

**Agenda for 8th meeting of the Academic Affairs Committee (AAC) to be held on December 9th , 2020 at 2.30 pm through Google meet**

**Item 1 To confirm the minutes of the 7 th AAC meeting held on 28<sup>th</sup> Oct, 2020.**

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

**i. Seeking suggestions on the National Education Policy 2020 (NEP)**

**ii. Item no. 7 from 6th AAC held on 14th Oct 2020 : To discuss the coursework requirement of a Ph.D. student who joined Ph.D. within 1-2 years of completing BTech/ M.Tech. degree from IIITD. In a recent case, an additional IS has been allowed to such students.**

**Arising out of discussion AAC asked the academic section to share the details about Ms. Devika Sondhi case, i.e., what relaxation was given to her at the time of her admission?**

In this regard, AAC was informed via email dated 13<sup>th</sup> Nov 2020, that Devika's case was discussed in the 20th PGC meeting held on 23.01.2017. Below are the meeting minutes:

**"To discuss course requirements for Ph.D. students (case of Devika Sondhi).**

Chair PGC apprised the members of the case of Ms. Devika Sondhi. Dr. Rahul Purandare, Advisor of the student informed that being an M.Tech. from IIITD under the Dual Degree program, she should get waiver of courses like other regular M.Tech. students of the Institute who join Ph.D. within a year. During the course of discussions, it was noted that under the Dual Degree, she was already given waiver from courses. After detailed deliberations, the PGC recommended that a Dual Degree student of the institute joining Ph.D. program within 1 or 1 and half year may be asked to register at least 8 credits of course work including IS/IP."

After a discussion (over email), AAC recommended the following:

**"IIITD MTechs (including dual-degree MTechs) and BTechs joining our Ph.D. program (irrespective of when they join) can be allowed additional IS with strong recommendation of Supervisor(s).**

**This will enable AAC/DOAA to make decisions without going to the senate."**

iii. To approve cross listing of below courses

"Industrial Organization" (ECO 312) as 3XX/5XX– Dr Kiriti Kanjilal  
Urban Space and Political Power (SSH362) as 3XX/5XX

iv. To approve the following courses

(i.) DES507: Affective Computing (AFC)

(vide email dated 12th Nov, 2020)

(ii.) DES506: Fundamentals of Video for Engineers(New)

(iii.)DES504: Narratives in Communication (Change in Name and Content)

- (iv.) Variational Calculus and their Applications in Control Theory and Nanomechanics (Change in name and content)
- (v.) CSE5xx-Networks and System Security II (New)  
(vide email dated 23rd November 2020)

**Item 2**            **To consider a request from the Placement Office to keep the semester timelines as per previous years' Academic calendar.**

**Item 3**            **To discuss some concerns with the below rules that lead to manual intervention from the Academic Office end for preparing the transcripts at the time of graduation.**

**B.Tech.**

1. As per the rule of counting of best credits, if a student does "N" credits over and above the 116 credits, then the grades of worst N credits up to 8 credits gets uncounted. So if a student has done 120 credits at the end of Sem 6 and has obtained the worst grade Z in the course C, then the grade for the course C will not be counted. After semester 7, the base credit is 136. Now, if a student has completed 136 credits at the end of Sem 7. In that case, there will be no replacement and the same course C with "Z" grade that was uncounted earlier will count now.

2. For some courses like IP/IS, BTP etc, if a student does credits over and above the prescribed credit limit which is 8 credits in case of IP/IS and 12 credits in case of BTP, we need to manually uncheck the courses where it is going above the limit. Also, incomplete BTP doesn't count towards CGPA. The manual intervention is definitely subject to error. Here since the regulation doesn't permit counting of credits above a particular limit towards graduation requirement, can we restrict the registration beyond a particular limit?

3. When a student repeats a course, the system uncount the earlier one, which is affecting the earlier CGPAs. Like if a student did DSA in Sem 2 and got a "D" grade and did the same course again in Sem 7 and got an "A" grade. His CGPA of Sem 2 gets changed after completing Sem 7. If grades in both semesters are the same, still the system uncounts earlier one.

The old CGPA should never change. The effect of the better grade should reflect in the latest semester, i.e., Sem 7.

**M.Tech.:**

4. Students are allowed to replace upto 2 courses over and above 48 credits. This is currently allowed based on a rule that bucket courses can be replaced with a bucket course, IP/IS with a IP/IS, etc. These specific rules of replacement of a particular course with another course of the same bucket make us do it manually, which might result in errors. Can we not allow upto 8 credit replacements of any course with any other course over and above 48 credits that ERP can handle similar to UG?

5. Date of issue of Transcript (At IIT Delhi. The date of issue of the transcript is the date of printing of the transcript. For example, if the transcript pertaining to the year 2010 is issued today or tomorrow, it will have a date when the transcript is printed).

**Item 4 To consider removing F grade criteria from current M.Tech. internship policy. (Reference Dr Debajyoti email dated 7<sup>th</sup> Nov 2020).**

**As per the current M.Tech. internship policy, below is the eligibility criteria for applying for M.Tech. internship:**

1. The student has completed 32 credits towards graduation (by doing 12 graduation credits each in first two semesters and registered for 8 graduation credits during summer semester after the 1st 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.

2. Students who were admitted to the program based on GATE based fellowship must have received 2 S grades (Satisfactory) in TA duties during the first two regular (long) semesters.

As per the above criteria, since students are not allowed to take any overload above 20 credits, if a student fails in one course because of any reason, he becomes ineligible to sit for internships and Placement cell has openly informed the students that if there is no internship, then there is no full time offer.

AAC may discuss the eligibility criteria stated above.

**Item 5 To discuss the following points about Plagiarism policy**

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

The current plagiarism policy has rules stated for those who copy from others; however, the policy is not clear about the rules to be imposed on the student who is showing his work or whose work has been copied.

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 a quiz, or vice-versa.

**Item 6 To discuss below points related to Ph.D. regular admission process.**

With regard to Ph.D. regular admission process, the following is proposed.

The admission offer of the student will clearly mention the following:

**1. For a student who is selected on project funding + Institute funding** - the offer will state that the student has to choose from one of the following two 2 options:

- i. To be on specific project funding under X faculty. In this case, X faculty will be the student advisor from Day 1 of his/ her Ph.D..
- ii. To be on Institute funding, for which there may be more than one interested faculty members (names will be disclosed in the admission offer letter) and in this case, a student will have to finalize the advisor within a month of his/ her joining.

**2. For a student who is selected on project funding** - the offer will state that the student has been selected under X faculty member against Y project position. If he/ she is keen to accept the offer, then he/ she may do so. In this case, X faculty will be the student advisor from Day 1 of his/ her Ph.D..

**3. For a student who is selected on Institute funding** - the offer will state that the student has been selected under institute funding. In this case, names of all the interested faculty members will be disclosed in the admission offer letter and the student will have to finalize the advisor within a month of his/ her joining.

- Ph.D. students coming through regular admissions will be required to join the Institute at least a month before the add/ drop week. This practice may be started from the next admission cycle.
- A Ph.D. student selected through regular admissions will be on Institute fellowship for the first month of his/ her Ph.D.
- A Ph.D. student will be required to finalize the name of the Ph.D. advisor within a month of his/ her joining the Ph.D. program and as early as possible. From the day of assignment of Ph.D. advisor, the fellowship source of the student will count against his/ her advisor.

**Item 7**

**To discuss discontinuing Mid-Year Review of Ph.D. students.** [During the Mid-Year Review process, a student is asked to fill a Google form where the student provides information regarding progress made in the last 6 months (after the conduct of his/ her annual review). It is noticed that the conduct of mid-year review is not helping students in any manner and also there is no outcome coming out of it. In view of this, it is proposed to discontinue Mid-Year Review of Ph.D. students.

**Item 8**

**Any other item with permission of Chairperson-AAC.**