

**MINUTES OF SEVENTH MEETING OF THE SENATE OF
NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY, DURGAPUR
HELD ON 04.02.2006 AT 11.00 AM IN THE
SENATE HALL OF THE INSTITUTE**

The Registrar welcomed the Director to the Senate and also welcomed Prof. Maqsood Siddiqui, Prof. Malay Kundu, Sri Prabir Sen, as external experts of the Senate. The Director also appreciated the interest taken by the expert members in the academic development of NIT, Durgapur.

- 7.1 The minutes of the 6th meeting of the Senate held on 28.10.2005 were placed on the table with the following observation of Prof. M.C. Majumder, Prof. P. K. Lahiri, Prof. N.R. De, Prof. S. Ghosh, Dept. of M.E. "Regarding item no. 4 (any other item), It has been decided that the issue will be discussed between the staff members of ME Dept and Workshop and then the outcome will be placed in BOG meeting." Since no other observation has been received on the minutes, these are confirmed with recording of the observation of Prof. M.C. Majumder, Prof. P. K. Lahiri, Prof. N.R. De, Prof. S. Ghosh of ME Dept.
- 7.2 Noted. The members however suggested to incorporate this action-taken report in the agenda item in more details.
- 7.3 Approved.
- 7.4 Resolved that "the curricula as prepared by UGAC together with the recent suggestions of NPIU in the context of reforms in TEQIP be considered as working documents for finalization of detailed syllabi. Each DAC should place their respective syllabus to UGAC within March 31, 2006 and subsequently UGAC will meet to finalize the syllabi of all the B.Tech. programs for onwards submission to Senate for its approval". It is further resolved that "representative(s) of participating departments be included in the DAC meeting of degree awarding departments while framing the syllabi of its programs" and that "Prof. Malay Kundu and Mr. Prabir Sen will be present at the meeting of UGAC (for consolidation of the syllabi) as expert member representatives from Senate.
- 7.5 Approved.
- 7.6 The Senate appreciated the initiative taken by the Institute for Faculty and Staff Development. Resolved that "this proposal is approved and is forwarded to the Board of Governors for its implementation". In this context, the Senate further suggests to explore the feasibility of introducing sabbatical leave for research / training in line with similar schemes available in other premier Institutes in our country.
- 7.7 The Senate appreciated the concept of setting up such a school and suggested widening its scope to keep provision for introduction of other courses with futuristic vision and with significance in the societal and industrial perspectives. The Senate further suggested that the name of the

School may be modified appropriately and some ideas like " School of Management and Information Science", "School of Information Management" etc. were also proposed.

Resolved that "the proposal for formation of such a such a school, together with the provision for employing Adjunct Professors, be approved from academic perspective and forwarded to the Board of Governors for consideration of financial and administrative issues for its implementation."

7.8 Resolved that "the proposal for introduction of M. Tech. Course in "Advance Materials Science and Technology" to be offered by the Dept. of Physics be approved and the detailed curricula be submitted to PGAC for its finalization".

7.9 Approved.

7.10 Approved.

Any other Item No. 1:

Prof. S. K. Chatterjee, Dept. of Physics informed the august body about introduction of a Gold Medal in the memory of Late Smt. Sita Bai Rao, a faculty of Physics department to the topper amongst all branches by her family members. The proposal was welcomed by all the members of Senate.

In this context, the Senate suggests that appropriate guidelines may be sought from the Bard of Governors for creating an appropriate framework for accepting donations from alumni and other sources.

Any other Item No. 2 :

Resolved that " the departments be asked to submit a panel of subject –experts who can serve as expert for selection of faculty members. Further the Senate empowers the Director to nominate anyone out of this panel for each department as the subject–expert in the committee (as an expert nominee of the Senate) for selection of faculty members".

In the context of the recent communication UGC (vide ref. No. F. 3-1/2000(PS), dated 12th October 2004) and as suggested in the meeting (chaired by the Secretary, MHRD held at New Delhi on Dec. 01,2005) of the Directors of NITs whereby the Senate of the concerned NIT is empowered to nominate experts to serve (as nominees of Central Govt.) in the selection committees of faculty members, it is resolved that "The Senate empowers the Director to nominate two eminent experts to serve the selection committees for faculty members as nominees of Central Government."

Any other Item No. 3:

In respect of the suggestions concerning amalgamation of Workshop with ME Dept., it is resolved that "The Director is empowered to resolve the issue after consultation with concerned departments".

Any other Item No. 4

The provisional date for the next meeting of the Senate is fixed as "April, 22, 2006 (Saturday)".

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