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Dr. Arbind K Lal Chairman, SUGC

No. A(U)/2012-2013/ 18th September, 2013

To: Chairman Senate IIT Kanpur

Subject: Request for consideration of some issues, which were discussed in the last SUGC meeting held on 11th September, 2013, in the forthcoming Senate meeting

Sir,

This is to inform you that the following items were placed before the SUGC in its 2012-13/12th meeting held on 11th September, 2013 for consideration and to give suggestion/feedback, if any, which will be forwarded to the Senate for its further consideration:

a) Consideration of the request of Students Senate Nominee to make a policy for taking Extra Courses beyond the Requirements for Completion of Academic Programme

A proposal was circulated in the SUGC meeting by the Students Senate Nominee that the students may be allowed to take extra course(s), in addition to the minimum graduation requirements. As per UG Manual no provision is in existence, except in Annexure-4, titled "Guidelines for Granting Overload Permission". This guideline allows a student having a CPI > 8.5 to register in any particular semester, for one extra course with zero credits, beyond 24 credits with the permission of the Chairman, SUGC. Since this rule didn't allow most of the students to avail the facility of extra courses due to the criteria of CPI and registered course credit, the Students Senate Nominee had requested to make a policy with proper guidelines by which the students may be allowed to take extra course(s), beyond the requirements for completion of academic programme.

After due deliberation on the proposal of the Students Senate Nominee, the SUGC decided that students may be allowed to take extra course(s) during their final year. For this, the students need to give an application to the Chairman, SUGC, recommended by their DUGC and/or Programme Advisor clearly mentioning the list of extra course(s) and the reasons for the having those courses as extra course(s). A course cannot be accepted post facto as an extra course. Further, these extra course(s) shall also be included for the purpose of CPI calculation for the students whose programmes are governed by the

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new ARC. The above cited guidelines for taking extra courses beyond graduation requirement may please be included in the revised UG Manual.

b) Plagiarism Issues raised by the Chairman, APEC

The issue of plagiarism was raised by the Chairman, APEC. All the members strongly felt that the plagiarism has increased many fold in the institute and if we do not take serious measure, it may create a bad name for the institute as all our M. Tech and Ph.D. thesis are in digital format. Hence, the SUGC requests the Chairman, Senate, to form a Senate committee that can come out with a comprehensive policy to deal with plagiarism.

c) Attendance of SUGC members whose departments do not have the UG Programme

During the academic year 2012-13, it has been observed that the SUGC members of those departments who do not have a UG programme are seldom present in the SUGC meeting even though they are members of SUGC. Their absence may create problem if a member raises the issue of quorum. Hence, the SUGC requests the Senate to either request them to attend the SUGC meeting or their membership from the SUGC committee may be cancelled.

Therefore, it is requested that the above cited issues may be considered by the Senate.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

(Arbind K Lal)