NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY: TIRUCHIRAPPALLI – 620 015

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Minutes of the 20^h Senate Meeting of the National Institute of Technology, Tiruchirappalli held on 29.9.2011.

The following members were present:

1.	Prof.Sundarrajan	Chairman, Senate
2.	Dr.Ammasai Gounden,N	Member
3.	Dr.Anantharaman,N	Member
4.	Dr.Asokan,P	Member
5.	Dr.Balasubramanian,T	Member
6.	Dr. A. K. Bakthavatsalam	Member
7.	Dr.Deivamoney Selvam,D	Member
8.	Dr.Gopalan, N.P	Member
9.	Dr. (Mrs.) Hemalatha Thiagarajan	Member
10.	. Dr.Jayabalan,P	Member
11.	. Prof. Joseph Newman Fernando	Member
	. Dr.Kumanan,S	Member
13.	. Dr.P.A.Krishnan	Member
14.	. Dr.Meenakshisundaram,C	Member
15.	. Dr. Moses Santhakumar	Member
16.	. Dr.Muthupandi, V	Member
	. Dr.Narayanasamy,R	Member
18.	. Dr.Natarajan,C	Member
19.	. Dr. S. Natarajan	Member
20.	. Dr.Noorul Haq,A	Member
21.	. Mr.Parisutharai,L	Member
22.	. Dr.Ponalagusamy,R	Member
	. Dr.Pandey K S	Member
	. Dr. T.K.Radhakrishnan	Member
25.	. Dr. Raghavan, S.	Member
26.	. Dr. B. Ramdoss	Member
27.	. Prof. Ramprasad, V.	Member
	. Dr. Sankaranarayanasamy, K.	Member
29	. Dr.Sarangan,J	Member
30.	. Dr. Sastikumar, D.	Member
31	. Dr. Selvakumar, S	Member
32	. Dr.Selvaraj,T	Member
	. Dr. Sivashanmugam, P.	Member
	. Dr. Swaminathan, G.	Member
35	. Dr.Umapathy,M	Member
36	. Dr. Venkatasamy Reddy, A	Member
37	. Dr. Venkataramani, B	Member
38	. Dr.Arul Daniel,S HOD/EEE	Member
39	. Dr. Venkatesa Prabhu, G HOD/Chemistry	Member
40	. Dr. Vinod, V.B HOD/Humanities	Member
	. Dr.Mala, C HOD/CSE	Member
42	. Dr.Thamarai Selvan N	Member
44	. Dr.A.K.Banerjee	Secretary
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The following members could not attend the meeting:

1. D	r.V.Jagadeeshkumar	Member
2. Pr	of.S.Umapathy	Member
3. D	r.Malathy Duraisamy	Member
4. D	r.Kannabiran,G	Member
5. D	r.(Mrs.)Nagamani,C	Member
6. D	r. R. Nallaswamy	Member
7. D	r.Prabhu,H.J	Member
8. D	r.Punniamoorthy,M	Member
9. M	r. M. Rajendrakumar, M.	Member
10. D	r.Shanmugam,S	Member
11. D	r.Srinivas Tadepalli	Member
12. D	r.Sundareswaran,K	Member
13. D	r. Udayakumar, M.	Member
14. D	r.Viswanatha Iyer	Member
15. Pı	rof. Somaskandan P	Member
16. M	r.Thirumaran, HOD/Architecture	Member
17. D	r. Ramakalyan, A	Member

1. To consider and recommend the award of Ph.D. Degrees for candidates who have successfully completed the requirements for the award of degree.

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The award of Ph.D. degree to 14 candidates and M.S. to 2 candidates were approved.

2. To approve the award of Degrees UG/PG/MS & Ph.Ds in the Seventh Convocation to be held on 1st October 2011.

Senate approved the award of 1244 degrees which includes 54 Ph.D., 5 MS, 378 M.Tech., 68 MCA, 87 MBA, 65 M.Sc.,563 B.Tech., and 24 B.Arch. students.

3. Award of Gold Medals in the Convocation on 1st October 2011.

After discussion the senate had approved the award of 35 Gold medals to toppers in UG and PG Programmes and 2 to the best thesis, one each in Engg/Tech and Science/Humanities. However, Dr.K.S.Pandey and Dr. R. Narayanasamy dissented the decision to award of medals for the best Thesis.

A new committee will be constituted to look into the norms for the award of medals.

4. Any other matter with the permission of Chair:

(i) Department of Management Studies - Board of studies Meeting minutes

Senate approved the recommendations brought out by BOS of Department of Management Studies.

(ii) Ph.D Scholars - Directed Study Courses

Senate approved with a request to DC to revisit the directed study courses.

(III) Curriculum for various programme.

It was decided that a general guidelines shall be given the senate sub-committee on curriculum related issues.

(iv) Travel by experts:

Air Travel by experts of BOS for UG and PG and for DC members and for other examination purposes is recommended. In the case of Air travel from longer distances, it is proposed that due to poor connectivity between Chennai and Tiruchirappalli, travel in flights other the Air-India can be permitted subject to due approval by Ministry of Civil aviation.

(v) Appeal by Mr. Viplov Tyagi:

It is recommended that he may take any other course also in place of IC 454 and complete the requirements for the award of degree.

(vi) Grades for the supplementary Examinations held in Aug 2011:

It is recommended that as per the decision of the 18th senate, the maximum grade be restricted to "D". In the course of discussion, it was also brought out that there are discrepancies in the grading system approved in the 19th senate. Chairman senate, suggested that objections, if any, can be brought out and suitable actions can be taken, if necessary.

(vii) Extension of Ph.D registration by those joined in 2004-05

The request by Ms. G. Niranjana and Ms.P.Selvi, registered in 2004-05 session, to extend the validity of registration to Dec 2011, (based on the recommendation of DC) is granted.

(viii) Eligibility for M.Tech admission in Chemical Engg Dept.:

HOD of Chemical Engg. Informed that the eligibility for admission to PG programmes, BE/B.Tech Bio-technology can be deleted as per the recommendations of BOS. This was presented in the 19th senate. However, it was not recorded. The mistake is noted and rectified.

(ix) Power supply to departments:

The senators raised concern over the power supply. It was decided to pool all the resources and give power to all the departments. It was also proposed to augment the power requirement with new generator sets. Dr. Muthupandi agreed to help in getting a dedicated power line.

(x) Admission for Ph.D programme on stipendary basis.

Director dealt in detail the need for extending research facilities both for the benefit of faculty and also nearby Institutions. Modalities will be worked out for admitting such candidates.

(xi) Proposal by Mathematics department to offer remedial classes to weaker students in I R Tech:

This was agreed in principle and Dr. G. Swaminathan, TEQIP co-ordinator, agreed to extend support from TEQIP also. The remuneration for such classes will be Rs 1000/- per session of 90 minutes or Rs. 750/ per hour as given for other programmes. It was also agreed to extend such facilities for other courses also.

(xii) Credit transfer for those faculty who had registered for Ph.D in IIT:

It was agreed in principle to transfer the credits earned in IITs when a scholar registers in NIT. However, there will not be any concession on the period of programme. They will be considered from the date of joining NIT for the award of degree as fresh candidate with the exemption on course work only, subject to approval by the respective DC.

(xiii) Request for doing Project at work place by M.Tech students:

The students were recommended to come back and do the projects at NIT-T after taking due break from employment and pursue the course on Full-time basis.

(xiv) Members of senate were leaving the hall during the proceedings. This was objected to by the senate. It was decided that decorum of the senate will be maintained in future.

Dr. A.K. Banerjee

Secretary (i/c)

Senate

Dr. S. Sundarrajan

Sondarraja

Chairman

Senate