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Members Present : Prof(s): Arnab Samanta (AE), Appu Kumar Singh (BSBE), Gaurav Tiwari (CE), Dipin S Pillai (CHE), Anand Singh for Madhav Ranganathan (CHM), Debadatta Mishra (CSE), Shatarupa Thakurta Roy (DES), Sarani Saha (ECO), Abhishek Kumar Gupta (EE), Animesh Mandal (ES), Rajarshi Sengupta (HSS), Vinay Ramani (DoMS), Sarosh Alam Ghausi (KSS), Anikesh Pal (ME), Pritam Chakraborty (MSP), Arijit Ganguly (MTH), Chanchal Sow (PHY), Aakash Chand Rai (SEE)

Members Absent: Prof(s): Ark Verm (CGS), Ketan Rajawat (IS), Shobit Omar (MSE), Sapam Ranjita Chanu (PSE), Kunal P Mooley (SPASE),

Senate Nominee: Prof. Sudhanshu Shekhar Singh (Absent), Prof. Naren Naik

Student representatives: Mr. Kartik Rout (Absent), Mr. Utkarsh Tripathi, Ms. Kumari Ritika, Mr. Mohak Pravin Pachpor

A) Confirmation of minutes of 6th SPGC meeting held on February 26, 2026

The minutes were confirmed.

B) To ratify the following decisions taken /approvals given by Chairman, SPGC:

Requests below were submitted to SPGC with recommendations from supervisor and DPGC. SPGC ratified the approval given by Chairperson, SPGC to the requests.

S. No.	Roll No.	Name	Dept.	Prog.	Request For	Remark
1	19109861	Ankit Kumar	PHY	PhD	Extension of thesis submission deadline (1 st extension)	Due date: 12/March/2026 Approved till 12/June/2026
2	14104284	Heeralal Maurya	EE	PhD	Extension of thesis submission deadline (2 nd extension)	Due date: 12/Dec/2025 1 st extension approved till 12/March/2026 2 nd extension approved till 24/March/2026 (Re-deliver open seminar if thesis is not submitted on or before 24/March/2026.
3	20218274	Simran Singh	BSBE	PhD	Extension of thesis submission deadline (1 st extension)	Due date: 10/April/2026 Approved till 10/July/2026
4	15111262	Abhay Kumar	CSE	PhD	Extension of thesis submission deadline (1 st extension)	Due date: 25/Jan/2026 Approved till 25/April/2026
5	231180606	Pratiksha Vasant Jadhav	BSBE	PhD	Extension of SOTA seminar deadline (2 nd extension)	Due date: 12/Dec/2025 1 st extension approved till 12/March/2026 2 nd extension approved till 12/June/2026
6	242070624	Vinay Sadashiv Nikam	CHM	PhD	Extension of comprehensive examination deadline (1 st extension). Comprehensive examination has been rescheduled due to supervisor's unavailability.	Due date: 19/Sep/2025 Approved till 12/Feb/2026

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S. No.	Roll No.	Name	Dept.	Prog.	Request For	Remark
7	251050617	Santosh Kumar Pandey	ME	PhD	Extension of comprehensive examination deadline (1 st extension)	Due date: 05/May/2026 Approved till 05/July/2026
8	241020613	Subhamshree Sahoo	CHE	PhD	Permission to proceed as a non-degree student at The University of Tokyo, Japan	Approved as per clause 6.1 of the PG manual.

C) Extension of Comprehensive Examination Deadline:

The following decision was made.

S. No	Roll No	Name	Dept	Prog	Supervisor/DPGC Recommendation	SPGC Decision
1	241110607	Rohit Kumar	CSE	PhD	Recommended	Initial due date of the comprehensive exam was 19 Sep 2025. The first extension of the comprehensive exam was approved until 19 Nov 2025. The student's last attempt at the comprehensive exam did not go well due to a lack of sufficient background knowledge in the subject. After due deliberation, the SPGC approved the second extension request until 30 April 2026.
2	241010607	Anil S Karthik	AE	PhD	Recommended	The student converted his programme from MS(R) to PhD in 2024-25-I and completed the minimum required courses (54 credits) in the same semester. The initial due date for the comprehensive exam was 19 Sep 2025. The student was not aware of the reduction in minimum thesis credits required for the comprehensive exam. After due deliberation, SPGC approved an extension until 30 April 2026.

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3	231010609	Sounak Das	AE	PhD	Recommended	Initial due date of the comprehensive exam was 19 Sep 2025. The first extension of the comprehensive exam was approved until 31 Oct 2025. Delay due to low CPI and medical problem. After due deliberation, the SPGC approved the second extension request until 30 April 2026.
4	251060602	Aditiya Mishra	MSE	PhD	Recommended	The due date of the comprehensive exam is 05 May 2026. Student failed in first attempt of the comprehensive exam held on 13 Jan 2026. After due deliberation, the SPGC approved the second extension request until 05 July 2026 as per clause 8.2 of the PG Manual.

D) Extension of SOTA Seminar Deadline:

S. No	Roll No	Name	Dept	Prog	Supervisor/DPGC Recommendation	SPGC Decision
1	22103285	Vipul Sharma	CE	PhD	Recommended	Initial due date of the SOTA seminar was 27 July 2024. Second extension of the SOTA seminar was approved till 24 Jan 2025. Considering student is a part time student and employee of IITK and his family medical challenges. SPGC approved an extension until 30 April 2026.

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E) Extension of Thesis Submission Deadline:

S. No.	Roll No	Name	Dept	Prog	Supervisor/ DPGC Recommendation	SPGC Decision
1	21102280	Rahul Gupta	CHE	PhD	Forwarded	The initial due date for thesis submission was 09 December 2025. The second extension was approved until 09 April 2026. The delay was due to involvement in revising a manuscript for a peer-reviewed journal. After due deliberation, the SPGC has approved a further extension until 30 April 2026. If the thesis is not submitted by this date, the student will be required to deliver the open seminar again.

F) New course approval

Course No.	Title	Credits	Proposing Instructor	SPGC Decision
IS742	Principles of Navigation techniques for autonomous systems	3-0-0-0-(9)	Dr. Anirban Roy	Approved
CS710	Lattice-Based Cryptography	3-0-0-0-(9)	Dr. Anshu Yadav	Approved
CS611	System Level Data Formats and Representations for AI	3-0-0-0-(9)	Dr. Urbi Chatterjee	Approved
CS612	Computer Arithmetic on FPGA	3-0-0-0-(9)	Dr. Debapriya Basu Roy	Approved
CS623	GPU Architecture and Programming	3-0-0-0-(9)	Dr. Mainak Chaudhuri, Dr. Swarnendu Biswas, Dr. Debadatta Mishra	Approved
MBA648	Data Analysis and Business Modelling using MS Excel and PowerBI	3-0-0-1-(10)	Dr. Sourya Joyee De	Approved
AE634	Space Exploration Mission Formulation	3-0-0-0-(9)	Dr. Rachana Agrawal	Approved
DES651M	Sustainable Agrotechnologies for Designers	3-0-0-0-(5)	Dr. Himanshi Jangir	Approved
DES652M	Nature-Inspired Design	3-0-0-0-(5)	Dr. Himanshi Jangir	Approved
DES653	Design for Life	3-0-0-0-(9)	Dr. Himanshi Jangir	Approved
MTH743	Numerical Methods for Hyperbolic Problems	3-0-0-0-(9)	Dr. Abhijit Biswas	Approved
ME635	Intelligent Manufacturing	3-0-0-0-(9)	Dr. Mohit Law	Approved
ME633	Acoustics	3-0-0-0-(9)	Dr. Aditya Saurabh	Approved
PHY673	Effective Field Theory	3-0-0-0-(9)	Dr. Joydeep Chakraborty	Approved
PHY641	A Physicist's Introduction to Topology and Differential Geometry	3-0-0-0-(9)	Dr. Kaushik Bhattacharya	Approved

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G) Change of registration from MSR/MDES/MTech to PhD Program:

SPGC discussed the requests of the students (Table below) as per clause 4.6 of the PG manual. Change will be considered w.e.f Summer Term-2026.

S. No.	Roll No	Name	Dept	Prog	Supervisor & DPGC Recommendation	Remark	SPGC Decision
1.	241030050	Khushi Dhiman	CE	MTECH	Recommended	CPI = 9.04 CU = 73 TC = 54S/0X	Approved
2.	241030095	Vivek Kumar Gupta	CE	MTECH	Recommended	CPI = 8.81 CU = 73 TC = 54S/0X	Approved

*Students have completed courses and CPI requirement as per clause 4.6 (b) of PG Manual

H) Change of Registration from Full-Time to Part-Time MTech/MDES/MSR/PhD program: SPGC discussed the requests of the student (Table below) as per clause 4.8 of the PG manual. Change will be considered w.e.f Summer Term-2026.

S. No	Roll No	Name	Dept	Prog	Supervisor and DPGC Recommendation	Remark	SPGC Decision
1.	241030017	Anshul	CE	MTech	Recommended	CU=73/TU=18S/0X CPI= 7.58	Approved

*Students have completed courses and CPI requirement as per clause 4.8 of PG Manual

I) Exit from PhD programme with MTech/MS-Research/MA-Research Degree

S. No.	Roll No.	Name	Dept	Prog	Supervisor/ DPGC Recommendation	Details	SPGC Recommendation
1	232050607	Samreen Zahoor Zargar	ME	PhD	Recommended	CU = 72 TU = 90S/0X CPI = 8.63 Last Qualifying: BTech (As per 7.8.2)	Exit approved. To register as MTech/MS-Research/MA-Research Degree from Summer-26. Must complete two and a half years residency requirement before degree can be awarded.

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S. No.	Roll No.	Name	Dept	Prog	Supervisor/ DPGC Recommendation	Details	SPGC Recommendation
2	21218277	Sristi Nanda	BSBE	PhD	Recommended	CU = 54 TU = 306S/0X CPI = 8.50 Last Qualifying: MSc (Biotechnology) (As per 7.8.1)	Exit approved. To register as MTech/MS-Research/MA-Research Degree from Summer-26. Must complete two and a half years residency requirement before degree can be awarded.

*This matter will be sent to the Senate for consideration.

J) To consider the Re-appeals for academic programme reinstatement of PG student, whose academic programme was terminated by the Senate due to poor performance ($\geq 8X$ ALL, 2024-25-II).

S. No.	Roll No	Name	Dept	Prog	Supervisor/DPGC Recommendation	SPGC Recommendation
1	20200262	Anjali Yadav	HSS	PhD	Recommended	Recommended

*This matter will be sent to the Senate for consideration.

K) Appeal for reinstatement:

The following decisions were made.

S. No.	Roll No	Name	Dept	Prog	Termination Reason	Supervisor (s)/ DPGC Recommendation for reinstatement	SPGC Recommendation for reinstatement
1	17204271	Rahul Rai	EE	PhD	Under clause 7.2 of the PG Manual (Academic extension)	Recommended	As student thesis is ready for submission and student is in a JDP with NYCU Taiwan), SPGC recommended reinstatement from summer term 2026. Student must submit thesis by 4 th Aug-2026, else discontinuation of program.

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S. N o.	Roll No	Name	Dept	Prog	Termination Reason	Supervisor (s)/ DPGC Recommendation for reinstatement	SPGC Recommendation for reinstatement
2	16204269	Chintu Gurbani	EE	PhD	Under clause 7.2 of the PG Manual (Academic extension)	Recommended	As student thesis is ready for submission, SPGC recommended reinstatement from summer term 2026. Student must submit thesis by 4 th Aug-2026, else discontinuation of program.
3	231040408	Neha Pal	EE	MSR	PG APEC 2025-26-I (7.7.2. (iii)) >= 3X ALL	Not Recommended	As per thesis supervisor reinstatement would help her complete the work since she has several remaining credits. Considering this SPGC recommended for reinstatement from summer term 2026.
4	22104043	Kajol Verma	EE	MTech	PG APEC 2025-26-I (7.7.2. (iii)) >= 3X ALL	Recommended	Student had submitted her thesis. After due deliberation SPGC recommended for reinstatement from summer term 2026.

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S. N o.	Roll No	Name	Dept	Prog	Termination Reason	Supervisor (s)/ DPGC Recommendation for reinstatement	SPGC Recommendation for reinstatement
5	22103012	Ankit Goyal	CE	MTech	Under clause 5.7	Recommended	The thesis of student is ready for submission and he is in a job. After due deliberation, SPGC recommended reinstatement from summer term 2026. Student must submit his thesis by 4 th Aug 2026 else discontinuation of program. Registration must be completed.
6	21104134	Shubham Verma	EE	MTech	Under clause 7.2 of the PG Manual (Academic extension)	Not Recommended	After due deliberation SPGC DID NOT recommend reinstatement of programme.
7	14204269	Saurabh Shukla	EE	PhD	Under clause 7.2 of the PG Manual (Academic extension)	Recommended	Student is a part-time student. After due deliberation SPGC recommended reinstatement from summer term 2026. Student must submit his thesis by 4 th Aug 2026 else discontinuation of program.

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S. N o.	Roll No	Name	Dept	Prog	Termination Reason	Supervisor (s)/ DPGC Recommendation for reinstatement	SPGC Recommendation for reinstatement
8	17201269	Shweta Singh	AE	PhD	Under clause 7.2 of the PG Manual (Academic extension)	Recommended	The student has been having recurring medical problems which is prolonging her thesis. Needs to stay in campus due to the above and complete few remaining experiments. After due deliberation SPGC recommended reinstatement from summer term 2026 consider her poor health condition. However, student must submit her thesis by 12 January 2027, else discontinuation of program.
9	13100068	Pujarini Das	HSS	PhD	Under clause 5.7	Recommended	Thesis is ready for submission as per the supervisor. After due deliberation SPGC recommended reinstatement from summer term 2026. Student must deliver open seminar again. Must submit her thesis by 4 th Aug 2026 else discontinuation of program.

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- L) To consider requests for academic extension for the semester 2025-26-II from those P.G. students who have completed four years (M. Tech/M.Des./MSR), Regular Ph.D students who have completed six years of their academic programme. Students enrolled in PhD (in engineering) programmes with qualifying degree of B.Tech./ B.S. (4 years)/M.Sc who have completed seven years of their academic programme. And add an additional year in case of part-time/external students:

S. No.	Roll No.	Student's Name	Prog.	Dept	2 or More extension exceeded	Thesis Supervisor(s) Recommendation	DPGC Recommendation	SPGC Recommendation
1	16204279	Rajni Kant	PhD	EE	Yes	Recommended	Recommended	The part-time student's academic extension for 2025-26-I was approved without a deadline to submit thesis. SPGC recommends academic extension in 2025-26-II with a deadline to submit thesis by Aug 4 th 2026. Else program may be discontinued.

*This matter will be sent to the Senate for consideration.

M) Any other item with the permission of chair:

S. No.	Item Description	Remark
1	Regarding Extension of Timeline for DMC Report Submission	After due deliberations SPGC recommended extending the deadline till 30 April 2026. This will be sent to the chairperson Senate for approval.
2	PG students who have not completed registration for semester 2025-26-II.	In 6 th SPGC 2025-26 meeting, SPGC discussed the case of PG students who have not completed registration for the semester 2025-26-II and it was decided to give them a chance to register else their programme may be terminated. While a majority of the students did complete late registration, few of them didn't act on the request. List of such students who have not registered even after a chance being given is provided in Annexure-A. After due deliberation SPGC recommended to terminate programme of these students. This will be sent as a reporting item in Senate.
3	To note the approval of semester, leave 2025-26-II (Aladin/231050012/ME/MTech)	In the 6 th SPGC meeting, discontinuation of programme of the student was recommended due to unauthorized absence. However, before the matter could be taken to Senate, the student applied for semester leave (2025-26-II semester) and was approved at all levels. Thus, the recommendation for termination has been retracted and the SPGC was notified.
4	Change course number from PHY499 to PHY500 (Summer research project)	The SPGC in its 2024-25 12 th meeting approved the summer project course PHY499. This was a follow-up of Senate approved (in its 575 th meeting) provision of crediting project in summer for MSPD students. However, while floating this course it was noticed that PHY499 is already assigned to Physics BS project course. Therefore, DPGC PHY requested to renumber PHY499 to PHY500, and was approved by SPGC.

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S. No.	Item Description	Remark
5	To discuss the request by DPGC CHM regarding: (i) MSPD rules and template, (ii) PhD post 4-year BS template (iii) Correction in PG Manual regarding MSc (2year) template of Department of Chemistry The same is provided in Annexure-B .	SPGC deliberated on the matter and following decisions were made: (i) To be sent to SPGC members for discussion in their departments for feedback before final approval. (ii) To be included in Annexure IX which contains details regarding 7.1 of PG manual. The items on timeline, funding and academic requirements can be removed. (iii) To be updated in PG manual
6	To discuss the comment/feedback for proposal of self-sponsored MTech Program.	Based on the decision of the 6th SPGC 2025-26 meeting, the proposal was sent to the departments for their comments/feedback and is provided in Annexure C. SPGC discussed the feedback and recommends inclusion of valid GATE score as an eligibility criterion. DPGC ME is requested to modify the proposal based on this suggestion and re-submit to SPGC.
7	To discuss Proposed modifications in PG manual for PhD thesis review	The proposal is provided in Annexure-D. To be presented to Senate for approval.
8	To discuss modification in PG Manual in various clauses	The proposed modifications of clauses 2 and 7 along with Annexure IX are presented in Annexure-E. Additionally, an Annexure X is included that will provide department specific requirements for clause 2. SPGC deliberated and recommended that the modifications be presented in Senate for noting or approval (as required) apart from the changes in Annexure for ECO which will be discussed in the next meeting. The modification of eligibility for MSc students applying for PhD that will allow only top 5% in JRG/GATE to appear in the next stages of admission process was found to be too restrictive by SPGC. The committee felt that the department admits these candidates through a rigorous process involving interviews and written tests (for few departments). Hence, the quality of the student is thoroughly evaluated before final admission. Including a restrictive eligibility criterion may significantly reduce the pool of eligible students and possibly exclude good candidates. SPGC suggests replacing the top 5% to valid score at all the occurrences of eligibility criterion for MSc students applying for admissions in PhD program.
9	To Discuss Changes to Increase Enrollment of Industry Professionals in PhD Program	The proposal was discussed and modifications were suggested by SPGC as presented in Annexure-F. To be sent to SPGC members for discussion in their departments for feedback before final approval.
10	Request for approval of credit overload. (241110034/Khushi Jaydeep Pujara/CSE/MTech)	The student earlier requested for overloading of an additional 9 thesis credits. which was rejected by Chairperson SPGC since she underloaded twice in the 1st and 2nd semesters, and overloaded once in the 3rd semester. The student has requested again citing the following reasons: I) Job joining date (June last week) II) Leave in summer term 2025 to attend family emergency III) Support from supervisor After due deliberation, SPGC did not approve the overload. The student can register in summer semester for 9 credits and may seek an early defense and grade submission to complete her program on time.

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11	Proposal to Define the 'Stipulated Time Frame' for Academic Appeals to Prevent Unintended Semester Drops	The proposal is provided in Annexure-G and was presented by Student Nominee SPGC. After due deliberation, the need to consider the change in grades of students appearing in supplementary exam while preparing PG-APEC report was realized. Accordingly, the timelines and tasks of PG-APEC need to reviewed. This item will be further discussed in the next meeting.
12	Income & Asset Certificate for EWS (format as Annexure II.3 in the PG Manual)	Deferred to next SPGC meeting.

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Annexure-A

PG students who have not completed registration for the semester 2025-26-II.					
S. No.	Roll No.	Name	Prog.	Dept.	SPGC Decision
1	22101022	Harshul Anil Jain	MTech	AE	Discontinuation from program based on 5.7
2	22101062	Shakti Kumar	MTech	AE	Discontinuation from program based on 5.7
3	15501261	Deepak Kumar	PhD	AE	Discontinuation from program based on 5.7
4	241110611	Vijiyant Tanaji Shejwalkar	PhD	CSE	Discontinuation from program based on 5.7
5	22104046	Kesav G Nair	MTech	EE	Discontinuation from program based on 5.7
6	22104057	Manas Manoj Sovani	MTech	EE	Discontinuation from program based on 5.7
7	22104062	Naveen Kumar	MTech	EE	Discontinuation from program based on 5.7
8	251040038	Cheemala Sasank	MTech	EE	Discontinuation from program based on 5.7
9	242040608	Fehad Nazir	PhD	EE	Discontinuation from program based on 5.7
10	231050084	Shamkumar Madhukar Girehpunje	MTech	ME	Discontinuation from program based on 5.7
11	241050075	Sayontan Parua	MTech	ME	Discontinuation from program based on 5.7
12	241080077	Mahesh Patel	M.Sc. (2-Yr)(PG)	STA	Discontinuation from program based on 5.7

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Annexure-B

MSPD CHEMISTRY: RULES & REGULATIONS

ADMISSION PROCEDURE

Admission to the Programme is strictly through the Joint Admission Test for Masters (JAM), according to the All-India Rank (AIR) and the preference as given by the candidate. All the admission rules are identical as the ones for MSc (2-year) program.

MIGRATION TO Ph. D. PROGRAM:

Under normal circumstances, an MSPD student migrates to the PhD program on completion of all the courses of the standard MSc template except for the MSc project. The laboratory courses of MSc are replaced by three 9 credit project courses. Typically, the MSc course requirement can be fulfilled by the end of third semester of the program. The courses taken after migration to the PhD program will count towards the PhD degree.

COURSE REQUIREMENT FOR PhD DEGREE

As in the usual PhD program, the student will be required to take 4 PG courses to complete the course requirements. The principles course (of each discipline) of the PhD degree are not mandatory for MSPD students. CHM888 requirement will be waived off provided this course has been taken in the Masters part of the program. Each student is required to take zero credit seminar courses twice during the entire duration of the PhD program.

SCHOLARSHIP PRIOR TO PHD MIGRATION

1) All MSPD students are eligible to get an MSc scholarship of Rs.6000/- p.m. when in the first semester; for subsequent semesters they have to have a minimum CPI of 8.0 to avail this scholarship. For a student with a CPI of less than 8.0, the scholarship will be discontinued until his/her CPI rises to 8.0 or above and shall be resumed in the following next semester.

2) If an MSPD student has not converted/migrated as PhD student at the end of three semesters, due to reasons such as backlogs and semester drops, and the CPI is not less than 8.0, then the scholarship, which had earlier been withheld, may be awarded. The decision will be taken on a case-to-case basis, depending on the merit.

3) Under normal circumstances, an MSPD student shall receive the MSc scholarship for a total of four semesters only.

SCHOLARSHIP AFTER MIGRATION TO THE PhD PROGRAM

Subsequent to migration to the PhD program, the student is eligible for the usual PhD scholarship starting from the 5th semester. In case the student does not have an external source of funding,

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the institute will support the student for the remaining duration of the PhD program provided their CPI is greater than 8.0 in the MSc part of the program.

SUMMER TERM

Until MSPD students migrate to the PhD part of the program and start availing of their PhD scholarship, they can spend a minimum period of 8 weeks during every Summer term doing a project on campus with a faculty member of the Department of Chemistry, IIT Kanpur. If the student wants the stipend to continue in the summer, he/she has to work on the project. Co-supervisor from within IITK or outside IITK is allowed. However, in case they spend time outside IITK for the project, they should not get funding from two sources. The MSPD student can register for minimum of 18 units and a maximum of 27 units which can be a combination of project thesis CHM699/CHM700/CHM799 and backlog courses, if any. A student who does not do a project is not eligible for receiving any scholarship for two months during the summer.

MIGRATION TO PhD PART & MSc DEGREE

1) From the perspective of whether MSc or PhD rules applies, the time spent in completing the MSPD's first 2 years of approved coursework can be split into two parts:

A) First 1.5 years of coursework: During this period an MSPD student will be governed by the rules meant for MSc (2-year) students (except for the course template).

B) Fourth semester of coursework: MSPD students migrate to the PhD part of the program provided they have cleared all the prescribed courses during the first three semesters with at least 8.0 CPI. Furthermore,

(i) If a student has migrated to this part on time (i.e., at end of third semester), then during this period the student will be governed by the rules meant for the PhD students (except for the course template). The student will be required to find a suitable supervisor for PhD and this should be approved along with migration to the PhD program.

(ii) If a student has not migrated to this part on time, then the student keeps doing the coursework meant for the fourth semester and in addition clears the backlogs in parallel. The student will be governed by the rules meant for MSc (2-year) students (except for the course template).

(iii) When a student migrates late (after fourth or later semester), then, the student can choose to select courses in the template that should be counted as their PhD coursework. The remaining courses of the template should, however, be completed in addition to some CHM799 credits such that minimum credits each semester is 36. The student will be governed by the rules meant for PhD students (except for the course template).

2) If a student completes the two-year-coursework but is still unable to migrate (CPI

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less than 8.0), then the student can either

(a) exit the program with an **MSc by thesis degree (new degree that needs approval)** by registering for 36 credits of **M Sc thesis (need new course number – CHM797 ?)** for the for the 5th and 6th semesters.

(b) continue doing extra elective courses to improve the CPI to 8.0.

The maximum duration in such cases is (4 semester times 1.5) 6 semesters after which the enrolment of the student from the program will be revoked. A student who has indicated a desire to exit the program and is registering for CHMXXX (an MSc Thesis course) is eligible to receive Rs.6000 per month scholarship during the rest of the exit MSc by thesis degree provided their CPI is greater than 8.0. The M Sc thesis will be evaluated as per the rules of Masters thesis evaluation in the institute (e.g. M Tech thesis).

3) MSPD student will get an MSc (2-year) degree after successful completion of the full two-year-course-template of MSPD program (including the courses of the 4th semester). This degree will be awarded at the end of completion of the PhD program or exit from the PhD program. A provisional certificate can be given for availing of scholarships (such as CSIR/UGC).

MAXIMUM DURATION: Since the PhD stipend starts after 2 years, the usual PhD timelines will be followed after 2 years in the program. The normal duration of the program is 7 years and the maximum duration of the program is 8 years.

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MSPD Template, Dept of Chemistry

Semester 1	Semester 2	Semester 3	Semester 4 (PhD Part)
CHM401(9)	CHM402(9)	CHM611(9)	DE-4(9)
CHM321(9)	CHM322(9)	CHM621(9)	DE-5(9)
CHM345(9)	CHM342(9)	CHM631(9)	DE-6/OE-3(9)
CHM521(6)	CHM443(6)	DE-2/PGP2(9)	DE-7/OE-4(9)
CHM503(6)	OE-1(9)	DE-3(9)	CHM800#
CHM423(6)	DE-1/PGP1(9)	OE-2(9)	CHM801#
			CHM888(6)
45 credits	51 credits	54 credits	42 credits

PGPs must be in different labs

CHM800 and CHM801 are zero credit seminar courses that have to be taken two times during the entire duration of the PhD program

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PhD AFTER 4 year BS degree - Guidelines

Students having a 4 year BS degree can directly apply for the PhD program at IIT Kanpur. They will go through the usual PhD admission process and follow all the rules for the PhD program except for some changes in the course template.

PhD after 4 year B.S./BSc Template Dept of Chemistry

Semester 1	Semester 2
CHM609/CHM629/CHM649	DE-4
DE-1	DE-5
DE-2	OE-1/DE-6
DE-3	OE-2/DE-7
CHM888	CHM800#
CHM800#	CHM801#
CHM801#	
42 credits	36 credits

5 courses from a basket of CHM401, CHM402, CHM321, CHM322, CHM345, CHM342, CHM481 and CHM6XX courses, and up to two open electives. The total number of 6 level courses should be at least 4.

CHM800 and CHM801 are zero credit seminar courses that have to be taken two times during the entire duration of the PhD program.

It is noted that since some of the courses required for the completion of the course requirement are only offered in the odd-semesters, students joining in December can take the elective courses first and then take the compulsory courses. Appointment of PhD Supervisor of the students will be done in the first semester of the program.

Time-lines and Maximum Duration: The timelines of the PhD program post 4yr BS will be 0.5 years greater than that for the post MSc PhD program. The maximum duration of the program is 7 years.

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Funding: It is noted that the typical funding will be similar to a regular PhD program; thus the student will only be funded for a maximum of 5 years.

Academic Requirements: Minimum CPI and other requirements will be same as regular PhD.

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Correction in PG Manual regarding Msc(2yr) Chemistry template

In the template of Msc (2yr) , the course CHM361 is listed as compulsory course in the first semester. This course is Chemistry Communication Skills. In an earlier SPGC meeting, it was decided that the M Sc students would register for the identical Chemistry communication course with number CHM888, which is the same for all PG students in Chemistry. This was approved in SPGC and in the senate. We would now like the PG manual to reflect this change.

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Annexure-C

Departments comment/feedback for proposal of self-sponsored MTech Program.

S. No	Dept.	Feedback/Comments
1	SEE	The proposal was discussed in our department. One issue that needs clarification is the rationale behind the number of seats (50) earmarked for the program.
2	AE	The self-sponsored M.Tech proposal was discussed in a faculty meeting on 11-03-26. Following is the summary: 1. AE department is not in favour of the self-sponsored M.Tech program. 2. Regarding the specifics on admissions in such a mode there was no concrete proposal.
3	CE	This proposal is basically a proposal to admit regular students into our MTech programs without a valid GATE score. There is no need of such a proposal, considering that there are a huge number of applicants with valid GATE scores who are not even considered for admission. There exists no bar on offering admissions to such candidates on self-financing basis. The existing system indeed caters to admitting students with low GATE scores but found good otherwise. Regards, Vinay
		Comments from CE This proposal is basically a proposal to admit regular students into our MTech programs without a valid GATE score. There is no need of such a proposal, considering that there are a huge number of applicants with valid GATE scores who are not even considered for admission. There exists no bar on offering admissions to such candidates on self-financing basis. The existing system indeed caters to admitting students with low GATE scores but found good otherwise.
4	DoMS	As per Screenshot
5	MSE	The department welcomes the idea of self-sponsored MTech. Clause 3.3 already has such provision in place. The admission process can be as per section 2.8.3 (similar to sponsored candidates) of the PG manual.
6	CHE	The department is not in favor of reducing the admission criterion (GATE score-based entry) alongside an increase in fees. The current GATE score-based entry appears to be sufficient even for self-sponsored candidates (the cut-off may be lowered compared to MoE-funded seats, without altering the fee if need be). Conducting another exam or interview based on the GATE syllabus seems redundant.

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Re: [domsfc] Fwd: [SPGC] Proposal on self-sponsored M.Tech. for departmental feedback

From devlina
Sender domsfc
To raghus@iitk.ac.in
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Date 2026-03-10 12:11

DoMS_Screenshot1

Dear all,

Here are my thoughts on the proposal.

I think the sponsored MTech is a good idea, since it will attract candidates from a different pool of students who may not have appeared for GATE either due to time constraints or because they are discouraged by the tremendous competitive pressure in GATE.

The competitive pressure in GATE is not because of the inherent academic interest of people appearing for GATE but because it allows entry into PSU jobs. As has been seen in the past, a lot of students who join the institute after having cleared GATE continue to prepare for GATE in the next year because their original goal was the PSU job not the MTech degree per se. On a happier note, I have heard that several PSUs are moving away from using GATE for hiring candidates.

The stiff level of competition for GATE and preparing for it for several years is a waste of the potential of youth in our country. For those that can afford the sponsored MTech and truly want an MTech degree and not a PSU job, this is a win-win solution for the institute as well as the candidate.

However, one should have some level of internal screening (some internal written test / interview process) to keep the quality of the candidates at an acceptable level. We should not go down the road of just selling the IIT degree, which will dilute the IIT Kanpur brand a lot.

This may also be a good idea for our department - however unlike other departments, our department already attracts good students because of the good placement statistics for students from our department.

Thanks,

Devlina

Re: [domsfc] Fwd: [SPGC] Proposal on self-sponsored M.Tech. for departmental feedback

From Raghu Nandan SENGUPTA, IIT Kanpur, INDIA
To DPGC DoMS
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Date 2026-03-10 10:24
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Hello Vinay

I find this interesting. Few months back I had a discussion with one of our ME faculty member (Prof. Reddy) who has moved to IIT Hyderabad quite sometime back. As far as I could understand the MTech program (self sponsored) is doing good at IIT Hyderabad.

I personally think the idea is needed at this juncture of master's education in India and IITs, but I have few observations

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- Promoting Research Culture
- Captive source of PhD students
- Attrition in regular M.Tech. program

things like more industry interaction for courses, mandating industry visit, tailor making courses more in line with academic & industry interaction, MTech thesis in line with academic & industry collaboration, etc., is needed

Furthermore, for "Written test syllabus based on Engineering Mathematics, along with Language/general aptitude" here are my feedback

- Test syllabus should also include Physics and Chemistry in the same level as Engineering Mathematics
- Language skill should include English to a extent as required for good communication and writing

Regards

RNSengupta

P.S.: I have a feeling the concept of self sponsored MTech program for IME/DoMS will slowly be taking prominence

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Annexure-D

Proposed modifications in PG manual for PhD thesis review

Section/ clause number of PG manual	Current	Proposed
11.4.2.1	The thesis board shall consist of three members in addition to the thesis supervisor(s) and should be approved by the Chairman, Senate. Unless some special circumstances make it impractical, at least two members of the thesis board (other than the supervisor(s)) must be from outside the Institute and at least one of these two must be from within the country.	The thesis board shall consist of three external members, apart from the thesis supervisor(s)/ programme coordinator , as approved by the Chairman, Senate. Unless some special circumstances make it impractical, at least two members of the thesis board (other than the thesis supervisor(s)/ programme coordinator) must be from outside the Institute and at least one of these two must be from within the country.
11.4.2.2.ii)	The thesis supervisor(s)/programme coordinator, in consultation with the Head of the Department shall propose a list of examiners (in addition to the thesis supervisor(s)/programme coordinator) consisting of at least three extra names over and above the required number of members for the thesis board. This list along with adequate number of copies of synopsis (prepared according to the format prescribed in Specification and Information Regarding the Preparation of Thesis) shall be forwarded by the DPGC to Chairperson, SPGC.	The thesis supervisor(s)/ programme coordinator, in consultation with the Head of the Department shall identify a list of at least six external examiners (excluding thesis supervisor(s)/ programme coordinator), who are well respected experts in the subject area of the thesis . The supervisor(s)/program coordinator may contact the examiners and obtain their prior consent to review the thesis before finalizing the list of examiners . The list along with a copy of synopsis (prepared according to format prescribed in clause 11.5) shall be forwarded by the DPGC to Chairperson, SPGC.
11.4.3.1	The oral board shall consist of four members in addition to the thesis supervisor(s)/programme coordinator. Of the four, three shall be from among the faculty members of the institute (including those, if any, on the thesis board) and one shall be from among the members of the thesis board within the country but outside the institute. Of the three members from IIT Kanpur at least one shall be from a department or IDP (or discipline in case of Humanities and Social Sciences) which is different from the student's own.	The oral board shall consist of four members in addition to the thesis supervisor(s)/programme coordinator. Of the four, three shall be from among the faculty members of the institute (including those, if any, on the thesis board) and one shall be from among the members of the thesis board outside the institute . Of the three members from IIT Kanpur at least one shall be from a department or IDP (or discipline in case of Humanities and Social Sciences) which is different from the student's own.
11.6.2.1	After the synopsis has been submitted and the thesis board constituted, the Dean /Associate Dean of Academic Affairs will send a letter by e-mail/fax to each member of the thesis board enclosing a copy of the synopsis and requesting him/her to serve as an examiner for the thesis. If the examiner refuses or no response is received for four weeks (with a reminder being sent after two weeks), then steps will be taken to appoint another examiner.	After the thesis board is constituted, the student uploads/ submits a soft copy of the thesis and synopsis no later than one month from the date of approval of the board. The Dean/Associate Dean of Academic Affairs then invites each member of the thesis board to examine the thesis, via e-mail/ online (through Automation/ Pingala) by enclosing a copy of the synopsis. If an external examiner refuses or no response is received within one week (with a reminder being sent after five days from the day of first e-mail/ online invitation), then steps will be taken to appoint another examiner from the list approved by the Chairman, Senate to ensure clause 11.4.2.1.

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Section/ clause number of PG manual	Current	Proposed
11.6.2.6	<p>On receipt of two positive reports (Category I or II), the third reviewer is given a final deadline to submit his/her report. This deadline will be two weeks from the receipt of the second positive report or the original deadline whichever is later. If the third report is not received within this deadline, permission is sought from Chairperson, SPGC to proceed forward with two reports. On the grant of this permission, the subsequent steps are initiated. However, Chairperson, SPGC may ask to wait for the third report based on his assessment of the comments raised in the existing reports.</p>	<p>On receipt of first two positive (category I or II) reports (not from the thesis supervisor(s)/ programme coordinator), the remaining external examiners are given a final deadline with a request to submit their reports. The deadline shall be two weeks from the receipt of the second report or the originally conveyed deadline, whichever is later. If no other reports are received within the stipulated, the thesis supervisor(s)/ programme coordinator requests for permission from Chairperson, SPGC to proceed forward with the received positive reports, provided the thesis supervisor(s)/ programme coordinator have already submitted their reports. On grant of this permission, subsequent steps are initiated. However, Chairperson, SPGC may ask to wait for other reports based on his/her assessment of the comments raised in the existing reports.</p>
11.6.2.7	<p>Irrespective of the category marked in clause 11.6.2.4, the student through the supervisor submits a "response to referee comments" along with a soft copy of the revised thesis clearly highlighting the revisions incorporated (e.g. in different font colors for each of the examiner)</p>	<p>Irrespective of the category of the review reports (as per clause 11.6.2.4) received within the stipulated deadlines, the student through the supervisor submits a 'response to referee comments' along with a soft copy of the revised thesis clearly highlighting the revisions incorporated (e.g. in different font colors) for each examiner's review report</p>
11.6.2.8	<p>On completion of the process detailed above, the Chairperson, SPGC will intimate the supervisor the concurrence of the Chairman, Senate, if given, to initiate the constitution of the oral board. This concurrence of Chairman, Senate will be given if all the examiners recommend acceptance of the thesis. If one of the examiners rejects the thesis, the matter will be referred to Chairman, Senate for deciding further course of action. If two or more examiners reject the thesis, the thesis will be rejected.</p>	<p>On completion of the above process, the Chairperson, SPGC will intimate the thesis supervisor(s)/ programme coordinate the concurrence of the Chairman, Senate, if given, to initiate the constitution of the oral board, as per clause 11.4.3.1. This concurrence of Chairman, Senate will be given, if all the examiners recommend acceptance of the thesis. If one of the examiners rejects the thesis, the matter will be referred to Chairman, Senate for deciding further course of action. If two or more examiners reject the thesis, the thesis will be rejected.</p>

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Annexure-E

Modifications to the clauses listed under Eligibility for Admission and Reservation of Seats

(1) *There is no change in the content. However, as per SPGC, the proposed representation may improve clarity.*

2.3.6. Ph.D. in Engineering

Senate approved SRC recommendations in 579 th meeting	Proposed
<p>The applicant must have a master's degree in Engineering/Pharmacy/Medicine/Veterinary Science with marks/CPI not below the specified minimum.</p> <p>Those applicants may also be considered who have a bachelor's degree in Engineering/Pharmacy/Medicine/Veterinary Science or a 4-year bachelor's degree in Science with a minimum of 75 percent marks/7.5 CPI or a master's degree in Science/Computer Applications or an allied area while satisfying each of the following criteria: (a) a minimum of 65 percent marks/6.5 CPI in the master's degree; (b) first division in bachelor's degree; and (c) JRF/GATE AIR within the top 5% of the number of candidates that appeared for the relevant paper (if the master's degree is not from IITs/IISERs/NITs with a minimum CPI of 8.0).</p>	<p>Applicants with</p> <p>(i) The applicant must have a master's degree in Engineering/Pharmacy/Medicine/Veterinary Science with having marks/CPI not below the specified minimum;</p> <p>or,</p> <p>(ii) Those applicants may also be considered who have a bachelor's degree in Engineering/Pharmacy/Medicine/Veterinary Science or a 4-year bachelor's degree in Science with a minimum of 75 percent marks/7.5 CPI;</p> <p>or,</p> <p>(iii) a master's degree in Science/Computer Applications or an allied area while satisfying each of the following criteria: (a) a minimum of 65 percent marks/6.5 CPI in the master's degree; (b) first division in bachelor's degree; and (c) JRF/GATE AIR within the top 5% of the number of candidates that appeared for the relevant paper (if the master's degree is not from IITs/IISERs/NITs with a minimum CPI of 8.0).</p>

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(2) Based on recommendation of DPGC DoMS

2.3.9. Ph.D. in Management

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<p>The applicant must have a master's degree in Management or a master's degree in Engineering with marks / CPI not below the specified minimum.</p> <p>Those applicants may also be considered who have a bachelor's degree in Engineering or a 4-year bachelor's degree in Science with a minimum of 75 percent marks/7.5 CPI or a master's degree in Science/Arts/ Commerce while satisfying each of the following criteria: (a) a minimum of 65 percent marks/6.5 CPI in the master's degree; (b) first division in bachelor's degree; and (c) JRF/NET/95 percentile or higher in CAT or GMAT/GATE AIR within the top 5% of the number of candidates that appeared for the relevant paper, or qualifying in any other national level examination (if the master's degree is not from IITs/IISERs/NITs with a minimum CPI of 8.0).</p>	<p>The applicant must have a master's degree in Management or a master's degree in Engineering with marks / CPI not below the specified minimum.</p> <p>Those applicants may also be considered who have a bachelor's degree in Engineering or a 4-year bachelor's degree in Science with a minimum of 75 percent marks/7.5 CPI or a master's degree in Science/Arts/ Commerce/ Chartered Accountancy while satisfying each of the following criteria: (a) a minimum of 65 percent marks/6.5 CPI in the master's degree; (b) first division in bachelor's degree; and (c) JRF/NET/95 percentile or higher in CAT or GMAT/GATE AIR within the top 5% of the number of candidates that appeared for the relevant paper, or qualifying in any other national level examination (if the master's degree is not from IITs/IISERs/NITs with a minimum CPI of 8.0).</p>

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(3) Based on recommendation of DPGC SEE

Existing in PG Manual	Proposed
2.3.12. MSc and MSPD programme The applicant should have a valid JAM score.	2.3.12. MSc, MSPD and Integrated PhD programme The applicant should have a valid JAM score.

(4) Clauses under section 2.4 are dedicated to procedures. However, some portion of 2.4.6 is related to eligibility and more appropriate for section 2.3. SPGC recommends these criteria to be included as:

2.3.g. The candidates with bachelor's degree in Engineering/Design/Architecture or 4-year bachelor's degree in Science must have a valid GATE/CEED/CAT/GMAT/COGJET score or must have qualified JRF/NET, except in the case of the degree from the centrally funded technical institutes (CFTIs).

2.3.h The candidates with master's degree in Science/Arts/Commerce must either have a valid GATE/CEED/ CAT/GMAT/COGJET score or must have qualified JRF/NET, except in the case of the degree from IITs/ IISERs/NITs with a minimum CPI of 8.0.

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Addition of Annexure IX for clause 7.1 in PG Manual

The Senate approved SRC recommendations in 579th meeting states “Annexure IX gives the minimum requirements specified by the departments”. The following inputs were received from the departments for incorporation in Annexure IX.

Annexure IX

Department specific requirements.

S. No.	Programme	Minimum Total Credits	Credits Through Course Work (Minimum)	Credits Through Research (Minimum)	Minimum Duration	Maximum Duration
AE						
BSBE						
CHE						
CHM	Ph.D. after M Sc		36			6 years
CE						
CGS						
DES						
	Ph.D. after M.Tech	144	36	72	4 Sem	6 Years
	Ph.D. after B.Tech./ 4-year B.S.	216	72	72	6 Sem	7 Years
ES	Ph.D. after MSc	180	54	72	5 Sem	6 Years
	PhD after M.Tech / M.D. / M.Sc / M.A. / M.Phil / M.Com. or B.Tech / 4-year B.S / B.Pharm / M.B.B.S / B.V.Sc	216	72	72	6 Sem	7 years
ECO	PhD after MA in economics from IIT	180	36	72	5 Sem	6 years
EE						
HSS						
DoMS						
IS						
	M.Tech	144	72	72	4 Sem	4 Years
	Ph.D. after M.Tech	144	36	72	4 Sem	6 Years
KSS	Ph.D. after B.Tech	216	72	72	6 Sem	7 Years
MSE						

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S. No.	Programme	Minimum Total Credits	Credits Through Course Work (Minimum)	Credits Through Research (Minimum)	Minimum Duration	Maximum Duration
MSP						
MTH						
ME						
PSE						
PHY						
SPASE						
SEE	Ph.D. after MTech	198	54	144	4 Sem	6 Years
	Ph.D. after BTech/MSc	216	72	144	6 Sem	7 Years
	MTech	144	72	72	4 Sem	4 Years
	MSR	144	54	90	4 Sem	4 Years
	Integrated Ph.D. (through JAM)	100*+216	100*+72	144	8 Sem	8 years

*Below 600-level courses since the students come with BSc (through JAM)

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Annexure X

Department specific eligibility requirement in addition to those specified in 2.3 of PG Manual.

Economic Sciences

Ph.D. in Economic Sciences

The candidate must have a Master's degree in economics or a Bachelor's degree in Engineering or Sciences (4 year programme) or a Master's degree in Sciences or in an allied field of economics with marks/CPI not below the specified minimum. The candidates must have Mathematics as one of the subjects in their Class XII examination.

The candidate must either have a valid GATE score or must have qualified JRF/NET. The requirement of GATE/JRF/NET/JEST is waived for candidates having a Master's degree in Sciences/arts from IITs/ IISERs / NITs with a minimum CPI of 8.0.

Sustainable Energy Engineering

1. Integrated PhD

Those applicants may also be considered who have a bachelor's degree (of minimum 3-year duration) in Physics/Chemistry/Mathematics with a minimum of 60 percent marks/6.0 CPI and a valid JAM score in their discipline (e.g., Physics majors must qualify in the JAM Physics paper).

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Changes to Increase Enrollment of Industry Professionals in PhD Program

Motivation

The provisions allowing enrollment of industry professionals as external students in our PhD program facilitates their training toward an advanced degree at IITK, while promoting the role of our institute as a mentor towards the growth of research and development activities in industries of national importance. Additionally, the industry professionals can be active participants in projects involving their organizations and our faculty members. This can create an avenue for smooth transfer of knowledge on the technologies being developed under these projects.

Although the report of PGARC 2020–21 report emphasized the importance of giving equal attention to aligning the PhD program with industry research and development, no progress has been made in that direction over the past four years. This is evident from the table below which shows the number of external and regular students in our PhD program for the last 4 years, and it is significantly disproportionate.

Table 1: PhD Admissions from 2022 to 2025

Semester	Total Admitted PhD	External Candidates
2022-23-I	231	1
2023-24-I	263	2
2024-25-I	367	5
2025-26-I	410	2

Currently, external PhD students need to spend a minimum of a semester and a summer term (5-6 months) in our campus, to complete course credit requirements followed by comprehensive exam and submission of a proposal related to their PhD work. A majority of interested candidates usually find it difficult to obtain such a long leave from their organization and hence, decide against joining our program.

While, attending on-campus course works inculcate knowledge relevant for the targeted research activity, it may not be necessary for industry professionals who have a post-graduate degree and/or have been working for significant amount of time, in the planned area of research towards PhD. Also, availability of several high-quality online courses with proctored examinations (NPTEL etc.) provides an alternate option to enhance knowledge in relevant subject areas. Incorporating these options in the PG program for external students can help relaxing the residency requirement and may increase the number of external candidates in our PhD program.

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Proposed modification

7.4. Advance Standing at IITK

Existing	Modification (presented in SPGC meeting)	Modification (SPGC recommendation)
On the recommendation of the DPGC and approval of the SPGC, a student admitted to a postgraduate programme after partial completion of such or similar programme elsewhere may be granted an exemption up to 50 percent of the minimum course credits requirements. A Ph.D. student who has completed the two year M.Sc. programme at this institute can transfer a maximum of 18 postgraduate course credits earned during the M.Sc. programme towards fulfillment of his/her course requirement for the Ph.D. programme on the recommendation of the DPGC and approval of the SPGC, provided these credits were in excess of the minimum requirement for earning the M.Sc. degree.	On the recommendation of the DPGC and approval of the SPGC: (a) A student admitted to a postgraduate programme after partial completion of such or similar programme elsewhere may be granted an exemption up to 50 percent of the minimum course credits requirements. (b) A Ph.D. student who has completed the two year M.Sc. programme at this institute can transfer a maximum of 18 postgraduate course credits earned during the M.Sc. programme towards fulfillment of his/her course requirement provided these credits were in excess of the minimum requirement for earning the M.Sc. degree. (c) A maximum of 36 course credits may be waived for a PhD student under external registration who has a post-graduate in the planned area of research and has been working in the organization for five years or more. (d) A maximum of 36 course credits may be substituted with successfully completed equivalent online courses identified by the department for a PhD student under external registration.	On the recommendation of the DPGC and approval of the SPGC: (a) A student admitted to a postgraduate programme after partial completion of such or similar programme elsewhere may be granted an exemption up to 50 percent of the minimum course credits requirements. (b) A Ph.D. student who has completed the two year M.Sc. programme at this institute can transfer a maximum of 18 postgraduate course credits earned during the M.Sc. programme towards fulfillment of his/her course requirement provided these credits were in excess of the minimum requirement for earning the M.Sc. degree. (c) A maximum of 18 course credits may be transferred for a PhD student under external registration who has a Masters degree in the planned area of research. (d) A maximum of 18 course credits may be substituted with successfully completed equivalent online courses identified by the department for a PhD student under external registration.

7.1. Minimum Duration, Maximum Duration and Academic Requirements

Existing	Modification (SPGC recommendation)
Students in the External Registration Programme will be required to stay on the campus at least as long it takes to (i) complete the required course work and pass the comprehensive examination (in case of a PhD student) and (ii) get a written proposal (prepared in consultation with his/her supervisor and co-supervisor) outlining the work proposed to be done for his/her thesis.	Students in the external registration category will be required to stay on campus to attend the required offline courses to complete the minimum course credit requirement.

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Proposal to Define the “Stipulated Time Frame” for Academic Appeals to Prevent Unintended Semester Drops

Agenda Item for: 7th SPGC Meeting (AY 2025–26)
Proposer: Utkarsh Tripathi, Students’ Senate Nominee to the SPGC

Objective

To establish a clear, standardized timeline for the processing of academic appeals by terminated postgraduate students, ensuring that procedural delays between departments, the SPGC, and the Senate do not result in an unintended semester drop for students recommended for reinstatement.

Background

According to the DOAA Office Order A/Re-appeals/19/70 dated May 10, 2019, there is a provision for students terminated due to inadequate academic performance to appeal for reinstatement.

The notification explicitly states:

- “A terminated student can appeal for reinstatement in his/her academic programme just after the termination.”
- “Such appeals, if submitted within the stipulated time frame, may be admitted for consideration in the same semester for reinstatement.”
- “If the appeal is submitted beyond the stipulated time frame, it is admitted for consideration in the subsequent semester.”

The Problem

While the notification permits reinstatement in the same semester, the phrase “stipulated time frame” currently remains undefined in the PG Manual. Because termination notices are often issued close to the beginning of a new semester, the subsequent appeal process requires routing through the DPGC, the SPGC, and finally the Senate.

Due to varying meeting schedules across these bodies, the processing time frequently extends past the late registration or add/drop deadlines. Consequently, even when the Senate favorably recommends a student for reinstatement, the student is forced to take a semester drop due to missed academic deadlines and attendance shortages. This negates the primary intent of the 2019 directive, which allows for same-semester continuation.

Proposed Guidelines & Amendments

To resolve this discrepancy, I propose the following additions to the academic procedures regarding appeals:

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A. Defining the “Stipulated Time Frame”

- Beginning with the timeframe for APEC committee to submit its report to the reinstatement, a stipulated time frame is to be established to ensure timely reinstatement of PG without suffering a semester drop. The SUGC currently operates to ensure timely reinstatement of UG students without semester drop, and hence the same must be practised by the PG counterpart.
- A terminated student must submit their formal appeal to the DPGC within seven (7) working days of receiving the official termination notice from the academic section. Appeals submitted within this window will be officially categorized as eligible for “same-semester reinstatement consideration.”

B. Time-Bound Processing

- **DPGC Level:** The DPGC must evaluate the appeal and forward its recommendation to the SPGC within seven (7) working days of receiving the student’s appeal.
- **SPGC Level:** The SPGC should review DPGC-recommended appeals via a fast-tracked circulation method or in an emergency meeting, forwarding recommendations to the Senate (or the Chairman, Senate, for executive approval) within seven (7) working days.

C. Provisional Registration

- To prevent the loss of academic days, a student who has submitted an appeal within the defined 7-days time frame should be allowed **Provisional Registration** for the semester.
- This will allow the student to attend classes, access lab facilities, and maintain attendance while the appeal is being processed by the DPGC, SPGC, and Senate.
- If the Senate ultimately turns down the appeal, the provisional registration will be immediately voided, and the student will be terminated. If the appeal is approved, the registration is regularized without the student suffering a semester drop.

Justification

The proposed protocol protects students from bureaucratic delays that are out of their control. By allowing provisional registration and setting strict turn-around times for committees, the institute can uphold rigorous academic standards while remaining empathetic and fair to students whose appeals are ultimately deemed valid by the Senate.

I request the committee to deliberate on this proposal and recommend these timeline definitions and the provisional registration mechanism for inclusion in the official academic guidelines.

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