

Agenda for the 34th meeting of the Academic Affairs Committee (AAC) to be held on Friday 12th January at 4:00 PM in the Senate Room.

1.	To confirm the minutes of the 33rd AAC meeting held on 22nd December 2023.
2.	<p><u>Reporting Items:</u></p> <p>1.1 The following new courses are added for the winter 2024 semester and shared with AAC members over email. Since no comments are received, these courses are considered to be approved.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Alok K Mittal will offer a new course for "4 Credit" UG/PG: "ECE211 - Electronic System Design, in winter 2024." The course description is attached herewith for your reference. <p>1.2 The following CSE online courses is included into CSAI AI Application courses after approval from AAC-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Affective Computing - Jainendra Shukla • Machine Learning and Reinforcement Learning in Finance Specialization - Jainendra Shukla • Self-Driving Cars - Saket Anand • Tensorflow: Advanced Techniques - Saket Anand
3.	<p><u>Outstanding Educator Award</u></p> <p>A committee was formed to review the Outstanding Educator Award policy. Following thorough discussions within the committee, Dr. Shobha has subsequently shared the criteria, process, and evaluation form.</p> <p><i>The above matter is put up to AAC for consideration and appropriate decision/recommendation.</i></p>
4.	<p><u>Alumni Fees Collection for PG Diploma Programs offered by IIIT-Delhi</u></p> <p>As per the Alumni Association Rules and Regulations approved by BoG, any student who successfully obtains any degree from IIIT-Delhi automatically becomes a Life Member of the Alumni Association from the date of award of the Degree/Provisional Degree on payment of the appropriate membership fees. The current fee as being collected from the full-time enrolled students is INR 2,000/-.</p> <p>Hence, the Office of Alumni Affairs has proposed to collect the same amount i.e. INR 2,000/- as Alumni Fees, along with the tuition fees for the PG Diploma programmes offered by IIIT-Delhi current and future batch. The collected fee will be transferred to the IIITD Alumni Association Bank Account by the institute. The same practice is already</p>

being followed in the newly launched PG Diploma in Data Science in Health and Climate Change for Social Impact.

Benefits of IIT-Delhi Alumni Status

IIT-Delhi Alumni have the opportunity to network, mentor, continue engaging with the students and batchmates, avail services and enjoy the many benefits of being a pass out from this prestigious institute. Below are certain benefits of the alumni status of IIT-Delhi-

- Young Alumni Awards, given to recognize the outstanding accomplishments and achievements of our alumni who are making a difference in the world through their professional and/or academic achievements or their significant contributions to the community.
- Entrepreneurial support through IIT-Delhi's Innovation & Incubation Center (IIITDIC).
- An opportunity to stay connected with IIT-Delhi alumni community through our online alumni portal [click here](#).
- Access to e-newsletters for the latest updates about institute/alumni.
- Career support/referrals from the institute as well as from fellow alumni.
- Get a lifetime alumni membership of IIT-Delhi's Library by submitting a security deposit of INR 5000. [click here](#).

The above matter is put up to AAC for consideration and appropriate decision/recommendation.

5.

To deliberate on 'Value Added courses' in NAAC Curriculum Enrichment Point

As per NAAC, Value Added Courses are of varying durations that are optional and offered outside the curriculum that add value and help students get placed.

Value-added courses are offered by institutions for student empowerment. They enhance the curriculum by amplifying, supplementing, and replacing parts or features that have become ineffective or obsolete.

Pls, refer to the last point of page nos. 136 &141 of [NAAC Manual](#)

Value-Added Courses Offered by few other NAAC A++ Universities:

[Jawaharlal Nehru Technological University, Hyderabad](#)

[Shivaji University, Kolhapur](#)

The above matter is put up to AAC for consideration and appropriate decision/recommendation.

6.

TA Award

During COVID, the TA award was discontinued. It is planned to re-initiate the TA award. The earlier policy is as follows:

TAs who are nominated by the course instructor and, TAs for whom the general feedback is good and something good has been mentioned by the students in the course feedback.

Below is the proposed proposal-

Ask the student to nominate at most three TAs for the best TA award. The student may support their nomination with appropriate reasons for each nomination.

Faculty will recommend the TAs while awarding TA grades. The faculty should support their nomination with appropriate reasons for each nomination.

Per 50 students, only 1 TA award can be given in a course. For the TA award, at least 15 student nominations are required.

Distinguished TA award for TAs selected in both courses in an academic year.

The above matter is put up to AAC for consideration and appropriate decision/recommendation.

7.

Clarification on Professional Development Account (PDA) for Ph.D Students

As per Office [Order No 14/2023](#) dated- 8 May 2023, all the additional support to Ph.D. students, such as Contingencies, Laptop Purchases, and Travel Grant, are clubbed as PDA for Ph.D. students.

Challenge:

The timeline is mentioned only for contingencies however, there is no specific timeline mentioned in the current regulations for the utilization of the Laptop purchase and Travel Grant.

Suggestion:

As mentioned in the PhD Contingency guidelines, "1.b "After five years, no further amount will be credited by the Institute; however, the student may continue to use the accumulated amount until the thesis submission date".

- A similar guideline may be incorporated for the Laptop Purchase & Travel Grant, i.e., that is a PhD student may utilize the travel grant of Rs. 2.5 Lakh until the submission of the thesis.
- After the thesis submission (*if the student has not utilized the amount*) the amount will be lapsed.

The above matter is put up to AAC for consideration and appropriate decision/recommendation.

8.

Regarding the Grading of courses at SDU exchange

IIITD had signed an MoU with Southern University of Denmark (SDU) in February 2020 to facilitate the exchange of students and scholars. One of our student, Vishnu Mothukuri (2021502), who went to SDU under the Semester Exchange Program in Monsoon 2023, has requested for the grade transfer along with the credits earned by him.

As per the current status, the AAC recommended that the grades transfer can be done only if the same is mentioned in the respective University's MoU. And, the MoU with SDU (for this case), does not mention anything about the grades.

The MoU with SDU is attached herewith.

Proposal:

Dr. Anuj Grover, Faculty Incharge, International Affairs Office, has proposed the following grade mapping:

Danish Grade	IIIT Grade
A (12)	A (10)
B (10)	B (8)
C (7)	C (6)
D (4)	C- (5)
E (2)	D (4)
F/ Fx (0, -3)	F (2)

Here is the grading policy of [SDU](#).

The above matter is put up to AAC for consideration and appropriate decision/recommendation.

Any other items with the permission of the Chairperson.

<u>Additional Agenda Items</u>	
1.	<p><u>Online Course Registration Process</u></p> <p>In each semester online courses are being offered by different departments. Faculty members follow a different process for its registration.</p> <p>Challenges:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● CSE department follows that students should get an online course approved by the respective faculty member to register for that course. ● Some courses are capped with 150 limits, the registration process gets complicated. ● Multiple pre requisites are applied for a few courses which are difficult to manage on erp. <p>Proposed Solution:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● If cap can be removed from online courses and if students can register for courses directly on erp. <p><i>The above matter is put up to AAC for consideration and appropriate decision/recommendation.</i></p>
2.	<p><u>B.Tech Dual Degree Program [Admission in MTech CSE]</u></p> <p>B.Tech. students who are interested in continuing for a dual degree program at IIITD are required to submit their applications after their VI Semester. List of students who apply for dual degree is shared with the departments and eligible students are required to pay Rs. 25k fees for the same.</p> <p>Challenge:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Around 3-4 students approached the Academic department in December 2023 and now they are interested in the Dual Degree program. Since the last date was over we informed them that now it is not possible. <p>Proposed Solution;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Since students are facing issues in getting good placement this year, we may allow such students to continue with the Dual Degree M.Tech. program if students are meeting the eligibility criteria. <p><i>The above matter is put up to AAC for consideration and appropriate decision/recommendation.</i></p>
3.	<p><u>To modify the PhD regulations of SSH to provide a waiver of 8 credits to PhD students subject to approval from the supervisor</u></p> <p>Challenge:</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • According to PhD regulations of SSH, students with "BTech/MA/MSc/MTech/MSW/Two year full time Post-Graduate Diploma or equivalent" are supposed to take 32 credits of coursework. Some students have specialization (MSc and MA) in niche subjects and have a good base in research and theory. For such students completing 32 credits coursework • seems to be on the higher side. It takes them about 3 semesters to complete 32 credits. <p>Proposed Solution:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A waiver of 8 credits for students with specializations in niche subjects, subject to supervisor's approval. This will help students with specialization to save about a semester which could be invested in their thesis. We would like to implement this change of regulations if accepted from the Winter 2024 batch onwards. <p><i>The above matter is put up to AAC for consideration and appropriate decision/recommendation.</i></p>
<p>4.</p>	<p><u>BTP on ENT track</u></p> <p>Challenges:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Our present regulations state that BTP projects can only be supervised by faculty with a PhD. Extract of the guidelines "A BTP can be done under the supervision of one or more faculty members. The BTP advisor should be a regular or a visiting faculty of the institute. BTPs can be guided only by faculty members with Ph.D. Degrees." In the ENT track we now have many faculty members who are industry practitioners who do not fulfill these requirements. In the eligibility criteria of Professor of Practice neither the Government nor our Institute also has made Phd a criteria of selection. • Many students have expressed interest in taking BTP on the ENT track and some of our faculty members cannot do that <p>Proposed Solution:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For BTPs registered under the ENT track this criteria can be waived off. <p><i>The above matter is put up to AAC for consideration and appropriate decision/recommendation.</i></p>
<p>5.</p>	<p><u>Transfer of credits of Sandeep Sharma from IIT-BHU to IIITD</u></p> <p>Sandeep Sharma (PhD18303-Mathematics) is planning to submit his thesis under the guidance of Prof. Anuradha Sharma and has done 16 credits of course work & 92 credits of research work credits. The proposal is attached herewith.</p> <p><i>The above matter is put up to AAC for consideration and appropriate decision/recommendation.</i></p>