Agenda for 23rd meeting of the Academic Affairs Committee (AAC) to be held on 18th Nov 2022 from 9.00 AM in the Senate Room, 7th Floor, R&D Building.

ltem 1.	To confirm the minutes of the 22nd AAC meeting held on 14th October 2022.
Item 2.	Reporting Items:
	<ol> <li>Below mentioned new courses were shared with AAC members over email and we didn't receive any comments over email, so these were considered as approved.</li> <li>CSE 347/547 - Usable Security and Privacy by Dr. Arun Balaji</li> <li>ENTXXX : Foundations of Marketing by Dr. Pankaj Vajpayee</li> <li>ENTXXX : Social Entrepreneurship</li> <li>PSY505 : Attention &amp; Perception by Dr. Sonia Baloni Ray</li> <li>PSY506 : Learning &amp; Memory by Dr. Mrinmoy Chakrabarty</li> <li>CSE522 : Lattices in Computer Science by Dr. Subhabrata</li> <li>Japanese Language &amp; Cultural Program</li> <li>Dr. Vivek Kumar submitted a proposal to allow his PhD student, Mr. Sunil Kumar, to do one additional IS. As he completed his BTech from IIIT-Delhi, this can be allowed as per rules provided the PhD advisor strongly recommends it. Following is the advisor's recommendation:         I strongly support Sunil Kumar for taking 12 credits of his 32 credits of course requirement as an IP/IS. He graduated with BTech CSE from IIITD in 2021, and then joined our PhD program the same year. He recently got selected for Google India PhD fellowships. He has taken all relevant courses at IIITD that could possibly help him in his PhD research. Having an extra IP/IS would allow him to take more relevant online courses.         This was circulated amongst AAC members over email and AAC members agreed to it. </li> </ol>
Item 3.	To deliberate on the Mapping of Great Learning courses to credits.
	Some students of the Great Learning PGD offering have requested to have courses mapped to credits. This helps those students who want to apply for a higher degree. This item will be taken up by Dr. Sanjit Kaul.
	Here is the ordinance of PG Diploma which was passed for AAC reference.
Item 4.	To discuss a proposal by the Department of CSE for starting an MTech (Research) program.

The department is seeking an in-principle approval from AAC to organize the workshops. This item will be presented by Dr. Bapi.

# Item 5. To discuss a recommendation of the Senate regarding PhD thesis examiners.

In the 56th Senate meeting, the Dean of Academic Affairs informed that the Academic Affairs Committee (AAC) at its 21st meeting held on September 09, 2022 and 22nd meeting held on October 14, 2022 has considered the matter regarding the appointment of experts from outside India for evaluation of Ph.D. thesis and after detailed deliberation recommended for approval of the Senate as under:

"It came to notice that while IIIT-Delhi has practiced the habit of having 50% of experts from outside India, it is not codified. Now that no. of Ph.D. students is increasing, it is best to make it part of the rules. After detailed deliberations, the AAC clarified that the list of examiners proposed by Ph.D. advisor(s) for evaluation of Ph.D. thesis should have at least 50% names from outside India. Further, the final selected list of examiners, chosen by the competent authority (PG Affair Chair/DoAA/etc...), must have at least one examiner from outside India. The AAC recommended to the Senate for modification of the relevant regulation."

After a discussion, all Senate members agreed to the above recommendation. Further, the external members expressed that examiners only from the top institutions - India or abroad - should be inducted. The DoAA welcomed the suggestions and informed that he will take up the matter at the appropriate forum to work out the details for defining top institutions.

The AAC is requested to deliberate on this.

#### Item 6. To review IIITD Course Description format.

The current course description document has information that keeps on changing every year (e.g., textbook, weekly schedule, etc.). This creates confusion among students and future instructors as to what is mandatory and what is tentative. It is proposed to divide the description into two parts: A mandatory part (changes require approval), e.g., name, description, credits, presence of lecture-tutorial-lab-project components (not necessarily the schedule), COs, (maybe) list of topics. And a "Tentative plan" component that may include a weekly schedule of labs-lectures-tutorials, books, evaluation plan, etc.; this component is required during course approval to understand the feasibility and intended workload+rigor of a course, but may not be necessary for students (information could be retained for guiding future instructors). Further, guidelines should be laid down for core and elective courses on which components require further approval when modified in a future semester.

It is also suggested to specify Lecture, Tutorial, and Lab components in the course template.

Also, it is proposed that the current taxonomy be updated with the revised "<u>Bloom's taxonomy</u>" (Given below) from "<u>Computing Curricula 2020</u>" which has more actions/verbs which will allow more flexibility to design the COs. Annexure II

It may also be desirable to upfront list which program objective (POs) this course satisfies; this helps during accreditation and could in general be beneficial to understand where this course fits with respect to a program.

## Item 7. Limited scholarship support is provided to students including those who are from EWS.

The Registrar explained that IIITD gives support to those students who are not covered within the scholarship limits of the Delhi Government.

Mr. Ashwani Kumar Kansal informed that DSEU has signed an MoU for Buddy for Study portal which mobilizes large scholarships to the eligible students through 16 various sources, which can also be looked upon as a potential scholarship option.

During the course of discussions, it was noted that earlier the Institute had Chairman's Merit Scholarships which have been stopped now. The committee felt that this could be again taken up and restarted after incorporating appropriate changes.

The IQAC committee suggested that the Institute may have a detailed internal discussion for these points.

AAC is requested to deliberate on this matter.

## Item 8. In 53rd Senate meeting, the below mentioned point was discussed:

To consider the recommendation of the Academic Affairs Committee (AAC) to allow faculty of IIIT-Delhi to teach in sister institutes like IITs/NITs/ISIs/..., etc.

The Dean of Academic Affairs apprised the members of the recommendations of the AAC made at its 16th meeting held on January 19, 2022 to allow faculty of IIIT-Delhi to teach in sister institutes like IITs/NITs/ISIs/ etc. During the course of discussions the members expressed their views and made a number of suggestions. After protracted deliberations the Senate desired that the Institute should come up with a comprehensive policy covering all the concerns as discussed in the Senate meeting. The policy may be placed in the next Senate meeting.

The AAC is requested to deliberate on this.

#### Item 9. To review the B.Tech. Project Guidelines.

As per regulations, if a student wants to earn BTP credits then he/she has to complete minimum 8 or maximum 12 credits in consecutive semesters. Students who are taking BTP credits are required to give a presentation at the end of each semester.

	Incomplete BTP credits are not counted towards graduation requirements and are manually unchecked at the end of the program from total credits and CGPA.
	The AAC is requested to deliberate on this matter. Dr. Debajyoti will take up this matter.
Item 10.	If a PhD student holds a UGC fellowship, can't he get an MTech degree on the way to PhD?
	This is a follow-up item from the 22nd AAC meeting and will be discussed once we receive a response from UGC.
Item 11.	Dr. Vivek Bohara requested AAC to review the honorarium amount paid to external examiners for the MTech thesis evaluation and Comprehensive exam of PhD students.  These may be revised in line with other institutes.
Item 12.	To review Prof. Rajiv Sangal Faculty Fellowship Award
	Any other items with the permission of the Chairperson.

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