Desired changes through SUGC with the help of UGSAC

- LONG-TERM GOAL: On compulsion of ESO/SO: It is my personal belief that many departments do not need compulsory ESO credits. Right now, many students have to complete a mammoth 41 credits from this slot. For some departments these courses are very relevant and hence are compulsory; for many others it is just a formality to obtain their degree. I believe that the SUGC student members (with help from the UGSAC) do an extensive study of the curriculum of other major colleges and come up with a plan to include the relevant courses as compulsory ESOs for some departments while other departments (such as economics for example) can have more OEs in place of ESOs. We can challenge this in the SUGC and the Senate. This is a radical change but needs to be carried out.

- SHORT-TERM GOAL: Reduce ESO credits from 41 to 39. CSE department had this problem in their 3rd semester. The credit for a course (Computer lab) was increased from 3 to 6. This increase was after they had pre-registered and most of them had also taken two ESOs during pre-registration; one of them being MSO 202/203 (12 credits). Due to the increase in the credits of Computer Lab, they overshot their credit limit by 1 credit (66 credits). The matter was brought to the attention of SUGC chairman who initially agreed that they should be allowed to register for 66 credits, but then later their forms were rejected. Due to this, they had to drop one of their MSOs, leaving them with 17 ESO/SO credits in that semester. They had another compulsory course MSO201 (11 credits) this semester which brings their ESO/SO credit to 28. Now in order to complete their ESO credits they cannot take an 11 credit course, they must choose a 13 or 14 credit course. As it is there

are only 12 seats in ESO205A (14 credit) so most of them have no choice but to take ESO 203 (Intro to EE). This problem is not restricted to CSE but to any student who has done one MSO course. This is very sad because many students want to take Partial Differential Equations as it is a very relevant course in Science and Engineering and was a compulsory course for many departments until the recommendation of the new ARC. This matter needs to be taken up in the SUGC.

- Increase the seat of ESOs: In particular, this year there was a huge problem with ESOs 207, 205, 209, 208 and 203. Clearly, Data structures and Algorithms-I is the most sought after ESO. We have to increase the seats in this. Also, there were only 12 seats remaining in course 205 after giving it to the departments for which it is compulsory. Either increase seats in such courses or do not offer them as an ESO. Also there was confusion regarding the selection criteria for all courses; for example in 209 the instructor erroneously thought that he was giving it on first-come-first serve basis, while it was actually on roll number basis (which he acknowledged, but refused to correct). The instructor in-charge of 208 discouraged it to CSE students, while last semester there was no such restriction. This too needs to go to the SUGC because as long as ESOs exist, we need to have more seats for them and better management from the side of the administration. We also need data to understand which ESOs are more sought after and which are lesser.

- The time-table are still far from being the best possible. We need to keep working on it. In particular, I propose two things:
  1) The final time-table (as given in the new ARC template March, 2014) should be studied in detail by SUGC nominees with help of their DUGC counterparts as there is much scope of improvement. (This time alone there were changes in at

least 3 departments which were handled at the last minute by Mr. Ankur Pandey and some other students)

2) Since the timing of a course also depends on the instructor and may change a bit every semester, I suggest that there should be a definite pre-decided time lag
(of a week at least in my opinion) between announcement of courses on oars and pre-registration. It will give more time to SUGC to resolve clashes and to students to approach the faculty. It is my personal understanding that the delay is caused because the departments do not release the names of the courses and instructors on time as the CCC committee meets very late. If this is true, a strong message needs to go from the Students' Senate to the Senate so that a deadline can be decided upon. If such a deadline is decided upon by the Senate, even the Students' Senate can send out a reminder mail to all HoDs so that the CCC can meet on time.

For deciding upon all of the above we would require much data especially from OARS. So I request the Students' Senate to write a letter to the OARS section for the release of such data when requested to do so by the SUGC members.