



**Minutes of the 60th Meeting of the Senate of
National Institute of Technology, Tiruchirappalli held on
22nd May 2023 at 3 PM in the EEE Auditorium, and through MS Teams**

The following members were present in the meeting:

1. Dr. G. AGHILA, Director, Chairperson
2. Dr. M. THAMBAN NAIR, External Member
3. Dr. RAMAKALYAN AYYAGARI
4. Dr. A. CHANDRA BOSE
5. Dr. A. K. BAKTHAVATSALAM
6. Dr. AR. VEERAPPAN
7. Dr. B. KARTHIKEYAN
8. Dr. B. RAVISHANKAR
9. Dr. B. SENTHIL ARASU
10. Dr. B. VASUKI
11. Dr. C. MALA
12. Dr. C. NAGAMANI
13. Dr. C. SATHIYA NARAYANAN
14. Dr. D. SASTIKUMAR
15. Dr. D. SRIRAM KUMAR
16. Dr. G. LAKSHMI NARAYANAN
17. Dr. G. MURUGANANTHAM
18. Dr. G. SUBBAIYAN
19. Dr. G. SARAVANA ILANGO
20. Dr. G. UMA
21. Dr. J. SARAT CHANDRA BABU
22. Dr. K. BASKAR
23. Dr. K. DHANALAKSHMI
24. Dr. K. MURUGESAN
25. Dr. K. MUTHUKUMARAN
26. Dr. K. MUTHUKUMAR
27. Dr. K. SUNDARESWARAN
28. Dr. K. SANKARANARAYANASAMY

29. Dr. K. THIRUMARAN
30. Dr. L. CINDRELLA
31. Dr. M. ARIVAZHAGAN
32. Dr. M. ASHOK
33. Dr. M. BHASKAR
34. Dr. M. DURAISELVAM
35. Dr. M. JAYA BHARATA REDDY
36. Dr. M. MATHESWARAN
37. Dr. M. PREMALATHA
38. Dr. M. P. SELVAN
39. Dr. M. UMAPATHY
40. Dr. MICHAEL AROCK
41. Dr. M. VENKATAKIRTHIGA
42. Dr. N. BASKARAN
43. Dr. N. KUMARESAN
44. Dr. N. RAMASUBRAMANIAN
45. Dr. N. SIVAKUMARAN
46. Dr. P. ASOKAN
47. Dr. P.J.A. ALPHONSE
48. Dr. P. MUTHUCHIDAMBARANATHAN
49. Dr. P. PALANISAMY
50. Dr. P. PARTHIBAN
51. Dr. P. SAIKRISHNAN
52. Dr. P. SATHIYA
53. Dr. P. SIVASHANMUGAM
54. Dr. R. B. ANAND
55. Dr. R. GANDHIMATHI
56. Dr. R. JEYAPPAUL
57. Dr. R. JOSEPH PONNIAH
58. Dr. R. KARVEMBU
59. Dr. S. ARUL DANIEL
60. Dr. S. JAYALEKSHMI
61. Dr. S. KUMANAN

62. Dr. S. KUMARAN
63. Dr. S. MARY SAIRA BHANU
64. Dr. S. MUTHUKUMARAN
65. Dr. S. NICKOLAS
66. Dr. S. P. KUMARESH BABU
67. Dr. S. P. SIVAPIRAKASAM
68. Dr. SISHAJ P SIMON
69. Dr. S. SURESH
70. Dr. S. R. BALASUNDARAM
71. Dr. S. RAMAN SANKARANARAYANAN
72. Dr. S. SUDHA
73. Dr. S.T. RAMESH
74. Dr. S. VELMATHI
75. Dr. S. VENKATACHALAPATHY
76. Dr. S. VINODH
77. Dr. T. K. RADHAKRISHNAN
78. Dr. T.N. JANAKIRAMAN
79. Dr. T. SRINIVASA RAO
80. Dr. V. J. SIVAKUMAR
81. Dr. V. KUMARAN
82. Dr. V. SANKARANARAYANAN
83. Dr. V. SATHYARAJ
84. Dr. V. SENTHILKUMAR
85. Dr. V. VINOD BALAKRISHNAN
86. Dr. N. THAMARAISELVAN, Registrar (i/c), (Secretary, Senate)

SPECIAL INVITEES

87. Dr. V. M. BIJU, HoD, Chemistry
88. Dr. S. MEKALA, HoD, Humanities and Social Sciences
89. Dr. K. PANNIRSELVAM, HoD, Mechanical Engineering
90. Dr. R. PARTHASARATHY, Associate Dean (Academic)
91. Dr. R. THILAGAVATHY, Associate Dean (Academic)
92. Dr. P. SENTHIL, Associate Dean (Academic)
93. Dr. R. RAGHAVAN, Associate Dean (Academic)

94. Dr. R. PERIYASAMY, Associate Dean (Academic)

The following members expressed their inability to attend the meeting:

1. DR. G.K. ANATHASURESH (EXT. MEMBER)
2. DR. HARIPRIYA GUNDIMEDA (EXT. MEMBER)
3. DR. G. SWAMINATHAN
4. DR. J. HEMALATHA
5. DR. J. JERALD
6. DR. K.M. MEERA S. BEGUM
7. DR. M. PERUMALSAMY
8. DR. N. GOPALAKRISHNAN
9. DR. P. KALAICHELVI
10. DR. R. JUSTIN JOSEYPHUS
11. DR. R. LEELA VELUSAMY
12. DR. R. MURUGESAN
13. DR. R. NAGALAKSHMI
14. DR. R. PONNALAGUSAMY
15. DR. S. KUMARAN
16. DR. V. ANANDAKRISHNAN
17. DR. V. RAVICHANDRAN
18. DR. D. RUBEN SUDHAKAR (SPECIAL INVITEE)

The following member did not attend the meeting:

1. DR. G. ARTHANAREESWARAN
2. DR. M. PUNNIYAMOORTHY
3. DR. N. RAMESH BABU
4. DR. S. ANANDAN
5. DR. SIVA PRASAD KATAKAM

The Chairperson of the Senate welcomed the members to the 60th meeting of the Senate and having ensured a quorum, continued with the proceedings of the meeting. She placed on record the successful completion of the AY 2022-23 and several activities including NBA visits to all the nine BTech programmes. She welcomed Prof. K. Sankaranarayananasamy back to NITT after his successful completion of his tenure as Director of NIT Puducherry.

The Chairperson has also made the following generic remarks related to the academic matters and the conduct of Senate meetings.

1. Senate related email communication shall be sent only to the Registrar, with a carbon copy (Cc) to the Dean (Academic); using “reply to all” shall be refrained.

2. Regulations are very important to the functioning of the institute. We arrive at them after due deliberations in the Senate, and hence let us all respect them. While operating, we may detect some gaps which shall be rectified subsequently. A constructive cycle is desirable rather than exploiting the gaps and ridiculing the entire system.
3. For a smooth functioning of the academics, certain matters can be readily automated so that more time is created for intellectual pursuits such as research, conferences, workshops, FDPs etc. This is easily done by synchronizing ourselves to the calendar, and stay committed throughout in all the academic activities such as conducting regular CCMs, end-semester assessments and fair grading.
4. Institute Day and Convocation are major events for the entire institute. Proud and proactive participation (information submission/ gathering/ verification/ processing etc., serving on committees) of all the members of the faculty make these events obviously spectacular.

Lastly, the Chairperson mentioned about the NBA visit to 5 departments during April 2023, and placed strong emphasis on the implementation of the outcome-based education (OBE).

Following the welcome address by the Chairperson, the Registrar (i/c) opened the deliberations on the agenda items.

1. Confirmation of the Minutes of 59th Meeting of the Senate held on 06-01-2023.

The Senate resolved to confirm the minutes of the 59th Meeting of the Senate along with the clarification from DEE regarding evaluation of NPTEL course for MTech programme.

RESOLUTION 60/SENATE/2023/1	RESOLVED THAT the Minutes of 59th Meeting of Senate held on 6th January 2023 be confirmed.
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APPROVAL ITEMS

2. UG 1st semester 2022-23 results of ICE department for July 2022 session

The results of B.Tech. 1st year, 1st semester for the July session of the AY 2022-23 as approved by the respective Performance Analysis Committees (PACs) were earlier circulated over email among the members of the Senate and subsequently published. However, for the course ENIR 11 Energy & Environment for ICE branch, there was a deviation observed from the regulation B.12.0 of the B.Tech. Regulations 2019 and hence the results were presented before the Senate, following the recommendations of the committee constituted to investigate this deviation. The Senate reiterated the importance of adhering to the regulations and stated clearly that it is only in the interest of the first semester students and the elapsed time that the results of the course are being approved in this Senate as an exception.

RESOLUTION 60/SENATE/2023/2	RESOLVED THAT the results of B.Tech. in ICE branch 1st year, 1st semester for the July session of the AY 2022-23 as approved by the PAC be approved, as one-time measure. Further, it was also resolved that the approval of results of the course ENIR 11 is applicable only this course as a one-time
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	measure and shall not be cited as a precedence for approval of any course in future, be approved by the Senate.
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3. Request for extension beyond 6 years – Hemant Choudhary, 103117043

A student, Hemant Choudhary admitted in 2017, from civil engineering is about to complete his 6 years by July 2023; on medical grounds he requested extension for one more academic year (till July 2024) to clear the backlog of 7 core and 5 elective courses.

RESOLUTION 60/SENATE/2023/3	RESOLVED THAT the request by Mr Hemant Choudhary, Reg No. 103117043 for an extension of 1 year, beyond the stipulated 6 years, to complete his UG programme by the end of AY 2023-24 be approved.
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4. Ph.D. programme related.

During 59th Senate vide 59/SENATE/2023/3(v) it was resolved that the changes in the sitting fees/honorarium/remuneration to experts and examiners be revised. The same has been subsequently approved by the Finance committee vide **RESOLUTION 71/BoG/2022/5 with effect from FY 2023-24.**

In continuation with the above the remuneration for PhD Comprehensive examination/doctoral committee meetings where external examiners/members are asked to evaluate more than one candidate on a single day, it is now proposed to make payment @ INR 3000/- per candidate.

RESOLUTION 60/SENATE/2023/4	RESOLVED THAT the remuneration for PhD Comprehensive examination/doctoral committee meetings, where external examiners/members are asked to evaluate more than one candidate on a single day, shall be hereafter INR 3000/- per candidate, subject to the maximum number of students permitted as per institute norms, be approved.
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5. Approval of the recommendations of the BoS for the Departments:

The Department of Management Studies conducted the meeting of Board of Studies (BoS) on 18th April 2023 for its MBA programme and the courses offered to BTech students as minors and open electives. The Department of Electrical and Electronics Engineering conducted the meeting of Board of Studies (BoS) on 16th August 2022 and subsequently on 2nd March 2023 for its B.Tech. programme. Respective HoDs presented the details to the Senate.

RESOLUTION 60/SENATE/2023/5	RESOLVED THAT the recommendations of the BoS of the departments of Management Studies and EEE, as presented by the respective HoDs be approved.
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Action Taken Report

6. Recognizing the department of Physical Education as an academic department, permitting it to offer Open Electives to UG and PG and also admit PhD students in the areas of Holistic sports, Health, Yoga and Fitness & Wellness etc.

Subsequent to the discussions during 59th Senate meeting, it was proposed that the Dean (Students Welfare) shall be appointed as Head-in-charge of the department. During the current meeting there was a detailed discussion on this, and based on the request of one of the members of the Senate the setting up of a Center to cater to the above curriculum has been put to vote. Of 79 votes that were polled, 28 were in favour and 48 were against the proposal, and 3 votes were neutral. Another member of the Senate pointed out that appointing a Dean as Head-in-charge may not be permitted.

RESOLUTION 60/SENATE/2023/6	RESOLVED THAT the proposal to set up Center for Physical Education be dropped.
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Ratification Items

7. Post 59th Senate, the following is the number of candidates who are eligible to receive Ph.D. and MS by Research degrees during the 19th Convocation.
 - a. Ph.D. Provisional Certificates issued – 36 nos.
 - b. MS by Research Provisional Certificates issued – 5 nos.

RESOLUTION 60/SENATE/2023/7	RESOLVED THAT the Provisional Certificates of the 36 PhD students and 5 MS by Research students be approved.
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The Meeting concluded with thanks to the Chair.



Secretary, Senate



Chairperson, Senate

