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**NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY MIZORAM**  
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CHALTLANG, AIZAWL, MIZORAM - 796012

**MEETING MINUTES OF THE 15<sup>th</sup> MEETING OF THE SENATE,  
NIT MIZORAM HELD ON 24<sup>th</sup> MARCH, 2021 AT 10:00 AM**

**Members present:**

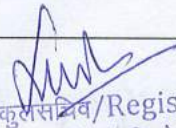
1	Prof. Rajat Gupta Director, NIT Mizoram.	Chairman
2	Prof. A. T. Khan, Department of Chemistry, IIT Guwahati	Member
3	Prof. Sukumar Nandi, Department of CSE, IIT Guwahati	Member
4	Prof. Sudeshna Purakayastha, Department of History, Assam University, Silchar	Member
5	Prof. Biswajit Mahanty, Industrial and Systems Engineering, IIT Kharagpur	Special Invitee
6	Prof. Saibal Chatterjee, Professor (EEE) & Dean (Acad), NIT Mizoram	Member
7	Ms Lalthianglimi Zote Registrar i/c, NIT Mizoram	Secretary i/c
8	Dr. Alok Shukla, Associate Professor, BS&HSS (Physics) & Dean (SW), NIT Mizoram	Invitee
9	Dr. K. Gyanendra Singh, Associate Professor, BS&HSS (Economics) & Dean (FW), NIT Mizoram	Invitee
10	Dr. P. Ajmal Koya, Associate Professor, BS&HSS (Chemistry) & Dean (R&C), NIT Mizoram	Invitee
11	Dr. Pabitra K. Biswas, Asst. Professor & HoD, Deptt. of EEE, NIT Mizoram	Invitee
12	Dr. Anumoy Ghosh, Asst. Professor & HoD, Deptt. of ECE, NIT Mizoram	Invitee
13	Dr. Ranjita Das, Asst. Professor & HoD, Deptt. of CSE, NIT Mizoram	Invitee
14	Dr. H. Lalmingsanga, Asst. Professor & HoD, Deptt. of ME, NIT Mizoram	Invitee
15	Dr. Ricky Lalthazuala, Asst. Professor (CE) & HoD, Dept. of CE, NIT Mizoram	Invitee
17	Dr. Surender Ontela, Asst. Professor (BS&HSS-Math) & Faculty I/C, Examinations	Invitee

Leave of absence was granted to Dr. Lalthanchami Sailo, Registrar, NIT Mizoram &



Secretary, Senate. Dr. Shuchi, HoD (BS and HSS) was not present in the meeting without any information. The Chairman welcomed all the members present and thanked them for sparing their valuable time for the 15<sup>th</sup> Senate Meeting. He, then, made a brief report of the Institute - the different activities and programmes of the Institute. The meeting then proceeded with the business as under:

SNT 15.1	<p><b>Welcome address by the Chairman</b></p> <p>Noted</p>
SNT 15.2.1	<p><b>Confirmation of the minutes of the 12<sup>th</sup> Senate Meeting held on 24<sup>th</sup> July, 2020 by video-conferencing.</b></p> <p><b>Background:</b></p> <p>Since no comments were received, this is to place before the Senate the proposal for confirmation of the minutes of the 12<sup>th</sup> meeting of Senate held on 24<sup>th</sup> July, 2019 at NIT Mizoram, Aizawl through video-conferencing. Copy of the meeting minutes is placed at <b>Annexure-I of SNT15.2.1 (Page 30-35).</b></p> <p><b>Decision of the Senate: Confirmed</b></p>
SNT 15.2.2	<p><b>Confirmation of the minutes of the 13<sup>th</sup> Senate Meeting held on 29<sup>th</sup> September, 2020 by Circulation .</b></p> <p><b>Background:</b></p> <p>Since no comments were received, this is to place before the Senate the proposal for confirmation of the minutes of the 13<sup>th</sup> meeting of Senate held on 29<sup>th</sup> September, 2020 at NIT Mizoram, Aizawl through circulation. Copy of the meeting minutes is placed at <b>Annexure-I of SNT15.2.2 (Page 36-40)</b></p> <p><b>Decision of the Senate: Confirmed</b></p>
SNT 15.2.3	<p><b>Confirmation of the minutes of the 14<sup>th</sup> Senate Meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> November, 2020 by Circulation and 24<sup>th</sup> November, 2020 by Circulation</b></p> <p><b>Background:</b></p> <p>Since no comments were received, this is to place before the Senate the proposal for confirmation of the minutes of the 14<sup>th</sup> meeting of Senate held on 11<sup>th</sup> November, 2020 by Circulation, 24<sup>th</sup> November, 2020 by Circulation. Copy of the meeting minutes is placed at <b>Annexure-I of SNT12.3 (Page 36-40)</b></p> <p><b>Decision of the Senate: Confirmed</b></p>

  
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SNT 15.3.1	<p><b>Confirmation of the action taken on the resolution of 12<sup>th</sup> meeting of Senate held on 24<sup>th</sup>July, 2020by video-conferencing.</b></p> <p><b>Background:</b></p> <p>On the basis of the resolution taken during the 12<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Senate held on 24<sup>th</sup> July, 2020 by video- conferencing, the action taken by the Institute is placed at <b>Annexure - I of SNT 15.3.1 (Page 41-46).</b></p> <p><b>Decision of the Senate: Confirmed</b></p>
SNT 15.3.2	<p><b>Confirmation of the action taken on the resolution of 13<sup>th</sup> meeting of Senate held on 29<sup>th</sup>September, 2020 by Circulation.</b></p> <p><b>Background:</b></p> <p>On the basis of the resolution taken during the 13<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Senate held on 29<sup>th</sup> September, 2020 at NIT Mizoram, the action taken by the Institute is placed at <b>Annexure - I of SNT 15.3.2 (Page 47-51)</b></p> <p><b>Decision of the Senate: Confirmed</b></p>
SNT 15.3.3	<p><b>Confirmation of the action taken on the resolution of 14<sup>th</sup> meeting of Senate held on 11<sup>th</sup>November, 2020, 24<sup>th</sup> November, 2020by Circulation.</b></p> <p><b>Background:</b></p> <p>On the basis of the resolution taken during the 14<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Senate held on 11<sup>th</sup>November, 2020, 24<sup>th</sup> November, 2020&amp;11<sup>th</sup> December, 2020by Circulation, the action taken by the Institute is placed at <b>Annexure - I of SNT 15.3.3 (Page 52-54).</b></p> <p><b>Decision of the Senate: Confirmed</b></p>
SNT 15.4	<p><b>Confirmation of Report of 4<sup>th</sup> Convocation.</b></p> <p><b>Background:</b></p> <p>On the basis of the resolution taken during the 14<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Senate through Circulation regarding the 4<sup>th</sup> Convocation held during 28<sup>th</sup>December, 2020, the 4<sup>th</sup> Convocation was conducted online on 28<sup>th</sup>Dec, 2020 due to COVID-19 Pandemic. Honorable Chief Minister of Mizoram, Pu Zoramthanga graced the occasion as the Chief Guest and delivered the Convocation Address. Prof. Virendra K. Tewari, Director, IIT Kharagpur and Prof. Ashok Misra, Former</p>



	<p>Director, IIT Bombay also graced the virtual 4<sup>th</sup> Convocation as the Guests of Honour. Prof. Rajat Gupta, Chairman BOG and Director, NIT Mizoram presided over the ceremony and presented the Director's report. A total of 72 students received their degrees during the 4<sup>th</sup> Convocation. A total of 63B.Tech students were awarded degrees whereby following are the branch-wise distribution of students awarded:</p> <p>Civil Engineering-14  Computer Science &amp; Engineering- 13  Electrical &amp; Electronics Engineering-11  Electronics &amp; Communication Engineering-11  Mechanical Engineering-14</p> <p>6 students with M.Tech degree out of which 1 student is from Computer Science &amp; Engineering, 2 students are the Electrical &amp; Electronics Engineering and 3 students from Mechanical Engineering Departments are also awarded degree in the 4<sup>th</sup> Convocation. The Institute also awarded Ph.D Degree one each in the Dept. of Electronics and Communication Engineering, Civil Engineering and Chemistry. Ms. Lalthanpuui Khiangte, the first for a Mizo lady, was also awarded Ph.D Degree in Electronics &amp; Communication Engineering. While approving the budget for convocation of Rs. 11 lakhs in BOG, the members of MoE advised for judicious expenditure. It is worthwhile to mention in that backdrop that the total expenditure is Rs. 5.5 lakhs against the budget of Rs. 11 lakhs</p> <p><b>Decision of the Senate: Confirmed. The Senate appreciated the efforts of the institute specially of Prof. Saibal Chatterjee, Dean(Acad)as coordinator and Dr. K. Gyanendra Singh, Dean (FW) as Co-Coordinator.</b></p>
<p><b>SNT 15.5</b></p>	<p><b>To ratify Academic Calendar of 2020-21 ODD and EVEN semester.</b></p> <p><b>Background:</b></p> <p>The Academic Calendar of 2021 and revised academic calendar for UG, PG 1<sup>st</sup> year for 2020-21 odd and even semester as approved by Chairman Senate was presented before the Senate.</p> <p><b>Decision of the Senate: Ratified</b></p>
<p><b>SNT 15.6</b></p>	<p><b>To ratify ECE and CSE new syllabus from 4<sup>th</sup> semester and BOG for Confirmation</b></p> <p><b>Background:</b></p> <p>The Course Structure and the Syllabi of the first year of the new UG Curriculum was approved in SNT 9.7 and subsequently in BOG. The details of the UG Course Structure and the Syllabus of five Departments</p>



	<p>from 2<sup>nd</sup> year to 4<sup>th</sup> year were placed in 12<sup>th</sup> Senate. The course structure and syllabus of ME, CE and EEE (with revision) were approved vide SNT 12.11 placed at Annexure- (Page 66-91). The course structure of CSE and ECE were approved till 3<sup>rd</sup> Semester.</p> <p>Some new courses as suggested by the honourable members from 4<sup>th</sup> Semester UG were to be incorporated in the syllabus for ECE and CSE. The revised course structure and syllabi were placed through email and the members recommended these revisions over email. Details placed at <b>Annexure -I of SNT-15.6 (Page: 66-91)</b></p> <p><b>Decision of the Senate: Ratified</b></p>
SNT 15.7	<p><b>Virtual and Remote Lab at BITs Pilani.</b></p> <p><b>Background:</b></p> <p>During the COVID 19 Pandemic from March, 2020 various steps were taken by the Institute so that the academic pursuit of the UG and PG students are least affected. Upon the initiative taken by the Director, virtual meeting was conducted with all Deans and HoDs to utilize the facilities of virtual lab and the remote labs in BITs Pilani for the students of NIT Mizoram which would help them to maintain the academic schedules. The details are placed at <b>Annexure - I of SNT 15.7 (Page 92-113)</b></p> <p><b>Decision of the Senate:</b> Approval accorded by the Director-cum-Chairman, Senate is ratified.</p>
SNT 15.8	<p><b>To ratify the proposal of MOU of NIT Mizoram with IEST and IITG.</b></p> <p><b>Background:</b></p> <p>For the academic growth of NIT Mizoram, Director had discussion with IITG Director and IEST Director. As a result of the discussion, MOU were drafted and approved by Director and sent to Director IITG and IEST for further action at their ends. The details are placed at <b>Annexure - I of SNT 15.8 (Page 114-124).</b></p> <p><b>Decision of the Senate: Ratified</b></p>
SNT 15.9	<p><b>To ratify the proposal of MOU of NIT Mizoram with AICTE and STPI.</b></p> <p>a) For the academic growth and visibility of NIT Mizoram, Director had signed MOU with AICTE to conduct four FDPs on online mode within 31<sup>st</sup> March 2021 on</p>



	<p>1. Model curriculum as prescribed by AICTE.</p> <p>2. NBA Accreditation &amp; the processes.</p> <p>3. Examination reforms.</p> <p>4. Frugal innovations &amp; social entrepreneurship.</p> <p>The details are placed at <b>Annexure - I of SNT 15.9 (Page 125-129)</b></p> <p>b) The institute is also in the process of signing MOU with <b>SOFTWARE TECHNOLOGY PARKS OF INDIA</b>, an autonomous society registered under the Societies Registration Act 1860, under the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology, Government of India and having its registered office at Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (Government of India), New Delhi: 110003 and office at Guwahati - 781015, Assam (STPI) The details are placed at <b>Annexure - II of SNT 15.9</b></p> <p><b>Decision of the Senate: Ratified</b></p>
<b>SNT 15.10</b>	<p><b>To ratify the online teaching classes of the UG and PG programmes in 2020-21 even semester.</b></p> <p><b>Background:</b></p> <p>Ratification of the Senate for conducting online teaching classes of the UG and PG Programmes till even 2020-21 even semester i.e., Feb-June, 2021. The details are placed at <b>Annexure - I of SNT 15.10 (Page 130-135)</b></p> <p><b>Decision of the Senate: Ratified</b></p>
<b>SNT 15.11</b>	<p><b>Recommendation of new Ph.D Supervisor for Mrs. Esther Vanlalmawii, E. No. DT17CE001.</b></p> <p><b>Background:</b></p> <p>Mrs. Esther Vanlalmawii, E. No. DT17CE001 had applied for change of Supervisor on 05.09.2018 without the approval of the Supervisor but the Senate allowed for a Co-Supervisor as per SNT 7.25 in favour of Dr. H. Lalhminganga from ME Department in December, 2018. On 07.08.2020, Dr. B. Mohanty, the Supervisor had given his consent for the change of Supervisor. The Departmental Committee (DC) members were notified and approval for change of Supervisor was sought which was duly accepted by the DC members. Clause 9.3 of the Ph.D Regulation is fulfilled by taking the consent of the then Supervisor, the student and the DC members for change of Supervisor. Dr. H. Lalhminganga, the Co-Supervisor is therefore, the Supervisor of Ms. Esther Vanlalmawii. However, since the Co-Supervisor is from the Department of Mechanical Engineering, the matter be taken up in the Senate for change of Supervisor from</p>



	<p>amongst the faculty members of Civil Engineering Department. The nomination of Dr. Ricky Lalthazuala, AP (CE) by the Co-Supervisor received no objection from the DC members for the benefit of the student.</p> <p>The details are placed at <b>Annexure - I of SNT 15.11 (Page: 136-137)</b></p> <p><b>Discussion and decision:</b>  Dr. H. Lalhminganga requested the Senate to consider him as the Co-Supervisor and Dr. Ricky Lalthazuala as the Supervisor since the student belongs to the Department of CE. Based on the above, the following decisions were taken</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Dr. Ricky Lalthazuala (CE) shall be the Supervisor</li> <li>2. Dr. H. Lalhminganga (ME) shall be the Co-Supervisor</li> <li>3. The degree shall be awarded from the Department of CE</li> </ol>
<p><b>SNT 15.12</b></p>	<p><b>Revision of 20% Similarity Index.</b></p> <p><b>Background:</b>  In the 12th Senate, the Similarity Index of Ph.D Thesis Submission was revised to 20 % excluding References and students' self citations for students submitting thesis from now onwards and placed for approval to BOG. It was recommended to BOG vide SNT 12.17 (vi) but in BOG 23.5, it was referred back to the Senate for review. The details are placed at <b>Annexure - I of SNT 15.12 (Page 138-140)</b>.</p> <p><b>Decision of the Senate:</b>  <b>Similarity Index of 20 % Ph.D Thesis Submission excluding Preface, Acknowledgement, References and students' self citations is re-recommended to BOG as many institutes of national repute also follow 20 %. It was also confirmed by the Senate members.</b></p>
<p><b>SNT 15.13</b></p>	<p><b>PG Institute Gold Medal.</b></p> <p><b>Background:</b>  As per the approval of the recommendation of the Senate vide SNT 12.7, the award of PG Institute Gold Medal for students passing out from 2020-21 onwards, the minimum number of students passing out would be 30% of the total sanctioned strength. The proposal was referred back to the Senate. The details are placed at <b>Annexure - I of SNT 15.13 (Page 138-140)</b></p> <p><b>Discussion and decision:</b>  After a threadbare discussion, Senate re-recommended to BOG that for the award of PG Institute Gold Medal for students passing out</p>



	<p>from 2020-21 onwards, the minimum number of students passing out would be 30% of the total sanctioned strength.</p>
<b>SNT 15.14</b>	<p><b>Proposal for subscription to Coursera Online Courses, Open Online Course Provider</b></p> <p><b>Background:</b>          Coursera is an open online course provider and amidst the COVID-19 situation and given the current shift towards digital learning for both students and faculties alike, have introduced Coursera for Campus Free Basic Plan as well. The key areas with NIT Mizoram revolves around:</p> <p>4200+ course catalog-which can equip your students with future-ready skills. Free Courses- upto 20,000 licenses for the university students (each student gets 1 course per year) Unlimited guided hands-on projects-that allows students to apply hands-on concepts in virtual labs. Private administration portal - where you can measure the success of the program including proficiency and time taken by your students/faculties to master a particular skill. Online support- helps centres admins and students to address their queries.</p> <p><b>Annexure - I of SNT 15.14 (Page 141-146)</b></p> <p><b>Decision of the Senate: Not approved.</b></p> <p><b>Chairman, Senate is authorized to constitute a committee to study the proposal in details and submit the report to the next meeting of the Senate for decision.</b></p>
<b>SNT 15.15</b>	<p><b>CE Investigation Report.</b></p> <p><b>Background:</b>          The end semester examinations result of PG final year and UG 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> year in 2020-21 odd semester was placed before the Director, the Chairman, Senate on 23.12.2020 for approval. It was reported that there were cases of cheating during online examinations in 3<sup>rd</sup> year CE dept (report of the faculty members attached) as well as complain against faculty member pertaining to department of CE regarding the method of evaluation and classes. As advised by the Director, a meeting was convened by the Dean (Acad) on 09/01/2020 at 4-00 pm through Google Meet. All Deans, HoDs and Faculty I/C Examinations attended the meeting. It was decided in the meeting</p> <p>1) The results of UG third year CE department shall be</p>



withheld temporarily. The remaining results of 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> year UG and PG final year as submitted by the concerned faculty members and processed by Faculty I/C Examinations through ERP which were sent to the Director, Chairman, Senate through Dean Academics (over email) on 23.12.2020 stands approved.

2) For the results of third year UG Civil and the complaint of Mr. Rohit Kumar, a third year UG CE student against the evaluation and classes taken by a teacher, a committee is approved by the Director consisting of Dean Academics as Chairman, with other Deans, HoD (CE) and Faculty I/C Examination as members to investigate the matter and submit the report to Director within 7 days.

The report of the committee is placed before the Senate as per the decision of the Chairman, Senate.

The details are placed at **Annexure - I of SNT 15.15 (Page 147-202)**

**Discussion and decision:**

The matter was discussed at length based on the report of the Investigation Committee. Senate members viewed the matter of academic negligence of Dr. S. Vipej Devi very seriously specially

- i) Where on 19 hours of classes were conducted instead of 48 hours
- ii) Not showing / displaying results of assignments, quiz, mid semester on time as per the regulations.

Further, since the student is also guilty of copying and in the COVID-19 situation, all the evaluation were conducted online and there was no regulations framed for unfair means during online examinations, the Senate decided the following:

1. A strong warning letter to be issued by the authority of NIT Mizoram to Dr. S. Vipej Devi for academic negligence so that this thing is not repeated in the future.
2. In view of Covid pandemic and the psychological condition of the student, Mr. Rohit Kumar is allowed to appear for backlog registration in CEL1510 in July - Dec 2021 as a special case.
3. Results of 3<sup>rd</sup> year CE which were withheld have now been approved for publications.

**SNT 15.16**

**Cases of Academic Negligence regarding Report of the Online Classes Academic Monitoring.**

**Background:**



In line with the decision of the 11<sup>th</sup> Senate meeting on 29.05.2020 through Circulation vide SNT 11.2 and SNT 11.3, online classes, online examinations and assignments were utilised to evaluate the students during the Even Semester of 2019-20. The formation of an Online Repository was approved for documentary evidence in the absence of physical examinations, quiz and assignments during the said Semester.

In pursuance of the above decision to form the Online Repository, the meeting under the Chairmanship of the Director on 04.09.2020 decided that all faculty members shall provide statement of all the documents (Notes, books, videos) shared with the students along with the online methods adopted for conducting classes, online quizzes, assignments, semester examination question paper and answer sheets along with dates to the respective HoDs with a copy to the Faculty i/c Examination and Dean (Academics).

All the faculty members have submitted the Statements except the following faculty members who have not complied with the requirements till date.

Course Code (Course Name)	Name of Course Coordinator	No of Students	Remarks
MAL 1401 (Numerical Methods and Probability Theory)	Dr. Vinay Singh (MA)	ECE, EEE, CSE, CE 4 <sup>th</sup> Semester (104)	All students having CGPA ranging from 4.37 to 9.8 scored AB (Grade of 9 out of 10)
MAL 1403 (Numerical Methods)	Dr. Vinay Singh (MA)	ME 4 <sup>th</sup> Semester (20)	All students having CGPA ranging from 4.78 to 8.57 scored AB (Grade of 9 out of 10)
CEL 1409 (Construction Technology and Project Management)	Dr. Bijayananda Mohanty (CE)	CE 4 <sup>th</sup> Semester (19)	All students having CGPA ranging from 5.74 to 8.87 scored AA (Grade of 10 out of 10)
CEL 1617 (Geotechnical Engineering-II)	Dr. Bijayananda Mohanty (CE)	CE 6 <sup>th</sup> Semester (24)	All students having CGPA ranging from 5.2 to 8.83 scored AA (Grade of 10 out of 10)

Further Dr. Bidesh Roy (ME), Mr. Saurav Suman (ME), Dr. SuchiKaprawan (BS & HSS), Dr. Ricky Lalthalzuala (CE), Ms. Esther Vanlalmawii (CE) also did not submit any documents related to 2019-20 even semester courses.

The details are placed at **Annexure - I of SNT 15.16 (Page 203-221)**



	<p>The matter was discussed at length. Senate members expressed their displeasure at the academic negligence of the faculty members.</p> <p><b>Discussion and decision:</b></p> <p>Non submission of the documents in spite of repeated reminders by the Dean (Acad) is a serious lapse on the part of the faculty members and the Senate viewed it very seriously. Based on the threadbare discussion, the Senate decided the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Advisory notes shall be issued to all the concerned faculty members.</li> <li>2. All the faculty members are asked to submit the documents within 31.03.2021 without fail.</li> </ol>
<p><b>SNT 15.17</b></p>	<p><b>Deans' Committee Report and Recommendation on Semester Drop of seven PhD students.</b></p> <p><b>Background:</b></p> <p>Applications are received from the supervisor of PhD students for the approval of Comprehensive Seminar / State of the Art Seminar (SOAS) / Progress Seminar by the Chairman, Senate through Dean (Academics). It was observed that some students are missing one / two / three semesters without any presentations after course work. For the following seven full time regular PhD Students of ME, it was observed that all the students have missed one or two semesters without any presentation after Comprehensive / SOAS.</p> <p>The Director, Chairman, Senate approved appropriate semester drop as proposed by Dean Academics according to Clause 15.4 of PhD regulations. As the students' stipend were stopped vide clause 15.4, all the students (except Mr. Anupam Debnath) applied to the Director stating that the clause was wrongly enforced as it requires recommendation of DC and the concerned department and these recommendations were not in place. Further the ME department also took a decision in the meeting on 1<sup>st</sup> February 2021 reiterating the claim of the students and also highlighting that the progress made by the students till Feb 2021 was recommendable. Director on the receipt of the applications of the students supplemented with the decision of the ME department placed the matter to the Deans' committee chaired by Dean Academics to study and provide a report / recommendation to the Director.</p> <p>The details are placed at <b>Annexure - I of SNT 15.17 (Page 222-</b></p>

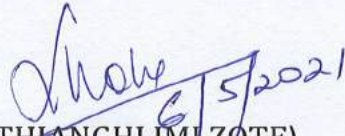


	<p><b>256)</b></p> <p><b>Discussion and decision:</b> Based on the report of the Deans' committee, a thorough discussion took place. The Senate viewed the cases of academic negligence by the respective supervisors very seriously. Moreover the concerned research scholars are also at fault for not able to complete the SOAS / progress seminar as per the PhD regulations. However, considering the Covid 19 situation and the psychological condition of the students, the following decisions were taken</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Advisory notes shall be issued to the supervisors of seven PhD students.</li> <li>2. In view of Covid 19 pandemic, the stipend of all seven ME PhD students shall be released and semester drop shall be withdrawn for any such case for other students also.</li> <li>3. The additional clauses 13.5 and 14.5 of PhD regulations as recommended by the committee are deferred.</li> <li>4. Process should be developed in the system so that the PhD students shall be able to register in the next semester provided he / she fulfils all the criteria in the present semester.</li> </ol>
<p><b>SNT 15.18</b></p>	<p><b>Application of SOAS of two PhD students after a gap of 3 semesters.</b></p> <p><b>Background:</b></p> <p>Two part-time PhD students of BS and HSS department with enrolment No. DH17HS002 and DH17HS004 had completed their comprehensive seminar in March 2019. As per clause 13.1 of PhD regulations, students need to present SOAS within six months of Comprehensive ie in July - Dec 2019. The supervisor of the students have now applied for SOAS of the two PhD students on 15th March 2020 is more than 3 semesters from Comprehensive. According to clause 18 "The PhD studentship is liable to be cancelled for any of the following reasons: ..... (v) Consistent lack of progress in research." Dean Academic proposed the following "In this case consistent lack of progress in research is visible. But due to COVID 19 lockdown and the problem related to COVID 19, many students have faced financial and academic difficulties. In view of the same they may be allowed for SOAS on 15th March 2021 with a final warning that any further lapse in their research work may lead to cancellation of PhD studentship."</p> <p>Director asked for a comparative analysis of these cases with those of the seven ME PhD students where semester drop was proposed.</p>



	<p>Based on the comparison provided by the Dean Academics, Director placed this matter for the ensuing Senate</p> <p>The details are placed at <b>Annexure - I of SNT 15.18 (Page 257-261).</b></p> <p><b>Decision of the Senate</b>  <b>The students are allowed for SOAS in the present 2020-21 even semester in view of Covid 19 pandemic difficulties faced by the students as an one time relaxation for the particular students.</b></p>
SNT 15.19	<p><b>Revision of honorarium of all external members of various academic bodies / committees like Senate, DC Chairperson and member, BOS member to Rs. 5000 per sitting.</b></p> <p><b>Background:</b>  The honorarium of the external members of various academic bodies / committees like Senate, DC Chairperson and member, BOS member is Rs. 3500/- per sitting since 2013 (more than 7 years). It is proposed to revise the sitting fee to Rs. 5000/- per sitting.</p> <p><b>Decision of the Senate: Approved</b></p>
SNT 15.20	<p><b>Any other matter with the permission of the Chair.</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Senate appreciated the efforts taken by the Director to organize 'Popular Lecture Series' with the first lecture of Prof. U. K. Saha on 13<sup>th</sup> March 2021 and '1<sup>st</sup> Research Conclave' on 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> March 2021 at NIT Mizoram. Popular Lecture Series to be held once in every month and the Research Conclave were envisaged to improve the research ambience and the visibility of the Institute.</li> <li>The Senate approved the proposal of the Chairman, Senate to form an Academic Audit Committee comprising of <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Prof. A. T. Khan, IITG - Chairman</li> <li>Prof. S. Nandi, IITG - Member</li> <li>Prof. S. Purakayastha, AU - Member</li> <li>Prof. S. Chatterjee - Member Convener. The committee would advise the Chairman, Senate on the academic growth of NIT Mizoram.</li> </ul> </li> </ol>



  
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