

# UGSAC

## End Term Report '13-'14

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The UGSAC held three meetings on the 23rd of August, 2013, the 1st of November, 2013 and the 20th of January, 2014. Through these three meetings several agenda items were considered and discussed upon. The following is a summary of the key discussions held in the UGSAC:

### 1) Discussion on the criteria and policy followed for multiple branch changes

The main agenda in this discussion was to decide whether multiple branch changes should be allowed for students. After much deliberation and discussion by the committee on the possibilities in regards to multiple branch changes, and whether they should be allowed, the committee had proposed to the Students' Senate that status quo be maintained, i.e. Only a single branch change be allowed.

### 2) Discussion on the proposed new APEC rules

The committee discussed the proposal for the new APEC rules, and the DUGC student nominees were informed by the SUGC student nominees that the aforementioned rules would be coming to the DUGCs for discussion shortly.

### 3) Discussion on all DUGC meetings occurred until now

Under this agenda item, it was noted that several departments had not called their student nominee to any DUGC meeting until then. The UGSAC proved to be a useful platform via which these student nominees could be appropriately informed as to what they should do in such a scenario.

6) Suggestion to departments regarding course restructuring

Under this agenda item, it was discussed that there must exist a forum where the professors may inform students about their research and the research going on in their department. In light of this the UGSAC felt that it might be possible for such an inclusion to be made as a part of the compulsory departmental communication course. Also, it was felt that the issue of plagiarism may be taken up in such courses. This has accordingly been communicated to the Chairman, SUGC.

7) It was remarked that not all courses were being offered under a dual numbering for both new as well as old ARC students. DUGC student nominees had been requested to talk to their DUGC conveners and instructors regarding the same. The SUGC nominees had also been requested to request the SUGC to offer each course under the dual numbering system.

8) Discussion on the reports of the Dual Major committee and Dual Degree committee

A detailed discussion was held on the details of the Dual Major committee and the Dual Degree committee reports. A few discrepancies were noted down, and the SUGC nominees accordingly had been advised to take this up in the next SUGC meeting. Through this agenda item the DUGC student nominees were also made better aware of the exact requirements and details pertaining to their specific departments.

9) To consider the proposal for a remedial program for academically deficient students coming through JEE

The proposed remedial program was also discussed in detail, and the proposal, along with a few recommendations from the UGSAC was then pursued by the SUGC student nominees.

**Recommendations:**

1) There should be a means/incentive to ensure that all members of the UGSAC attend their meetings. Under the current scenario, multiple student nominees to various DUGCs have remained absent from all meetings, but there exists no mechanism for any action to be taken.