

National Institute of Technology Silchar

Minutes of Sixty-Seventh (67th) Meeting of the Senate

The Sixty-Seventh (67th) meeting of the Senate was held on 20/08/2020 at 03.00 PM through Online Mode. The following Senate members and special invitees attended the meeting:

1. Prof. Sivaji Bandyopadhyay, Director and Chairman, Senate
2. Prof. Fazal A Talukdar, Professor, ECE Deptt., NIT Silchar
3. Prof Nidul Sinha, Professor, EE Deptt., NIT Silchar
4. Prof. S Baishya, Professor, ECE Deptt., NIT Silchar
5. Prof. P S Choudhury, Professor, CE Deptt., NIT Silchar
6. Prof. R D Misra, Professor, ME Deptt, NIT Silchar
7. Prof. A I Laskar, Professor, CE Deptt., NIT Silchar
8. Prof. A.K Barbhuiya, Professor, CE Deptt., NIT Silchar
9. Prof. M A Ahmed, Professor, CE Deptt., NIT Silchar
10. Prof. B K Roy, Professor, EE Deptt., NIT Silchar
11. Prof. Gurudas Das, Professor, HSS Deptt., NIT Silchar
12. Prof. Satyabrata Choudhury, Professor, CE Deptt., NIT Silchar
13. Prof. P K Patowari, Professor, ME Deptt., NIT Silchar
14. Prof. Saurabh Chaudhury, Professor, EE Deptt., NIT Silchar
15. Prof. K K Sharma, Professor, ME Deptt, NIT Silchar
16. Prof. N.B. Dev Choudhury, Professor, EE Deptt., NIT Silchar
17. Prof. U. Kumar, Professor, CE Deptt., NIT Silchar
18. Prof. Sathans, Professor, EE Deptt., NIT Kurukshetra
19. Prof. Jyotirmaya Tripathy, Professor, HSS Deptt., IIT Madras
20. Prof. Asim Roy, Registrar i/c & Secretary Senate, NIT Silchar
21. Dr. Reena Sanasam, HoD, HSS
22. Dr. Agnimitra Biswas, HoD, ME
23. Dr. M. Sen, HoD, Math
24. Dr. K L Baishnab, HoD ECE
25. Dr. P. J Roy, HoD CE
26. Dr. S.K. Borgohain, HoD, CSE
27. Dr. S.H. Laskar, HoD, EIE
28. Dr. Ashim Kr. Das, HoD, DoMS
29. Dr. Arup Kr. Goswami, Asso Dean (Acad)
30. Dr. Sujit Nath, Asso Dean (Acad)

At the outset, the Chairman Senate welcomed all senate members and special invitees who attended the meeting. The Senate then initiated the discussion on the agenda items and following resolutions were adopted.

S-67/20/1: **To consider confirmation of the minutes of the 63rd, 64th (emergent), 65th & 66th (emergent) meetings of the Senate held on 23-12-2019, 09-01-2020, 15.05.2020 & 10.06.2020 respectively**

Draft minutes of the 63rd meeting were circulated to all the members of the Senate (**Annexure I**). No comments have been received on the draft minutes. The Senate may confirm the minutes.

However, the minutes of 64th meeting (emergent), 65th meeting & 66th meeting (emergent) of the Senate (**Annexure II**), (**Annexure III**), (**Annexure IV**) were confirmed on the table. The Senate may note the same.

Decision:

The Senate confirmed the minutes of the 63rd meeting of the Senate and noted the confirmation of minutes of 64th meeting (emergent), 65th meeting & 66th meeting (emergent) of the Senate.

S-67/20/2: **To consider actions taken on the decisions adopted in the 63rd, 64th, 65th & 66th meetings of the Senate**

The Senate may note the action taken report (Annexure I), (Annexure II), (Annexure III) & (Annexure IV) respectively.

Decision:

The Senate noted the action taken report on the decisions adopted in the 63rd, 64th, 65th & 66th meetings of the Senate.

S-67/20/3: **To ratify the action taken by the Chairman, Senate on the report of the committee constituted to recommend the modalities for improvement of the grade at PG level**

As authorized by the Senate in its 64th (emergent) meeting (S-64/20/1), a committee of all HoD's (except HSS Deptt.) was constituted by the Chairman, Senate for recommending the modalities for improvement of the grade at PG level. Based on the report submitted by the committee, the Chairman Senate has taken the following decisions.

(i) 3rd Sem PG students are allowed to register 02 additional credit subjects, either 'F' grade subjects or subjects for credit score improvement.

(ii) The 14 credits for 3rd & 4th sem be divided as 3rd sem-06 credits and 4th sem-08 credits. The 06 credits at the end of 3rd sem will be based on the assessment of project presentation.

The Senate is requested to ratify the action taken by the Chairman, Senate.

Decision:

The Senate ratified the action taken by the Chairman, Senate. However, since it is an amendment to the existing regulation applicable wef 2019, the Senate advised that necessary amendments be made in the regulations.

S-67/20/4: **To Consider nominations to the Standing Institute Disciplinary Committee**

As per Clause 6(a) of the B.Tech. regulations regarding conduct & discipline rules for all major acts of indiscipline, which may have serious repercussion on the students in general and/or which may warrant a uniform and more formalised nature of investigation, are to be handled by the Standing Institute Disciplinary Committee (SIDC), chaired by the Dean (SW). Among other committee members, two faculty members are to be nominated by the Senate for a period of two years. The Senate in its 55th meeting held on 23.05.2018 nominated Prof. P.S. Choudhury, CE Deptt. with immediate effect and Dr. Shyamapada Mukherjee, CSE Deptt. wef 1st August 2018. The tenure of one member has already expired whereas the tenure of other member is going to expire soon.

The Senate is requested to nominate the two faculty members of the SIDC.

Decision:

The Senate authorised Chairman, Senate to take a decision in this regard.

S-67/20/5: **To consider nomination to the Examination Disciplinary Committee**

As per Clause 6(b) of the B.Tech. Regulations the conduct & discipline rules for cases of adoption of unfair means in an examination are to be dealt by the Examination Disciplinary Committee (EDC), chaired by the Dean (Academic). Among other committee members, one faculty member is to be nominated by the Senate for a term of two years. The tenure of present member viz. Prof. A.K. Dey, CE Deptt. nominated by the Senate in its 55th meeting held on 23.05.2018 has already expired.

Senate is requested to nominate one faculty member for the EDC.

Decision:

The Senate authorised Chairman, Senate to take a decision in this regard.

S-67/20/6: **Revised Academic Calendar for July-Dec 2020 session**

In view of the COVID-19 pandemic, the academic calendar for July-Dec 2020 session have been modified with the approval of the Chairman, Senate. Copy of the same is enclosed at **(Annexure-V)**

The Senate is requested to ratify the action taken by the Chairman, Senate.

Decision:

The Senate ratified the action taken by the Chairman, Senate.

S-67/20/7: **To approve PG 1st semester Academic Calendar for July-Dec 2020 session**

The PG 1st semester Academic Calendar for July-Dec 2020 session is placed at **(Annexure-VI)**

The Senate is requested to approve the Academic Calendar.

Decision:

The Senate approved the proposed PG 1st semester Academic Calendar for July-Dec 2020 session.

S-67/20/8: **To note the conduct of special exam for the UG students of 2016 & prior batches**

On the basis of the request of the UG students having backlogs (2016 & prior batches), it was decided to conduct a special exam for them during 24 Aug 2020 – 10 Sept 2020 through online mode. Each student shall be allowed to register for a maximum of 6 (six) backlog subjects (Theory and Lab subjects) of any semester. With the approval of the competent authority, a notice was issued in this regard vide no. Acad-34/13/ dated 16.07.2020 **(Annexure-VII)**.

The Senate is requested to note the same.

Decision:

The Senate noted the decision for conduct of special exam for the UG students of 2016 & prior batches.

S-67/20/9: **To note about the conduct of special exam for the UG students of 2017 batch**

On the basis of the request of 2017 batch (6thsem) UG students, a special exam will be conducted for these batch. The students are allowed to sit for a special examination for a maximum of three backlog subjects. The evaluation procedure and time schedule of evaluation will be the same as that of special exam scheduled during Aug-Sept 2020 for 2016 and prior batches of students.

The Senate is requested to note the same.

Decision:

The Senate noted the decision for conduct of special exam for the UG students of 2017 batch.

S-67/20/10: **Revision of fees for UG/PG/PhD programme for July-Dec 2020 session**

Due to the prevailing situation rising out of the COVID-19 pandemic, a committee was constituted by the competent authority to propose fees for UG/PG/PhD programme for July-Dec 2020 session. The committee proposed the modification in the following components of the fee structure.

Components	Existing Fee (INR)	Revised Fee (INR)
Transport facility	300	0
Gymkhana/Sport fee	1000	500
*Hostel Seat Rent	1000	500
*Light and Water charges	1000	500
Cable TV	130	0
Mess Establishment	1000	500
Mess Advance (adjustable with mess bills)	14500	0
Library Fee	500	400
IT System Fee	1000	500
Medical Facility	300	0

** However, Hostel seat rent & water charges will remain unchanged for students staying in married scholar hostel.*

The Senate is requested to note the same.

Decision:

The Senate noted the revised fees for UG/PG/PhD programme for July-Dec 2020 session.

S-67/20/11: **To approve the UG syllabi (1st-8thsem) for the new curriculum in appropriate format**

The UG syllabi (1st-4thsem) for the new curriculum wef 2018 entry batch have already been approved. But, based on the NBA requirement it was felt that there should be a uniformity in the syllabi structure. As such all departments were requested to submit the syllabi in appropriate format from 1st – 8th semester. Copy of the syllabi as received from the concerned department through hard copies/email is enclosed at (Annexure-VIII). Furthermore, the content of the syllabi already approved from 1st-4th semester remained unchanged.



The Senate is requested to approve the UG syllabi.

Decision:

The Senate approved the content of the UG syllabi. However, the Senate resolved that the following be incorporated in the UG syllabi (i) Programme Educational Objective (ii) Programme Outcome and (iii) Programme Specific Outcome.

Further, the Senate requested Assoc. Dean (Acad) Dr. A.K. Goswami to compile the UG syllabi incorporating the above parameters & forward the same to all HoD's for perusal & observation, if any and authorised Chairman, Senate to approve the final UG syllabi incorporating any changes/modifications.

S-67/20/12: **To ratify the action of the Chairman, Senate in approving the seat matrices for international students in UG, PG, PhD programmes**

The Institute had received a request from ICCR for a defined seat matrix for the international students. In this regard, a committee was constituted by the Chairman, Senate to propose a seat matrix for ICCR scheme of all the programmes of the Institute along with fine tuning of the existing seat matrices for the DASA, Study in India (SII) schemes as well. Based on the decision of the Senate (S-49/17/8) wherein it was decided that the maximum cap for the international students has to be within 15% of the intake, the committee has proposed the seat matrices (**Annexure IX**) for international students in UG, PG, PhD programmes of the Institute under various schemes. The same has been approved by the Chairman, Senate.

The Senate is requested to ratify the action taken by the Chairman, Senate.

Decision:

The Senate ratified the action taken by the Chairman, Senate. Further, it is also resolved that based on the number of applications received from International students under various category, seats may be adjusted within the departments keeping the maximum limit of 15% at the Institute level.

S-67/20/13: **To ratify the action of the Chairman, Senate in respect of migration of one UG student from old curriculum to new curriculum**

Neel Kamal (1713033), a UG student of EE Deptt. after registering in the 4th semester (Jan-June 2019) had to withdraw his course due to health issues. He applied to resume his course (4th semester) from Jan 2020. Since he was a student of 2017 batch i.e. last batch of the old curriculum, his matter was referred to DUPC, EE Deptt. As per the report of the DUPC (**Annexure X**), the said student needs to migrate to the new curriculum for the rest of the semesters. In this regard, an undertaking was also sought from the concerned student that he has no objection in such migration. The proposal was approved by the Chairman, Senate.

The Senate is requested to note the same & ratify the action taken by the Chairman, Senate.

Decision:

The Senate ratified the action taken by the Chairman, Senate.

S-67/20/14: **To ratify approval of the Chairman, Senate accorded in respect of the syllabus for Programming & Data Structure (CS 221)**

The DUPC, CSE department has recommended the syllabus of Programming & Data Structure (CS 221) for 4th semester, EE Deptt. (**Annexure XI**). The same has been approved by the Chairman, Senate.

The Senate is requested to ratify the action taken by the Chairman, Senate.

Decision:

The Senate ratified the action taken by the Chairman, Senate.

S-67/20/15: **To note the punishment imposed on one UG student who adopted unfair means in the End semester re-exam held in Dec'2019-Jan'2020**

One B.Tech. student was found adopting unfair means in the End semester re-exam held in Dec'2019-Jan'2020. Depending upon the quantum of offence and approval of the Chairman, Senate, following punishment was imposed:

SN	Name of the Student/ Regn No.	Sub Code/Name of Sub.	Nature of offence	Punishment Imposed
1	Debasish Kalita 1614016	EC-1402 Power Electronics	Caught while cheating during exam. He was also found with handwritten chits during one of the subjects of the last end sem exam as well.	'F' grade was awarded in the concerned subject. Being a repeated offender, he was allowed to register this subject in an appropriate regular semester only.

The Senate must be aware of the same



18	14-1-2-106	Shekhar Sidhharth	ME	4.93	Dec. 19-Jan. 20
19	15-1-1-034	Mausom Kalita	CE	6.12	Nov. 2019
20	15-1-1-075	Vijay Chandra	CE	6.12	Nov. 2019

Ms. Ranjana Jha was admitted on 23-01-2013 as a part-time PhD student. As per the clause 7.12 of the PhD Regulation (w.e.f July 2014), “the maximum duration of the Ph.D. Program, including all granted leaves, will be 6 years from the date of admission for full-time students and 7 years for part-time students. Unless the Senate otherwise allows, the registration of a student shall stand cancelled automatically after the expiry of stipulated duration”. As such, Ms. Jha has completed her 07 years of the PhD programme on 22-01-2020.

Considering her request she w=

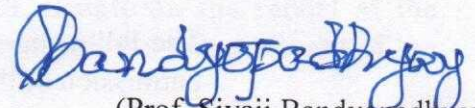
The DPPC, Department of Mechanical Engineering have submitted a proposal for modifications in the M.Tech curriculum of Mechanical Engg. The recommendation of the DPPC for the proposed modifications in the M.Tech curriculum is enclosed herewith as **Annexure-C**.

The Senate is requested to consider the proposed modification in the M.Tech. curriculum of Mechanical Engineering department.

Decision:

The Senate approved the proposed modification in the M.Tech. curriculum of Mechanical Engineering department.

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair.



(Prof. Sivaji Bandyopadhyay)
Director & Chairman, Senate