



SARDAR VALLABHBHAI NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY, SURAT

Minutes of the *Thirty Seventh* meeting of the *Senate* of the Sardar Vallabhbhai National Institute of Technology, Surat was held on *Sunday, the 20th November 2016, at 11:00 a.m.* onwards in the *Conference Room of the Institute Guest House at Surat.*

The following members were present in the meeting:

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| (1) | Dr. S. R. Gandhi, Director | : Chairman |
| (2) | Dr. Amit Prashant, Dean (Academic) IITGN | : External Member |
| (3) | Dr. P. L. Patel, Dean (Academic) SVNIT, Surat | : Member |
| (4) | Dr. S. M. Yadav, Dean (A&RG), SVNIT, Surat | : Member |
| (5) | Dr. J. N. Patel, Professor, CED, SVNIT, Surat | : Member |
| (6) | Dr. C. D. Modhera, Professor, AMD, SVNIT, Surat | : Member |
| (7) | Dr. A. K. Desai, Professor, AMD, SVNIT, Surat | : Member |
| (8) | Dr. S. A. Channiwala, Professor, MED, SVNIT, Surat | : Member |
| (9) | Dr. R. V. Rao, Professor, MED, SVNIT, Surat | : Member |
| (10) | Dr. H. K. Raval, Professor, MED, SVNIT, Surat | : Member |
| (11) | Dr. K. P. Desai, Professor, MED, SVNIT, Surat | : Member |
| (12) | Dr. D. V. Bhatt, Professor, MED, SVNIT, Surat | : Member |
| (13) | Dr. P. A. Parikh, Professor, CHED, SVNIT, Surat | : Member |
| (14) | Dr. C. H. Solanki, Prof. & Head, AMD, SVNIT, Surat | : Member |
| (15) | Dr. J. E. M. Macwan, Prof. & Head, CED, SVNIT, Surat | : Member |
| (16) | Dr. Z. V. P. Murthy, Prof. & Head, CHED, SVNIT, Surat | : Member |
| (17) | Dr. D. R. Patel, Prof. & Head, COED, SVNIT, Surat | : Member |
| (18) | Dr. H. J. Nagarsheth, Prof & Head, MED, SVNIT, Surat | : Member |
| (19) | Dr. J. N. Sarvaiya, Head, ECED, SVNIT, Surat | : Special Invitee |
| (20) | Dr. H. R. Jariwala, Head, EED, SVNIT, Surat | : Special Invitee |
| (21) | Dr. Prem Lata Kumari, Head, ACD, SVNIT, Surat | : Special Invitee |
| (22) | Dr. Neeru Adlakha, Head, AMHD, SVNIT, Surat | : Special Invitee |
| (23) | Dr. Vipul Kheraj, Head, APD, SVNIT, Surat | : Special Invitee |
| (24) | Dr. P. G. Agnihotri, Dean (FW), SVNIT, Surat | : Special Invitee |
| (25) | Dr. P. V. Bhale, Asso. Dean (R&C), SVNIT, Surat | : Special Invitee |
| (26) | Dr. Dilip A. Patel, Asso. Dean (P&D), SVNIT, Surat | : Special Invitee |
| (27) | Dr. S. Kumar, Asso. Dean (Acad), SVNIT, Surat | : Special Invitee |
| (28) | Dr. U. D. Dalal, Asso. Dean (FW), SVNIT, Surat | : Special Invitee |
| (29) | Mr. Suraj Pal Jangid, GS, SVNIT, Surat | : Student Representative |
| (30) | Mr. Shantanu Kulkarni, Academic Affairs Secretary | : Student Representative |
| (31) | Dr. D. P. Vakharia, I/C. Registrar | : Secretary |

Prof. Rekha Kulkarni, Professor, Department of Mathematics, IIT, Bombay, Prof. Vivek Bhandari, Vice Chancellor, AURO University, Surat conveyed their inability to attend the meeting due to their pre-occupation.

Further, Dr. B. K. Samtani, Professor, CED, Dr. H. S. Patil, Professor, AMD, Dr. S. A. Vasanwala, Professor, AMD, Dr. D. C. Jinwala, Professor, COED (on leave) , Dr. H. B. Naik, Dean(SW), Dr. R. A. Christian, Dean (P&D) and Dr. Ravi Kant, Asso. Dean(SW) could not attend the meeting.

At the outset of the meeting, the Chairman of the Senate warmly welcomed all the members of the Senate and appreciated the efforts of faculty and staff members and students of SVNIT for bringing laurels to the Institute in the form of getting 15th rank among the top technical Institutions of the country. The Chairman apprised his participation in the recent Visitors Conference in New Delhi and major outcome of the conference, including signing of MoUS between Technical Institutions and industries and deliberations in making India as preferred centre for Technical Education. The Chairman also emphasised the need for recruitment of more faculties and increasing the number of Full Time research scholars in the Institute.

The following business was transacted:

- Item 1:** **To confirm the minutes of 36th meeting of the senate held on 31/01/2015.**
- Res. 1:** “Resolved that the minutes of the 36th meeting of the Senate held on 20/01/2016 be confirmed.”
- Item 2:** **To note and approve the action taken on the resolutions adopted at the 36th meeting of the Senate held on 20/01/2016 in the Conference Room of the Institute Guest House at Surat.**
- Res. 2:** “Resolved that the action taken on the resolutions adopted at the 36th meeting of the Senate held 20/01/2016 be noted and approved.” Also, it is resolved that Dean (Academic) of institute should recommend a committee to Institute Senate Chairman for finalization of revised norms (if required) for conversion of CGPA to percentage at institute level.



Item 3: To note and approve recommendations made by the Institute Academic Advisory Committee (IAAC) at its 25th meeting held on April 11, 2016.

Res. 3: “It is resolved that action taken in 25th meeting of Institute Academic Advisory Committee (IAAC) on April 11, 2016 be noted and approved (**Annexure-I**).”

“Further, the Academic Calendars for years 2016-17 and 2017-18 as approved by Institute Senate Chairman were noted and approved.”

Item 4: To note and approve recommendations made by the Institute Academic Advisory Committee (IAAC) at its 26th meeting held on July 14, 2016 .

Res. 4: “It is resolved that action taken in 26th meeting of Institute Academic Advisory Committee (IAAC) on July 14, 2016 be noted and approved (**Annexure-II**).”

Item 5: To note and approve recommendations made by the Institute Academic Advisory Committee (IAAC) at its 27th meeting held on Nov 11, 2016.

Res. 5: “It is resolved that action taken in 27th meeting of Institute Academic Advisory Committee (IAAC), held on Nov 11, 2016 be noted and approved (**Annexure-III**).”

“Further, it is resolved to approve the recommendations of 27th IAAC adopted vide Res. (9), (10), (14), (17), (18), (19.1), (19.2), (19.3) and (19.4).”

(a) The recommendations of 27th IAAC (Res. 9) on matter related to the grievances of Summer Semester (May-July 2016) students regarding evaluation of the subject ME 204 (Mechatronics) was discussed at length and approved. The august house also empowered the committee (as constituted vide Res.9, 27th IAAC)



to have access to the evaluated answer scripts including question paper of the subject ME 204 (Mechatronics) of Summer Semester (May-July 2016).

- (b) The draft '**Academic regulation for Five Years Integrated M Sc Programs**' (Annexure-III A) recommended in 27th IAAC (Res. 10) was discussed, and resolved to circulate the same to the Senate members. The comments, if any, received within TWO weeks after the circulation of minutes, are to be incorporated (if necessary) and get approved by the Institute Senate Chairman for implementation from AY 2017-18.
- (c) The recommendation of 27th IAAC (Res. 19.4) on revised curriculum/syllabi of M.Tech. (Urban Planning) was discussed and approved with the suggestion that HOD-CED should submit the revised curriculum/syllabi to the Dean (Academic) with corrected credits for Project Preliminaries and incorporating the list of qualifying B.Tech. programmes for getting admission in the M.Tech. (Urban Planning).

Item: 6

Item from student representatives with permission from the Chair


The students' representative present in the meeting raised the following points for consideration of august house.


- (a) Revision of existing CGPA to Percentage conversion formula at Institute level.
- (b) Collaboration with IIT-B in other academic departments in line with Civil Engineering Department of the Institute under '**Early Induction into M Tech and PhD Programmes**'.
- (c) Provisioning of more Institute /Departmental Electives by recruiting more faculty in the Institute.
- (d) Provision of relaxation to students with reference to lowering of grades as and when attendance falls between 60 – 75 % due to placements, sports, extra-curricular activities and medical reasons.
- (e) Revision of existing eligibility criteria for direct admission into PhD programme for B. Tech. students.



- Res.6
- (a) The request of student's representatives for revision of existing criteria of CGPA to Percentage conversion at Institute level, was discussed, and resolved to be dealt by the committee being constituted vide Res. (2) above.
- (b) The august house suggested to the Heads of all academic Departments to collaborate under "**Early Induction into M Tech and PhD Programmes**" with IIT Bombay and other IITs in the country including IIT Gandhinagar.
- (c) The points suggested by the students for getting more choice of Elective subjects at Institute and Department levels were noted by the august house and resolved to have early recruitment of new faculty for resolving the issue.
- (d) The august house resolved unanimously to adhere the existing guide lines for maintaining the attendance in different Programmes of the Institute.
- (e) It is suggested that Committee, constituted vide 27th IAAC (Res.19.6) for revision of existing PhD provisions/regulations, should look into the issue raised by the students for revision of existing eligibility criteria for direct admission into PhD programme for B. Tech. students.

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


(Dr. D. P. VAKHARIA)
SECRETARY - SENATE


(Dr. S. R. Gandhi)
CHAIRMAN - SENATE