

Minutes of the 43rd meeting of the PGC held on 22nd January 2020, 2.30 PM, Meeting Room, 6th Floor, New Academic Building, IIT Delhi

Following were present:

1. Dr. A.V. Subramanyam- Chairman
2. Dr. Anubha Gupta - DoAA
3. Dr. Syamantak Das
4. Dr. Sumit Darak
5. Dr. Aasim Khan
6. Dr. Ashish Kumar Pandey
7. Dr. Aman Parnami
8. Dr. Pravesh Biyani
9. Mr. K . P. Singh –Academic In-Charge
10. Ms. Sheetu Ahuja – Manager (Academics)
11. 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 42nd meeting of the PGC held on 6th Nov, 2019.

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Item 4 - To discuss regarding allowing financial support from Institute travel budget to both faculty and a PhD scholar for a same paper under the same conference.

DoAA informed the PGC that the travel budget of faculty fall under the purview of DoFA, hence, the decision taken by PGC stands withdrawn.

Item 11 - To consider the revised PhD guidelines of Department of Mathematics.

Dr Ashish Kumar Pandey presented the revised PhD guidelines of Department of Mathematics indicating the changes proposed to be made. The PGC discussed the proposed guidelines in brief and recommended/suggested the following to the Department:

- i. Eligibility Criteria –
 - a. PGC suggested that the Department should think of the eligibility criteria to avoid taking more exceptions towards relaxing the minimum eligibility criteria.
 - b. PGC noted that during PhD admissions, there are a number of cases where requests are made for relaxing the minimum eligibility criteria of the candidate on various grounds (research publications, experience etc). At present there is no minimum threshold up to which such request should be allowed. PGC suggested that rather than having the relaxation as open-ended, a cap can be decided on the relaxation

itself in cases of exceptional candidates, and desired to seek Department's views on the same.

- ii. Under Course work requirement –
 - a) Independent Studies should be allowed in line with current PG regulations.
 - b) Online Courses should be allowed in line with current PG regulations.
 - c) Course credit requirements need to be categorically mentioned as per entry level qualification.
- iii. Comprehensive Exam –
 - a) If a student fails a comprehensive exam then the matter will be governed as per the existing guidelines similar for other Ph.D. programs.
 - b) The timeline for comprehensive exam should be in line with current PG regulation, for all categories of students (as per the entry level qualification).
- iv. Transfer of Credits for Courses taken outside IIIT-Delhi
PGC has noted that at present there are no laid down guidelines for transfer for credits of courses. And the similar matters are dealt on case to case basis.

Item 17 -To consider the proposal of M.Sc. (Mathematics) program.

Dr Ashish Kumar Pandey presented the proposal. He informed the PGC that a workshop (with external experts) has been conducted at Department level to discuss the proposal of M.Sc.(Mathematics) program. Based on the feedback received during the workshop, the Department has made a proposal and the same is presented to PGC. The PGC has discussed the proposal in brief and recommended the following to the Department:

- i. Eligibility – To explicitly mention first class in % and equivalent CGPA. Also it is suggested to take reference of eligibility criteria of Masters program of the Institute.
- ii. Admission process - To clarify the conversion formula from CGPA to % for the purpose of admission process. PGC suggested to take reference of Masters program of the Institute.
- iii. Item 3.1 & 3.2 should be merged.
- iv. For Internship – PGC recommended to take reference of CSAI regulation.
- v. Fees –This should be discussed in FC.
- vi. Funding and Teaching Assistantship – TAs hip would be compulsory for all students who are getting scholarship for the program.
- vii. Migration Policy – The migration policy should clearly elaborate as to who would/ would not be allowed to migrate to PhD program.
- viii. Courses – PGC recommended that along with OOPD (2 credit course), RM (2 credit course) may be considered (since this is M.Sc. RM need not be mandatory). These courses will not contribute towards the CGPA.
- ix. Courses to be taken in summer may be specified.
- x. Name Change of courses – PGC suggested to make changes in the light of the discussions. Some proposed new courses had clashing names with existing courses. This can be further discussed resolved.

Item 18 - CAI FM, has recommended the following points for consideration:

- i. A new course addition to Regular Elective bucket: Edge AI, Decision Procedure, Affective Computing.**
- ii. Open electives can be extended to other department's courses (other than CS).**

The PGC has considered the above two items and agreed to the same.

The discussions on the remaining agenda items will be taken up in the next meeting.