



Minutes of the 23rd meeting of the PGC held on 23rd August, 2017 at 2.15 p.m.in the Board Room, IIIT-D Campus, Okhla Industrial Estate, New Delhi

Following were present:

1. Dr. Rajiv Raman - Chairman
2. Prof. Samaresh Chatterji
3. Dr. Anubha Gupta
4. Dr. Pushpendra Singh
5. Dr. Mayank Vatsa
6. Dr. Anuradha Sharma
7. Dr. Sneh Sourabh
8. Dr. Saket Anand
9. Dr. Sriram K.
10. Dr. Ganesh Bagler
11. Mr. K P Singh - Academic Incharge
12. Ms. Sheetu Ahuja - Manager(Academic)
13. Ms. Nisha Narwal - JM(Academic)

At the outset Dr. Rajiv Raman 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 22nd meeting of the PGC held on 22nd March, 2017.

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2. To discuss the performance in the reviews of the Ph.D. students admitted through different channels

PGC discussed the performance of the Ph.D. students in the reviews held in the last three years. After a brief discussion, the Academic Section was asked to provide more data to show the performance of the students admitted through different selection modes. The number of students getting below average (out of total admitted) in each particular mode of selection may be shown separately. The above information along with updated data for January 2017 review may be placed before the next meeting of the PGC for further deliberation.

3. To discuss the process of forwarding the examiners' reports to Supervisor/Candidate without revealing the names of the reviewers before the stage of thesis defense

Chair PGC apprised the members of the background and the existing practice of forwarding examiners' reports to supervisor/candidate before the stage of thesis defense. After detailed deliberations the PGC felt that there are more positive points in revealing the names of examiners at the time of thesis defense and hence the present practice should continue.

As for listed agenda item No.8 of the PGC, it was noted that currently the thesis is being sent to the examiners after receiving the acceptance of all the examiners which results in delay in some cases. It was therefore, decided that once the Chair PGC has selected and approved the list of examiners the thesis be sent to Ph.D. examiners for evaluation soon after the receipt of their acceptance without waiting for all the acceptances to come in. Similarly, the reports of the examiners as and when received may be passed on to the candidates for making changes, if any, after hiding the identity of the examiners.

4. To discuss the selection of Dr. Kanad Basu as one of the Ph.D. examiners who did not fulfil the requirement as given in the guidelines.

Chair PGC apprised the members of the background. After detailed deliberations it was decided that Academic Section will devise a format and send it to the Supervisor(s) along with the current guidelines and the Supervisor (s) should certify that the guidelines have been adhered to. Thereafter, the Chair PGC will select the examiners from the panel recommended by the Supervisor and the last Monitoring Committee (or the Comprehensive Committee).

5. To discuss the matter regarding copyright of Ph.D. Dissertation of IIITD.

Chair PGC apprised the members of the background. After a brief discussions the PGC desired to get the opinion of the Consultant, Mr. Amit Shukla on the question as to who owns copyright of the Ph.D. Dissertation, for further deliberations by the PGC.

6. To discuss and approve the following four core courses for M.Tech. (CB) 2015-17 batch:

- 1. Intro to Math Bio**
- 2. Algo for Comp. Bio**
- 3. Foundations for Modern Biology**
- 4. Systems & Synthetic Bio.**

Chair PGC apprised the members of the background. Thereafter, Dr. Sriram K. and Dr. Ganesh Bagler who attended the meeting especially for this item expressed their views about the above courses being run for the M.Tech(CB) program. After detailed deliberations the PGC decided that the students of 2015 and 2016 batch completing a minimum of 20 credits of Computational biology courses may be deemed to have completed essential requirement towards the degree. It was also noted that there is no

change with regard to completion of CS courses and the total requirement of 48 credits for the M.Tech. Degree. For any change in the structure of the program including requirement of core or elective courses, to be applicable for future batches, may be submitted by the Department for consideration of the PGC

7. To consider nomenclature of the Medal to be awarded to M.Tech. students for securing the highest CGPA in the graduating batch across all disciplines.

Chair PGC apprised the members of the background. After detailed deliberations the PGC recommended to Chairman, Senate that medal may be named “Chancellor medal for Master Degree” and may be awarded as per norms approved by the Senate.

8. To discuss and review the existing practice of forwarding the examiners reports to Ph.D. students to carry out the changes before the thesis defense.

(linked to item no. 3 above)

9. To discuss the cases of M.Tech. students doing Internship and Industrial Projects during Monsoon 2017

Chair PGC apprised the members of the background. It was noted that due to insufficient information from the students the Academic Section is finding difficulties in tracking students who have gone for Internship or Industrial Project in Monsoon 2017. After detailed deliberations it was decided/clarified as under:

- a. Academic Section will write to the concerned students to intimate if they are doing Internship or Industrial Project. A suitable template will be sent to them to provide the relevant details for taking further appropriate action.
- b. The students doing **Internship** in a company will be treated on semester leave with 0(zero) credit(if they are not registered for any Thesis /course credits)
- c. No student gone for Internship or Industrial Project will be paid fellowship from the Institute.
- d. A student doing **Industrial Project/Internship** in Delhi /NCR region can be allowed to register for courses in the semester by submitting an undertaking from his/her Industrial Project Guide / Supervisor/Manager that the student is allowed to attend classes and satisfy other course requirements like appearing for assignments, quizzes, mid-sem and end-sem exams. . The student concerned will also undertake that he/she will not seek any academic waivers.
- e. Students' who are doing Industrial Project outside Delhi/NCR will not be allowed to register for any course.
- f. Students' doing Industrial Project for an Year need to register for 4 credits in both semesters else they will be considered on semester leave.

10. To discuss the cases of Ph.D. students who got unsatisfactory grade in their mid year review process.

Chair PGC informed that Ms. Ravneet Kaur Chawla and Mr. Pravin Nagar, Ph.D. students got unsatisfactory grades in their mid year review process and the respective Advisors have recommended for issue of academic warning to them. It was noted that only in the case of poor performance in yearly review, the student concerned is issued academic warning by Academic Section. After detailed deliberations the PGC felt that there is no case of giving academic warning at this stage and desired that the Advisor concerned should inform the student of the unsatisfactory progress with a copy to the Academic Section for record.

11. To discuss the case of Mr. Rahul Gangopadhyay for grant of leave and stipend for working with his Supervisor, Dr. Saswata Shannigrahi at IIIT Hyderabad.

Chair PGC apprised the members of the background. Dr. Anuradha Sharma, Co-supervisor informed that the student will be working at IIIT Hyderabad with his other Supervisor, Dr. Saswata Shannigrahi to finish his thesis work and hence he should be allowed duty leave with stipend. The PGC agreed to allow duty leave and stipend for Monsoon 2017.

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