



Minutes of the 14th meeting of the PGC of IIIT-D held on 11th May, 2016 at 3.30 p.m.in the Board Room, 5th Floor, IIIT-D Campus, Okhla Industrial Estate, Phase-III, New Delhi

Following were present:

1. Dr. Vinayak Naik	- Chairman
2. Prof. Dheeraj Sanghi	- Member
3. Dr. Somitra Sanadhya	- Member
4. Dr. Mayank Vatsa	- Member
5. Dr. Vikram Goyal	- Member
6. Dr. Debajyoti Bera	- Member
7. Dr. Sriram K	- Member
8. Dr. Vivek Bohara	- Member
9. Dr. Rajiv Raman	- Member
10. Prof. Samaresh Chatterji	- Special Invitee
11. Dr. Sambudho Chakravarty	- Special Invitee
12. Dr. Venkata M. Vishwanath Gunturi	- Special Invitee
13. Dr. Donghoon Chang	- Special Invitee
14. Ms. Anupriya Gogna	- Students' Representative
15. Mr. K P Singh	- Academic In-Charge
16. Mr. Ashutosh Brahma	- JM(Academic)
17. Ms. Priti Patel	- JM (Academic)

At the out set Dr. Vinayak Naik, Chair PGC welcomed all to the meeting. Thereafter, the agenda items were taken up for discussions and the following decisions/ recommendations were made.

1. To confirm the minutes of the 13th meeting of the PGC held on 2nd March, 2016.

The PGC confirmed the minutes of the 13th meeting held on 2nd March, 2016.

2. (i) To approve (a) MTech Handbook

Chair PGC apprised the members of the changes made in the existing M.Tech. Handbook. After a brief discussions the PGC approved the revised version of M.Tech. Handbook ([Appendix-I](#))

(b) Guidelines for Best MTech Thesis

Chair PGC apprised the members of the existing process of selecting M.Tech. thesis for Best M.Tech. thesis award. After detailed deliberations the PGC desired that committee should be formed by the

PGC after receiving nominations to avoid conflict of interest. The faculty whose student is nominated for the award should abstain from the decision making process. (Appendix-II)

(ii) To consider addition of rules and regulation for hiring M.Tech. TAs as interns

PGC noted the decision taken at its 13th meeting held on 2nd March,2016 and decided that PG regulation may be modified suitably. During the course of discussions the office orders was shared and the members agreed to the same. It was also clarified that students not doing TAship can be engaged in the project/consultancy work and paid suitable honorarium based on the quantum of work done.

3. To inform “Guidelines for Change of PhD Supervisor at a Late Stage”

Chair PGC apprised the members of the “Guidelines for Change of PhD Supervisor at a Late Stage” approved by the Senate at its 32nd meeting held on 30.03.2016. After detailed deliberations it was decided to share the document with PGC members.

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4. To consider a proposal for a course “Linux Kernel Architecture & Programming” by Dr. Donghoon Chang.

Dr. Donghoon Chang presented the salient features of the course “Linux Kernel Architecture & Programming” and replied to the queries made by the members. PGC requested Donghoon to respond to Pushpendra’s comments and share the updated course description to faculty mailing list.. For giving amount of credit to faculty teaching the course, the matter will be decided by the Director.

5. To consider adding the following courses to MTech MC specialization

- i. Smart Sensing for Internet of Things by Dr. Vinayak Naik (earlier taught by Dr. Srikanth Saripalli)**
- ii. Introduction to Spatial Computing by Dr. Gunturi**
- iii. Network Security by Dr. Sambuddho (earlier taught by Dr. H B Acharya)**

Chair PGC presented the background of the proposal. After a brief discussion the PGC approved adding the above courses to M.Tech. MC specialization.

6. To review courses in the MTech Theory bucket

PGC reviewed the existing courses in the M.Tech. theory bucket. After detailed deliberations it was decided that Advanced Algorithm be replaced by Modern Algorithm Design (MAD). It was clarified that it is not mandatory to offer all courses every year.

7. To review the course replacement policy for PG students and to discuss the proposal that instead of the under load condition, there should be a minimum bar for number of credits and semester.

The PGC discussed the matter but did not recommend any change.

8. To discuss policy for transfer of credits and comprehensive exam for transferring PhD students

Chair PGC apprised the members of the case of a student from IIT Guwahati who is expected to join IIITD and complete the remaining part of his Ph.D. program. After detailed discussions it was decided to send email to faculty for getting input on the issues i.e. transfer of credits and waiving of Comprehensive examination completed at IITG. During the course of discussions it was suggested that at least 50% of course work should be from IIIT Delhi. For future cases, the request will be considered by the PGC on case to case basis.

9. **To discuss leave rules for TA's.**

PGC noted the existing leave rules for TAs.

10. **To discuss that, what should be the process to remind the Advisor about the comprehensive exam deadline of his/her PhD student.**

Chair PGC apprised the members of the existing guidelines including deadlines for comprehensive examinations. After detailed deliberations it was decided as follow:

- (i) Advisor of a student will inform the Chair PGC about the delay and the steps taken to finish by a certain date.
- (ii) The matter be referred to FM for further discussions and appropriate recommendation
- (iii) Academic Section will send email reminders to Faculty/Student to expedite completion of comprehensive examination

11. **To discuss the maximum number of credits to be allowed to register by a PhD Student for Independent Studies (IS) in a semester / entire program.**

The item was deferred to the next meeting of the PGC.

12. **To consider the case of full time PhD Students who drop out from PhD program even without taking MTech degree. Since they are paid substantial amount of TAsip, without any tuition fee, what amount should be recovered from such students and the manner in which recovery should be made in such cases.**

The item was deferred to the next meeting of the PGC.

13. **To establish POs and PEOs for MTech programs.**

The item was deferred to the next meeting of the PGC.

14. **To discuss the cases of the students, who neither complete the graduation requirements nor register for next semester after the expiry of the normal duration of the program.**

The item was deferred to the next meeting of the PGC.

15. Review of PhD thesis Evaluation guidelines?

Based on the suggestions of one of the members, the PGC recommended following modifications in PhD thesis evaluation guidelines:

Existing Guidelines:

“Along with the synopsis, the advisers have to give a panel of at least eight names for Ph.D. thesis examination.

Initially it is desirable to have more names in the panel (say eight), and more from academia – it is suggested that at least five of the eight names should be from academia.”

Revised Guidelines:

“Along with the synopsis, the advisers have to give a panel of at least **six names** for Ph.D. thesis examination.

Initially it is desirable to have more names in the panel (say six), and more from academia – it is suggested that **at least four of the six names** should be from academia.”

16. To further discuss the issue related to grant of travel budget for Poster presentation.

Further to the discussion held at its 13th Meeting held on 2nd March 2016 vide item no. 2, the PGC decided that when a student has been allowed Institute travel budget usage for poster presentation to a particular conference “X”, then in future all similar request for “X” conference will be approve on the same line.

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair.