Agenda for the 48thmeeting of the PGC to be held on 16thJune 2020, 2.30 - 4:00 PM

Confirmation of the minutes of the 47thmeeting of the PGC held on 27thMay, 2020.

- Comments shared by Dr Pushpendra Singh (regarding Fee waiver item) & Dr Sumit Darak (regarding MTech internship item) have been incorporated in the minutes.
- To report the update regarding fee waiver request of Ajay Fuloria
- To continue discussion regarding the MTech Internship Item.

1. To consider Dual Degree Rules for B.Tech. CS+X students(matter referred by the Senate)
We currently have Dual Degree programs which allow students to do Dual Degree in M.Tech.(CSE) and M.Tech(ECE). With new B.Tech. programs added in last few years, we should decide about the criteria of allowing students of B.Tech. CS+X programs to enroll for M.Tech.(CSE) dual degree program.

The recommendation of CSE and ECE FM are as below:

CSE FM:The students need to take either M.Tech. bucket courses or CSE core courses. If the student meets this requirement, they can be given the dual M.Tech. degree subject to the completion of other dual degree requirements. (attached)

2. To review below points of the PhD Thesis Evaluation Guidelines (present guidelines are attached).

Point No.	Heading	Current guidelines	Point to be discussed
Point 1 & 3	Synopsis Submission & Thesis Submission	Ph.D. thesis evaluation process is initiated by submission of a thesis Synopsis, followed by the full thesis within 30 days of Synopsis submission.	1. There are many instances where student does not submit thesis in 30 days, this timeline needs to be re-looked. Also, what would be action if student fails to submit thesis within defined timeline 2. In IITs, after 6 months of data of synopsis submission, if student fails to submit the thesis, the synopsis automatically stands null and void. No follow-up is due on part of Academic section
			If the student submits synopsis and fails to submit thesis, again submits the synopsis and again fails to submit the thesis... how many times such instances are allowed. How such cases are to be regulated?
Point 4	Appointment of panel of examiners	The advisor is required to submit 6 to 8 names of proposed examiners	What if we don't get acceptance from all 6/8 members proposed by the faculty?
Point 5	Evaluation of Thesis	At present we request the examiner to send the thesis report through post as well.	The letter template which we send to examiner has a mention that examiner is supposed to send his report through post/ courier. Since many of our examiners are from outside India, this point may be re-looked. Many a times we receive request that the examiner is unable to send the report through post.
		Note that the list of examiners should normally not be disclosed till the thesis review is complete; after that it is public information. In reviews, the name of the reviewer should not be disclosed even in the PhD defense	We disclose the name of the examiners (once all reports are in) before thesis defense (this had approval of Ex-Director). Hence this point needs to be revisited.
Point 7	Follow up and Reminders	PGC's office will follow up regularly with the examiners for the thesis review.	What if two of the examiners don't give his review. Till when we have to wait for this?

		Yes, 2 hard bound copies are presently submitted by the student in the library	Is it required for a student to submit hard copy of the thesis after completion?

3. **Convocation Awards -** Arising out of discussions, some members suggested that more awards should be given to encourage and motivate the students. Both UGC and PGC may examine the suggestion and make appropriate recommendations for further consideration of the Senate. **(Item from 44th Senate Meeting)**

4. Refer Item 2 of 46th PGC Meeting
   Item :To consider a case of Ph.D. student who has returned early from ORF due to COVID 19.
   PGC Recommendation (on TAship requirement) : Since student has spent less than 4 months duration in ORF and in view of the fact that the student returned due to current pandemic, PGC has waived 1 TAship requirement for the student (out of 2 mandatory TAship requirement).

   The student has now requested that due to personal reasons she won't be able to do one TAship requirement (as required against ORF support) and ready to pay the compensation amount, if any, to waive off the TAship.

   As per ORF guidelines: " While conveying the approval to the student, he/she will be asked to submit an undertaking stating that "he/she will complete his/her thesis as per Institute rules. In the event of failure to do so he/she shall pay back immediately the entire financial support provided by the Institute for the ORF". Besides for availing the ORF, he/she shall be required to do two extra semester of TAship."
   This student had submitted the above undertaking before proceeding for ORF.

<mark>Deferred Items</mark>

5. To discuss regarding Honors in M.Tech. program (below are the proposed requirements which are mostly in line with our BTech program).

   M.Tech. students can graduate with Honors degree, requirements for which may be as follows:
   1) The students must earn an additional 8 discipline credits
   2) The student must have done 16 credits of Thesis
   3) At graduation time students must have 8 CGPA (As per the records of last 4-5 years, around 50% students graduate with >8 CGPA)
   4) The student must not have any F grade (This is not there in UG program. Since in M.Tech. students have to do less courses, this might be added. Just a suggestion)

6. Thesis Defense/Scholarly Paper Report Submission name :

   In a recent decision of the PGC and subsequent approval of the Senate, it was decided to grade Thesis/SP/CapP. During the semester, current practice will be followed, where S/X will be awarded for multiple credit registration. When the student is expected to complete the minimum credit, in that particular semester S/he will be registering for the defense or report submission. Following are the proposed names:

   - M.Tech. Thesis Viva (16 Credits)
   - Scholarly Paper Report (4/8 Credits)
   - Capstone Project Report

7. Any other item with permission of Chair PGC.