Following were present:

1. Dr. A.V. Subramanyam- Chairman
2. Dr. Anubha Gupta
3. Dr. Mayank Vatsa
4. Dr. Sriram K
5. Dr. Sumit Darak
6. Dr. Aasim Khan
7. Dr. Gaurav Arora
8. Dr. Aman Parnami
9. Dr. Ganesh Bagler
10. Dr Anand Srivastava   - Special Invitee
11. Mr. K . P. Singh   –Academic In-Charge
12. Ms. Sheetu Ahuja   - Manager (Academics)
13. Ms. Priti Patel   - 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.

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

    To discuss about ORF guidelines.
    PGC discussed the item at length regarding extending ORF support to Institute fellowship holders (on merit). During discussion it was noted that a similar item was discussed in a FM meeting, where it wasn't agreed to consider the same, due to the reason that, ORF is primarily meant for students who are on external fellowship and hence cannot be extended to all students.

    PGC also discussed about transferring of an ORF token earned by a student to his/ her advisor. After detailed discussion PGC has recommended the following:
1. A Ph.D. student who earns an ORF token against his/her external fellowship support, will be allowed to transfer his/her token to his/her advisor. The token can be then used by the advisor (as per the requirement). Such transfers can be useful in cases where the student is eligible but may not consume the token during his tenure as student.
2. The faculty may transfer the token to any other faculty as well. However, an NoC from the student concerned will be necessary.

    ORF requires that the student visit the research lab. For such visit to be fruitful, the advisor would need to have a collaborator who is working on the same/similar problem as that of student' thesis. This may or may not come timely. However, such opportunities may arise for other students (working with advisor) who are not supported via external funding. It would be beneficial to transfer the tokens in these cases. However, such transfers must happen with mutual consent of students and faculty members involved.

    <mark>Action to be taken :</mark> To be forwarded to Departments for their views.

    To discuss the matter regarding change of advisor.
    Chair PGC apprised the members about the case of change of advisor for the PhD student, w.e.f. Jan 2016 (who is presently on semester leave for the duration of Monsoon 2019).
    During the meeting the student shared views (telephonically) with PGC members, in which the student mentioned willingness to continue working with the present advisor. However considering

present scenario, the student has given consent for change of advisor. Thereafter, the views of the advisor were also sought. Advisor apprised the members of the prevailing situation. After detailed deliberation, PGC recommended to proceed with change of advisor as per the present guidelines. PGC has also recommended that advisor will initiate the formal process and the student will be given 15 days time to share the confirmation on the same. In the event of failure to do so, the faculty will not continue to be the student's advisor.

<mark>Action to be taken</mark> : To share the change of advisor form with the faculty.

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

PGC has briefly discussed the matter and recommended that the PG student may be allowed to repeat courses for grade improvement on the same line as allowed for UG students.

<mark>Action to be taken</mark> : To be taken to Senate.

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.)

PGC has briefly discussed the matter and recommended that the Ph.D. students who are taking M.Tech. on the way should not be considered for "Gold Medal for Excellent Academic Performance", considering the fact that, for these students the same set of courses are being counted towards two degrees i.e. M.Tech. and Ph.D.

<mark>Action to be taken</mark> : No action.

4. **To discuss about PhD programs other than regular and sponsored programs.**
   <mark>**Deferred.**</mark>

5. **Revisiting the guidelines regarding "Conflict of Interest" with regard to PhD thesis evaluation.**
   <mark>**Deferred.**</mark>

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".**
   <mark>**Deferred.**</mark>

7. **To discuss the operational guidelines for specialization change in MTech program.**

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?

Chair PGC apprised the members of the background and the recommendations made by the PGC at its 38th meeting held on 27th June,2019. After detailed deliberations the PGC recommended as under (point wise w.r.t. agenda)

i. Branch transfer will be done separately for GATE and Non-GATE students and seats will be calculated separately for both.

ii. Maximum no. of seats in each programs for branch transfer will be 50% of base strength (active students) of the program (after completion of 1st Semester). For Ex. The student strength in M.Tech CSE (DE) at the beginning was 20 and 5 students withdraw after 2 months, so the current (after Sem 1) student strength in the program will be 15 and hence the branch transfer allowed will be plus minus 7.5 students(rounded off to nearest number, which will be 8 in this case).

1. Branch transfer will be on the basis of SGPA after semester 1. In case of tie in SGPA of students, the merit prepared at the time of IIITD MTech admissions will be considered.

2. Students who have received F grade will not be considered for branch transfer.
The change of specialization may be effective from AY 2020-21. However, if we will be able to seek Senate's approval before December, we can allow the students of 2019-20 batch.

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