Agenda for 7ᵗʰ meeting of the Academic Affairs Committee (AAC) to be held on October 28ᵗʰ, 2020 at 2.30 pm through Google meet

Item 1   To confirm the minutes of the 6ᵗʰ AAC meeting held on 14ᵗʰ Oct, 2020.

The following items were discussed over email and concluded as below:

i.   **The new M.Tech students (The admission year 2020) have raised concerns over the overload rule with regard to the Internship policy which is applicable from their batch.**

   The internship rule says, "The student has completed 32 credits towards graduation (by doing 12 graduation credits each in the first two semesters and 8 graduation credits during summer semester after the Ist year) besides successfully completing the OOPD, RM and Refresher Courses, without taking any academic overload (above 20 credits) in any of the first two regular semesters". So, they mostly have a concern with the overload guidelines as there is already a rule available for taking an overload. The rule says, " A student may be permitted an overload of at most 4 credits in a semester in 2nd and subsequent semesters if he/she has CGPA>8.00." Due to this restriction, a student with CGPA above 8.00 and interested to take some more courses in the Winter semester will be deprived of taking it. Moreover, they are only available for one winter semester, so if a student wishes to take any other course which are generally offered in Winter semesters to enrich his/her learning will not be able to take that course if s/he is also interested to go for an internship in 4th semester.

   The matter was discussed over email dated 22nd October 2020. The AAC is of the view that the internship policy was decided after multiple consultations with faculty members and was then also discussed and approved in the Senate. Hence it is recommended to try this policy for at least two batches before we think of any change.

   The purpose of the policy is to allow academics to run smoothly, while also letting students have an internship opportunity.

ii.   **To discuss MTech students to graduate with an Honors degree.**
   The matter was discussed over email dated 22ⁿᵈ October 2020. The AAC is of the view that MTech Honors degree does not hold any merit and hence recommended to close this item.

iii.   **Guidelines for BTech Internships**
   i. Whether the internship rule will also be applicable when the internship is arranged by the students with their own efforts?

   The AAC was of the view that UG students who are fulfilling the internship eligibility criteria can be allowed to accept the internship arranged with their own efforts. However, it was also recommended to seek the view of GM (Placement) on this matter.

   The matter was forwarded to GM (Placement) and she has confirmed the following:

   As per the campus policy, students are allowed to opt for off campus internship/ placement opportunities, but they require prior approval from the placement office. The approval is given under the following condition:

   "The student is required to inform as soon as he/she receives the off campus offer.
   In case the student receives an offer in campus before the off campus offer, then as per the policy, he/she will have to take the campus offer and drop all other offer/s."

Item 2   To discuss the following points related to BTPs:

1. Follow up item from 37th -A UGC Meeting, Agenda Item 8.: In case of BTP extension of one month, a poster presentation is mandatory. Can such students submit their BTP reports after the extra month or should they have to submit an interim report as per the BTP submission date mentioned in the calendar?
2. How many students can register for one BTP as a team?
3. Over the past few years, many faculty members have been assigned close to 5-10 BTPs for evaluation. It becomes increasingly hard to evaluate so many BTPs. As a consequence, faculty ultimately rely on the BTP advisor to award the grade. Should we take an Easy Chair approach where faculty can bid for BTPs to be evaluated and if possible, it can be restricted to 2-3 BTPs or so?
4. Should there be a CGPA cut-off for BTP given the fact that at least 7 CGPA is mandatory to register for an IP?
5. What should be the latest semester for starting a BTP?
6. Should we restrict BTP advising to only a few visiting/guest faculty members (e.g. the ones who are experts in their core disciplines and come from sister institutes like IITs)?
7. At present, below is the criterion followed by the committee for deciding BTP awards. Once there was a concern raised by the Senate regarding this criterion and hence this needs discussion.
    All BTPs in the following three categories be forwarded to the Committee for consideration:
    a. All A+ Grades
    b. All A grades
    c. All Popular Votes

8. In case of a joint BTP, if the student participants are having different grades (e.g. one student is having A grade and another is having B), will the award be given to both the students or only to the student with the higher grade?

9. At present, UG students can do BTP spread over 2 semesters (without any break). In this regard, if a student is going on internship for one regular semester, can his BTP be considered with a break of the semester in which he was on an internship?

Item 3   To discuss the proposal for having a common code for the following courses in the ERP

The following common course codes are proposed for the courses like Research Credits, IP, IS, BTP, etc.

Program	Credits	Present nomenclature	Proposed
PhD	Research Credits	CSE799/ ECE799/ MTH799 …..	PTH799
	IP/ IS (4 credits)	CSE790/ ECE790/ MTH790	PIP790
	IP/ IS (2 credits)	CSE790A/ ECE790A/ MTH790A	PIS790
MTech	Research Credits	CSE699/ECE699/ MTH699	MTH699
	IP/ IS (4 credits)	CSE690/ ECE690/ MTH690	MIP690
	IP/ IS (2 credits)	CSE690A/ ECE690A/ MTH690A	MIS690
BTech	BTP	CSE399/ ECE399…	BTP499
	IP/IS/UR	Multiple codes	BIP399/BIS390/BUR498

For 2 cr, 6 cr & 8 cr courses, suffixes A, B & C respectively will be added.

In this regard, we have received the following response from the Finance Section:

"*Since you have stated that you are buying the amazon vouchers in India by account payee cheque, income can in my view be said to be applied in India.*

However under section 40 A(3), payments to a person in a day other than by account payee cheque should not exceed 10,000 Rs. It would be advisable to adhere to this limit of per person per day with respect to such vouchers to avoid disallowance of the same.

So per person per day, you may give Amazon vouchers dollars worth less than 10,000Rs to be on the safe side. The voucher should narrate the service rendered by the faculty member so that it is not construed as a gift."

Item 5   **To discuss the CoI policy for PhD thesis evaluation.**

Item 6   **To discuss the change in MTech defense dates and dates in award guidelines (see Annexure I).**

Item 7   **Degree date for the students who are completing MTech in 3 semesters (Item no. 15 of the 2nd AAC meeting).**

Item 8   **To discuss below points about Plagiarism policy**

i. https://www.iiitd.ac.in/sites/default/files/docs/education/2017/Plagiarism%20Policy%20-%20Updated.pdf

The policy needs to be updated since it only covers that idea of X copying from Y and does not indicate the possibility of X's and Y's submissions to be the same by act of human,machines, or nature.

ii. The two tables in the policy are not clear in implementation.
For example,Table 1 holds for plagiarism in assignment and Table 2 holds for plagiarism in Quiz/end-sem. However, it is not clear if the plagiarism is in assignment followed by quiz or vice-versa.

Item 9   Any other item with permission of AAC-Chairperson.