Minutes of the 34th meeting of the PGC held on 27th February, 2019 at 2.30 p.m.in the meeting room, 6th Floor, New Academic Building, IIIT-D, New Delhi

Following were present:

1. Dr. A.V. Subramanyam- Chairman
2. Dr. Anubha Gupta
3. Dr. MayankVatsa
4. Dr. Sriram K
5. Dr Sneh Saurabh
6. Dr Sumit Darak
7. Dr. Ganesh Bagler
8. Dr Gaurav Arora
9. Dr Rajiv Ratn Shah
10. Dr Aasim Khan
11. Mr. K P Singh   - Academic In-charge
12. Ms. SheetuAhuja   - Manager (Academics)
13. Ms. Priti Patel   - AM(Academics)
14. Mr. Ashutosh Brahma   - AM(Academics)

At the outset Dr. A. V. Subramanyam, Chair PGC 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 33rd meeting of the PGC held on 23rd January, 2019.**
   i. With regard to item 19 of 33rd meeting, the Chair-PGC has desired to revisit the following decision, in view of the observation highlighted below:
   "A new MTech student should be asked in the very 1st semester whether he/ she will like to opt for GATE fellowship. If they are opting, then they will not be allowed to opt out from GATE fellowship till the completion of their MTech"

   ii. Besides the above, the following points need consideration to overcome the shortage of TAs:
       (i) For M.Tech. students, remote registration should not be permitted, w.e.f. AY 2019-20.
       (ii) An M.Tech. student should be required to spend atleast 3 regular semesters in campus, during his/ her M.Tech. degree.

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(iii) Attendance should be mandatory for all MTech students, throughout the program duration (through biometric mode).

The above item is under discussion with HoD of departments.

PhD Students related matters

2. **To frame guidelines for transferring registration of a Ph.D. student from one department to other. (Recently we received request for transfer of registration from CSE to Human Centered Department (HCD); the existing regulations are silent in this regard).**

   Arising out of discussion in PGC, it has been noted that the case for transferring registration of a Ph.D. student from one department to other may be handled under existing PG regulation, clause 6.1.

M.Tech. Students related matters

3. **To further discuss the issue related to Industrial Project. (Refer the suggestion received from Dr. Debajyoti Bera (Annexure I)). (This item is to be discussed along with item 4 below).**
   The above item is under discussion with HoD of departments, along with item 1 above.

4. **To report data on M.Tech. students doing Thesis or SP (matter referred by 40th Senate)**
   The above item is under discussion with HoD of departments, along with item 1 above.

5. **To formalize the Process of issuing NoC to students going for Internship.**

   Item deferred.

6. **Whether PG students are allowed to repeat a course?**

   Item deferred.

New Items:

Ph.D. Students related matters

7. **During admission of Ph.D. students the interview committee has an option to recommend remedial courses in the interview evaluation form. The same is communicated to the student at the time of joining. PGC may kindly discuss a process for compliance of the same.**

   Item deferred.

8. **To discuss about payment of Campus Maintenance Fee by Non-Sponsored Ph.D. Students.**

"The FC in its 26th Meeting held on 23rd January, 2019 has advised that "with regard to charging campus maintenance fee of Rs.15,000/- per annum to non-sponsored Ph.D. students who are at present not being charged tuition fee, the Committee advised that Institute may first have an internal discussion with all the stakeholders. It was suggested that practice being followed in IITs, other institutions may also be checked." Please take this forward for reporting compliance to FC/Board in the next meetings."

Item deferred.

9. **To discuss about fellowship hike for PhD students.**

   The PGC has discussed the matter and in view of the recent hike in Ph.D. fellowship by DST, PGC has recommended the following to be forwarded to FC for further consideration :

	Present fellowship (in Rs.)	Proposed fellowship (in Rs.)
1st year	27000	31000
2nd year	28000	
3rd year	29000	35000
4th year	30000	
5th year	25000	

10. **To discuss the co-advisor requirement for PG students.**
    The PGC has discussed the matter and recommended that for inter-disciplinary thesis work, there is no mandatory requirement of Co-Advisor assignment.

    As an operational process for such cases, the student will be required to take approval from the respective M.Tech. Coordinator.

M.Tech. Students related matters

11. **MoU for sponsored admission with Indian Navy. (as per Dr. Sneh's suggestion, We should look at other cases of sponsorship also (for example from PSU, government undertaking, private companies) and make a uniform policy.**

    Item deferred.

The following items have been deferred at present. The same may be taken up later.

12. **To discuss the process for nomination of students for Ph.D. program under QUT (suggestions received from Prof. Pankaj Jalote (Founding Director) vide email dated 3rd July 2018, Annexure I).**

    Item deferred.

13. To explore the possibility of M.Ss program (with thesis).

The above item is under discussion with HoD of departments, along with item 1 above.

14. To discuss about change of branch of M.Tech students.

Item deferred.

15. What elective courses can be taken up by the M.Tech. degree students? Should there be any courses including non-tech courses or shall there be some guidelines? (MT.ech. Students are allowed to take 300 & 400 level courses; 4 cr in case of thesis & 8 cr. in case of without thesis option. So, this is to be clarified whether M.Tech. students can take non-tech course as well within this.)

Item deferred.

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