

# National Institute of Technology Silchar

## Minutes of Sixty-fifth (65<sup>th</sup>) Meeting of the Senate

The Sixty- fifth (65th) meeting of the Senate was held on 15/05/2020 at 04.00 PM through Online Mode.

The following members 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. Gurudas Das, Professor, HSS Deptt., NIT Silchar
6. Prof. A K Dey, Professor, CE Deptt., NIT Silchar
7. Prof. P S Choudhury, Professor, CE Deptt., NIT Silchar
8. Prof. R D Misra, Professor, ME Deptt, NIT Silchar
9. Prof. A I Laskar, Professor, CE Deptt., NIT Silchar
10. Prof. A.K Barbhuyia, Professor, CE Deptt., NIT Silchar
11. Prof. M A Ahmed, Professor, CE Deptt., NIT Silchar
12. Prof. B K Roy, Professor, EE Deptt., NIT Silchar
13. Prof. P K Patowari, Professor, ME Deptt., NIT Silchar
14. Prof. U. Kumar, Professor, CE Deptt., NIT Silchar
15. Prof. Saurabh Chaudhury, Professor, EE Deptt., NIT Silchar
16. Prof. N B Dev Choudhury, Professor, EE Deptt., NIT Silchar
17. Prof. Sudeshna Banerjea, Professor, Mathematics Deptt., Jadavpur University
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

At the outset, the Chairman, Senate welcomed all members who attended the meeting. He then appreciated the contributions made by the outgoing external Senate members for academic and overall development of the Institute. He also apprised the Senate about the nomination of three new external Senate members for a tenure of three years and extended gratitude to Prof. Sathans, Prof. Sudeshna Banerjea and Prof. Jyotirmaya Tripathy for accepting the offer of nomination and attending the meeting.

The Senate then initiated the discussion on the agenda items and following resolutions were adopted.

### S-65/20/1: To consider nomination of the Senate to BoG

As per clause 11(f) of the NITSER Act 2007, the Senate has to nominate two members to the BoG: one from the Professor and the other from the Asst. Professors or Lecturers of the Institute. The tenure of two Senate members nominated to BoG by the Senate in its 54<sup>th</sup> meeting (emergent) held on 02.05.2018 has expired.

The Senate in its 54<sup>th</sup> meeting resolved that nominations of the Senate to BoG will be as follows.

Nominations from the Senate members will be invited in a Senate Meeting by the Chairman, Senate. If the number of nominations received under each category (Professor and Assistant Professor) is more than one, the ruling of the Chairman, Senate regarding nominations of the Senate to the BoG will be final.

The Senate is requested to nominate 2 (two) members to the Board of Governors of NIT Silchar.



**Decision:**

*The Senate discussed the matter in details and after threadbare deliberations, the following persons were nominated by the Senate to the BoG:*

- 1) Prof. P.S. Choudhury, Dept. of Civil Engineering (Professor)
- 2) Dr. Ripon Patgiri, Dept. of Computer Science & Engineering (Asstt. Professor)

*The Chairman, Senate appreciated the contributions made by the outgoing Senate nominee to BoG.*

S-65/20/2 The Chairman Senate placed the following additional items for ratification/discussion:

- (A) To note and ratify the decisions taken regarding summer vacation and end semester exam of the final year UG & PG students in view of the COVID-19 pandemic

In view of the COVID-19 pandemic, the following decisions were taken in the interest of the Institute.

(i) Summer vacation for faculty members & students will be observed from 04.05.2020 to 07.06.2020

(ii) Minor test carrying 10 marks for students (wherever applicable) will not be held during Jan-June 2020 session. However, this 10 marks will be merged with internal assessment (10mks), thereby making the total sessional assessment of 20 marks.

(iii) In lieu of the end-semester examination, final year UG & PG students are to submit a Mini Project for each subject and the evaluation will be done by the subject teacher for 50 marks on the basis of project report and interaction with the students. This exercise along with the project viva-voce are to be completed and the marks are to be submitted to the head of the Department by 30.05.2020. The Departments will submit the grade sheets to the Academic Section after completing the due procedure within 03.06.2020 and the results will be published by 10.06.2020.

The Senate is requested to note and ratify the same.

**Decision:**

*The Senate noted and ratified the decision taken regarding (i) pre-ponement of Summer Vacation wef 04.05.2020 to 07.06.2020 for faculty members & students (ii) merger of minor test with internal assessment thereby making the total sessional assessment of 20 marks.*

*The Senate also noted and ratified the decision regarding submission of mini project for each subject in lieu of the end-semester examination for the final year UG & PG students and its evaluation by the subject teacher for 50 marks on the basis of project report and interaction with the students. Senate also opined that the subject teachers be given full flexibility in deciding the quantum of works to be done by the students for the mini project and its method of evaluation in consultation with the concerned Head. Further, it was also decided that there will be flexible date for submission of final year M.Tech. project on recommendation of the project supervisor.*

(B) **To take a decision on registration of 2nd year UG students of 2018 Batch in next semester**

As per clause 7.7(b) of the B.Tech. Ordinances & Regulations wef 2018 entry batch, "Subject to pre-requisites, a student can register courses upto fourth semester with any number of backlogs. But, to register for third year (fifth and sixth semesters) and fourth year (seventh and eighth semesters) courses, he/she needs to clear (obtain a pass grade) all the courses upto first year (first and second semesters) and second year (third and fourth semesters) courses, respectively".

It may be noted that the 2<sup>nd</sup> year students (current 4<sup>th</sup> semester) of 2018 UG batch having backlogs in first year courses cannot register for the next semester (July-Dec 2020) until these students clear the backlogs. Furthermore, as the Institute is observing summer vacation wef 4<sup>th</sup> May-07<sup>th</sup> June 2020 and considering the lockdown due to COVID-19 pandemic, the feasibility of conducting summer semester seems to be unlikely.

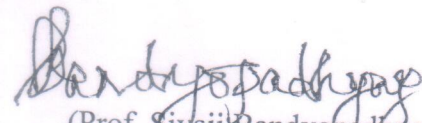
The Senate is requested to deliberate on this matter and take an appropriate decision.

**Decision:**

*The Senate discussed the issue and considering the present situation decided that, the Clause 7.7(b) of the B.Tech. Ordinances & Regulations wef 2018 entry batch requiring clearance of all the first year subjects for registration in fifth semester be waived off for 2018 batch students.*

**The Senate confirmed the minutes on the table.**

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

  
(Prof. Sivaji Bandyopadhyay)  
Director & Chairman, Senate