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Minutes of 54th Meeting of Senate

The 54th meeting of the Senate of NIT Raipur was held on December 20, 2024, from 3:00 PM at the C.V. Raman Hall of NIT Raipur. The attendance of the meeting is attached as Annexure-A.

The Chairman Senate extended a warm welcome to all members present at the meeting. External members Dr. C. N. Bhende, Dr. Nirmala Menon, and Dr. S. Umare could not attend the meeting due to their prior commitments/ illness; therefore, they were granted leave of absence.

The Chairman welcomed all the members present at the meeting. After ascertaining the quorum, the meeting commenced with a presentation delivered by the Dean (Academics), IIM Vizag, on the blended MBA program aligned with NEP 2020, incorporating provisions for multiple entry and exit, offered by IIM Visakhapatnam. The program was introduced as a proposed collaborative initiative between IIM Vizag and NIT Raipur.

Following the presentation, with the permission of the Chair, the Dean (Academics) presented the details of the agenda items.

Following is the discourse of the meeting:

Agenda	Agenda Point
54.1	To confirm the minutes of the 53 rd meeting of the Senate held on 24.09.2024.
Resolution	The minutes of the 53 rd meeting was circulated among the members, and no comments were received. The Senate confirmed the minutes of its 53 rd meeting held on 24.09.2024.
54.2	To note the Action Taken Report on the minutes of meeting of the Senate.
Resolution	The Senate noted the Action Taken Report (ATR) based on the minutes of the 53 rd Senate meeting held on September 24, 2024. For item 53.2.1, the report of review of results of Winter 2024 examination was presented by Dean (AA). It was directed by the house to formulate Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) for DAC and collation teams to minutely examine the results before its declaration. The Winter 2024 examination results were then ratified by the House. It was also directed that suitable SOP for question paper setting, grading, etc. should also be prepared and circulated. All other ATR's were noted by the House.
54.3	(i) To ratify the pending PG results of Autumn 2024. (ii) To ratify the approval of changes in dates of Autumn 2024 ESE schedule.
Resolution	The point wise resolutions of the agenda items under 54.3 are as follows: (i) The Senate ratified the pending PG results of Autumn 2024. (ii) The Senate ratified the changes in dates of Autumn 2024 ESE schedule.
54.4	To approve the academic calendar of the academic session Spring 2024-25.
Resolution	The Senate approved the academic calendar for the Spring 2024-25 academic session. In addition, the Senate recommended that the grievance submission period, currently set at one week in the ordinance, be reduced to three working


	<p>days between the interim and final results. This change is to be applied to all programs wherever mentioned in the respective ordinances, and the necessary updates are to be made in the ordinances accordingly. It was also resolved that the late fee for semester registration, hence forth, be set at ₹500=00 per working day. The House also instructed that, remedial classes to the students failing in the ESE, whenever deemed necessary, be provided by the department after the declaration of interim results.</p> <p>The Senate instructed to correct the proposed academic calendar for Summer Semester 2025 by including 9th and 10th semesters of the B.Arch. program as well.</p>
54.5	<p>(i) To submit the report of the committee regarding the changes in Clause R 6.2 of PhD Ordinance for necessary discussion.</p> <p>(ii) To submit the report of the committee regarding recovery of scholarship from stipendiary PG/PhD scholars leaving the institute in the middle of the programme.</p>
Resolution	<p><i>The point wise resolutions of the agenda items under 54.5 are as follows:</i></p> <p>(i) The Senate approved the recommendations of the committee and resolved that</p> <p>(a) Those part-time PhD scholars, whose NoC do not explicitly mention the 30-day contact period per semester as stipulated in R.6.2 of the PhD ordinance, must submit an undertaking during the registration of each subsequent semester, stating that they have fulfilled the stipulated condition as per clause R.6.2 of the Ph.D. ordinance in the last semester.</p> <p>(b) Further, it was also resolved that the above-mentioned undertaking shall, then, have to be certified by the supervisor(s) and submitted to the Chairperson (DRC) along with the hard copy of the scholar's progress report in every semester.</p> <p>It is to be noted that failing to comply with (a) and/or (b), as listed above, shall amount to non-compliance of the PhD R.6.2 and may call for further necessary action, as recommended by the DGC in his/her progress report.</p> <p>(ii) The House noted the report of the committee and resolved that, an Affidavit from the Full-Time scholar to be paid the institute scholarship must be obtained at the time of admission wherein the candidate must declare that s/he will refund the scholarship paid if the candidate leaves the programme in between on his/her own accord. The detailed Affidavit shall be drafted and will get legally vetted by the Registrar/Dean (AA).</p>
54.6	<p>(i) To consider and approve the syllabus of the newly developed course 'Artificial Intelligence and Machine Applications in Engineering and Technology' offered by the Department of Civil Engineering.</p> <p>(ii) To consider and approve the syllabus of new open elective courses for UG programmes offered by the Department of Chemistry.</p>
Resolution	<p><i>The point wise resolutions of the agenda items under 54.6 are as follows:</i></p> <p>(i) The House approved the syllabus of the newly developed course 'Artificial Intelligence and Machine Applications in Engineering Technology offered by the Department of Civil Engineering.</p> <p>(ii) The House approved the modification as proposed in 54.6 (ii)- a (to modify the existing syllabus of M.Sc. in Chemistry). For 54.6 (ii) b (regarding proposals to offer open elective courses for different academic programmes by the department of Chemistry and department of Physics), the House recommended constituting a sub-committee to look into the proposals of updating the schemes and syllabus of courses for UG/PG programmes as</p>


	offered from time to time. All such proposals shall, subsequently, be put up in Senate with recommendations of this committee.
54.7	To put up the proposed revision in curriculum/syllabus of Biomedical Engineering for discussion.
Resolution	From the entire proposal of Biomedical Engineering comprising of three parts, the House approved the first part only, namely 'Changes/modifications in subject content'. The remaining two parts have been put on hold till the implementation of new UG scheme.
54.8	To submit the new scheme and syllabus of M. Tech (Three Year programme) in Applied Geology for discussion and approval.
Resolution	The Senate approved the newly proposed scheme of the syllabus for the M.Tech. (3-Year Program) in Applied Geology, as recommended by the DAC, in principle (w.e.f. 2025-26). However, it was directed that the option of Multiple Entry and Multiple Exit shall be exercised along with other programmes of NIT Raipur to maintain the uniformity. It was also directed to ensure that the number of credits must be the same as prescribed in the National Credit Framework (NCrF). Furthermore, the house also approved the proposed modifications in the syllabus of the M. Tech. in Information Technology program. The new changes for both programmes shall be effective from academic session 2025-26.
54.9	To review the reports of academic audits of all departments.
Resolution	The summary of academic audits of all the teaching departments for the academic year 2023-24 were noted by the Senate. Further, Chairman Senate instructed the respective Head of the departments to submit the detailed justification regarding the outcomes of the audit report and measures to rectify the shortcomings reported in the audit reports.
53.10	To recommend the list of degree recipients and decide upon the last date to consider the PhD degree for award in 15 th Convocation.
Resolution	The Senate recommended the list of degree recipients for UG, PG, and PhD programs for the 15 th Convocation of the Institute, proposed to be held in February 2025, to the Institute's Board of Governors (BoG) for approval. Additionally, the Senate, also, authorized the Chairman, Senate & Director to recommend, to BoG, the additional list of degree recipients (of UG, PG, Ph.D.) whose provisional degree is released till 14.02.2025, for the 15 th Convocation. The Senate also approved the modality of sending all the degree recipients to the stage during the Convocation. The Senate, also, unanimously approved the proposal to confer a DSc (Honoris Causa) upon the special guest of the 15 th Convocation, Dr. S. Somanath, Chairman of ISRO, Chairman of the Space Commission, and Secretary of the Department of Space, Government of India.
54.11	To recommend the list of medal recipients for 15 th Convocation.
Resolution	The Senate recommended the list of medal recipients for UG & PG programs for 15 th convocation of the Institute to the BoG for approval. It was further resolved that from the academic session of UG and PG from Autumn 2024, and its subsequent 16 th Convocation, medals shall NOT be awarded in those programs/departments where the number of degree recipients is less than 50 percent of the intake.
54.12	To consider the proposed modification in the education verification policy of students related to campus placement.
Resolution	The Senate approved the proposed modification in the education verification

	policy of students related to campus placement and in line with this, also, directed to increase the verification fee similar to that charged by other CFTIs. The final fee shall be determined after reviewing the fee structures of peer institutes. The Senate also approved the policy of assigning the rights to the Professor In-Charge of Placement for the verification of students' academic details. These rights shall be provided by the CoE.
54.13	To consider the proposed modification regarding award of grade in UFM cases of B category.
Resolution	After deliberation, the House resolved that an 'E' grade will be awarded to students found using unfair means in category B of the Institute UFM rules when they appear and pass in the supplementary examination, similar to the grading system for students who are absent without a valid reason, who are awarded an 'E' grade irrespective of their performance in the supplementary examination. This aims to bring uniformity to the grading system and reduce cases of UFM. This shall be effective from Spring 2025 academic session. The UFM rules shall be amended accordingly.
54.14	To consider the assessment modality for make-up examinations across all academic programmes.
Resolution	After deliberation, the House approved the following modality for the assessment of make-up mid-semester examinations (in UG & PG): <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Only 75% weightage of make-up mid-semester examinations will be taken for grading. 2. The fee will be ₹ 2000 = 00 per student for each permitted subject. 3. Both the modalities, as mentioned above, will be relaxed for students who have been granted leave of absence by the Institute for sports or other valid reasons as accorded in ordinance. The ordinances will be amended accordingly.
54.15	To consider the matter of discontinuing the supplementary examination after summer semester.
Resolution	The Dean AA requested for withdrawal of the above agenda, which was permitted by the House. It was further resolved that only those students of the 7 th and 8 th semester shall be allowed to register in summer semester for the subjects in which the student has been awarded 'R' grade in the preceding exams of 7 th and 8 th semester(s). The B. Tech. ordinance will be amended accordingly.
54.16	Supplementary Agenda
54.16 (i)	To consider and approve the proposal to withdraw the tuition fee waiver for SC/ST/PH students in the M.Sc. program from the academic year 2025-26.
Resolution	The Senate approved the proposal to withdraw the tuition fee waiver for SC/ST/PH students in the MSc program, effective from the academic year 2025-26. This decision will be notified in the upcoming FC meeting.
54.16(ii)	(ii) To consider and approve the proposal for web enabled M Tech courses submitted by NSDC in collaboration with NIT Raipur.
Discussion	The proposal for the web-enabled M.Tech. course was presented by the Dean, Academics Affairs and the matter was discussed at length in the House.
Resolution	The Senate, in principle, agreed to the proposal by NSDC for web-enabled M. Tech. courses. It was further decided that a separate ordinance for blended/web-enabled courses would be prepared by the Office of the Dean (Academics). To decide upon the modalities of the proposed program, a separate committee shall be constituted. Further, Chairman Senate emphasized the need to refer to

	practices at IIT Hyderabad and other peer NITs and IITs offering web-enabled M. Tech. courses to help in developing the detailed modalities for implementing the program at NITRR. The HoDs were also informed to submit proposals for such programs from their respective departments.
54.16(iii)	Modification in clause 4.I.1.iv of B. Arch. Ordinance for award of NA grade in subjects which are assessed in two modes.
Discussion	<p>It was apprised by Dean, Academic Affairs, that in the scheme of B. Arch. VIIth semester Building materials and construction techniques VII has two components, theory part and Viva Voce. The assessment is done on the basis of combined marks obtained in the two components. This time one of the students appeared in the theory component and was unfortunately not able to attend the viva-voce component that was held on the next day due to an accident. Under such conditions, a student will be declared fail in both the components as per the provision in the current Ordinance of B. Arch.</p> <p>In light of this eventualities, it is proposed that, for absence in any one of the components due to genuine reason (as mentioned in B. Arch. Ordinance 4. I. 1.iv) shall be eligible for award of NA grade in the missed component only. The marks obtained in the other component shall be kept pending till the evaluation in the supplementary examination of the NA component is done and then the final evaluation will be made on the basis of combined marks obtained in both the components.</p>
Resolution	The Senate approved the changes in clause 4. I. 1.iv of B. Arch. Ordinance, as proposed. The ordinance of B. Arch. shall be updated accordingly.

Subject to discussion and resolution of all the listed agenda points, the meeting ended with vote of thanks to the Chair.


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