

NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY SILCHAR

MINUTES OF 85TH MEETING OF THE SENATE

DATE: 03.05.2024 TIME: 11.00 AM

The Eighty Fifth (85th) meeting of the Senate was held on **03.05.2024** at **11.00 AM** in the Conference Hall of the New Administrative Building. The following Senate members attended the meeting.

1. Prof. D.K. Baidya, Director and Chairman, Senate
2. Prof. R. Gupta, Professor, ME Deptt., NIT Silchar
3. Prof. F.A. Talukdar, Professor, ECE Deptt., NIT Silchar
4. Prof. A.K. Dey, Professor, CE 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. P.K. Patowari, Professor, ME Deptt., NIT Silchar
8. Prof. M.A. Ahmed, Professor, CE Deptt., NIT Silchar
9. Prof. A.K. Barbhuiya, Professor, CE Deptt., NIT Silchar
10. Prof. Parthajit Roy, Professor, CE Deptt., NIT Silchar
11. Prof. U. Kumar, Professor, CE Deptt., NIT Silchar
12. Prof. N.B. Dev Choudhury, Professor, EE Deptt., NIT Silchar
13. Prof. S. Chaudhury, Professor, EE Deptt., NIT Silchar
14. Prof. Brinda Bhowmick (Shome), Professor, ECE Deptt., NIT Silchar
15. Prof. S.S. Dhar, Professor, Chemistry Deptt., NIT Silchar
16. Prof. P. Barman, Professor, Chemistry Deptt., NIT Silchar
17. Prof. Ahmaruzzaman, Professor, Chemistry Deptt., NIT Silchar
18. Prof. A.K. Goswami, Professor, EE Deptt., NIT Silchar
19. Prof. L.C. Saikia, Professor, EE Deptt., NIT Silchar
20. Prof. J.P. Mishra, Professor, EE Deptt., NIT Silchar
21. Prof. S.H. Laskar, Professor, EIE Deptt., NIT Silchar
22. Prof. R.H. Laskar, Professor, EIE Deptt., NIT Silchar
23. Prof. N.B. Singh, Professor, HSS Deptt., NIT Silchar
24. Prof. Sudip Kr Roy, Professor, Dept. of Civil Engineering, IEST Shibpur
25. Prof. Asim Roy, Registrar i/c & Secretary Senate, NIT Silchar

The following special invitees also attended the meeting.

1. Dr. A. Sil, HoD, CE
2. Dr. Pinki Roy, HoD, CSE
3. Dr. S. Pati, HoD, ME
4. Dr. R. DasGupta, HoD, EIE
5. Dr. T.R. Lenka, HoD i/c, ECE
6. Dr. S.R. Mohapatra, HoD, Phy
7. Dr. K.N. Das, HoD, Maths
8. Dr. S. Panja, HoD, MS
9. Dr. R. Dutta, Assoc. Dean (Acad)
10. Dr. S.K. Tripathy, Assoc. Dean (R&C)

At the outset, the Director & Chairman Senate welcomed all the Senate members & the special invitees who attended the meeting. The Chairman, Senate apprised the house that NIT Silchar has achieved a ranking of 178 in Asia in the Times Higher Education Asia University Ranking for 2024. The Senate appreciated the efforts put in by the Institute and congratulated the stake holders for this achievement. The Senate then initiated the discussion on the agenda items and the following resolutions were adopted.

S- 85/24/01: **To consider confirmation of the minutes of the 84th meeting of the Senate held on 20.12.2023**

Draft minutes of the 84th meeting of the Senate was circulated to all the members of the Senate (**Annexure-I**). No comments have been received from any of the members on the circulated minutes.

The Senate may confirm the minutes.

Decision:

The Senate confirmed the minutes of the 84th meeting of the Senate.

S- 85/24/02: **To consider actions taken on the decisions adopted in the 84th meeting of the Senate**

The Senate may note the action taken report on the decisions adopted in the 84th meeting of the Senate at **Annexure-I**

Decision:

The Senate noted the actions taken on the decisions adopted in the 84th meeting of the Senate.

S- 85/24/03: **To consider the proposal of the committee constituted for implementing New Education Policy at NIT Silchar regarding starting of Minor Degree Program**

A committee was constituted vide order no. NITS/Estt/Committee/15/988-1030 dated 08.05.2023 for implementing New Education Policy at NIT Silchar. The said committee has submitted its report vide dated 04.12.2023 and 18.12.2023 wherein the committee has recommended to offer minor degrees at the UG level and also in the MBA program by the respective departments. The fundamental features for the functioning of the Minor Degree Program are summarised below.

1. The Minor Degree in the UG & MBA program will be offered with a credit limit of 18-22 credits. There will be 5-6 courses and one mini project of minimum 3 credits. The no. of courses (5-6) will be finalised by the respective department.
2. The department can offer a maximum of 2 Minor Degrees.
3. For offering a Minor Degree, there may be no ceiling for minimum number of students enrolled in the concerned program. However, in respect of maximum number of student capacity, the same may be decided by the concerned department.

The report of the committee along with the proposals submitted by the respective engineering departments and Management Studies is placed at **Annexure-II**.

The Senate is requested to deliberate on the matter & take a suitable decision accordingly.

Decision:

The Senate after detailed discussion agreed in principle to start the Minor Degree Program at the UG level and in the MBA program. The program will be applicable wef 2024 entry batch onwards. A student with a minimum CGPA of 8.5 and without any active backlog after the completion of 2nd semester can register for a Minor Degree Program.

However, the Senate also opined that the course structure as well as the nomenclature for the program as proposed by the respective department may be revisited by the concerned department and the revised proposal may be submitted to the Dean (Academic) for placing in the Senate.

S- 85/24/04: **To consider the report of the Committee constituted to review the current academic grading system**

The matter was placed in the 82nd meeting of the Senate under agenda item no. S-82/23/03 wherein the Senate decided that the report of the Committee constituted to review the current academic grading system be sent to HoDs of all departments for deliberation & observation at the department level. The report along with the observation of the departments (if any) be placed in the Senate for appropriate decision.

Consequently, Dean (Academic) sent the report to all the HoDs. Comments were received from the department of ECE & ME which was forwarded to the Chairperson of the committee constituted to review the current academic grading system. The comments received from the Dept. of ECE & ME along with the observation of the committee is placed at **Annexure-III**.

The Senate is requested to deliberate on the matter & take a suitable decision accordingly.

Decision:

The agenda item is deferred.

S- 85/24/05: **To consider the report of the committee constituted for framing the revised course structure with curriculum upgradation of the UG and PG program considering the NEP guidelines**

A committee was constituted vide no. Acad-23/23505-11 dated 20.02.2024, for framing the revised course structure with curriculum upgradation of the UG and PG program considering the NEP guidelines. The committee has submitted its report along with the course structure for the UG program which is placed at **Annexure-IV**.

The Senate is requested to deliberate on the matter & take a suitable decision accordingly.

Decision:

The Senate noted that the course structure only for the UG program is placed. After detailed discussion the Senate observed that the credit allotted to Lab course is very less. As such, the Senate advised that 10-15% of the total credit may be assigned to Lab courses. The revised course structure along with the curriculum for the UG be placed in the Senate for appropriate decision. A board of UG studies and PG studies may be formed by the Chairman Senate to revisit the issues framed by the Committee.

S- 85/24/06: **To consider the report of the committee constituted for framing feedback collection modalities**

A committee was constituted vide no. Acad-85/28305-03 dated 28.02.2024, for framing the feedback collection modalities of the course feedback form for mid semester and end semester. The report of the committee along with the Mid Semester and End Semester Course Feedback Form is placed at **Annexure-V**.

The Senate is requested to deliberate on the matter & take a suitable decision accordingly.

Decision:

The Senate considered the feedback forms for the mid semester & end semester and authorised the Dean (Academic) to frame the mechanism for collection of the feedback forms. However, the online feedback collection mechanism is preferred.

S- 85/24/07: **To consider the proposal of the Dept. of Management Studies for offering dual specialisation in MBA**

The Dept. of Management Studies have submitted a proposal for offering dual specialisation in Finance, Marketing and Human Resource Management with a total credit of 100. The minimum and maximum credit a student can register per semester are 22 and 29 credits respectively.

The copy of the said proposal along with the course structure for the dual specialisation is placed at **Annexure-VI**.

The Senate is requested to deliberate on the matter & take a suitable decision accordingly.

Decision:

The Senate resolved that a committee may be constituted with an outside expert and the proposal of the Dept. of Management Studies be submitted to the said committee. Subsequently, the report of the committee may be placed before the Senate for an appropriate decision. The Senate authorised Chairman, Senate to constitute the committee in this regard.

S- 85/24/08: **To consider the academic calendar for the odd semester of session 2024-25**

The Academic Calendar for the academic session 2024-25 odd semester is placed at **Annexure-VII**.

The Senate is requested to consider the same.

Decision:

The Senate after detailed discussion opined that the result of the supplementary examination should be published before the date of registration for the next semester. Further, the exact date of Convocation is yet to be finalised depending on the availability of guests. With this modification the Senate approved the Academic Calendar for the session July-Dec 2024.

S- 85/24/10: **To ratify the approval accorded by the Chairman, Senate in respect of 1 B.Tech student who completed all the requirements for the award of B.Tech degree after the last Convocation (21st Convocation) held in Nov. 2023**

Following student of UG 2019 entry batch has completed all requirements and qualified for the B.Tech degree. Consequent upon the approval of the Chairman Senate, provisional certificate has also been issued.

Sl No.	Regn No.	Name	Branch	CGPA
1	1913138	Siddharth Patel	EE	7.13

The Senate may ratify the approval of the Chairman Senate in this regard and recommend the same to the BOG for admitting the student for award of respective degree in the ensuing Convocation 2024.

Decision:

The Senate ratified the action taken by the Chairman, Senate and recommended the same to the BOG for admitting the student for award of respective degree in the ensuing Convocation 2024.

S- 85/24/11: **To ratify the approval accorded in respect of conducting the MBA admission process through online mode**

Due to the ensuing Lok Sabha Election 2024, the Department of Management Studies had conducted the admission process for the MBA program 2024 through online mode with the approval of the competent authority.

The Senate may ratify the approval accorded in this regard.

Decision:

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

S- 85/24/12: **To take a note on the punishment imposed to 03 students due to adoption of unfair means during Mid Sem Examination held in March 2024**

03 B.Tech. students adopted unfair means during the mid sem examination held in March 2024. Depending upon the quantum of offence, recommendation of the Examination Disciplinary Committee and approval of the competent authority, the following punishments were imposed.



SN	Student details	Sub Code/Name of Sub	Nature of offence	Punishment Imposed
1	Sriram Varanasi 2116164	ME-309 Power Plant Engg.	Found searching from Smart Watch	The concerned subject in which the student is caught is de-registered. The concerned students are allowed to register the respective subject only in the appropriate semester as a regular course.
2	L. Siva Sai 2213105	EE-210 Microprocessors and Microcontroller	Caught with mobile phone	
3.	R. Ganesh 2312174	EE-101 Basic Electrical Engg.	Caught with mobile phone	

The Senate may note the same.

Decision:

The Senate noted the punishment imposed to 03 students due to adoption of unfair means during the Mid Sem Examination held in March 2024.

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85/24/13: **Any other matter with the permission of the Chair**

(A) To consider the science graduate for admission to Ph.D. program in engineering discipline as a Group – B (Project Staff)

As per the present guideline following eligibility criterion are required for the Group –B (Project Staff).

Project Staff– This category refers to the candidates who work on sponsored projects in the Institute. A No Objection Certificate from the Principal Investigator of the concerned project and Dean(R &C) must be enclosed with application form (FORM III).

Eligibility for application in GROUP B:

1. Students for admission into Ph.D. Programs in Engineering Departments must satisfy one of the following criteria:
M.E. / M.Tech. or equivalent in an appropriate area with a minimum CPI of 6.5 (on a 10 point scale) or equivalent (60% of marks). For SC/ST/PwD candidates, a minimum CPI of 6.0 (on a 10 point scale) or equivalent (55% of marks).
2. Students for admission into the Ph.D. Programs in Science departments must have a Master degree in the relevant discipline with a minimum CPI of 6.5 (on a 10 point scale) or equivalent (60% of marks). For SC/ST/PwD candidates, a minimum CPI of 6.0 (on a 10 point scale) or equivalent (55% of marks) is required.
3. Students for admission into the Ph.D. Programs in Department of Management Studies must have a Master's degree in Business Administration or Master's degree in relevant disciplines with a minimum CPI of 6.5 (on a 10 point scale) or equivalent (60% of marks). For SC/ST/ PwD candidates, a minimum CPI of 6.0 (on a 10 point scale) or equivalent (55% of marks) is required.
4. Students for admission into the Ph.D. Programs in Department of Humanities and Social Sciences (HSS) must have a Masters degree in relevant field with a minimum CPI of 6.5 (on a 10 point scale) or equivalent (60 % of marks). For SC / ST/ PwD candidates, a minimum CPI of 6.0 (on a 10 point scale) or equivalent (55 % of marks) is required.

However, application received from a Project Staff joined the engineering department with a graduation and post-graduation in basic science and applied for

the Ph.D. program registration in the engineering department.

The Senate is requested to deliberate on the matter & take a suitable decision accordingly.

Decision:

Considering the paucity of time, the Senate deferred the agenda item for the next meeting of the Senate.

(B) To ratify the approval of Chairman, Senate in respect of extension of Ph.D. program

As per the clause 6.12 of the Ph.D. regulations, "the maximum duration of the program, including all granted leaves, is 06 years for the date of admission for full-time students and 07 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". The following students could not complete their studies within the stipulated periods due to various reasons, including reason related to medical issues and applied for extension to complete their works. Considering their request and on the basis of recommendations of the respective DC. The Chairman, Senate allowed extensions as listed.

S. N.	Regn. No.	Name	Dept.	Date of admission	Date of completion of duration	Extension allowed till
01.	17-3-01-102	Mr. Saleh Ahmed Mazumder	CE	16.02.2017	15.02.2024	31.12.2024
02.	17-3-01-104	Mr. Nirmalya Sarma Roy	CE	08.03.2017	07.03.2024	07.03.2025
03.	17-3-21-103	Mr. Sanjit Muchahary	HSS	16.02.2017	15.02.2024	31.12.2024
04.	17-3-21-104	Mr. Kanchan Baran Singh	HSS	20.02.2017	19.02.2024	30.06.2024
05.	17-3-05-107	Ms. Soumi Dhar	CSE	19.07.2017	18.07.2023	30.06.2024
06.	18-3-23-102	Ms. Ankita Jalan	Chem	22.02.2018	21.02.2024	31.12.2024
07.	18-3-04-106	Mr. Ravi Singh Kurmvanshi	ECE	22.02.2018	21.02.2024	31.12.2024

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

Decision:

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

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



Registrar i/c & Secretary, Senate



Director & Chairman, Senate