National Institute of Technology Silchar

Minutes of the Fifty-fifth (55th) Meeting of the Senate held on 23 May 2018 at 4:00 PM

The Fifty-fifth (55th) meeting of the Senate was held on 23 May 2018 at 4:00 PM in the conference hall of the Institute. The following members were present:

- 1. Prof. Sivaji Bandyopadhyay, Director and Chairman, Senate
- 2. Prof. F. A. Talukdar, Professor, ECE Dept.
- 3. Prof. K. M. Pandey, Professor, ME Dept.
- 4. Prof. A.K. Dey, Professor, CE Dept.
- 5. Prof. S. Baishya, Professor, ECE Dept.
 - 6. Prof. R. D. Misra, Professor, ME Dept.
 - 7. Prof. Gurudas Das, Professor, HSS Dept.
 - 8. Prof. A. I. Laskar, Professor, CE Dept.
 - 9. Prof. M. A. Ahmed, Professor, CE Dept
 - 10. Prof. P. S. Choudhury, Professor, CE Dept.
 - 11. Prof. N. Sinha, Professor, EE Dept.
 - 12. Prof. B. K. Roy, Professor, EE Dept.
 - 13. Prof. N.C. Shivaprakash, Professor, IISc Bangalore
 - 14. Dr. Santanu Roy, Head, Mathematics (Special invitee)
 - 15. Dr. Rupak Dutta, Head, Physics (Special invitee)
 - 16. Dr. Rajdeep Dasgupta, Head, EIE (Special invitee)
 - 17. Dr. S. Choudhury, Head, EE (Special invitee)
 - 18. Dr. U. Kumar, Head, CE Dept. (Special invitee)
 - 19. De. P.K. Patowari, Head, ME Dept. (Special invitee)
 - 20. Dr. B. H. Sambharkar, Head, Chemistry (Special invitee)
 - 21. Dr. N.B. Singh, Head, HSS (Special invitee)
 - 22. Mr. D. H. Das, Assoc. Dean (Academic) (Special invitee)
 - 23. Mr. Bijan Nath, Assoc. Dean (Acad. & Exam) (Special invitee)
 - 24. Dr. Arup Kr. Goswami, Assoc. Dean (Academic) (Special invitee)
 - 25. Dr. N. B. Dev Choudhury, Dean (AR) (Special invitee)
 - 26. Prof. A. K. Barbhuiya, Registrar and Secretary, Senate

At the outset, Prof. Sivaji Bandyopadhyay, Chairman, Senate welcomed all the members present. The Senate then initiated the discussions on the agenda items, and the following decisions were taken.

S-55/18/1: To consider confirmation of the minutes of the 52nd, 53rd, and 54th meetings of the Senate held on 26/03/2018, 19/04/2018, and 02/05/2018, respectively

After a detailed discussion on the comments, the Minutes for 53rd and 54th meetings were confirmed without any amendment. However, the first sentence of the minute under item S-52/18/01 of the 52nd meeting was amended and confirmed as follows:

"The Senate approved the list as forwarded by the Chairman, Senate".

S-55/18/2: To consider actions taken on the decisions adopted in the 52nd, 53rd, and 54th meetings of the Senate

Senate noted the actions taken.

S-55/18/3: To consider the proposal for inclusion of three M.Tech. subjects of EE dept. as the B.Tech. 7th semester elective subjects

The Senate approved inclusion of following three M.Tech. subjects of the EE department to the curriculum of B.Tech 7th semester EE departmental elective subjects.

Subject code	Name of subject	Remarks	Credit
EEC 502	Industrial Automation	Dept. Elective I	6
EEC 503	Digital Image Processing and Application	Dept. Elective II	6
FF 512	Smart Grid	Dept. Elective I	6

S-55/18/4: To Consider nominations to the Standing Institute Disciplinary Committee

As per Clause 6(a) of the B.Tech. Regulations conduct & discipline rules, two faculty members are to be nominated by the Senate for a period of two years to the Standing Institute Disciplinary Committee (SIDC). The Senate noted that one of the present members (Prof. R. D. Misra) is appointed as the Dean (SW), who is the Chairman of this committee. The tenure of other member (Dr. L. C. Saikia) is expiring soon (July, 2018).

In view of this, the Senate nominated the following faculty members to SIDC:

- (i) Prof. P.S. Choudhury, CE Dept. with immediate effect
- (ii) Dr. Shyamapada Mukherjee, CSE Dept. w.e.f 1st August 2018.

S-55/18/5: To consider nomination to the Examination Disciplinary Committee

As per Clause 8 of the B.Tech. Regulations conduct & discipline rules, one faculty member is to be nominated by the Senate for a term of two years to the Examinations Disciplinary Committee (EDC). The Senate noted that the tenure of the present member, viz. Prof. Satyabrata Choudhury has expired. Accordingly, the Senate nominated Prof. A.K. Dey, CE Dept. to the EDC.

S-55/18/6: To consider prayer of Ghoshika Das, an M.Tech. student for conversion from full time to part time.

Ghoshika Das, a regular M.Tech. students bearing Regn. no: 1623101 of EE department has got a job offer from the Assam PowerDistribution Company limited. She has prayed for conversion of her M.Tech. Programme from regular to part time. She has submitted NOC from her present employer. Furthermore, her prayer has been recommended by the DPPC.

The Senate considered her application and permittedthe requested conversion.

S-55/18/7: To consider modifications in the M.Tech. Regulations

The item was deferred.

S-55/18/8: To ratify the approval accorded by the Chairman, Senate in respect of swapping of two B.Tech. (7th semester), CSE subjects

The Senate ratified the action of the Chairman, Senate in approving the swapping of following two B.Tech. 7th semester, CSE subjects:

CS 1401: VLSI Design (core subject) and CS 1421: Artificial Intelligence (Elective I)

S-55/18/9: To ratify the approval accorded by the Chairman, Senate in respect of few more B.Tech. students who completed all the requirements for the award of B.Tech degree after the last Convocation (15th Convocation) and recommend the graduating students to the BOG for the award of the degree.

After the last Convocation (15th Convocation), the following more students have qualified for B.Tech. degree:

SI No.	Scholar No.	Name	Branch	Final CPI	
1	13-1-3-076	Md. Nawazish Karim	EE	5.16	
2	13-1-3-087	Abhinav Kumar Gupta EE		5.59	
3	13-1-5-069	Mandala Prem	CSE	5.18	
4	13-1-6-005	Amlan Jyoti Baruah	E&I	5.41	
5	12-1-3-096	Debjouti Deb Dip EE		4.78	
6	12-1-5-014	Chandan Kumar CSE		4.78	
7	12-1-6-006	Avinash Kumar	E&I	5.54	

With the approval of the Chairman, Senate their Provisional Certificates were issued.

The Senate ratified the action of the Chairman, Senate in approving the list of qualified students and issuance of their provisional certificates. Further, the list was recommended to the BOG for approval and award of the degree in the ensuing convocation.

S-55/18/10: Any Other Item with permission from the Chair

(A): To take a note on the punishment awarded to 6 students on account of adoption of unfair means in exams and also to consider recommendation of the concerned Examination Disciplinary Committee to amend the awarded punishment

Six B.Tech. students adopted unfair means during the special and mid semester exams held in February 2018 and March 2018, respectively. Depending upon the quantum of offence and recommendation of the Examination Disciplinary Committee (EDC), the following punishments were awarded:

SN	Name/exam	Regn no	Punishment awarded
1	Suprakash Das, (8 th sem sp. exam)	1415077	Awarded F Grade and
			debarred from registering the
			concerned subject (MA-
			1201) during 2018.
2	Prashant Kumar, (6 th sem sp. exam)	1513132	Expelled from the Institute
3	Rahul Patel, (8 th sem sp. exam)	1413002	for one year with effect from
4	S. Asish Bhusan	1614073	the current semester. During
5	Pulkit Kumar, (4 th sem sp and mid sem	1611024	this period, they were
	exams) *		debarred from all academic
6	Mayank Raj Singh, (4 th sem sp. exam)	1611020	activities of the Institute.

Subsequently, however, based on the mercy petitions by the students at sl 2-6, the concerned EDC recommended to reduce the expelled duration to one semester (Jan-June 2018) for them.

The Senate noted and endorsed the punishment and subsequent recommendation to reduce the punishment to one semester (Jan-June 2018) for the students at sl. 2-6. Further, it was also decided not to issue a second answer book to an exam RA case. Also, whenever there is an RA case, the concerned parent/guardian be informed.

(B): To consider procedure for issuance of duplicate degree certificate/grade cards

The Senate noted the present practice of issuing duplicate certificate/grade cards; viz. before issuing such a duplicate document, copies of the following are to be submitted by the students: (i) FIR lodgedfor lost/theft of the document, (ii) advertisement published in newspaperfor loss/theft of original document, and (iii) relevant affidavit. Of course, for mutilation of documents, only the original mutilated document is to be submitted.

The Senate endorsed the present practice being followed.

(C): To note the date of 16th Convocation

The Senate noted that the date fixed for 16th convocation is 23 June 2018.

(D): To take a note of the punishment awarded to B.Tech. students on account of adoption of unfair means in the recently concluded End Sem Exam and also to deliberate on the issue

Four B.Tech. students adopted unfair means during the end semester exams held in May 2018. Depending upon the quantum of offence and recommendation of the Examination Disciplinary Committee (EDC), the following punishments were awarded:

SN	Name	Regn no	Punishment awarded
	Hiresh Das		All answer scripts for the end sem exams held during 08-11 May, 2018 were treated cancelled and awarded F grade in all these four subjects. However, he was allowed to appear re-exams for the concerned subjects.
2	Silpi Sikha Saikia	1511031	Awarded F grade in the concerned subjects.
3	Aditya Kumar	1712029	However, they were allowed to appear the re- exam for the concerned subjects.
4	Kunal Choudhury	1413049	

The Senate noted and imposed additional punishment of debarring them from appearing the concerned re-exams of the concerned subjects.

(E): To consider extension period of Vivek Kumar Chaudhary, a B.Tech. student from ME deptt.

Vivek Kumar Chaudhary bearing Regn. no. 1212076, a B.Tech. student from ME department was admitted in 2012; and thus, his permissible study period (6 years) is upto June 2018. But, till now he has 17 backlogs.

The Senate considered his application and permitted extension for two more semesters (upto June 2019).

(F): To consider modalities for awarding Silver medals to PG students for this year

As per decision of the 50th meeting of the Senate (S-50/2), a committee was constituted to recommend for the complete modalities for the award of Silver medals to the PG students. Based on the interim report of the committee, the Senate approved the award based on CPI only for the batch receiving the degree in the 16th convocation to be held on 23/06/2018. For this purpose, the following eligibility criteria shall be used:

- 1. He/she has to be a regular student and pass all theprescribed subjects and cleared all other requirements, if any, obtaining an overall CPI not lower than 9.5.
- 2. He/ she scores at least 9 CPI, excluding project/thesis works.
- 3. He/she has not failed in any subject at any stage during his/her academic career in that programme.
- 4. No disciplinary action has been taken against him/her for any offence violating code of conduct at any stage during his/her academic career in that programme.

Furthermore, the committee was requested to submit its final report by 31 July 2018.

(G): To consider preponement of 8th Sem B. Tech. re-exams

The Senate approved the proposal to prepone the re-exams of the recently concluded end semester exams of the current 8th semester B.Tech. subjects to June 2018. Further, the Chairman, Senate was authorized to decide the schedule (time-table) of the same, in consultation with the Dean (Academic).

(H): To consider direct admission to Ph.D. programs of a faculty member of the Institute recruited through regular selection process

The Senate resolved that such a candidate shall have to apply against a relevant advertisement for Ph.D. admission. They shall have to appear the interview before the concerned selection committee.

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

(Prof. Sivaji Bandyopadhyay)
Director & Chairman, Senate

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