Minutes of the urgent meeting of the Senate held on 10th January 2003 at 11.00 A.M. in the Auditorium of the Civil Engineering Department.

The following were present:

1. Prof. Prem Vrat, Director   Chairman
2. Prof. K.G.Ranga Raju, Dy. Director
3. Prof. Najamuddin
4. Prof. R. Shankar
5. Prof. G.S.Randhawa
6. Prof. S.C.Gupta
7. Prof. I.M.Mishra
8. Prof. C.P.Agarwal
9. Prof. Bikas Mohanty
10. Prof. A. K. Jain, Chemistry Deptt.
11. Prof. G. Bhattacharjee
12. Prof. R. N. Goyal
13. Prof. Ravi Bhushan
14. Prof. V. K. Gupta, Chemistry Deptt.
15. Prof. Anil Kumar
16. Prof. (Mrs) Mala Nath
17. Prof. P.C.Jain
18. Prof. S.K.Kaushik
19. Prof. A. K. Mathur
20. Prof. Krishna Kumar
21. Prof. H. C. Mehndiratta
22. Prof. Arvind Kumar
23. Prof. G.Ramaswamy
24. Prof. K.K.Singh
25. Prof. R. M. Vasan
26. Prof. S.S.Jain
27. Prof. S.K.Thakkar
28. Prof. S.Basu
29. Prof. V.H.Joshi
30. Prof. H.Sinvhal
31. Prof.A.K.Awasthi
32. Prof.S.S.Srivastava
33. Prof. H. K. Verma
34. Prof. R.N.Mishra
35. Prof. H. O. Gupta
36. Prof. S.P.Gupta
37. Prof. Vinod Kumar
38. Prof. R. P. Agarwal
39. Prof. D.K.Mehra
40. Prof. A. K. Sarje

41. Prof. S. N. Sinha
42. Prof. Padam Kumar
43. Prof. D.K.Srivastava
44. Prof. D.C.Singhal
45. Prof. N.K.Goel
46. Prof. Pashupati Jha
47. Prof. Renu Rastogi
48. Prof. H. G. Sharma
49. Prof. G. S. Srivastava
50. Prof. R.R.Bhargava
51. Prof. T.R.Gulati
52. Prof. (Mrs) Rama Bhargava
53. Prof. R. C. Mittal
54. Prof. S. C. Jain
55. Prof. P.S.Mishra
56. Prof. Ravindra Nath
57. Prof. G. S. Singh
58. Prof. Vir Singh
59. Prof. Gopal Chauhan
60. Prof. Devadutta Das
61. Prof. U.C.Chaube
62. Prof. S.K.Tripathi
63. Prof. G. C. Mishra
64. Prof. Ram Pal Singh
65. Prof. M. P. Jain
66. Mr. Arun Kumar, Head, AHEC
67. Dr. A.K.Singh, Chief Warden, Ravindra Bhawan
68. Dr. (Ms) Rashmi Gaur
69. Lt.Col. (Retd.) A.K.Srivastava, Registrar   Secretary

The Chairman (Director) welcomed the members to the emergent meeting of the Senate and briefed the house about the issue. He stated that the emergent meeting was convened to discuss the particular issue which has resulted out of a very large number of M.Tech. students, particularly of the Department of WRD & T, not making the required SGPA of 5.5 enable to them to register for the second semester. As a result, from the Department of WRD & T alone, 21 out of 48 students of the M.Tech. programme had been denied registration. 17 such students were from foreign countries. He further stated that the implications of this decision were very far –reaching. Firstly, a very large number of students were from the same Department and the major chunk of them were foreign students who had come to study here on account of our agreement with the respective Governments. Secondly, they had paid the tuition fee for the entire two

years and thirdly because of the problems of transition, since last year the SGPA requirement to move to the next semester was 4.0, where as it had now registered a quantum jump to 5.5, in one go. He stressed that since this was a substantial jump, the mindset of the students was still pegged to last years' standards. This peculiar situation merited immediate attention of the Senate in order to consider the issue and initiate appropriate corrective action .

The single point agenda was then taken up.

1.1 **Considered the request of M.Tech. students mainly from the Trainee Officers of the WRDTC who had not secured the stipulated SGPA at the end of the 1ˢᵗ Semester and had consequently been disallowed from registering for the second semester, to be allowed to register.**

At the outset, Prof. A.K.Awasthi, Dean PGS&R briefed the Senate about the issue and highlighted the salient features. He stated that as per Ordinance No. 2 dated 30.3.2002, the minimum requirement of SGPA was ≥ 5.5 at the end of First Semester and that of CGPA was ≥ 5.5 at the end of 2nd and subsequent semesters, with valid credits not less than 75% of the credits registered in a semester, for continuation of registration. As per the provision of the above Ordinance, 61 Engineering and 04 M.Sc. students could not be registered for the Spring Semester as their SGPA was below the minimum required level.

He further apprised the Senate that the Institute had issued various notifications connected with the M.Tech. programme well in time and repeatedly in order to ensure that the new entrants are well informed about the minimum requirements for their continuation in the programme.

The matter was discussed at length in PG Board on 9.1.2003, but the Board could not come to any conclusion. The Senate after due deliberation resolved as follows:

The Senate noted that the Institute had issued the required notifications in respect of SGPA/CGPA requirements in time, and that there was no lapse on this account. However, in view of the fact that this being a transition phase from old regulations to new regulations, the Senate RESOLVED that for the purpose of registration of students in 2nd semester of M.Tech. , the requirement of SGPA will be as in the immediate past i.e. 4.0 as a one time exception without being cited as a precedent, with the proviso that at the

end of the 2ⁿᵈ semester, the CGPA will be at the same level as already notified in the new regulations i.e. 5.5 or above, thereby ensuring that the academic standards are not diluted.

The Senate FURTHER RESOLVED that if need be, the required credits may be earned during the summer semester subject to the condition that at least three students register for any course.

The Senate STILL FURTHER RESOLVED that in view of the aforesaid one time exception, the attendance requirement of the students shall be counted from the date of their registration/ admission.

This relaxation shall be given to all Postgraduate students of the Institute to whom registration in the second semester had been denied on account of low SGPA.
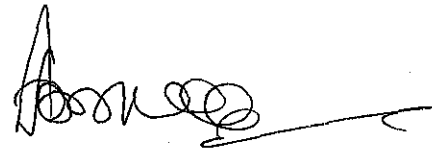
The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair.

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Lt. Col. (Retd.)
Registrar