

Minutes of the 44th meeting of the PGC held on 29th January 2020, 4:00 – 5.30 PM, at Meeting Room, 5th Floor, New Academic Building, IIT Delhi

Following were present:

1. Dr. A.V. Subramanyam- Chairman
2. Prof. Anubha Gupta - DoAA
3. Dr. Syamantak Das
4. Dr. Sriram K
5. Dr Ganesh Bagler
6. Dr Tanmoy Chakraborty
7. Dr. Pravesh Biyani
8. Dr. Anuj Grover (Special Invitee)
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.

Item 1 - Confirmation of the minutes of the 43rd meeting of the PGC held on 22nd Jan 2020.

PGC confirmed the minutes the 43rd meeting of the PGC held on 22nd Jan 2020.

Item No.3 ?

Item 5 - To consider the recommendation of the PGC for removal of the provision for having an internal examiner for evaluation of a Ph.D. Thesis. (Item from 44th Senate Meeting)

Chair PGC briefed the PGC members regarding the decision of 44th Senate meeting on the **recommendation of the PGC for removal of the provision for having an internal examiner for evaluation of a Ph.D. Thesis.** After detailed deliberation the PGC agreed to the recommendation of the Senate for no change in the current PhD thesis guidelines regarding appointment of internal examiner for PhD thesis evaluation. The PGC has also recommended that the matter regarding appointment of an internal examiner for thesis evaluation will be invoked only in rarest of the rare cases with the approval of Post Graduate Committee.

Action to be taken : The PGC recommendation will be put up to Senate in the upcoming meeting.

Item 6 - To consider matter regarding continuation of fellowship to Ph.D. students (on project funding) who are going for internship (and receiving partial monetary support from the host during the internship stay) with an understanding that the respective advisor has confirmed that the work the student is going to do during internship is towards the project. (Item from 44th Senate Meeting)

Chair PGC briefed the PGC regarding the observations of 44th Senate meeting in the **matter of continuation of fellowship to Ph.D. students (on project funding) who are going for internship.** After detailed deliberation the PGC has suggested the following:

- i. To get the format of declaration from DST/DBT
- ii. Students going for summer Internship may be given fellowship but the concerned students will be required to come before the ADD/DROP date.
- iii. The student can be permitted to go for Internship for one summer term or a regular semester.
- iv. Any request for TA duty waiver should come through the Supervisor.

Item 8 - In the Course replacement form the “Advisor’s Recommendation” field has been added as a mandatory step.

PGC has noted the ECE dept recommendation and agreed to the same.

Action to be taken : Program Admin will take the necessary action.

Item 10 - To consider below PG regulation (page 13), for rectification:

“c. The overall performance is indicated by a Cumulative Grade Point Average (CGPA) which is computed in the same manner as the computation of SGPA but for all the courses done in the program. While the F and X grades shall show on the grade sheet, the original grade of a course repeated/replaced is ignored in the computation of **SGPA/CGPA.**

d. ‘F’ grade shall not be counted in the calculation of CGPA, however, it is counted in the calculation of **SGPA.** “

PGC has noted that above abstract of PG regulation is confusing and needs a correction. Hence, the recommended to remove the word “SGPA” from the above abstract.

Action to be taken : The PGC recommendation will be put up to Senate in the upcoming meeting.

Item 13 - To consider the recommendation of the PGC to allow Ph.D. students to repeat a course for grade improvement.

PGC has discussed the item in detail. During the course of deliberations it was noted that there are sometime cases of academic warning given to the students. Hence, the PGC recommended to allow Ph.D. students to repeat a course for grade improvement. However, such request should come to Academic Office with the approval of student’s advisor.

Action to be taken : The PGC recommendation will be put up to Senate in the upcoming meeting.

Item 14 - To consider fee waiver request from sponsored PhD student Indra Prakash Jha.

PGC was informed regarding the status of PhD student Indra Prakash Jha. It was noted that the student had joined the PhD(CB) program in July 2015. He had changed his registration from regular

to sponsored student in April 2018 and had received tuition fee waiver for AY 2018-19. The student has not paid the fee for AY 2019-20 and after repeated reminders from Academic section; the student has submitted a request to again consider him for tuition fee waiver.

The PGC has considered the request of the student and in light of the above facts, the PGC has recommended that there is no justifying evidence in support of the request and hence the request was not agreed to. PGC has further recommended that the student should be asked to pay fee (as applicable) within next 10 days and in the event of failure to do so, his registration shall be terminated.

Action to be taken : Program Admin will take the necessary action.

Item 15 - To re-look at the MTech Thesis Form. The statement mentioned under “Undertaking section” looks vague.

Dr Anuj Grover (Special invitee) briefed the PGC regarding the existing content under “Undertaking section” of MTech Thesis Form. He has also informed regarding the concern raised by the Industry personnel with regard to terminology “any benefits” used in the form and the reason behind the concern. After detailed discussion the PGC has recommended to seek opinion from the Institute IPR consultant regarding removal of terminology “any benefit ” from the undertaking section.

Action to be taken : Program Admin will take the necessary action.

Item 17 - To add AFC as Regular AI Elective.

Below is the CSE FM recommendation: “This was discussed in CSE & CAI FM and was in principle agreed upon. Apart from AFC, Edge AI (new course by Mahesh from Samsung R&D) and Decision Procedures (new course by Rahul P.) to be considered for the same.”

And

Item No.19 Another related item regarding M.Tech. (CSAI) is a recommendation that open electives may include courses from departments other than CSE

PGC discussed the above recommendations and decided to refer these recommendations back to CSE Department for reconsideration.

Action to be taken : Program Admin will take the necessary action.

Item 18 - Adding the following courses in the list of electives for specialization in VLSI and Embedded Systems (this has been discussed in VLSI faculty group and has the consent of HOD).

- VLSI Design Flow
- Digital Hardware Design

- Low Voltage Analog Circuit Design
- Verification and High-Level Synthesis of VLSI Designs
- Memory Design and Testing
- Intelligent Applications Implementation on Heterogeneous Platform

PGC has noted the ECE dept's recommendation and agreed to the same.

Action to be taken : Program Admin will take the necessary action.

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

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