

Agenda of the 40th meeting of the PGC to be held on 28th August 2019, 2:30 – 4:00 PM, Meeting Room, 6th Floor, New Academic Building

1. Confirmation of the minutes of the 39th meeting of the PGC held on 15th July, 2019.

Deferred Items:

2. **To discuss about ORF guidelines.**

Items need to be discussed:

What parameters sub-committee, need to looked while recommending a case for ORF?

Presently ORF token can be availed by

- *Students who are on getting external fellowships (excluding Visvesvaraya)*
- *Faculty can earn an ORF token against 48 months fellowship support to PhD students (against manpower head of the project)*

To discuss regarding extending ORF support to students who are on Institute fellowship, on merit basis.

3. **To discuss about whether we should have internal examiners for PhD Thesis evaluation.**

(Present Thesis Evaluation Guidelines: Appointment of panel of examiners

In terms of Regulation 15 (11) a panel of examiners comprising of the following may be selected by the PG Chair from the list provided by the Supervisor:

- (i) *Supervisor(s)*
- (ii) *A minimum of 3 non-supervisor examiners, at most one of which can be from within the Institute*

After the examiners have been selected, the PG Committee Chairman will send an invitation letter by email to get acceptance from the concerned examiners i.e. external & Internal examiners (from outside the Institute and from within the institute).

4. **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.)**
5. **Review of Refresher courses and two core courses.**
6. **Whether PG students are allowed to repeat a course?**

New Items :

7. **To discuss about revised guidelines of PhD(Mathematics).**
8. **To re-visit the timelines for Comprehensive exam of PhD students. Also to discuss regarding, PhD yearly review post comprehensive (whether reviews post comprehensive useful or not and can be optional or removed).**
9. **To review the guidelines for award of "Gold Medal for Excellent Academic Performance" to MTech Students.**

Background: Whether PhD students taking MTech on the way are to be considered for this award or not.

10. Any other item with permission of Chair PGC.