Agenda of the 41st meeting of the PGC to be held on 25th September 2019, 2:30 – 4:00 PM, Meeting Room, 6th Floor, New Academic Building

1. Confirmation of the minutes of the 40th meeting of the PGC held on 28th Aug, 2019.

   Item 2 "**To discuss about ORF guidelines**" :

- To discuss regarding extending ORF support to Institute fellowship holders (on meritorious ground).
- To discuss regarding a case where PhD student is on UGC/CSIR/external funding for 48 months of PhD, he/she is eligible for one ORF token. However, sometimes, this student is not willing to avail ORF token. At the same time, there are some students for whose research work, the internal faculty supervisor is able to find a very good collaborative partner abroad. In such cases, can the student token may be transferred to the faculty supervisor to be utilized by some other student. The call may be taken once the eligible student has completed 3 years because by then, the student would be sure of whether he/she would like to avail that token or not.

   Item 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? (M.Tech. 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 clarify whether M.Tech. students can take non-tech course as well within this.)**"
   Departments recommendation awaited (ECE department has shared its recommendation).

   Item 7 "**To discuss regarding inviting (or not) non-PGC member faculty (essentially all faculty) to PGC meetings**" : Agenda items are abstract and without context one may not get a clear picture.

   Item 10 "**To discuss regarding change of advisor request.**" : To reconsider the item.

   Item 12 "**To discuss regarding allowing financial support from Institute travel budget to both faculty and a PhD scholar for a same paper under a same conference.**"
   Departments recommendation awaited (ECE & Maths department has shared its recommendation).

Deferred Items:

2. **Whether PG students are allowed to repeat a course for grade improvement?**

3. **To review the guidelines for award of "Gold Medal for Excellent Academic Performance" to MTech Students.**
   (Whether PhD students taking MTech on the way are to be considered for this award or not.)
   Background : Annexure I

New Items :

4. **To discuss about PhD programs other than regular and sponsored programs. (For details refer Annexure II)**

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5. Revisiting the guidelines regarding "Conflict of Interest" with regard to PhD thesis evaluation.

6. To consider CSE Department recommendation with regard to M.Tech.(CSE) program
"It is advised that a MTech CSE student should do a minimum of six CSE courses in addition to completing the other requisite courses for degree requirements. He can only do two non-CSE courses".

7. To discuss the operational guidelines for specialization change in MTech program.
[Background : *Minutes of 38th PGC is also given below:*
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 based on CGPA and after the first semester only, 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.]

1) How will we be calculating 50%- It will be calculated on the student strength admitted at the beginning or student strength at the end of Sem 1. It will be calculated separately for GATE/NoN-GATE candidates or all together? Will this 50% be applicable for both entry and edit in the branch. For Ex.: If there are 20 student in a branch, does that mean the movement allowed will be +10 and -10.
2) Will we be allowing transfer based on SGPA or CGPA?
3) Will we be allowing students with F grade to participate for branch transfer? As F don't contribute to CGPA, a student having 2 F grades and A in 1 course will have CGPA of 10(if registered for 3 courses in a sem). Will he be allowed to participate?
4) What if there is a tie in CGPA of two students, what will be the tie-breaking rule that we will follow.
5) Will we be allowing students to switch to Without Specialization?

8. Any other item with permission of Chair PGC.

Extract from minutes of the 35th Senate held on 19.04.2017
To consider recommendation of the PGC for Award of Gold Medal to graduating M.Tech. students to recognize the excellent academic performance
Chairman, Senate apprised the members of the PGC's recommendations made at its 21st meeting held on 01.03.2017 for award of Gold Medal for graduating MTech students. After detailed deliberations the Senate decided that instead of CGPA of 10 out of 10, the M.Tech. student with highest CGPA in the graduating batch across all disciplines be given a Gold Medal to recognize the excellent academic performance. Chairman Senate was authorized to decide the nomenclature of the award after taking input from the PGC

37th Senate held on 30.01.2018
To ratify the decision taken by Chairman Senate for nomenclature of the Medal to be awarded to M.Tech. student for securing the highest CGPA in the graduating batch across all disciplines.

The Senate ratified the decision taken by the Chairman Senate for approving the nomenclature "**Gold Medal for Excellent Academic Performance**" for the Medal to be awarded to M.Tech. Student for securing the highest CGPA in the graduating batch across all disciplines.

1. **Self Funded PhD Program**

Requirements	Self Funded PhD Students
Primary Eligibility Criteria	Not Applicable
Eligibility criteria	Will be higher as compare to the regular admissions, need to be discussed
Tenure of PhD Program	Need to be discussed
Fees	Need to be discussed (usually fees for such progrms is on the higher side compare to Sponsored PhD students)
Coursework requirement	Need to be discussed
Disciplinary control	Need to be discussed , Also there should be proper recommendation from some responsible person)
Hostel & other facilties	Need to be discussed
Age criteria	If need to be prescribed

Whether conversion from self funded to regular/ sponsored category will be allowed?

2. **Sponsored PhD program**

    To discuss regarding allowing Sponsored students to do PhD with minimum residential requirements
    *   A plan of study shall be prescribed by a sub committee of PGC, which may include   besides the available courses in the Institute, courses of MOOCS/NPTEL/virtual classrooms/interactive exercises and active learning programs offered only by IIT/IISc/IIM/IISER/AIIMS. The GIAN courses may also be specified, if

found relevant. For ongoing MOOCS courses the grade assigned at the end of the course will be directly transferred to the student's coursework. For all other courses the concurrence from a faculty member to set the question paper and evaluate the performance of the student should be obtained.

- Self-study courses with standard format (weekly or bi-weekly assignments and its uploading in the ERP) will be mandatory to ensure progress and rigor. The candidate will have to appear for only the end semester examinations, preferably during the regular examination period of the Institute. For self study course the consent of the subject teacher must be obtained before registration.
- At the end of the online & contact courses (list to be prepared), the student should submit the course completion certificate(s) with grades/marks for record in his/her course work.
- The candidate shall have to spend at least one week per semester at the Institute, interacting with his supervisor that may include working in the lab. During this period the student may stay at appropriate guest houses of the Institute on payment basis, subject to availability. If the student needs to spend extended period (beyond one month), Institute will extend hostel, library, outdoor medical and other facilities on payment basis.