval.

It is resolved that the Comprehensive Viva-Voce examination results of PhD scholars may be approved by the Dean (Academic) without bringing them to the senate.

2023-126-Senate-04 Report on PhD Defense to the Senate

The list of research scholars who completed the Viva-Voce examination after the 125th Senate meeting held on 06-06-2023 is placed before the Senate for information.

The Senate noted about the PhD Defense of the Candidates. Further, the Senate suggested to include the following information on PhD defense:

- 1. Name of scholar with Roll No.
- 2. Title of the Thesis
- 3. Name of supervisor(s)
- 4. Name of department
- 5. Names of Indian and Foreign Examiners and their affiliations
- 6. Date of Viva-Voce

The list of research scholars who completed the Viva-Voce examination is given in <u>Annexure-1</u>. Chairman, Senate suggested to DSC to provide the ORCID ID. Further the proposed Indian examiners should be Professors.

2023-126-Senate-05 Curriculum & Syllabi of B.Tech. Mathematics and Computing

In 125th Senate, approval was accorded for starting a new B.Tech program on Mathematics and Computing by the Department of Mathematics.

The curriculum and syllabi approved by the Departmental Curriculum Development Committee is placed before the Senate for approval.

The Senate approved the Curriculum and syllabi in principle with following modifications. Courses from EE, EC, and CS may be included in the curriculum. After inclusion of the same, the revised curriculum will be circulated among the senators by email for inputs. After considering the inputs, the Chairman Senate is authorized to approve the revised Curriculum and Syllabi.

2023-126-Senate-06	Curriculum & Syllabi of M.Tech Sustainable Energy Generation and
	Storage Technology

The Senate has given approval for starting a new M.Tech program on Sustainable Energy Generation and Storage Technology by the Department of Chemical Engineering.

The Scheme and syllabi approved by the Departmental Curriculum Development Committee is placed before the Senate for approval.

The senate approved the Curriculum and syllabi in principle.

However, the department was suggested to revisit the curriculum by including a few core courses from other departments. The revised curriculum will be circulated to senators for their inputs. After considering the inputs, the Chairman, Senate is authorized to approve the revised Curriculum and Syllabi.

The Senate has given approval for starting a new M.Tech program on Welding Technology and Non-destructive Testing by the Department of Metallurgical and Materials Engineering.

The Scheme and syllabi approved by the Departmental Curriculum Development Committee is placed before the Senate for approval.

The senate approved the Curriculum and syllabi in principle.

However, the department was suggested to revisit the curriculum by including a few courses from other departments e.g. ME. The revised curriculum will be circulated to senators for their inputs. After considering the inputs, the Chairman, Senate is authorized to approve the revised Curriculum and Syllabi.

2023-126-Senate-08 Academic Calendar for Ist Semester of AY 2023-24

The Academic Calendar for the Autumn Semester of AY 2023-24 excepting the First semester and M. Tech I Semester and PhD is presented to the Senate for approval.

It was suggested to schedule mid-sem exam week in place of mid-sem break.

It is resolved to conduct mid-sem exams to the batch of students admitted in 2023-24, centrally for 30 marks.

The revised academic calendar will be circulated to the senators by email for their approval.

Technozion will be conducted only for one and half day (Friday AN to Saturday AN) starting with inauguration of the event on Friday with no classwork on Friday, AN session.

2023-126-Senate-09	Student Disciplinary Manual

The Student Disciplinary Manual is placed before the Senate for approval.

Senate suggested for amending the student disciplinary manual wherever necessary and placing the same in the next meeting.

2023-126-Senate-10	Nomination of Student members to the Senate

Proposal to nominate Student members to the Senate one each from UG, PG and PhD based on merit.

UG: One Student with highest CGPA at the end of VI, IV and II Semesters

PG: One student with Highest CGPA at the end of II Semester

PhD: One Scholar with the highest number of publications in SCI journals at the end of third year. In case of a tie, publications with highest impact factor will be taken into consideration.

Proposal is placed before the Senate for approval.

Approved with a modification of eligibility criteria for PhD (PMRF scholar. If no scholar is available in PMRF, any Full Time scholar with highest number of SCI journal publications at the end of 4th Semester).

2023-126-Senate-11 Regulations for admission of Part-time PhD Scholars

Existing Rule: 2.2.6 (iii) Permanent Employees from Private Industries with R & D facilities, Government R & D laboratories / Government organizations / Government industry / PSUs / State Undertakings with B.Tech who have put in at least 10 years of experience and having at least four research publications in journals of repute.

Rule 2.2 (j) Permanent faculty of Private Academic Institutions with NIRF ranking below 200 at least once in last five years

Proposed modification:

Admission is strictly based on written test

Eligibility: Minimum 3 years with B.Tech Qualification and 2 years with M.Tech/MSc/MBA/PG Qualification

Proposal is placed before the Senate for approval.

The Senate approved the modified proposal with following amendments.

- Eligibility: Min. 5 years' experience with B.Tech. OR 4 years' experience with M.Tech/ ME/MSc/MBA/MA
- Residential requirement for all scholars is mandatory. Waiver for residential requirement for any specific case may be brought to the senate.
- Selections shall be based on written Test and Interview. However, written test may be exempted for applicants from Govt./R&D organizations having MoU with NITW
- B.Tech students from NITW with CGPA of 8.5 or above without GATE score may be considered for direct admission to full-time PhD.

2023-126-Senate-12	Best UG Project/Best PG Dissertation and Best PhD Thesis at the	
	Institute level	

It is proposed to institute three awards for the best thesis at UG, PG and PhD levels. These awards are proposed to be presented during Convocation. The Senate is requested to approve and suggest the modalities to be followed in adjudicating the above awards.

The Senate has nominated the following senators to prepare a proposal on guidelines for evaluation and recommendation for different awards as follows.

B.Tech . - Prof. N. Narasaiah (MM)

M.Tech. – Prof. Ch. Venkaiah (EE)

Ph.D. - Prof. P. Bangaru Babu (ME)

2023-126-Senate-13 Deputation of Non-Teaching Staff and officers to Higher Studies	
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Proposal to depute Non-Teaching Staff interested in pursuing higher studies with full salary subject to fulfilling the following conditions:

Minimum experience in NIT Warangal: 5 years

Deputation: 2 years for PG and 3 years for PhD

Admission: Only admission in any CFTI (Except NIT Warangal) is to be considered.

The proposal is placed before the Senate for approval.

The Senate approved with the following suggestions:

- The deputed staff has to execute a bond as per institute norms.
- At any given time, not more than 2% of the existing staff will be deputed.

2023-126-Senate-14	Status of PhD Scholars – Registration

As per the existing rules, if any PhD Scholar failed to submit progress report and registration, without due approval, will not be permitted to register in the next semester.

The list of such scholars is placed before the Senate.

It is resolved to allow the registration in the subsequent semester with a payment of the registration fee for not registered semester along with a prescribed late fee.

The supervisors shall report all such cases of registration to the Academic section along with DSC and DAC PG&R comments.

2023-126-Senate-15	Miscellaneous Representations:
a.	To Consider the representation of Mr. Shaik Mahammad Rameez Arhan, Mechanical Engineering student to allow him for Honors registration with a CGPA of 7.99 at the end of II Year II Semester.
	As per existing rules the minimum a minimum of 8.00 CGPA is required for registration in Honors Program.
	The Senate did not approve the above proposal.
b.	To consider the DAC-PG&R recommendations of Department of Mathematics
	Inclusion of SSCI-indexed and ESCI indexed journals for the award of PhD degree
	The Senate did not approve the above proposal.
C.	i) Makeup exam course name and course code
	ii) MNC-4 for students promoted to III year
	iii) Allotment of supervisor/guide for XX449 course
	Deferred and the matter is referred to Heads meeting for an appropriate decision.
d.	To consider the representation of Mr. Vaibhav Reddy, Academic Secretary to allow the Final year students who failed in special makeup examinations conducted in June 2023 again for another Makeup examination in July 2023.
	The Senate did not approve the above proposal.

e.	To consider the representation of Final Year students to apply average/2 rule for the award of P Grade in Special Makeup examinations conducted in June 2023.
	As per existing rules, this provision is not applicable.
	The Senate did not approve the above proposal.
f	To consider the proposal of the conduct of Mid semester examinations for Final year by the respective Departments.
	At present the Mid-semester examinations are to be conducted only for the final year students by the Examination branch.
	Proposed to pass on the responsibility of conducting Mid semester examinations to the respective Departments at their convenience.
	This will bring some flexibility in the academic calendar so that that mid semester break (common to all students) can be used to schedule Technozion/ Spring Spree. The Senate did not approve the above proposal.
g	To consider the request of Academic Section to drop the rule 7.9.
	Rules 7.9 and 15.4 (New curriculum) contradict each other.
	7.9 A student must register the backlog courses, giving priority to the oldest backlogs. The students will register by default for the backlog courses being offered in a semester. The maximum credits (including backlog courses) that a student can register in the study mode in a semester is 30.
	15.4 A student may appear any number of times in the makeup examination in the courses in which he / she has obtained "F" grade.
	Senate requested Prof. P. Bangaru Babu (ME) to prepare a proposal for resolving the issue.
h	To consider the representation of Mr. Dheeraj Eswar for repeating III Year I Semester of B.Tech EC program and to adjust the fee paid in the last semester for the upcoming semester
	The student paid the registration fee but could not register within the stipulated period.
	The Senate approved to allow him to register for 7 th Sem by adjusting the fee paid in the last semester for the upcoming semester.
i	To consider the representation of Mr. Rafaque Ahmad (717120), a full-time research scholar in ME Department for conversion into part-time as a special case
	 Addressed major objectives of the research work and published one paper Completed 10 semesters and not entitled for fellowship Due to severe financial constraints, in order to support his family, requesting for conversion into part-time as a special case Supervisor, DSC and DAC have recommended for conversion. The Senate did not approve the proposal. However the senate suggested that the scholar may be given one more semester of break as a special case.

j	To consider the proposal of Early Submission of PhD Thesis by Ms. Mounika Jammula through the Supervisor, Prof. V. V. Mani:
	Permission for early submission of thesis of part-time research scholar, Ms. Mounika Jammula (701946) working under her guidance – Supervisor, DSC and DAC recommends the same.
	The Senate approved the proposal of the Department of EC for early submission of thesis.

2023-126-Senate-16	Part time PhD admission sponsored by Indian Academy of High			
	Engineers			

An MoU is signed with the Indian Academy of Highway Engineers (IAHE), MoRT&H, GOI, New Delhi. Two Engineers namely Mr. Debendra Kumar Bansal, Deputy Director, IAHE and Mr. Shivam Singh, Asst. Director, IAHE have applied for PhD admission in part-time mode. In view of enhancing long term research collaboration with the IAHE, Chairman, Senate agreed for considering their admission.

The above item is placed before the Senate for consideration.

The senate observed that the applicants do not satisfy the Institute norms and regulations. Therefore, Chairman, Senate did not approve the admission for both the aforesaid applicants. However, the applicants are welcome to apply for PhD admission in future satisfying the institute norms.

2023-126-Senate-17	Miscellaneous Representations (by circulation)			
i)	To consider the Recommendations of DAC PG & R of Electrical Engineering Department regarding the issue of fellowship to Mr. Vutla Vijay.			
	The DAC PG&R of Electrical Engineering Department is recommending to award fellowship to Mr. Vutla Vijay even after 5 years from the date of joining. Mr. Vijay has taken one semester withdrawal during which no stipend is paid. The rule says stipend may be given up to 5 years from date of joining.			
	The Senate has not approved the proposal.			
ii)	To consider the recommendation for readmission of Ph.D. scholar Ms. Keerthi Sangamitra Kollipara.			
	Ms. Keerthi Sangamitra Kollipar (Roll No. 716170), a part-time research scholar working in the Department of CH under the guidance of Prof. A. Venu Vinod, could not register for 2022-23 (I and II sem.) and hence her admission got cancelled. The Department recommended for readmission of Ms. Keerthi Sangamitra Kollipara.			
	The Senate approved the proposal of the Department for readmission of Ms. Keerthi Sangamitra Kollipara.			
iii)	To consider the request of Dr. Mukul Pradhan, Asst. Prof. of Chemistry department seeking permission to include Dr. Yadagiri			

	Naik Banothu, Scientist-D of DRDO, Hyderabad as external co-guide for his Ph. D. student Miss Jakke Amulya (22CYR2R03).
	Supervisor, DSC members and DAC recommends the same and placed before Senate for consideration.
	The Senate approved to include Dr. Yadagiri Naik Banothu as external co-supervisor.
iv)	Request of Mr. Pudari Chiraneevi part time Ph.D. scholar under supervision of Prof. N. Bheema Rao to include Dr. T. Sunil Kumar, Asst. Prof. at KITS Warangal as external Co-guide.
	Supervisor, DSC members and DAC recommends the same and placed before Senate for consideration.
	The Senate approved to include Dr. T. Sunil Kumar as external co- supervisor.

Date: 11.10.2023

Prof. Bidyadhar Subudhi Director & Chairman

FOLLOWING IS THE LIST PHD SCHOLARS COMPLETED THEIR VIVA-VOCE W.E.F. 06.06.2023

SI. No.	Roll No.	Name of the Scholar	Depart ment	Date of Viva-voce	Title
1	718046	Alagesan Bhuvaneswari Ahadit	ECE	06.06.2023	Multi Feature Fusion based Facial Expression Recognition using Deep Learning Techniques
2	716063	K. Sarangam	ECE	08.06.2023	Design of FinFET Based Low Power Integrated Circuits for Biomedical Applications
3	717117	Vaka S Sandeep Kumar Reddy	Elect. Engg.	09.06.2023	Investigations on Optimal Sizing of Battery Energy Storage Systems in Microgrids for Economic Operation
4	719047	Goteti Dhanaraju	Mech. Engg.	03.07.2023	Fabrication of thermally reversible self- healing CFRP composite through Diels- Alder bonding to maintain structural Integrity
5	717103	M Shiva Shankar	Civil Engg.	28.06.2023	Numerical Modeling for Optimization of Invert Trap in an Open Rectangular Combined Drainage and Sewer Channel
6	717043	Umamaheswara Sharma B	CSE	03.07.2023	Some Investigations of Machine Learning Models for Software Defects
7	718114	Vaddemani Guru Prathap Reddy	Civil Eng.	06.07.2023	Condition Assessment And Service Life Estimation Of Deteriorating Concrete Using Imaging Based Analysis
8	718102	D. Nikhil Kumar		13.07.2023	Material Characterization of Ancient Mortars and Development of Sustainable Repair Mortars for Heritage Structures
9	718161	Shravan Kumar. R	Maths	13.07.2023	Artificial Neural Network Treatment of Casson Fluid Flow Over Radially Stretching sheet

FOLLOWING IS THE LIST PHD SCHOLARS WHOSE VIVA-VOCE IS FIXED

SI. No.	Roll No.	Name of the Scholar	Depart ment	Date of Viva-voce	Title
1	718143	Chintakindi Balaram Murthy	ECE	17.07.2023	Design and Development of Embedded Vision Based Object Detectors for Autonomous Driving Application
2	701936	Banoth Thulasya Naik	ECE	17.07.2023	Some Investigations on Deep Learning Based Techniques For Accurate Ball/Player Detection and Tracking In Soccer And Basketball Sports
3	718019	P. Manoj	EEE	17.07.2023	Investigations on Quasi-Z-Source based Multilevel Inverters for Grid-Tied Photovoltaic Systems
4	717139	G. Prabhu	MMED	18.07.2023	Structure-property correlation in tungsten heavy alloy with two-phase matrix
5	701933	Dondapati Suneel Varma	ECE	19.07.2023	Design of time-modulated linear antenna array with optimal harmonic power radiation for WIPT and DoA Estimation
6	714003	T Arjun Kumar	Civil Engg.	20.07.2023	Influence of Chemical Warm Mix Additive on The Performance of Bituminous Binders and Bituminous Mixtures Containing Waste Plastic Coated Coarse Aggregates
7	715049	R Srinivasan	ECE	21-07-2023	An Architecture for On-Board Frequency Domain Analysis of Flight Vehicle Vibration Signals