Agenda items for 12th Meeting of the PGC (13th Jan, 2016)

1. To confirm the minutes of the 11th meeting of the PGC held on 28th Oct, 15.

PhD

New items

2. Checking of plagiarism in PhD thesis, MTech thesis, and BTP.
3. Currently, we have "two submissions in Core A*/ IEEE Transaction level Journal" as an expectation at PhD thesis submission time. We can now upgrade it to: "two submissions in Core A*/ IEEE Transaction level Journal, with one of them being accepted/published". The change, if accepted, will not apply to students who, are more than 3 years in the program or have cleared their comprehensives. We will ensure that we check this in the PhD submission form - we can have a checkbox for this and add, "If not satisfied, please state the reasons." (We should have it already for the current condition).
4. In the last mid-year review, we didn't ask tentative advisers submit mid-year reviews of the PhD students. We can ask them to do so.
5. There are good online courses to improve technical writing. We can ask PhD students to take these courses.
6. All PhD students, regardless of when they joined, to have two reviews (first one with adviser and second one with the review committee) every year.
7. To discuss the issue regarding fee payment by Sponsored PhD Students.
8. To discuss the case where an adviser of a PhD student stops being the adviser.
9. To discuss the possible round of Direct PhD admission in a year.

Deferred items

10. To consider the maximum time limit for registration by Ph.D. students. At present a PhD student needs to register course work / research work credits every regular semester. For example, an X student has completed the required course work / research work credits by the end of his 10 semester i.e. in 5 years however he/ she will need more time towards submission of thesis. Whether in such a scenario he/she is required to register every semester after 5 years. If so, for how long?
11. To consider the status of PhD students after their 5 years are over and they are not receiving any fellowship. Could they leave for home and submit from there?
12. To discuss the Pcoin model proposed by Dr. Pushpendra Singh.
13. To consider the case of a PhD student who receives F grade in thesis. What would be the steps and rules to deal with such cases?
14. To discuss the criteria for nominations to IBM or similar fellowships.
15. To clarify whether attendance is compulsory for all PhD students or only for students getting funding from Institute?
    At present attendance is marked for students getting Institute fellowship.
16. To consider the issue related to payment of fellowship during internship.

MTech

New items

17. To consider a proposal to add course titled "'GPU Computing" be in Systems or Software bucket.
18. To consider a proposal to float a new DE specialization course.

Deferred items

19. To consider a proposal for mid-Semester MTech thesis presentation.
20. To review the criteria for best MTech thesis etc.
21. To consider whether scholarly papers should be put online? This issue was raised in a recent meeting when discussions regarding NBA happened.

For Reporting

22. The guidelines regarding conduct of Comprehensive Exam.
23. To inform the PGC about the number of PhD students supported by institute per faculty
24. To inform format of leave application.
25. To inform that the name of Ericsson has been added in list of A+ companies.
26. Any other item with permission of the Chair.