1. **To read and record the meeting notice:**

   Principal and Chairperson, Dr. G. L Shekar initiated the proceedings of the meeting by welcoming the honorable members. Meeting notice was read and recorded. The members observed one minute silence as a mark of respect to Sri. M.A Sampth Iyengar, past president, NIE MC who expired on 6th March 2015.

2. **To read and confirm the proceedings of the 14th Academic Council meeting held on July 12, 2014:**

   Dr. G.L Shekar read the proceedings of the 14th Academic Council meeting and apprised the members of the action taken. Heads of the departments, highlighted how the recommendations of the 14th Academic Council meeting have been implemented in their respective departments.

   **Major events since July 2014:**

   Principal gave a brief presentation about the important activities that took place at NIE after the 14th Academic Council meeting (between July 12, 2014 to March 7, 2015). The council members appreciated the activities.

3. **To consider and approve**

   a. **Examination results of odd semester 2014-15:**

      Controller of Examinations, Dr. Ananathapadmanabha presented the examination results of both UG and PG programmes of all the departments.
      Dr. Basavaraj Anami suggested to make separate result analysis for lateral entry students; he also opined that it is better to make sections in I year on merit basis rather than branch wise so that special attention could be given to those sections comprising weaker students.
      Mr. Rajanikath also expressed the need for introducing certain mechanism strengthening the weaker students.
      Principal assured the members that needful action will be taken.
      The results were approved

   b. **Revised norms for award of ranks:**

      Approved

   c. **Declaration of ranks for M.Tech., in Structural Engineering (2012-14 batch):**

      Approved
4. To read and record:
   a. Extension of TEQIP-II project period:
      Read and recorded
   b. Award of third installment grant under TEQIP-II:
      Read and recorded
   c. Application for the renewal of autonomy to UGC:
      Read and recorded
   d. Application for accreditation to NBA under new format:
      Read and recorded
   e. Increase in intake of B.E programme in Civil Engineering from 60 to 120, Mechanical Engineering from 120 to 180, and Electronics & Communication Engineering from 60 to 120 from the academic year 2014-15:
      Read and recorded
   f. Commencement of new M.Tech programmes in Nano-Technology and Machine Design from the academic year 2014-15 in the Department of Mechanical Engineering with intake of 24 each:
      Dr. G.U Kulakarni emphasized the need for taking measures to improve the internship opportunities for students of M.Tech in Nano-Technology. He suggested that the placement cell should take initiative to get them placed in appropriate jobs. He also suggested that these students can look for jobs outside India as well.
      Read and recorded with the above suggestions.
   g. Graduation Day ceremony details:
      Read and recorded
Training and Placement activities and statistics for the year 2014-15:

Placement officer Major General Prakash (Retd.) presented the activities of Training and placement division and the number of placements for the year 2014-15. He also explained the initiative taken to improve the placements further. All the members expressed their happiness over the increased member of placement. Dr. G.U Kulkarni suggested indicating how many number of students did not opt for placements from the Institute and express it as a percentage.

Read and recorded.

Release of Compendium of Research Publications:

Members complimented the faculty for increased research publications. Dr. G.U Kulkarni insisted for organizing a workshop highlighting on Research Methodology, Plagiarism and ethics involved in publishing papers. Mr. Rajanikanth wanted that the UG/PG students are part of research projects carried out in different departments.

Read and recorded.

Major academic accomplishments of departments/faculty members:

The members of the Council appreciated the numerous academic activities and accomplishments of the various departments. Dr. R. Nagaraja suggested conducting workshops educating the faculty how to write the research proposals. Dr. G.U Kulkarni felt the need for offering on-line courses by the departments.

Read and recorded with the above suggestions.

To ratify:

Calendar of Academic Events for the even semester 2014-15:

Dr. B. K Sridhara, Dean (AA) Presented the Academic Calendar for the year 2014-15

Mr. Sudhanva emphasized the need for designing the calendar of events in a way helping the students to apply for Universities abroad for fall session.

Ratified

Introduction of new interdisciplinary elective course in Solar Energy and Micro-Hydro Systems:

Ratified
c  **Introduction of new elective course in Nano Electronics:**

   Ratified

d  **Penalties imposed in examination malpractice cases:**

   Ratified

e  **Equivalence of performance of transferred students:**

   Ratified

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**TABLE AGENDA**

1. **To read & record internship offered from Strasbourg University France to Mr. Sunil B.S, 2nd semester M.Tech student in Nano Technology:**

   Members were happy to know this internship offer from a University abroad. Dr. G.U Kulkarni insisted for briefing the students of M.Tech in Nano-Technology and their parents about the opportunity of getting internships and placement abroad at the time of admission; he felt that placement of these M.Tech students is very critical for successful conduction of the programme and improved enrollment in the coming years. Dr. G.L Shekar requested the placement officer to look into the matter.

   Read and recorded

2. **To approve Revision of syllabus of the course Engineering Management (EC0416):**

   Mr. Sudhanva suggested to include topics on legal and contractual aspects, intellectual property rights in the next revision.

   The syllabus was approved
Any other subject

6. Following feedback were given by the members of Academic Council:

Mr. Rajanikanth

- Felt happy that the Institute is moving ahead
- Insisted for commercializing the patents
- Emphasized the need for faculty branding

Dr. G.U Kulkarni

- Appreciated the progress of NIE over the years
- Felt that NIE has right spirit and proactive approach for development; it could be one of the leading institute with little more effort
- Suggested to improve on bringing funds from outside and strengthen the interaction with the international organizations; he offered to help in this regard

Professor Basavaraj Anami

- Felt that NIE is making good progress
- Emphasized for strengthening the UG Programmes
- Suggested to understand the faculty strengths for their development

Mr. Sudhanva

- Felt that developments are positive and are very well reflected in the statistics presented
- Appreciated the efforts made by faculty towards research
- Promised to contribute towards this progress

Dr. R. Nagaraja

- Suggested to take up research activities in renewable energy, especially in solar energy as lot of funds are available for this research
- Suggested to articulate the Vision and Mission for the next five years.

Professor K.S Nanjunda Rao

- Appreciated the unique style of conducting the various activities at NIE; also felt happy that AC members suggestions are taken seriously and implemented
- Suggested to initiate clean India campaign in the interest of the nation

G.L Shekar, Chairman expressed happiness over these feedbacks; he mentioned that vision 2021 of NIE is being worked out as NIE will reach a milestone of 75 years of its existence is 2021.

Dr. Y.S Varadarajan, Member Secretary proposed vote of thanks