



Minutes of the 22nd meeting of the PGC held on 22nd March, 2017 at 3.30 p.m. in the Board Room, IIT-D Campus, Okhla Industrial Estate, New Delhi

Following were present:

1. Prof. Pankaj Jalote, Director*
2. Prof. Samaresh Chatterji - Chairman
3. Dr. Dheeraj Sanghi
4. Dr. Anubha Gupta
5. Dr. Pushpendra Singh
6. Dr. Mohammad S. Hashmi
7. Dr. Saket Anand
8. Dr. Viswanath Gunturi
9. Dr. Anuradha Sharma
10. Dr. Ganesh Bagler
11. Dr. Sneha Sourabh
12. Mr. GNS Harsha - Student Representative (ECE)
13. Ms. Deepika Yadav - Student Representative (CSE)
14. Mr. K P Singh - Academic Incharge
15. Ms. Sheetu Ahuja - Manager (Academic)
16. Mr. Ashutosh Brahma - JM (Academic)
17. Ms. Nisha Narwal - JM (Academic)

*Director attended the meeting only for a brief period to give his thoughts on items Nos.9,10,11 before actual deliberations on these items by the PGC.

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 21st meeting of the PGC held on 1st March, 2017.

The PGC confirmed the minutes of the 21st meeting of the PGC held on 1st March, 2017.

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

Chair PGC apprised the members of the background and the discussions held earlier at the 18th meeting of the PGC held on 2nd November, 2016 and 21st meeting held on 1st March, 2017. It was noted that most of the suggestions for strengthening the Ph.D. thesis process made by the Director vide his email dated 15th October, 2016 were cleared and implemented by the PGC in the past except the point related taking of thesis quality feedback from the external examiners which is listed as item No.10 of the 22nd PGC. In view of the above no further discussion was considered necessary on this item.

Arising out of discussions it was decided that henceforth minutes of the PGC may be communicated to FM as well as shared in the Google Drives for information of the Faculty.

It was also clarified that operational matters need not go to Senate.

3. To discuss regarding talks by Ph.D. students (50% attendance policy in Institute seminar and ketchup talks, to add the same in Yearly Report).

It was noted that issues are still being discussed among Ph.D. scholars and hence it was decided to wait for the suggestions from the students before further discussion.

4. Reconsideration of Policies for Grade Replacement for M.Tech. program.

Chair PGC apprised the members of the decisions taken by the PGC at its 7th and 12th meetings held on 01.04.2015 and 13.01.2016 on the question of grade replacement. He also informed of the subsequent decisions taken by the PGC at its 19th meeting held on 22.12.2016 and 20th meeting held on 23.01.2017 and the comments received from a PGC member thereon. In the light of the comments received from the member(s) the PGC reviewed its earlier decisions and decided that an M.Tech. student must complete the core/bucket requirements for completion of degree. He/she can replace up to two courses falling under the category of elective/IS/IP by Elective/IS/IP. Further, a core course grade can only be replaced by a core course.

5. To consider request of Ms. Tania, Ph.D. scholar in Mathematics for transfer of grades obtained in 4 courses (14 credits) done at IIT Ropar.

Chair PGC apprised the members of the request of Ms. Tania, Ph.D. scholar in Mathematics for transfer of grades obtained in 4 courses (14 credits) done at IIT Ropar and the recommendation of her Advisor thereon. After detailed deliberations the PGC decided to allow her to transfer course credits done at IIT Ropar to the extent of 50% of the total course credits to be completed for completion of degree requirement.

6. To report adding of (i) Instart Logic and (ii) Samsung Research Institute-Delhi to the list of companies for M.Tech. Industrial Project.

PGC noted the addition of (i) Instart Logic and (ii) Samsung Research Institute-Delhi to the list of companies for M.Tech. Industrial Project.

7. To consider the requirement of M.Tech. (ECE) General

Chair PGC apprised the members of the background and the current regulations for award of M.Tech. (ECE) degree with specialization. After detailed deliberations the PGC recommended that the students for M.Tech. (ECE) without specialization must do at least 3 core courses from VLSI and CSP core courses. However, the students pursuing Ph.D. after B.Tech. can be allowed to take any eight courses suggested by the respective supervisors for award of M.Tech. (ECE) degree without specialization. It was suggested to add this rule to operational guidelines and FAQ.

8. To review the earlier decision of the PGC regarding changes in the Ph.D. evaluation committee to avoid conflict of interest.

Chair PGC apprised the members of the background and the email communication received from Dr. Mayank Vatsa. After detailed deliberations the PGC reiterated its earlier decision taken at its 19th meeting held on 22.12.2016. However, the current Honorary Professors of the Institute should be avoided on the evaluation committee.

9. To consider assignment of TA work to Ph.D. students receiving Visvesvaraya Ph.D. fellowship.

Chair PGC apprised the members of the background. Before actual discussions, the Director, IIITD who was present for a brief period also expressed his views on assignment of TA work to Ph.D. students receiving Visvesvaraya Ph.D. fellowship. Thereafter, the PGC discussed the matter in detail and decided that TA Duty can be waived for up to two semesters for Ph.D. students receiving Visvesvaraya Ph.D. fellowship. The semester for which they will be given waiver will be decided on the recommendation of the concerned Supervisor.

10. To consider getting feedback from external examiners, on quality of the Ph.D. thesis accepted for award of degree, after Ph.D. thesis defense is over,

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- 11. To consider a proposal to grant additional Rs. 25K to B.Tech./M.Tech. students presenting papers in A* or A level conference. This will be in addition to current support of Rs. 10K, and any support that may be given by a center or a faculty member, or any external support and is not tied to support that faculty of Ph.D. students may get for the paper, if they are co-authors**

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- 12. To review the process of awarding grade to Ph.D. students in the annual review. (refer background note received from Dr. Rahul Purandare vide email dt.20.3.2017**

Consideration of this item was deferred to the next meeting.

Next meeting of the PGC

It was decided to hold the next meeting of the PGC on fourth Wednesday of April 2017. A notice for the meeting along with the agenda note may be sent to all the members at least a week in advance.

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