Agenda for the 25th meeting of the PGC , 25th October 2017 at PM, Board Room, 5th Floor

1. Confirmation of the minutes of the 24th meeting of the PGC held on 27th Sep 2017.

2. To consider an "All round achievement" award also - for someone who does good thesis, good CGPA, contributes to the PG program, may have published papers, may have participated in competitive events, sports, etc. Like all-rounder award for BTech students.

3. Introduction of a 0 credit course for PhD students to attend seminars - a rule saying a student should register for this course for at least 4 semesters and attend at least 75% of the seminars to obtain credit.
   (This is to ensure that PhD students attend institute seminars, which is beneficial for them to gain breath as well as exposure to current research areas outside their area of expertise; and of course to learn how to give presentations to an audience outside their area of specialization as institute seminars are meant for a broad audience).

4. Introduction of a 0 credit course for MTech/ PhD students (can also do this for BTech students) to enroll for a 0 credit thesis course in their final semester. The reason for this is as follows: There is sometimes a lag between the submission of the thesis and the date of defense, during which the student might have other constraints such as employment, etc. The zero credit course delinks the thesis credits from the defense date. The student can register for this course in case of delay between thesis submission and defense -while degree is awarded only after defense.

5. Counting tier 1 submissions of PhD students at the time of graduation.

6. Mandatory comprehensive exam for PhD students at the end of first year - should this be an institute level policy or department-wise policy - Institute-wide, can specify a qualifying requirement (beside the minimum CGPA requirement), which can be implemented as suitable by the departments.

7. To consider having MTP session like BTP poster session of B.Tech where M.Tech students can showcase their work.

8. To consider course description for a 500 level course on virtual reality by Dr. Ojaswa.

9. Any other item with the permission of the Chair.