



Minutes of the 9th meeting of the PGC of IIIT-D held on 16th September, 2015 at 04.00 p.m.in the Board Room, 5th Floor, IIIT-D Campus, Okhla Industrial Estate, Phase-III, New Delhi

Following members were present:

1. Dr. VinayakNaik	- Chairman
2. Prof. Dheeraj Sanghi	- Member
3. Dr. Pushpendra Singh	- Member
4. Dr. MayankVatsa	- Member
5. Dr. Somitra K. Sanadhya	- Member
6. Dr. Sandip Aine	- Member
7. Dr. H.B. Acharya	- Member
8. Dr. Sujay Deb	- Member
9. Dr. Vivek Bohara	- Member
10. Dr. Shobha Sundar Ram	- Member
11. Ms. Anupriya Gogna	- Students' Representative
12. Ms. Dheryta Jaisinghani	- Students' Representative
13. Mr. K P Singh	- Academic In-Charge
14. Mr. Ashutosh Brahma	- JM (Academic)
15. Ms. Priti Patel	- JM (Academic)

At the outset Dr. Vinayak Naik, Chair PGC welcomed all to the meeting. Thereafter, the agenda items were taken up for discussions and the following decisions/ recommendations were made.

1. Chair PGC apprised the members of the comments received from some of the members on the minutes of the 8th meeting and his subsequent discussions with the concerned faculty members. Thereafter, the minutes of the 8th meeting of the PGC held on 10th July,2015 were confirmed as circulated.

Arising out of discussions the PGC desired that M.Tech. bucket courses should be reviewed every year before start of the Monsoon Semester so that the new students are aware of the bucket courses should register to complete the degree requirement.

2. Chair, PGC apprised the members of the proposal to make modification in the existing Guidelines for Ph.D. thesis evaluation with regard to timeframe for (i) submission of thesis evaluation report and (ii) conduct of thesis defense. After detailed deliberations it was decided that the timeframe for submission of evaluation report and conduct of thesis defense may be kept at **six** weeks for submission of evaluation report by the examiners and **eight** weeks for conduct of thesis defense and relevant clauses in the guidelines may be modified accordingly.

3. Chair, PGC apprised the members of the old rules for International/national travel and the new travel line budget for the by Ph.D. students. He also informed that some of the Ph.D. students who had joined earlier had only partially used the travel line and were affected by the new travel line budget. After detailed deliberations the PGC recommended that old students who availed the entitled travels will be governed by the old rules and those who did not avail the entitled travel earlier, they can avail under the new rule (i.e. travel budget of Rs.1.5 lakh plus Rs.50k if the Conference if of higher level plus up to Rs.50k from contingency grant, if available).

4. Chair, PGC apprised the members of the proposal to improve existing procedure for conduct of annual review of Ph.D. students. He also informed of the suggestion for submitting yearly report + PPT well in advance before the monitoring committee meeting. After detailed deliberations it was decided to continue with the existing practice.

5. The item relating to fixing of maximum time limit for registration by Ph.D. students was deferred to the next meeting of the PGC.

6. Chair, PGC apprised the members of the earlier recommendation made by the PGC at its 8th meeting held on 10th July,2015 (vide Item No.7) with respect to modifications in the ORF scheme. He also informed of the comments received from some of the members regarding the inadequacy of the current support for ORF. He also clarified that Ph.D. students getting ORF are also being given monthly fellowship in addition to support of US\$ 6000. During the course of discussions it was pointed out by some members that Institute had initially a scheme of 'Overseas Study Fellowship' which provided for supporting each student up to 15K US\$ for the visit whereas the current support is being implemented as "Overseas Research Fellowship" and the amount of support is quite inadequate. After detailed discussions the PGC desired the Academic Section to find out the relevant documents on the subject along with the decisions taken by the Institute from time to time and put up the same for further consideration by the PGC.

7. Chair, PGC apprised the members of the proposal to review the existing guidelines for conduct of PhD thesis defense and "Final Viva Report Form". After detailed deliberations the PGC decided to continue with the existing form.

As regards the form for reporting the conduct of Ph.D. thesis defense, the members wanted to know as to what purpose will be served by getting this report. Also who else will fill this form since members were not in favour of filling this by the concerned faculty advisor organizing the thesis defense.

8. The PGC discussed the existing rules for annual reviews of PhD students in the light of observations made by Dr. Pushpendra Singh. During the course of discussions Dr. Pushpendra also clarified/answered to the queries made by the members. After detailed deliberations it was decided to continue with the existing rules for annual reviews of Ph.D. students.

9. Chair, PGC apprised the members of the decision of the Senate (Refer Item No.30.18 of the minutes of the 30th meeting of the Senate). The PGC discussed in detail the issue related to limit on doing Online Course (OC) course by Ph.D. students. After detailed deliberations the PGC clarified that there should be no limit on the Online Course (OC) course by Ph.D. students. However, permission of the PGC will be necessary for doing OC/IS course. The Ph.D. students doing OC course will be awarded 'S'/'X' grade.

It was also clarified that M.Tech. students doing Online course under IP/IS will be awarded regular grade (A to F) by the concerned faculty supervisor.

10. The item relating to review of the existing leave rules and operational guidelines for M.Tech. & Ph.D. students was deferred to the next meeting of the PGC.

11. Chair, PGC apprised the members of the requests of some of the Ph.d. students for allowing them to sit and observe during question – answer session between the examiners and the Ph.D. student. The PGC discussed the matter in detail and after protracted discussion it was decided that other Ph.D. students be not allowed to sit and observe during question – answer session between the examiners and the Ph.D. student defending his/her thesis.

12. The item relating to the number of PhD students supported by institute per faculty was deferred to the next meeting of the PGC.

13. Chair, PGC apprised the members of the proposal related to award of grade to an M.Tech. student who registers for thesis credits in the beginning of the semester but finally he is unable to defend the thesis in the respective semester before the deadline. After detailed deliberations the PGC clarified that M.Tech. student who registers for thesis credits in the beginning of the semester has to be awarded either ‘S’ or ‘X’ grade as per schedule notified by the Institute. The ‘I’ grade awarded, if any, has to be converted to either ‘S’ or ‘X’ as per academic calendar.

14. The item relating to the evaluation process for 8 credits industrial project was again deferred to the next meeting of the PGC

15. The item relating to making addition of Companies for doing 8 credits Industrial Project was deferred to the next meeting of the PGC.

16. The item relating to Pcoin model proposed by Dr. Pushpendra Singh was deferred to the next meeting of the PGC.

17. The item relating to mid-Semester M.Tech. thesis presentation was deferred to the next meeting of the PGC.

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the chair.