

Minutes of the 37th meeting of the PGC held on 7th May 2019

Following were present:

1. Dr. A.V. Subramanyam- Chairman
2. Dr. Anubha Gupta
3. Dr. Sriram K
4. Dr Sneh Saurabh
5. Dr Tanmoy Chakraborty
6. Dr. Ganesh Bagler
7. Dr Gaurav Arora
8. Dr. Paro Mishra
9. Mr. K P Singh - Academic In-charge
10. Ms. Priti Patel - AM(Academics)
11. Mr. Ashutosh Brahma - AM(Academics)

At the outset, Chair PGC welcomed all the members/special invitees to the meeting. Thereafter the agenda items were taken up for discussions and the following decisions/recommendation were made.

(i) To confirm the minutes of the 36th meeting of the PGC

Since there were no comments the Minutes of the 36th meeting of the PGC held on 18th April 2019 were confirmed.

The PGC was also informed of the action taken on the decisions/recommendations made in its previous meeting.

1. To discuss the Timeline for M.Tech. student to move to a specialization from without specialization option.

Chair PGC apprised the members of the existing provision in the M.Tech. Regulation for moving to a specialization from without specialization option and the recommendations of CSE and ECE Department in this regard. After detailed deliberations the PGC agreed in principle for transfer from one specialization to another specialization in the CSE Department subject to a maximum limit of 50% students to be allowed to take a transfer from one specialization. However, there will be no limit on transfer to M.Tech. (CSE) without specialization. In order to maintain uniformity, the PGC desired to write to ECE Department informing them of the above suggestion and seek the views of ECE department on the same.

2. To discuss whether the mandatory requirement for M.Tech. program to complete OOPD and RM should be applicable to Dual Degree and Migrated PhD students (taking M.Tech. on the way)

Chair PGC apprised the members of the mandatory requirement for M.Tech. students to complete OOPD and RM courses and the recommendations received from the CSE, ECE and CB Departments running the M.Tech. Courses. After detailed deliberations the PGC agreed to the recommendations of the respective Departments as follow:

CSE - The department is alright as long as OOPD/AP and RM are taken by the student either during BTech/MTech/PhD.

ECE - Agreed that RM should be a mandatory requirement for M.Tech. program whereas OOPD can be waived off.

CB - A student must complete all M.Tech degree Graduation requirements.

3. To consider a proposal for Award of normal Grade to M.Tech. students for Thesis/SP

Chair PGC apprised the members of the discussions in the 35th meeting of the PGC held on 27.3.2019 and the proposal for awarding normal grade for Thesis/SP forwarded to the Departments for further discussions. He also apprised the members of the recommendations received from the CSE and ECE Departments. The representatives of the CB Departments who were present in the meeting informed that the students of M.Tech. (CB) have to do only thesis and hence there is no option for conversion in their case. After detailed deliberations the PGC recommended as under:

1. For Thesis a student needs to complete 16 credits to be eligible for thesis defence. He/she will register in the multiple of 4 credits of thesis and will be awarded 'S' or 'X' at the end of each semester. Final letter grade will be awarded by the committee at the end of thesis defence for full 16 credits which will be counted in final CGPA.
2. For SP/CapP, registration will be in the multiple of 4 credits and will be awarded "S" or "X" at the end of each semester. As per current practice, a student need to submit the final report to admin-mtech as a part of graduation requirement. After submission of report, supervisor will award a letter grade for full 4 or 8 credits, which will be counted in final CGPA.
3. IndP will have zero credit registration, only to keep a registration of a student when he/she goes for an internship. There will be no letter grade for this.

With the above changes the credit requirement for M.Tech. Degree will evolve as follow:

Current				Proposed				
48				48				
	With Thesis	Without Thesis			With Thesis	Without Thesis		
Course Work	32	40	44	Course Work	32	40	44	48
Thesis	16			Thesis*	16			
SP(SP/CapP/IndP)		8	4	SP(SP/CapP)		8	4	
				IndP	All course work			0
				*For CB only thesis				

4. To discuss the Guidelines for utilization of Student Travel Budget for PhD students.

Chair PGC apprised the members of the requests being received now a days from the Ph.D. students for travel grant with different justifications. After detailed deliberations the PGC decided not to make any change in the existing rule for travel grant and the current practice should continue.

5. To consider change in PhD Thesis evaluation guidelines.

Chair PGC apprised the members of the existing Ph.D. thesis evaluation guidelines which requires an external examiners to send the original copy of the evaluation report by post. Since the current practice involves time, money and efforts, the PGC recommended that the examiners may be requested to send only scanned copy of the signed evaluation report.

6. PhD students taking admission in department A and requesting masters from Department B. (PGC seeks views from department, whether it can allowed or not)

PGC discussed the matter in length looking at the recommendations of CSE, ECE & CB departments. After detailed deliberation PGC felt that "this will be a departmental call. Whenever such cases are received in future, the same will be sent to the respective department for their consideration and approval." The PGC desired to inform the above recommendation to CSE department.

7. 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? (MTech Student's 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 clarify whether MTech students can take non-tech course as well within this.)

The above point was briefly discussed, but no decision was taken and it was decided to take the matter again in the next meeting for further deliberations.

8. To discuss M.Tech. thesis sponsorship by industry

Deferred

9. Review of Refresher courses and two core courses.

Deferred

10. Whether PG students are allowed to repeat a course?

Deferred

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