

**NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY KARNATAKA, SURATHKAL**  
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**MINUTES**  
**OF THE**  
**59<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the SENATE**

**Date : 28.02.2022 (Monday)**  
**Time : 03:30PM onwards**  
**Venue : Seminar Hall**  
**'C' Block - LHC**  
**N.I.T.K., Surathkal**  
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**Proceedings of the 59<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Senate of National Institute of Technology  
Karnataka, Surathkal held on February 28, 2022 (Monday) at 03:30 PM.**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Dr. Udaykumar R Yaragatti	.....	Chairman
Prof. K.V. Jayakumar	.....	External Member
Prof. N. C. Shivaprakash	.....	External Member
Dr. (Ms.) Vidya Shetty K.	.....	Member
Dr. M. S. Bhat	.....	Member
Dr. S. M. Kulkarni	.....	Member
Dr. Narendranath S.	.....	Member
Dr. B M Dodamani	.....	Member
Dr. Lakshman Nandagiri	.....	Member
Dr. Subba Rao	.....	Member
Dr. P E Jagadeesh Babu (HoD)	.....	Member
Dr. M.B. Saidutta	.....	Member
Dr. Raj Mohan B	.....	Member
Dr. Uday Kumar Dalimba (HoD)	.....	Member
Dr. A. Nityananda Shetty	.....	Member
Dr. Badekai Ramachandra Bhat	.....	Member
Dr. Arun Mohan Isloor	.....	Member
Dr. (Mrs.) B R Jayalekshmi	.....	Member
Dr. M. C. Narasimhan	.....	Member
Dr. Katta Venkataramana	.....	Member
Dr. A.U. Ravi Shankar	.....	Member
Dr. Subhash C Yaragal	.....	Member
Dr. Varghese George	.....	Member
Dr. Shashidhar G Koolagudi (HoD)	.....	Member
Dr. K. Chandrasekaran	.....	Member

Dr. Annappa	.....	Member
Dr. P. Santhi Thilagam	.....	Member
Dr. Ashvini Chaturvedi	.....	Member
Dr. Muralidhar Kulkarni	.....	Member
Dr. (Mrs.) Sumam David S.	.....	Member
Dr. John D'Souza	.....	Member
Dr. Neelavar Shekar Vittal Shet	.....	Member
Dr. Gururaj S Punekar	.....	Member
Dr. K Panduranga Vittal	.....	Member
Dr. B Venkatesa Perumal	.....	Member
Dr. Shubhanga K N	.....	Member
Dr. Jaidhar C D (HoD)	.....	Member
Dr. G. Ram Mohana Reddy	.....	Member
Dr. Ananthanarayana V. S.	.....	Member
Dr. R Madhusudhan (HoD)	.....	Member
Dr. Suresh M Hegde	.....	Member
Dr. B. R. Shankar	.....	Member
Dr. Murulidhar N. N.	.....	Member
Dr. Ravikiran Kadoli	.....	Member
Dr. G. C. Mohan Kumar	.....	Member
Dr. Gangadharan K. V.	.....	Member
Dr. S. M. Murigendrappa	.....	Member
Dr. Ravishankar K S (HoD)	.....	Member
Dr. Jagannath Nayak	.....	Member
Dr. Anandhan Srinivasan	.....	Member
Dr. Udaya Bhat K.	.....	Member
Dr. Ch. S. N. Murthy	.....	Member
Dr. Harsha Vardhan	.....	Member
Dr. Ajith K M (HoD)	.....	Member
Dr. N. K. Udayashankar	.....	Member
Dr. (Mrs.) H. D. Shashikala	.....	Member
Dr. Rajesh Acharya H (HoD)	.....	Member
Dr. Aloysius Henry Sequeira	.....	Member
Dr. K. B. Kiran	.....	Member
Dr. Mallikarjuna Angadi, Librarian	.....	Member
Shri K. Ravindranath, Registrar	.....	Secretary

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Prof. (Ms.) Anjula Gurtoo	.....	External Member
Dr. K. S. Babu Narayan	.....	Member
Dr. U Shripathi Acharya	.....	Member
Dr. Vijay H. Desai	.....	Member
Dr. Dwarakish G S	.....	Member
Dr. Kiran G. Shirlal	.....	Member
Dr. A. Mahesha	.....	Member
Dr. (Mrs.) Amba Shetty	.....	Member
Dr. A. Chitharanjan Hegde	.....	Member
Dr. Denthaje Krishna Bhat	.....	Member
Dr. K. Swaminathan	.....	Member
Dr. S. Shrihari	.....	Member
Dr. Sitaram Nayak	.....	Member
Dr. T. Laxminidhi	.....	Member
Dr. A. Kandasamy	.....	Member
Dr. Santhosh George	.....	Member
Dr. Shyam S. Kamath	.....	Member
Dr. Shrikantha S. Rao	.....	Member
Dr. H. Suresh Hebbar	.....	Member
Dr. K. Narayan Prabhu	.....	Member
Dr. Aruna M (HoD)	.....	Member
Dr. V. R. Sastry	.....	Member
Dr. M. Govinda Raj	.....	Member
Dr. M. N. Satyanarayan	.....	Member
Dr. Shashikantha Koudur	.....	Member
Chairman - CCC / System Manager, CCC	.....	Member

**PREAMBLE:**

At the outset of the meeting, Chairman welcomed all the members to the 59<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Senate.

A warm welcome was extended to the new Director In-charge, Prof. Udaykumar R Yaragatti. The Senate placed on record the services of the outgoing Director Prof. K Umamaheshwar Rao.

After a brief discussion, with the permission of the Chair, the Secretary Senate, began the deliberations on the Agenda Items.



**Item No. 59.1: Confirmation of Minutes of the 58th meeting of the Senate held on Monday, December 06, 2021 through Google Meet at N.I.T.K., Surathkal – Reg.**

**Resolution:** The Senate resolved to confirm the minutes of the 58<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Senate.

**Item No. 59.2: To consider the report on action taken on the Minutes of 58<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Senate held on Monday, December 06, 2021 through Google Meet at N.I.T.K., Surathkal – Reg.**

**Resolution:** The action taken on the minutes of the 58<sup>th</sup> Senate meeting were noted.

**Item No. 59.3: To consider the items placed before the present (59<sup>th</sup>) meeting of the Senate to be held on Monday, February 28, 2022 3:30 PM in the Seminar Hall 'C' Block, LHC, NITK, SURATHKAL.**

**Discussion and Decision Items:**

**Item No. 59.3.1: To consider and approve the admission for various UG, PG and Ph.D programmes of the Institute for the academic year 2021-22 – Reg.**

Agenda item						Resolution of the senate
Admissions to B.Tech / M.Tech / M.Tech (Research)/MCA/MBA/MSc & PhD programmes have been made as per approved regulations of the institute for the academic year 2021-22. The admission statistics during the academic year 2021-22 is as follows:						<p>The senate resolved to approve the admissions for various UG, PG and Ph.D programs of the Institute for the academic year 2021-22.</p> <p>The Senate noted the poor admissions for MBA programme and after detailed deliberations, resolved that a committee may be constituted to look into the matter regarding reduction in MBA intake.</p>
Sl. No.	Programme	Intake	Admissions 2021-22	Male	Female	
1	B.Tech	1054	979	777	202	
2	M.Tech	981	820	633	187	
3	M.Tech (Research)	63	29	20	9	
4	MCA	68	64	54	10	
5	MBA	90	45	23	22	
6	MSc (Physics)	40	34	23	11	
7	MSc (Chemistry)	38	37	19	18	
8	PhD	188	116 FT-SCH	84	32	
			16- FT-NSPON-NSCH	6	10	
9	M.Tech (Research) – Others (IR NITK/ER-SPON)	--	12	10	2	
10	M.Tech (QIP Poly )	--	1	1	--	
11	Ph.D – Others (IR NITK/ ER-SPON/FT-SPON- NSCH)	--	73	54	19	
12	Ph.D (QIP – Poly/Regular)	--	8	7	1	
<b>Total</b>		<b>2522</b>	<b>2234</b>	<b>1711</b>	<b>523</b>	

**Item No. 59.3.2:** To consider the Seat Matrix of all the academic programmes of the Institute for the Academic year 2022-23 – Reg.

Agenda item												Resolution of the senate
The seat matrix of all the academic programmes of the Institute for the Academic Year 2022-23 is placed before the Senate for approval.												The Senate resolved to approve the Seat Matrix of all Academic Programmes of the Institute for the academic year 2022-2023.
<b>Seat Matrix for the academic year 2022-23</b>												
Program	OPEN	OPEN-PwD	SC	SC-PwD	ST	ST-PwD	OBC-NCL	OBC-NCL-PwD	GEN-EWS	GEN-EWS-PwD	Total	
B.Tech	357	19	132	7	67	3	238	13	89	4	929	
M.Tech	282	15	105	6	52	3	188	10	70	3	734	
M.Tech (Research)	25	1	9	0	5	0	16	1	6	0	63	
MBA	30	2	11	1	6	0	21	1	8	0	80	
M.Sc in Chemistry	12	1	5	0	3	0	9	0	3	0	33	
M.Sc. in Physics	12	1	5	0	2	0	8	1	4	0	33	
MCA	22	1	9	0	4	0	15	1	6	0	58	
Ph.D	72	4	27	1	14	1	48	2	18	1	188	
	<b>812</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>303</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>153</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>543</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>204</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>2118</b>	

**Item No. 59.3.3:** To consider the issuance of original Degree certificate to Ms. Ananya R. Shetty – Decision of the 58th Senate Meeting to seek legal opinion – Reg.

Agenda item	Resolution of the senate
<p>Ms. Ananya R. Shetty had got provisional admission at NITK Surathkal during 2014-15 under OBC quota for B.Tech in IT. Her OBC Certificate was sent to the concerned authorities for verification and it was brought to the notice of the Institute that she does not belong to OBC category but belongs to General Category. Hence the provisional admission letter issued to her was cancelled. Ms. Ananya had filed a writ petition against the cancellation of provisional admission. As per the judgement of the Hon'ble High Court of Karnataka, Bangalore vide Writ Petition No. 14514 dated 11-11-2021, the matter pertaining to cancellation of provisional admission order issued to Ms. Ananya R. Shetty has been disposed off. The court further ordered that "Institute is directed to issue the Grade Cards and Degree Certificate to the petitioner". In view of the court order, her admission was confirmed and OM was issued for revocation of the admission order. A Provisional Degree Certificate and 8<sup>th</sup> Semester Grade card were issued to her.</p> <p>In the 58<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Senate, it was resolved to consider and approve the Degree of Ms. Ananya R. Shetty. However, the Senate resolved that a legal opinion may be sought regarding the consideration of the convocation in which the Degree may be awarded.</p> <p>Accordingly legal opinion was sought. As per the legal opinion, the student may be considered for the award of degree in 20<sup>th</sup> Convocation but showing the date of completion of degree requirements as the date of results. Ms. Ananya Shetty had competed all the degree requirements in May 2018.</p>	<p>The Senate resolved that the Degree Certificate may be issued to Ms. Ananya R. Shetty in the next (20<sup>th</sup>) Convocation with the date of completion of degree requirements as the date of results i.e. May 2018.</p>

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**Item No. 59.3.4:** To consider the request from Ms. Vijaya A.R, fulltime Ph.D research scholar of Physics Department to pardon her unauthorized absence and permit her to continue with her research work – Reg.

<b>Agenda item</b>	<b>Resolution of the senate</b>
Ms. Vijaya A.R, Roll No.158002PH15F07 had joined for Ph.D program in the Department of Physics on 31-12-2015. She remained absent in the Department from 11-12-2019 without any prior intimation to the Department. She has now requested to pardon her unauthorized absence which is due to health reasons/maternity period and to allow her to continue with the research work.	After detailed deliberations the Senate opined that the Director may take a decision on the matter after receiving required inputs from the DRPC of Physics Department.

**Item No. 59.3.5:** To consider the request from Mr. G. Narendran, Research Scholar to condone the delay in the submission of the revised thesis and to accept the thesis for further evaluation - Reg.

<b>Agenda item</b>	<b>Resolution of the senate</b>
Mr. G. Narendran (Reg. No.155138ME15F08), a Research Scholar in the Department of Mechanical Engineering had submitted his thesis in December 2019. The Examiners' comments were received in the month of June 2020. One of the examiners had suggested to revise the thesis as per his suggestions/comments and to resubmit the thesis, while the other examiner had recommended the thesis for the award of degree after minor revision. The Research Scholar has submitted the revised thesis on 09-02-2022. As per NITK Regulations for Ph.D, the submission of the revised thesis shall be made not later than one year from the date of intimation of evaluation reports to the Research Scholar. The Research Scholar has requested to condone the delay in the submission of the revised thesis and to accept the thesis for further evaluation.	The Senate resolved to condone the delay in the submission of the revised thesis by Mr. G. Narendran, Research Scholar and to accept the thesis for further evaluation.



**Item No. 59.3.6:** To consider and approve the mode of conduct of the academic activities and distribution of weightages for evaluation components for all the programmes – Reg.

Agenda item	Resolution of the senate
<p>In view of the improving pandemic situation, the Institute has planned to start the academic activities in offline mode in a phased manner. In the 58<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Senate, it was resolved that the mode of conduct of classes for various programmes and years may be decided at a later date based on the prevailing conditions at the time of academic sessions and Chairman Senate was authorized to approve any changes in the mode of conduct of the classes/academic activities.</p> <p>As approved by the Chairman-Senate,</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● The first Semester B.Tech classes would continue to be held in online mode till the end of the semester and the second semester would commence on 18<sup>th</sup> May 2022 in offline mode.</li> <li>● All the other UG,PG and Ph.D students are required to attend the offline classes /academic/Research activities of the ongoing semesters from a specified date.</li> <li>● The distribution of modified weightages as resolved in the E- Senate meeting (Item No.3) for online evaluation (End semester exam - 25-35% ; Mid semester exam 15-20%; Continuous evaluation (Quizzes /Tutorials/Assignments etc) - 45%-60%) to be adopted for all the ongoing semesters for whom the weightages have been already announced. The distribution of weightages (End semester exam- 40-50%; Mid-semester exam 20-25%; Continuous evaluation (Quizzes/Tutorials/ Assignments etc) -25%-40% ) as per G 5.5 of the NITK Regulations may be adopted for 2<sup>nd</sup> Semester MCA classes which commence from 28<sup>th</sup> February 2022.</li> </ul>	<p>The Chairman informed the members of the Senate that as per the MoE directives, all the academic activities have to start in offline mode at the earliest.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● The Senate resolved that in view of the MoE directives it may be planned to conduct the classes for first year B. Tech also in offline mode at the earliest and the date of commencement of offline classes for them may be scheduled based on inputs from the Hostels for readiness in accommodating the first year students.</li> <li>● The Senate noted the decision of Chairman Senate and resolved to approve the mode of conduct of the academic/Research activities for all the PG, PhD and higher semesters of UG in offline mode as per the specified schedule.</li> <li>● The Senate noted the decision of Chairman Senate on the adoption of distribution of weightages for evaluation and approved the same.</li> </ul>





**Item No. 59.3.7:** To consider and approve the mode of conduct of Research related Seminars of PhD and M.Tech (Research) students in Offline mode - Reg.

Agenda item	Resolution of the senate
<p>Due to the Pandemic Situation all the Research related Seminars of Ph.D and M.Tech (Research) students such as Proposal or Progress presentations, pre-synopsis Seminar and final thesis defence and viva -voce exam are being held in online mode.</p> <p>In view of the improved pandemic situation and as the full time Research scholars have been called to attend the academic/Research activities in offline mode from 1<sup>st</sup> March 2022, it is recommended that all the M.Tech (Research) students and Ph.D Research scholars present their work through open Seminars in offline mode for Proposal, progress, pre-synopsis and thesis presentations from 1<sup>st</sup> March 2022 onwards.</p> <p>It is also recommended to hold the Ph.D/M.Tech (Research) viva -voce exam in offline mode for all the Research scholars. However, special permission from the Director may be sought if the external member of the DTAC wishes to join the Thesis defence seminar virtually. In such a case, it is recommended that the offline presentation may be made by the Research scholar in the Institute in the presence of all the internal members of DTAC and appropriate arrangements may be made to facilitate the virtual participation of the external DTAC member.</p>	<p>The Senate resolved to approve the mode of conduct of Research related Seminars of PhD and M.Tech (Research) students in Offline mode from 1<sup>st</sup> March 2022.</p> <p>The Senate also resolved that in case the external examiner for the final viva voce exam wishes to join the Thesis defence seminar virtually, then the viva may be arranged in hybrid mode after obtaining special permission from the Director.</p>

**Item No. 59.3.8: Any other matters**

No other matters discussed

**Meeting ended with vote of thanks to the Chair.**



**(K. Ravindranath)  
Registrar and  
Secretary – Senate, NITK**



**(Udaykumar R. Yaragatti)  
Director In-Charge and  
Chairman – Senate, NITK**