

Agenda for 29th meeting of the Academic Affairs Committee (AAC) to be held on 24th July 2023 from 12.00 Noon in the Senate Room, 7th Floor, R&D Building.

Item 1.	To confirm the minutes of the 28th AAC meeting held on 14th April 2023.
Item 2.	<p>Reporting Items:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">The following new course was shared with AAC members over email. Since no comments are received, these courses are considered to be approved.<ul style="list-style-type: none">DES527: User Experience Design of XR (UEDXR) to be offered by Dr. Anmol SrivastavaCSE586: Algorithms under Uncertainty to be offered by Dr. Syamantak DasECE677/CSE677: Advances in Deep Learning to be offered by Dr. AV SubramanyamECO323/ECO523: Casual Inference to be offered by Dr. J.V. MeenakshiSSH225A: Comprehensive Gender Sensitization to be offered by Dr. Smriti SinghECE530 : Quantum Communication and Networks to be offered by Dr. Abhijit MitraDES526/307 : Motion Design and Graphics to be offered by Mr. Anoop RatnDES529: Design for Artificial Intelligence Driven ProductsDES530: The Business of Artificial Intelligence to be offered by Dr. Vinish Kathuria (G)ECE547 : Advanced Digital Communication to be offered by Dr. Anand SrivastavaECE523A: Digital Processor Design to be offered to be offered by Prof. Amlan Chakrabarty (V)SSH327A/SSH527A- Concepts and Methods in Social Movement Research to be offered by Dr. Aasim KhanSSH526/SSH726 - Reading Hegel's Phenomenology of Spirit to be offered by Dr. Nishad PatnaikTo Deliberate on Scytale fellowship<p>There is a new initiative from Quantum group in collaboration with industry partner Scytale. The MoU is already approved by the MoU committee. In this proposal, our students will get paid during their BTP project as long as they satisfy certain course requirements. Implementation needs to be carefully done since students can drop the credits and BTP at any time and we will not put any restriction on this even though the student is getting paid.</p><p>The matter was discussed over email and got approved.</p>To deliberate on the Changes in the Academic Calendar of Monsoon 2023 & getting Academic Calendar of Winter 2024 semester.<p>The same was discussed over email and got approved.</p>To consider a request of a Ph.D. student, Mr. Gurpreet Singh, for a fee concession

Mr. Gurpreet Singh PhD student under ECE Department has requested for full or partial fee waiver on dated 8 July 2023. He is a central government employee working as Scientist in URSC/ISRO, Bengaluru. His organization has permitted him to carry out PhD at IIIT Delhi with a leave for the 2022-23 academic session to complete the PhD coursework. He joined a PhD program in the Department of ECE, IIIT Delhi on Aug 23, 2022. He is working in the area of Space Situational Awareness under supervision of Prof. Sanat K Biswas. He completed 24 credits in the last two semesters with a CGPA of 9.46. He wish to put her request again with the following additional details: My organization has allowed me to pursue PhD without any additional financial assistance. Academic leave for a year has resulted in reduced emoluments during the period of leave. My salary will taper down after 2-3 years, because of academic leave. Academic leave will increase grade residency conditions and affect the next promotion. I am a single earner and my family consists of 6 people. My both children are studying (in classes 5 and U.K.G. respectively) Cost of living, health and education in Bangalore is high as compared to other metro cities. My both parents are aged. My father has been advised of knee surgery, and it is expensive. I have included relevant medical documents for your reference.

“As per the last 21st AAC meeting held on 9 September 2022, the following decision has been made as per item no 5- "To consider a request of a Ph.D. student, Mr. Gurpreet Singh, for a fee concession. **AAC discussed the matter and since his net salary is 1,34,000, which is on the higher end his request for fee concession was rejected.**"

5. To consider a request of a Ph.D. student, Mr. Gurpreet Singh, for waiver in PhD course work requirement

This is the case of Gurpreet Singh, a Sponsored PhD student (admitted in August 2022) from ISRO under the guidance of Dr. Sanat. The student and advisor contacted the academic section before the admission inquiring about a number of course credits requirements and other details. For students with an MSc degree, we have 24 credits requirements in the Math department and 32 in the ECE department. Unfortunately, since the acad team was unaware of the department in which the student is going to take admission, it was informed to the student that 24 credits are required. He took admission to ECE with 1-year leave from ISRO and completed 24 credits in 2 semesters. Unfortunately, there was no discussion on course credit requirements during these two semesters. Now, the student has gone back to ISRO and requested documents saying his course requirements are complete. After we informed him that he needed to complete 32 credits, he submitted the request for either exemption or allowing him to complete the credits online with extra IP/IS. This was taken to AAC. However, it could not be concluded because of differences in opinions. The AAC Chair has requested the Department's opinion here. If the department is okay with completing the credit requirements through IP/IS, the AAC should also be okay with that. Senate approval will be needed after the AAC recommendation

AAC discussed the matter and since there was a miscommunication to the instructor from the academic department, the department decided to allow the same for Gurpreet Singh as an exceptional case.

Item 3.	To deliberate on having Re Exam of Mr. Vaibhav Yadav, a B.Tech. student who is under custody
Item 4.	To waive off the course work requirement of Ms. Diksha Sapra.

Diksha Sapra has joined PhD with me as a sponsored student. She did M.Tech from IIIT Delhi and did thesis with Prof. GPS Raghava. As per rule she has to pass four courses. As she did M.Tech from IIIT Delhi, she has already completed the courses which can be counted towards the PhD course work requirement of 16 credits.

AAC is requested to deliberate on this matter.

Item 5. To review on PhD Evaluation Form:

CSE department has provided below mentioned suggestions to be added in the PhD Evaluation Form.

Seminar attendance and soft breadth requirements for PhD. evaluation form

1) Adding the soft breadth requirement for the Ph.D. CSE students and having a minimum continuing CGPA as 7 (excluding the IP/IS/Online course). ([Ref. 66 MoM attached](#)) It is proposed that the Ph.D. annual review form should have soft breadth bucket requirements of “Course in Algorithms” and “Course in Systems/Software”. Further, the students will have to specify which course was taken against each bucket, in which semester, and with what grade. The monitoring committee may point out lapses, if any. Further, this is proposed to have a minimum continuing CGPA to be 7; excluding the IP/IS/ONline course.

2) Adding the details of "Number of Seminars attended" as one of the field in annual evaluation form of Ph.D. students. ([Ref. 55 MoM attached](#)) There are concerns that Not many phd students are interested in attending the seminar. In order to solve the attendance issues, the dept wanted to have an additional field on “no. of seminars attended” in annual review of PhD students.

Item 6. To deliberate on TA Leave Policy

Item 7. To Review opine feedback form.

Any other items with the permission of the Chairperson.
