Draft Minutes of 72nd meeting of the Senate of PEC University of Technology, Chandigarh

A   **Brief of meeting and participants:**

Date	27.09.2017 (Wednesday)
Time	3.00 p.m.
Venue	Seminar Hall-I, New Academic Block, PEC Campus, Sector 12, Chandigarh
In-Chair	Prof. Manoj Kumar Arora, Director, PEC University of Technology
List of Participants	May be seen at Flag 'A'

B.   **The brief of proceedings is as follows:**

Item No.	Item	Decision
72.1	To confirm the minutes of the 71st meeting of Senate held on 30.05.2017.	Confirmed
72.2	**Pending action of previous Senate meetings and follow-up action of 69th meeting of Senate** **67th meeting dated 03.06.2016** Regarding Agenda Item No. 67.6, a committee consisting of ADUG/ADPG was constituted to review the cut off criteria under the new grading system. Recommendations of Committee have been approved by Chairman Senate.	Noted

71st meeting held on 30.05.32017		
71.3: To consider Student Charter for PEC students.		
Student Charter as approved in Senate has been published by the office of DSA.	Noted	
71.4: To consider result of 16172 semester		
The Result Gazette of UG/PG/Ph.D students for 16172 semester (except for Internship training result of 3rd year UG students & Dissertation result of PG students) has been approved by Chairman Senate on 05.06.2017.	Ratified	
71.5: To consider termination of UG/ PG students		
Cases for considering the appeal against termination of UG/ PG students were considered by Standing Committee of Senate in its meeting held on 24.07.2017. The decision of Standing Committee has been implemented vide Memo No. PEC/DAA/ 22684-698 dated 04.08.2017.	Noted	
For 1st year UG students, it was decided that all first year UG students who have obtained CGPA ≤ 5 or have a backlog of more than two courses do not complete the requirement for moving to 3rd semester as per UG regulation. They were to be given two options i) Student may opt for 2nd year courses along with first year courses, in which they have F/ D/ N grades, as the first priority. ii) Student may opt for only first year courses in which they have F/ D/ N grades. Implemented vide Memo No.PEC/DAA/17/8555 dated 04.07.2017.	Noted	
For PG Student (Tanuj Verma), On the basis of recommendations of the said Committee which were approved by Chairman Senate, Tanuj Verma was given special chance for improvement in CEN601. Decision was conveyed to Civil Engg. Deptt vide Memo No. PEC/Std-5/	Noted	

	20728 dated 13.07.2017.	
	71.7: To consider structure of PG programme	
	A Committee was constituted to review structure of PG courses and other observations in this regard by BOG. The Committee was also entrusted the task of giving the structure of M.Tech programme exclusively designed for executives similar to programs offered in management schools.	
	Letter has been sent to Committee members vide Memo No. PEC/RG/15388-414 dated 07.06.2017 & reminder has been issued vide Memo No. PEC/DAA/210165 dated 18.09.2017.	The Committee has been requested to submit its report within one month's time.
	71.8a: To consider M.Tech- Ph.D dual degree program	
	Letter has been sent to Committee members to take necessary action vide Memo No. PEC/RG/15388-414 dated 07.06.2017 & reminder has been issued vide Memo No. PEC/DAA/210165 dated 18.09.2017.	The Committee has been requested to submit its report within one month's time.
	71.12: To consider course in Communication and Soft Skill (CASS) for PG students.	
	Heads of concerned departments were asked to implement the decision vide Memo No. PEC/RG/15388-414 dated 07.06.2017. A reminder from Academic Section through Memo no. PEC/DAA/18842-48 dated 22.06.2017 was sent to departments to ensure the registration of PG students in 16173 semester in the said course. However, the course was not offered.	Noted
	Course has been offered only to branches of TQM, Industrial Design, Production & Industrial Engg, Information Security, CSE, Electronics and VLSI Design.	
	71.13: To consider attendance shortage of final year students of Mechanical Engg. Deptt. in the course of CADD (ME414).	

	Concerned faculty has sent a representation vide Memo No. MED/AKL/HOD/846 dated 01.06.2017.	The representation of concerned faculty was considered in the meeting. As per the observations of Head, Mechanical Engg. Deptt, all the facts of the case had been put up before the Senate in its previous meeting held on 30.05.2017. The concerned faculty had reported the shortage of attendance after the scheduled date. The representation may, therefore, be ignored. It was the consensus of the House that the observations of the Head, MED may be accepted and proposed Senate action may be taken.
	Complete case has been sent to Dean Faculty affairs for further necessary action vide Memo No. PEC/DAA/18898 dated 23.06.2017.	Dean Faculty Affairs shall inform action taken in this regard in next meeting of Senate
	T-71.1(II) Non conduct of Mid-term examination of CEN543 "Advance Hydrology" (16172 semester)	
	Case has been sent to Dean Faculty Affairs for further necessary action vides Memo No. PEC/DAA/18898 dated 23.06.2017.	Dean Faculty Affairs shall inform action taken in this regard in next meeting of Senate
	T-71.1(III): Non conduct of Re-examination in the courses of CEN102 & CEN206 (16172 semester).	
	Case has been sent to Dean Faculty Affairs for further necessary action vides Memo No. PEC/DAA/18898 dated 23.06.2017.	Dean Faculty Affairs shall inform action taken in this regard in next meeting of Senate.
72.3	**To consider the award of BE/ B. Tech degree to UG students** Chairman Senate had approved the list of students to be awarded degree	Ratified

72.4	**To consider the award of ME/ M. Tech degree to PG students** Chairman Senate had approved the list of students to be awarded degree	Ratified
72.5	**To consider the award of Ph.D. degree** Chairman Senate had approved the list of students to be awarded degree	Ratified
72.6	**To consider the revision of maximum grade permissible at the time of Re-examination** It is proposed that maximum grade that can be awarded at the time of re-examination may be changed from 'D' to 'C+'.	The proposal was not accepted. Status quo is maintained.
72.7	**To consider the course PRN577 "Industrial Robotics" in the elective basket of M.Tech. (Industrial Design) curriculum.**	Approved. Arising out of it, the departments were asked to review the courses in all the elective baskets of all UG & PG courses. The courses which have not been offered/ run for a long period of time may be removed & new state of the art courses be included & got approved by the Senate.
72.8	**To consider updating of curriculum of ESC 202 (Information Technology in Engineering) being offered in UG 4th Semester and addition of CSN587 (Recommender System) in the elective basket of M.Tech.2nd Semester (CSE) curriculum.**	Approved
72.9	**Items for ratification/ information** 1. **Summer Term Result Gazette** 2. **Internship Training Result Gazette** 3. **Dissertation Result Gazette** 4. **Minutes of Standing Committee held on 24.07.2017.**	Ratified Ratified Ratified Ratified

	5. Minutes of IAPC held on 28.07.2017.	Ratified
	6. Request of Mehak Sra, SID 12108021 to permit fee exemption for semester 16172.	Ratified
	7. Minutes of Standing Committee held on 20.09.2017.	Ratified
T-72.1	**To consider minimum CGPA requirement for direct admission of BE/ B. Tech. candidates to Ph.D. programme**	After detailed deliberation, following was approved:- "To be eligible for the admission under this category, a candidates is required to have minimum CGPA of at least a) 8.0 or above with GATE or 8.5 or above without GATE for students graduated from PEC and CFT institutions at the end of the seventh semester (if applying during final year) under General category. b) 8.0 or above with GATE or 8.5 or above without GATE for students graduated from PEC and CFT institutions at the end of the eighth semester (if applying after the completion of B.E./ B.Tech) under General category. c) For SC/ST category students, the minimum CGPA requirement will be reduced by 0.5.
T-72.2	**To consider the approval of organizations/ institutions to be designated as Research Centre for purpose of Ph.D. research.**	List of organizations/ institutions to be designated as Research Centres for PEC part-time Ph.D. program was approved. In future, the list may be augmented on the basis of new proposals from the departments.

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T-72.3	**To consider issue of contingency grant to Ph.D. scholars and M. Tech. students**	Approved as proposed (*Annexure 'D'*)
T-72.4	**To consider establishment of Centre for Energy Studies**	Prof. Tarlochan Kaur briefed the house about the proposal for establishment of Centre for Energy Studies and an associated M. Tech. program. The Senate deliberated on the issue. The Senate members were of the opinion that the Centre would be addressing sunrises sectors in the areas of Energy Studies. Therefore, Senate conceptually approves the proposal. However, a detailed proposal may be prepared for Centre of Energy Studies as well as the associated academic program to be run by the Centre by taking feedback from various synergy departments & other stakeholders. The detail proposal may be put to the Senate based on the recommendations of DAPC/ IAPC.
T-72.5	**To consider report of MOOCs implementation and follow-up**	The status of MOOCs implementation in the current semester was informed to Senate members. After detailed deliberations, following observations were made:- 1. The evaluation of courses through online SWAYAM portal may be included in the overall assessment as soon as facility is made available. 2. For the next semester, attempts may be made to map courses available on EDX/ Coursera in addition to

		courses available on the Swayam portal. The MOOCs implementation Committee may complete this process well in advance before the subject registration date of 17182 semester as given in the academic calendar.
T-72.6	**Regarding teaching of UG/ PG courses**	The Senate members deliberated on the issue and decided the following:- 1. Each faculty member in each department/ Centre will be given lecture group of at least one PG and one UG course in an academic year. For example, faculty members offering three courses in one academic year may offer two UG and one PG course/ one UG and two PG courses in odd & even semesters. 2. Further, all first year courses should be given to experienced faculty members. This would ensure proper handling of these classes and dissemination of knowledge gained through their experience to the new students. 3. The tutorial and practical classes should be engaged by the faculty members. M. Tech and Ph.D. students should be involved as teaching assistants only.

Meeting ended with the vote of thanks to Chair.

Subject: Contingency grant to Ph.D. scholar and M. Tech. students

The existing contingency grant and approved grants as per UGC guidelines for Ph.D. scholar is as under:-

Existing	Approved
Contingency grant of Rs. 10,000/- is given to Ph.D scholars. However, this is being given by respective departments as per requirement.	The contingency grant to Ph.D scholars as per UGC norms is as under:- • Rs. 12,000/- p.a. for initial two years • Rs. 25,000/- p.a. for remaining tenure

For M. Tech. students the contingency grant is as under:-

Existing	Approved
Contingency grant is Rs. 5,000/- per student per year for GATE qualified students.	As per UGC guidelines (2012-17), the contingency grant to PG students of ME/M.Tech/ M.Pharma for GATE/ GPAT qualified candidates is Rs. 5,000/- per annum.

The contingency grant will be given as per UGC guidelines. The contingency grant shall cover expenses of following:-

1. Books, Journals, cost of photocopying of documents
2. Payments of fellowships/ memberships of professional organisations/ societies.
3. Travels to conferences, workshop and other education trips.
4. Purchase of computers software peripherals, accessories and software.
5. Internet bill for students located outside the campus.
6. Purchase of samples/ kits or any other material required for experimental work, conduct of survey, field visit etc.