

**Minutes of the 42nd meeting of the PGC held on 6<sup>th</sup> November, 2019, 2.30 PM, Meeting Room, 6th Floor, New Academic Building, IIIT Delhi**

**Following were present:**

1. Dr. A.V. Subramanyam- Chairman
2. Dr. Gaurav Arora
3. Dr. Syamantak Das
4. Dr. Sriram K
5. Dr. Sumit Darak
6. Dr. Aasim Khan
7. Dr. Aman Parnami
8. Dr. Ganesh Bagler
9. Dr. Sujay Deb
10. Dr Tanmoy Chakraborty
11. Mr. K . P. Singh –Academic In-Charge
12. 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 41<sup>st</sup> meeting of the PGC held on 30<sup>th</sup> Sep, 2019.**

PGC confirmed the minutes of the 41<sup>st</sup> meeting of the PGC held on 30<sup>th</sup> Sep, 2019.

2. **As per PG regulations “The teaching/research assistantship for Ph.D. students comprises sustenance stipend (25% of total), scholarship (25%), and remuneration for academic work (50%).” Now the sustenance portion of fellowship is been revised as 35%, in view of that what would be the percentage component for the other two components i.e. scholarship & remuneration for academic work.**

PGC briefly discussed the matter. In view of the hike in percentage component of sustenance portion of the stipend, PGC has recommended to revise the scholarship component as 15% and the remuneration portion for academic work will continue as 50%.

**Action to be taken** : To be taken to Senate.

3. **To discuss that for students who joined as a Ph.D. student and taking either M.Tech. on the way or shifted to M.Tech. program due to poor performance, whether the requirement of doing refresher courses will apply on them or not.**

Chair PGC apprised the members of the existing provision regarding student who joins as a Ph.D. student and obtains M.Tech. degree either through “M.Tech. on the way” or through “exit” mode. PGC also noted that, as per PG regulations, it is mandatory for an M.Tech.

student to complete the refresher module (including summer refresher module) towards the M.Tech. degree requirement. After detailed deliberations the PGC is of the view that

- refresher courses/module are focused on providing knowledge which is required at the entry level of PG program
- the refresher courses/ module runs only during a specific time of the year

In view of these facts, PGC has recommended that the refresher course (including summer refresher module) requirement can be waived off for the students who are not admitted through regular M.Tech. admission process.

**Action to be taken** : To be taken to Senate.

4. **To consider the issue of thesis grade for Ph.D. student graduating with M.Tech. degree.**  
In a recent PGC meeting, it was decided to award letter grade to M.Tech. students for Thesis and SP. As per regulations our PhD students are allowed take M.Tech. on the way or can also leave the Ph.D. program and can go with M.Tech. However, since the thesis grade for Ph.D. students is still S/X, how will the final grade for students transferring from Ph.D. to M.Tech or taking on the way M.Tech. will be decided.

**Item stands deferred.**

5. **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.)**

Chair PGC apprised the members of the recommendations received from CSE, EC and CB departments. It was noted that recommendation of the CSE is also linked to item No.9 of the agenda. Hence it was felt that it would be appropriate to re-consider this item after the related information is received from the CSE.

**Action to be taken**: To be re-considered in the upcoming meeting of the PGC.

6. **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.**

Chair PGC shared the Departments' recommendation with PGC members. The PGC noted that all the departments have recommended to allow financial support from Institute travel budget to both faculty and a Ph.D. scholar for the same paper in the same conference. After deliberations, PGC has agreed to the aforementioned recommendation. PGC has also recommended to share this information with CoF.

**Action to be taken**: To update the "Travel Leave Request Form", in accordance with the PGC recommendation.

**7. To discuss about Ph.D. programs other than regular and sponsored programs.**

Chair PGC apprised the members of the draft proposal for adding categories under existing Sponsored PhD program. In view of the fact that for working professionals it is difficult to stay in campus to complete course work requirement, Category B is proposed. Further, a Category C is proposed for self-funded candidates who are not under the payroll of an institute/enterprise and may have their own consultancy.

After detailed discussion, PGC has recommended to forward the below proposal to all department for their inputs.

<b>Sponsored PhD Program</b>			
	<b>Category A</b>	<b>Category B (proposed)</b>	<b>Category C (proposed)</b>
	<b>Existing Sponsored PhD Program</b>	<b>For working professionals</b>	<b>For Self funded</b>
<b>Eligibility criteria</b>	Same as regular PhD Program	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Same as regular PhD Program</li> <li>Number of working years – to be discussed</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Same as regular PhD Program</li> </ul>
<b>Fees</b>	Tuition Fees- Rs. 1 Lakh + campus maintenance	To be discussed	To be discussed
<b>Admission process</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Same as regular PhD Program</li> <li>NoC from the employer is an essential requirement</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Same as regular PhD Program</li> <li>NoC from the employer is an essential requirement</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Same as regular PhD Program</li> <li>An undertaking from any authorized person</li> </ul>
<b>Coursework requirement</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Same as regular PhD Program</li> <li>Physical presence is required for course work completion</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Same as regular PhD Program</li> <li>For highly experienced person, number of credits may be relaxed, say half or 3/4th of sponsored program.</li> <li>Online courses can also be considered (with approval from advisor and PGC)</li> <li>Physical presence won't be required</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Same as regular PhD Program</li> <li>Physical presence is required for course work completion</li> </ul>
<b>Review requirement (Yearly / Mid-year review)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Same as regular PhD Program</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Same as regular PhD Program</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Same as regular PhD Program</li> </ul>
<b>Conversion to other program (regular PhD/ Mtech on the way)</b>	To be discussed	To be discussed	To be discussed

8. **Revisiting the guidelines regarding “Conflict of Interest” with regard to Ph.D. thesis evaluation.**

**Item stands deferred.**

9. **To consider CSE Department recommendation with regard to M.Tech.(CSE) program**  
**”It is advised that a M.Tech. 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”**

PGC discussed the item in brief and noted that the background information behind the recommendation is not available at present. PGC felt that the ground of such discussions may be useful for discussions relevant to other items as well as Departments. The representatives of the Department are requested to collect the related information for further deliberations in the PGC.

**Action to be taken:** Item will be re-considered in upcoming PGC meeting.

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