NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY KARNATAKA, SURATHKAL

21st SENATE MEETING

Date: 4.08.2009

Time: 5.00 P.M. Venue: Main Seminar Hall N.I.T.K., SURATHKAL.

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MEMBERS PRESENT:

Prof. Sandeep Sancheti			Chairman
Prof. D.K. Subramanian	•		Member
Prof. P.V. Bhandary			Member
Prof. P.C.M. Kunhi			Member
Sri Narendran Koduvattat			Member
Dr. G.K. Shivakumar			Member
Dr. G. Srinikethan			Member
Dr. K.N. Lokesh	- 7 7		Member
Dr. R. Shivashankar			Member
Dr. A. Vittal Hegde			Member
Dr. N. Lakshman			Member
Dr. Subba Rao			Member
Dr. M.C. Narasimhan			Member
Dr. A.U. Ravi Shankar			Member
Dr. S. Shrihari			Member
Dr. Varghese George			Member
Dr. K. Swaminathan			Member
Dr. Gopal Mugeraya			Member
Dr. M.B. Saidutta			Member
Dr. A.V. Adhikari			Member
Dr. K. Chandrashekar Shet			Member
Dr. K. Chandrasekaran		•••••	Member
Sri K. Vinaykumar			Member

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Dr. S. Sumam Davi	d		Member
Dr. M. Muralidhar H	Kulkarni		Member
Dr. A.H. Sequeira			Member
Dr. K.B. Kiran			Member
Dr. Ananthanaraya	na V.S.		Member
Dr. G. Ram Mohana	a Reddy		Member
Dr. K. P. Halemane			Member
Dr. Kandaswamy			Member
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Dr. H. Suresh Hebb	par		Member
Dr. Prasad Krishna			Member
Dr. K. L. Bhat			Member
Dr. K. Rajendra Udi	upa		Member
Dr. K. Srinivasan			Member
Dr. A.O. Surendran	athan		Member
Dr. K. Narayana Pra	abhu		Member
Dr. V. Rama Sastry			Member
Dr. Ch. S.N. Murthy	y		Member
Dr. S. Sridhar			Member
Dr. G. Umesh			Member
Dr. Kasturi V. Bang	gera	1. <u></u>	Member
Sri P.G. Mohanan			Member
Dr. Mahesha			Spl. Invitee
Dr. K.R. Hebbar			Spl. Invitee
Dr. M. Govinda Raj			Secretary

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MEMBERS ABSENT:

Prof. S. Srinivas Murthy		Member
Dr. Shrikumar Suryanarayanan		Member
Dr. Sham Sadashiv Wagh		Member
Dr. P.P. Chikate		Member
Dr. D.V.R. Murthy		Member
Dr. S. G. Mayya		Member
Dr. M.K. Nagaraj		Member
Dr. Katta Venkataramana		Member
Dr. D. Venkat Reddy	·····	Member
Dr. A. Nityananda Shetty		Member
Dr. P. Prasad Rao		Member
Dr. Robert John D'Souza		Member
Dr. M.S. Bhat		Member

PRELIMINARIES:

The Chairman of Senate welcomed the members for the 21st Senate meeting. He gave a brief outline of the new initiatives undertaken by the Institute in the recent past particularly those related to QIP (Engg.), Student Internship Program (SIP) and MoUs signed with Michigan University, USA and National Instruments, Bangalore.

A. Confirmation of Minutes of 20th Meeting of the Senate held on 26.03.2009.

The Senate resolved to confirm the minutes of the 20th Senate meeting.

B. Review of Action taken on Minutes of 20th Meeting of the Senate held on 26th March, 2009 at NITK, Surathkal.

The actions taken on the minutes of 20th Senate meeting were reviewed. The Senate noted and approved all the actions taken for the various resolutions.

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C. Items placed before the 21st Senate Meeting held on 4th August, 2009.

Information/Reporting Items:

Item No. 21-Senate- C1:

Permission for Branch Change.

The Senate resolved to ratify the action taken by the Chairman Senate in allowing the branch change for 3 students (Mr. Bharath Kumar K.Y, Mr. Bishop Nath, Mr. Sangey Tsering Thongon) to join the Mining Engineering Department at the III Semester level.

Item No.21-Senate-C2:

Transfer of Ph.D. registration of Mr. Alwyn Roshan Pais-reg.

The Senate noted the action taken in permitting the transfer of Ph.D registration of Mr. Alwyn Roshan Pais from Electronics and Communication Department to IT department.

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Item No.21-Senate-C3:

Restructuring of current evaluation system-Senate subcommittee recommendations

The Senate resolved to approve the recommendation of the Senate sub committee on method of computation of SGPA/CGPA for students with the following modifications:

The Senate resolved to retain the formula for the computation of SGPA/CGPA as given in G5.12 of the curriculum with the following exception. i.e. when a student reappears for a course in which he has been awarded FF grade, SGPA will be calculated as per the number of subjects registered for that semester and CGPA computations will not once again include course credits for the failed subjects in the denominator of the formula as per G5.12 of the curriculum.

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Discussion & Decision Items:

Item No. 21-Senate-C4:

Minutes of 16th Meeting of Board of Studies held on 25.07.2009 at N.I.T.K Surathkal.

Item No: 21-Senate-C4:(16-BOS 1)

Offering Summer Term Courses for UG students who obtained fail grades (FF or FA) in subjects

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Resolution of the BOS

The BOS resolved to recommend to Senate for approval of the following:

- 1. For students of any semester (I to VIII) who get FF grade in any course, a makeup end semester examination has to be conducted in that course before the commencement of next semester. If after considering the make-up end semester examination a student passes then a passing grade DD only be awarded, and if a student fails then a FF grade will be awarded and the student is required to appear for the make-up end semester examination in the next/subsequent semesters whenever it is offered.
- 2. For students of III, VI, V and VIth semesters who obtain FA grade in any course has to repeat (re-register) that course in the subsequent semesters/sessions whenever the course is offered until a passing grade is obtained.
- 3. For students of I, II, VII and VIII semesters who get FA grade in any course, summer term has to be conducted for first year students for the first year subjects and for final year students for the final year subjects only and if a student fails again in the summer course then a FF grade will be awarded and the student is required to appear for the make-up end semester examination in the next/subsequent semesters whenever it is offered.
- 4. However for an elective course in which FF or FA grade has been awarded, the student may either appear for the make-up end semester examination/re-register for the same course or register for any other elective course in the next/subsequent semesters.
- 5. In view of the above changes made in the FF and FA grades, the BOS also resolved to recommend to senate that the provisions existing in the present curriculum regarding the award of E grade be removed.

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Resolution of the Senate

- A. The students who have been awarded FF grade in any semester may be allowed for make up end-sem exam and after considering the make up end semester examination, if a student passes, then a minimum passing grade of DD only be awarded. However, if a student is willing then he/she will have the option to re-register in the subsequent semesters for the course in which he/she has been awarded FF grade and the student can be awarded the regular grade as per the performance and class distribution.
- B. Students who have been awarded FA grade in any course have to necessarily re-register for the course as and when it is offered. However, the students of Ist and final year who obtain FA grade in any course may be allowed to register for only Ist year and final year courses respectively to be offered during the summer term.
- C. In view of above resolutions the Senate resolved to remove the existing provisions for the award of E grade from the present curriculum.

Item No: 21-Senate-C4: (16-BOS 2)

Open Elective Courses offered by various departments for UG students admitted during academic year 2008-2009 onwards – General guidelines.

Resolution of the BOS:

- 1. To remove the open elective category and the subjects listed under it from the course structure of all the departments in the B. Tech curriculum
- 2. To request each parent department to list all the elective courses under the PSE category, to specify the total number of credits to be earned by students under the elective category and also to specify the minimum number of credits (not less than 18) to be earned by their students from the programme specific elective courses offered by their department. For the remaining credits to be earned under the elective category, the students may either register for more elective courses from the parent department or with the approval of the faculty advisor and the HOD of the parent department may be permitted to register for any Core/PSE courses offered by any department other than the parent department and the same may be treated as elective courses.
- *3. The BOS also resolved to recommend that the above changes be implemented for the students admitted during the academic year 2008-09 and 2009-10 onwards.*

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Resolution of the Senate:

The Senate discussed in detail with regard to the curriculum structure regarding the programme specific and open electives. The Senate resolved to retain the same structure and to modify the credit requirements under the elective (both program specific and open electives) category with the following modification.

The number of credit requirements under the Program Specific Elective should not be less than 18 credits. The students shall have the option to earn the required credits under Program Specific Elective and Open Electives by registering for courses which are listed and offered under the Program Specific Elective and Open Electives category in the curriculum. The Senate further resolved that the students can have the option to complete the total credit requirements under elective category by registering for courses under the programme specific elective category offered by the parent department itself.

The Senate also resolved that the above changes are to be implemented for the students admitted during the academic year 2008-09 and 2009-10 onwards.

Item No: 21-Senate-C4: (16-BOS 3) Changing UG courses / Addition on New UG courses Open Electives / Revision of Syllabus - Applied Mech. Dept.

Resolution of the BOS:

The BOS resolved to recommend to the Senate for approval of the revision of course title, code, contents and addition of elective courses proposed by the Applied Mechanics and Hydraulics Department and to be implemented in the B.Tech curriculum from the academic year 2009-10 onwards. It was also resolved to request the HOD of Applied Mechanics to change the title of the course AM 401 Introduction to Digital Image Processing and to get the concurrence of HODs of other departments for which these courses are offered about these changes.

Resolution of the Senate:

The Senate resolved to approve the recommendation of BOS regarding the modification in the course content and introduction of new electives proposed by Applied Mechanics Department.

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Item No: 21-Senate-C4: (16-BOS 4) Revision in the B.Tech Curriculum 2009 onwards – E &C Dept.

Resolution of the BOS

The BOS resolved to recommend to the Senate for approval of the revision of course structure and contents proposed by the E&C Department to be implemented in the B.Tech curriculum from the academic year 2009-10 onwards.

Resolution of the Senate

The Senate resolved to approve the recommendation of BOS regarding revised B.Tech curriculum of Electronics and Communication Engineering.

Item No: 21-Senate-C4: (16-BOS 5) Addition of two New Elective Courses for UG – Mechanical Dept.

Resolution of the BOS

The BOS resolved to recommend to the Senate for approval of the addition of two new elective courses proposed by the Mechanical Engineering Department to be implemented in the B.Tech curriculum from the academic year 2009-10 onwards. It was also resolved to request the HOD of Mech. Engg. Department to change the title of the course "Introduction to computer graphics".

Resolution of the Senate

The Senate resolved to approve the recommendation of BOS regarding Introduction of two new elective courses proposed by Mechanical Engineering Department.

Item No: 21-Senate-C4: (16-BOS 6) Change of Code of the subject ME411 to ME387– Mechanical Dept.

Resolution of the BOS

The BOS resolved to recommend to the Senate for approval of the change of the course code ME411 of the subject "Integrated Product Development and Prototyping" to ME387 proposed by the Mechanical Engineering department to be implemented in the B.Tech curriculum from the academic year 2009-10 onwards.

Resolution of the Senate

The Senate resolved to approve the recommendation of BOS regarding the proposal of the Mechanical Engineering Department to change the course code number from ME411 to ME387 for the subject

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"Integrated product Development and Prototyping" to be effective from the academic year 2009-10.

Item No: 21-Senate-C4: (16-BOS 7)

Remove Pre-requisites from the open electives - Metallurgical & Materials Engineering Department.

Resolution of the BOS

The BOS resolved to recommend to the Senate for approval of the request made by the DUGC of Metallurgical and materials Engg. Department to remove the pre-requisites required to register for the elective subjects listed under the open elective category to be implemented in the B.Tech curriculum from the academic year 2009-10 onwards.

Resolution of the Senate

The Senate resolved to approve the recommendation of BOS regarding the proposal of the Metallurgical & Materials Engineering Department to remove pre-requisites for all open elective courses.

Item No: 21-Senate-C4: (16-BOS 8, 9)

Inclusion of New Elective Course in B.Tech curriculum - Metallurgical & Materials Engg. Dept.

Resolution of the BOS

The BOS resolved to recommend to the Senate for approval for the elective course Science and Technology of Nano Materials (3-0-0) proposed by the Metallurgical and Materials Engg. Department be offered at the postgraduate level and the VIII semester B. Tech students be allowed to register for the same as elective course.

Resolution of the Senate

The Senate resolved to approve the recommendation of BOS regarding the proposal of the Metallurgical & Materials Engineering Department to allow the VIII semester B.Tech students to attend the elective course "Science & Technology of Nano-materials" to be offered at the post graduate level.

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Item No: 21-Senate-C4: (16-BOS 10)

Inclusion of B.E /B.Tech Industrial production as a qualifying degree for entry into M.Tech Programme - Metallurgical & Materials Engg. Dept

Resolution of the BOS

The BOS approved the inclusion of B.E / B.Tech in Industrial Production as qualifying degree for entry into M.Tech process Metallurgy.

Resolution of the Senate

The Senate resolved to approve the proposal of the Metallurgical & Materials Engineering Department to include B.E/B.Tech (Industrial Production) as a qualifying degree for M.Tech (Process Metallurgy) course.

Item No: 21-Senate-C4:(16- BOS 11) Request for Recognition as Research Guide – Introduction of specific format

Resolution of the BOS

The format proposed for the reorganization as Research Guide request is approved with minor modifications.

Resolution of the Senate

The Senate resolved to approve the new format proposed for recognition of internal / external faculty / guide as research guide for our Institute research scholars.

Item No: 21-Senate-C4: (16-BOS 12)

Names and Address of referees for Ph.D thesis evaluation to be placed in the Senate with a note of thanks

Resolution of the BOS

The proposal of placing the names and addresses of Ph.D examiners after the viva-voce in the Senate is approved. Along with this, the comments of the references are also may be placed.

Resolution of the Senate

The Senate resolved to approve the proposal of placing abstract of evaluation reports of Ph.D theses as a reporting item. It is further resolved that, the full original reports of all the examiners will be placed before the Senate only in those cases of rejection by one of the examiners.

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Item No: 21-Senate-C4: (16-BOS 13)

Discussion on faster and effective review process to avoid delay in the evaluation of Ph.D thesis

Resolution of the BOS

To avoid the delay in the evaluation of Ph.D thesis it was proposed to send the thesis to three examiners and recommendation by two references would be sufficient to award the degree. Also, it was proposed to send the synopsis to the examiners after the submission of the thesis to avoid the waiting period for the examiner between the synopsis submission and thesis submission. The above two proposals are approved by the BOS.

Resolution of the Senate

The Senate resolved to reject the proposal of sending the Ph.D thesis to 3 examiners to avoid the delay in the evaluation. It is further resolved that, the waiting period between the synopsis and thesis submission be reduced from 6 months to 3 months.

Item No: 21-Senate-C4: (16-BOS 14)

Revised & re-named program of M.Tech in Rock Excavation Technology & Management – Mining Department

Resolution of the BOS

The Department of Mining Engineering has proposed the revised and renamed M.Tech program in Rock Excavation Technology and Management. The BOS, in principle approved the proposal. However, it was suggested to get the comments from the related companies before placing it to the Senate. Also, the eligibility criterion for the program is also to be defined.

Resolution of the Senate

The Senate resolved to approve in-principle the proposal of the Department of Mining Engineering for the revised course structure and title and eligibility criteria for their PG Programme "Rock Excavation Technology & Management". The Senate further resolved to get the feed back from the industries before considering it for further implementation.

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Item No: 21-Senate-C4: (16- BOS 15) Introduction of a new elective course for M.Sc Programme - Chemistry Dept

Resolution of the BOS

The proposal by the Chemistry Department to introduce new elective course CY 865 Chemistry of nano-materials for M.Sc program is approved.

Resolution of the Senate

The Senate resolved to approve the proposal of Chemistry Department to introduce the new elective course on Nano- materials.

Item No: 21-Senate-C4: (16- BOS 16) Revision of Syllabus for M.Sc Programme - Physics Dept.

Resolution of the BOS

The Department of Physics has proposed the revised course contents for PH 751 Condensed Matter Physics. The matter was approved by BOS. However BOS has suggested to structure all PG courses as (3-1-0) or (4-0-0) depending on the tutorial component present in the course.

Resolution of the Senate

The Senate resolved to approve the proposal of Physics Department for the revised syllabus contents of PH751 condensed Physics.

Item No: 21-Senate-C4:(16-BOS 17)

Revision of Syllabus & addition of new courses for Postgraduate programs - Applied Mechanics Dept.

Resolution of the BOS

The Department of Applied Mechanics & Hydraulics has suggested modifications/inclusion of new courses for its PG Programmes. BOS has in principle approved the proposal subjected to verification of course contents, titles with other departmental courses to avoid duplication. Also, it was suggested to spell out the experiments to be conducted in the lab courses. The department has proposed to bring in the changes from the current academic year itself. The matter is placed before the Senate for approval.

Resolution of the Senate

The Senate resolved to approve the Revision in the course contents and new courses proposed for Postgraduate programmes of Applied Mech. Department. However, the Senate resolved that the laboratory courses should have list of experiments and maintain commonality with other

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courses of other programmes. The HOD of Applied Mechanics & Hydraulics department will get the necessary changes approved by the concerned DPGC to the Chairman, Senate for his approval.

Item No: 21-Senate-C4: (16-BOS 18) Inclusion of new 900 level courses - Applied Mech. Dept.

Resolution of the BOS

The Department of Applied Mechanics & Hydraulics has proposed 900 Level courses. The BOS has resolved to approve the same. The matter is placed before the Senate for approval.

Resolution of the Senate

The Senate resolved to approve the proposal of Applied Mech. Department to introduce new 900 level courses.

Item No: 21-Senate-C4: (16-BOS 19) Recognition as Research Guides

Resolution of the BOS

The BOS resolved to approve the following faculty members of NITK as Research Guides

Dr. Nagaraj. H.S - Physics Department Dr. Indranni Gogoi – Civil Engg. Department Dr. Ashvini Chaturvedi – Electrical & Electronics Department Dr. Shanthi Thilagam – Computer Engg. Department Dr. T.G. Basavaraju - Computer Engg. Department Prof. G. Ram Mohana Reddy – Information Technology Department Dr. Prakash Raghavendra - Information Technology Department

Resolution of the Senate

The Senate resolved to approve recommendation of the BOS.

Item No: 21-Senate-C4: (16-BOS 20) Addition of New Elective Courses for PG MF - Mechanical Dept.

Resolution of the BOS

The Department of Mechanical Engineering has proposed new elective courses – Computer graphics with applications for M.Tech Manufacturing Engg. The BOS has felt that the title and the course content to be re looked to avoid

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duplication with the other department courses. The revised proposal (Annexure XV) is placed before the Senate for approval.

Resolution of the Senate

The Senate resolved to approve the proposal of Mechanical Engineering Department for the introduction of new elective courses for their PG Programme.

Item No: 21-Senate-C4 : (16-BOS 21) Open Electives - Mechanical Dept.

Resolution of the BOS

In lieu of the decision taken under ITEM NO:16-BOS-2, the matter listed under ITEM NO:16-BOS-21 need not be considered for discussion.

Resolution of the Senate

The Senate noted the withdrawal of the subject with respect to the open electives.

Item No: 21-Senate-C4: (16-BOS 22) Corrections in the 2007 B. Tech curriculum of Metallurgical and Materials Engg. Department

Resolution of the BOS

The BOS resolved to recommend for approval to Senate the corrections in the course offering semesters for the subjects HU300 and HU301 in the 2007 B. Tech curriculum of Metallurgical and Materials Engg. Department as proposed by the Department of Humanities, social science and Management.

Resolution of the Senate

The Senate resolved to approve the recommendation of BOS regarding certain modifications in the B.Tech Curriculum of Metallurgical and Materials Engg. Department.

Item No: 21-Senate-C4: (16-BOS 23) New course registration procedure-Use of faculty advisor's copy.

Resolution of the BOS

The BOS resolved to recommend to Senate for approval that in order to accommodate more columns for elective courses in the faculty advisor's copy it

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was resolved that the entries may be made in two cards, one card exclusively for all the core courses and the other for all the elective courses.

Resolution of the Senate

The Senate resolved to approve the recommendation of BOS regarding the proposal to introduce the new course registration procedure.

Item No: 21-Senate-C4: (16- BOS 24) Offer of an Elective Course – Civil Engineering Department

Resolution of the BOS

The Department of Civil Engineering has proposed new elective course EN817 Environmental Management. However, BOS felt that the proposed syllabus needs to be elaborated with additional references and to be placed before the Senate for approval.

Resolution of the Senate

The Senate resolved to approve proposal of the Civil Engineering Department to introduce the new elective course "EN817 Environmental Management."

Item No: 21-Senate-C4: (16-BOS 25)

Additional of a New Course / Changing Course Code – Humanities, Social Sciences & Management Department

Resolution of the BOS

The Department of Humanities has proposed Addition of a new Course at 800 level and Changing HU 900 level course code to HU800level course. The BOS resolved to recommend to the Senate for approval.

Resolution of the Senate

The Senate resolved to approve the introduction of new course at 800 level and change of course code proposed by the Humanities, Social Sciences & Management Department.

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Item No: 21-Senate-C4: (16-BOS 26)

Recognition as Research Guide for guiding the Research work of Ph.D student in the Mechanical Engineering Department

Resolution of the BOS

Resolved to approve Dr. Ramesh M. R. Assistant Professor of Mechanical Engg. Department of "Reva Institute of Technology and Management" as additional guide for the part time Ph.D student Mr. B Somasundaram Research scholar Department of Mechanical Engg., NITK, Surathkal.

Resolution of the Senate

The Senate noted the recognition of Dr. Ramesh M.R. – Assistant Professor of Mechanical Engg. Department of "Reva Institute of Technology and Management" as additional guide for the part time Ph.D student Mr. B Somasundaram Research Scholar, Department of Mechanical Engg., NITK, Surathkal.

Item No.21-Senate- C5:

Branch Change option for DASA students.

The Senate resolved to keep the guidelines for branch change same as that of those students admitted through AIEEE. DASA students can opt for branch change within the vacancies if available among the seats allotted for them. This may be implemented from the academic year 2010-11.

Item No. 21-Senate-C6:

Strategic Plan for NITK.

A detailed presentation on the revised Strategic Plan was made by the convener, to the members. After detailed discussion and minor modifications the Senate resolved to approve the Institution strategic plan and recommended the same for further consideration and approval of BOG.

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Item No.21-Senate-C7:

Extension of Ph.D Registration for Research Scholars.

The Senate resolved to defer the subject regarding the framing of norms for granting extension of Ph.D registration for research scholars.

Item No.21-Senate-C8:

Extension of Ph.D registration for Mr. Ganesh-reg.

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The Senate resolved to approve the request of Mr. Ganesh (Reg No: 03221076A) for extension of his Ph.D registration for a further period of 8 months from 28-7-2009, as recommended by the DRPC of the department.

Item No. 21-Senate-C9:

Approval of Ph.D thesis of Mr. Radheshyam of Department of Applied Mechanics & Hydraulics-reg.

The Senate resolved to approve the request of Mr. Radheshyam of Department of Applied Mechanics and Hydraulics to allow him to submit the Ph.D thesis. The Senate further resolved that, this should not be quoted as precedence in future.

Item No.21-Senate-C10:

Permission for delayed submission of research proposal by Mr. Sanjay G. Patil of Applied Mechanics department

The Senate resolved to approve the request of Mr. Sanjay G Patil of Department of Applied Mechanics and Hydraulics to allow him to submit the research proposal as per his request, before December, 2009.

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Any other Matter:

Item No. 21-Senate-C11:

Conversion of vacant seats in M.Tech/M.Sc programmes under OBC/Sponsored category to General category

The Senate resolved to approve the proposal of converting the vacant seats in M.Tech, M.Sc programmes under the OBC and sponsored seats category to general category as per the MHRD, GOI letter No. -1-1/2008 (II)-U.1A dated 16th October, 2008.

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Meeting ended with vote of thanks to the Chair.

(M. Govinda Raj) Secretary-Senate, NITK

(Sandeep Sancheti) Chairman-Senate, NITK

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