To read and record the meeting notice:
Dr. G.L. Shekar, Principal and Chairman initiated the proceedings by welcoming all the honorable external members and esteemed colleagues.

To read and confirm the proceedings of the 18th Academic Council meeting held on July 2, 2016
Meeting notice was read and confirmed
Principal gave a brief presentation on important activities that took place at NIE after 18th Academic Council (July 29, 2016 – Jan 28, 2017). Principal gave a brief presentation on various programs conducted by different departments. The AC members appreciated efforts in conducting these activities. Proceedings of 18th AC meeting was read and confirmed.

To consider and approve
Dr. T.N.Sridhar, CoE, presented the results of odd semesters of the year 2016-17; UG, PG and Master in Computer Application programmes.

Mr. Srinath Narayan observed that the results of higher semester are good while first year results are of low percentage.

Dr. G.L. Shekar explained that the reason for low results in the first semester is due to the time taken by students to adjust from tuition based PU education to engineering exam.

Dr. G.Suresh opined that students need at least one semester to adjust from annual exams to semester system.

Considered and approved.

To consider and record


Dr. T.N.Sridhar, CoE, reported the activities of Graduation Day held on 20th August 2016. He said provisional degree certificate was issued to 705 BE students, 65 MCA students and 164 M.Tech. students. He also briefed the gold medals/endowment prizes given to meritorious students.

Considered and recorded.
b. **Training and Placement activities and statistics for the year 2015-16**

Dr. G.S. Suresh, Dean(Academic Affairs) presented the placement matrix of students as on 15.01.2017. He also explained about the various training programs like aptitude skill, soft skill, mock placement trainings conducted by various training agencies. He also presented the list of companies visited during 2016-17 and the compensation offered.

Mr. S. Sundaresh felt that there is a need to analyze, why M.Tech students are not getting jobs like BE students.

Mr. Srinath Narayana suggested that a comparative index may be formed to measure the employment index.

Dr. G.S. Suresh, explained that in Civil Engineering off-campus recruitment is more than the campus recruitment. Many of them opt for self employment.

Dr. G.L. Shekar, highlighted that in IT-based branches placement is 100%

**Considered and recorded**

c. **Major academic accomplishments of departments / faculty members**

All departments heads highlighted the major academic activities of their respective department and achievements of individual faculty members.

Mr. Achutha Bachalli appreciated the huge number of workshops/FDP/seminars/conferences conducted by various departments of NIE.

Dr. Ramesh, congratulated the institute for the large number of publications by faculty members.

**Considered and recorded.**

5 **To ratify:**

a. **Calendar of Academic Events for even semester 2016-17**

Dr. G.S. Suresh, placed the new format of academic calendar for even semester 2016-17 for both UG and PG. AC members appreciated the new format.

Mr. Sundaresh felt that informing the important dates of academic events through SMS will be a good system. Mr. Achutha Bachalli and Dr Ramesh also supported this idea.

Dr. Ramesh suggested that, there should be 90 working days in a semester.

Dr. G.S. Suresh stated that this has been taken.

**Recorded and ratified.**

b. **Introduction of new elective course in “Organizational change and development” (ME0215) by the Department of Mechanical Engineering.**

Dr. M.V. Achutha, Head, Mechanical Engineering explained that, many BoS members expressed that few management courses are essential in Mechanical
Engineering program. Hence two-credit elective course ‘Organizational change and development’ (ME0215) has been introduced for eight semester. He presented the course content outcome and prerequisites. Further he outlined the need and importance of the course. He reported that around 120 students opted this elective and has given good feedback.

**Recorded and ratified**

c. **Details of malpractice cases during odd semester (2015-16)**
Dr. T.N.Sridhar, CoE explained the procedure and action taken against 12 students involved in malpractice during the odd semester (2016-17) as per Institute regulations.

**Recorded and ratified**

d. **Equivalence of performance of transferred students**
CoE presented the list of students transferred from other colleges and admitted to NIE, and he addressed the equivalence issues.

**Recorded and ratified**

e. **Proceeding of Academic Review Committee (ARC) and Examination Review Committee (ERC)**

Dr. G.S.Suresh, explained the functions of Academic Review Committee (ARC)

Dr. T.N.Sridhar, outlined the decisions taken in the ARC and ERC meetings. He briefed about the closed review of answer scripts and grievance redressal procedure. He also presented the list of students awarded with ‘I’ grade with reasons.

Members appreciated the formation of such committees.

**Recorded and ratified**

f. **Revision of remuneration of academic and examination activities**

Dr. T.N.Sridhar, CoE, presented the revision in remuneration for BoS members, Paper setting which was proposed and recommended in the joint meeting of ARC and ERC.

AC members approved the recommendations of ARC and ERC.

**Recorded and ratified**

g. **Introduction of new elective course “Introduction to Research” by Electronics and Communication Department.**

Dr. Rohini Nagapadma, Head, Dept. of Electronics & Communication presented the scheme and teaching of one credit NPTEL MOOC course “Introduction of Research” (EC0103) to eighth semester students. She presented the course content, evaluation pattern and course outcome.

**AC members approved the course**
h. Introduction of CIE on-line test

Dr. T.N. Shridhar, presented the proposal of conducting Continuous Internal Exam by on-line for Test-1 and Test-3 and One Mid Semester Examination (MSE).

Dr. K.V.A Balaji opined that it is not advisable to conduct on-line for all courses. He felt that one online test and two normal tests may be conducted to get the feedback. Mr. Srinath Narayanan felt descriptive exam is more appropriate than working on system. Further he mentioned that, as a pilot project, test can be started from lower semesters. If successful, can be extended to higher semesters.

Considered and recorded

Finally, members expressed their appreciation on a large number of paper publication by the faculty members of all departments. They congratulated all the candidates who have acquired Ph.D degree.

Dr. G.S. Suresh, proposed vote of thanks.