



Minutes of the 20th meeting of the PGC held on 23rd January, 2017 at 1.00 p.m. in the Board Room, IIIT-D Campus, Okhla Industrial Estate, New Delhi

Following were present:

1. Prof. Samaresh Chatterji - Chairman
2. Dr. Dheeraj Sanghi
3. Dr Anubha Gupta
4. Dr. Md. S. Hashmi
5. Dr. Pushpendra Singh
6. Dr. Vikram Goyal
7. Dr Ponnurangam K
8. Dr. Vinayak Naik
9. Dr. Venkata M.Vishwanath Gunturi
10. Dr. Anuradha Sharma
11. Dr. Saket Anand
12. Dr. Sneh Sourabh
13. Dr. Rahul Purandare (on Telecon)
14. Mr. G N S Harsha - Student Representative(ECE)
15. Ms. Deepika Yadav - Student Representative(CSE)
16. Mr. K P Singh - Academic Incharge
17. Ms. Sheetu Ahuja - Manager(Academic)
18. Mr. Ashutosh Brahma - JM(Academic)
19. Ms. Priti Patel - JM(Academic)

At the outset Prof. Samaresh Chatterji welcomed all to the meeting of the PGC. Thereafter, the agenda items were taken up for discussion and the following decisions/recommendations were made:

1. Confirmation of the minutes of the 19th meeting of the PGC held on 22nd December, 2016

The PGC confirmed the minutes of the 19th meeting of the PGC held on 22nd December, 2016

Arising out of discussions the PGC unanimously agreed to hold its future meetings on 4th Wednesday of the month since 1st Wednesday is earmarked for FM. The scheduling of the meeting should be confirmed to the members at least a week in advance, and if necessary

a meeting could be held on some other Wednesday. The UGC meetings could be scheduled in a free slot on any other Wednesdays.

2. To discuss on strengthening the thesis processes to ensure high quality.

Discussion on this item was deferred to the next meeting.

3. To discuss regarding talks series by PhD students (50% attendance policy in Institute seminar and ketchup talks, to add the same in Yearly report xls)

Chair PGC apprised the members of the background. Thereafter, the student representatives informed that the issues are being discussed among the Ph.D. scholars to find out solutions including distribution of the work of seminar, T-Talk and Catch-up talks among various labs. Some members had given below suggestions:

- i. Suggested to offer these talks as a one credit course which can be offered either every semester or need to be taken at least two times (1 credit each in any two semester) during the course of PhD.
- ii. For PhD(Mathematics) students, it was recommended that all students should deliver at least one T-Talk every semester and should attend at least 80% of T-talks during the semester.
- iii. The details of number of talks delivered and attended in a year (two semesters) should reflect in yearly report xls and based on the same, student may get some reward in form of contingency.

4. Discussion regarding making some senior MTech students as Head TA with some extra honorarium (Items like, eligibility criteria for M.Tech. students, number of scholarships, procedure etc).

Prof. Dheeraj Sanghi, DOAA apprised the members of the background of the proposal as well as the decision taken by the PGC at its last meeting held on 22.12.2016. He informed that due to some reason it has not been possible to attract the graduating M.Tech. students to work as Head TA. He suggested for either hiring the Head TA from outside the institute or identify M.Tech. students from within the institute. After detailed deliberations the PGC decided to select the Head TA internally for the next semester (Monsoon 2017). The payment of fellowship may be made as per decision already taken by the PGC at the last meeting (i.e. to pay half of the amount of fellowship paid to a Teaching Fellow, which will include the TA stipend amount that they get from AICTE, plus hostel facility).

5. To reconsider the proposal to include the synopsis as a part of thesis(refer item No.7, 19th PGC Meeting held on 22nd Dec 2016)

Discussion on this item was deferred to the next meeting.

6. To reconsider the proposal of Comprehensive Exam Feedback Form (refer item No.5, 17th PGC Meeting held on 21st Sep 2016)

Discussion on this item was deferred to the next meeting.

7. Reconsideration of Policies for Grade Replacement for MTech program

Chair PGC apprised the members of the existing rule for replacement of courses for M.Tech. students and the comments/suggestions received from Dr. Vishwanath Gunturi. After detailed deliberations the PGC clarified that if a student is registering IP/IS after completion of 32 credits/40 credits of coursework then he/she will not be allowed to replace a taught course by an IS/IP,.

8. To discuss, course requirements for PhD students (case of Devika Sondhi).

Chair PGC apprised the members of the case of Ms. Devika Sondhi. Dr. Rahul Purandare, Advisor of the student informed that being an M.Tech. from IIITD under the Dual Degree program she should get waiver of courses like other regular M.Tech. student of the Institute who join Ph.D. within a year. During the course of discussions it was noted that under the Dual Degree she was already given waiver from courses. After detailed deliberations the PGC recommended that a Dual Degree student of the institute joining Ph.D. program within 1 or 1 and half year may be asked to register at least 8 credits of course work including IS/IP.

9. Discussion regarding having a neutral observer in PhD Thesis Defense.

Discussion on this item was deferred to the next meeting.

10. To discuss the concept of Practice talk before actual thesis defense.

Discussion on this item was deferred to the next meeting.

11. To review the Guidelines for Award of Medals to MTech Students.

Discussion on this item was deferred to the next meeting.

12. To consider a proposal to apply plagiarism check for PhD and MTech Thesis before submission for evaluation.

Discussion on this item was deferred to the next meeting.

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

