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Dear Students,

Greetings. As this Winter Session 2019-20 comes to an end, I would like to summarize some of the student centric initiatives launched, which has been made successful by your active participation and support.

As we, along with the world are fighting against COVID-19, we have to prepare ourselves to the new normal and ensure we are more adaptable to the changes, embracing them positively. I thank you all for the support and also seek your active participation in the coming months where we will be focusing on Social distancing, Personal Hygiene, Student centric Learning, Use of More ICT tools for teaching learning, reduced face-to-face interactions at the same time ensuring quality and productivity. Galgotias University has always been and continues to be a student centric and technology driven university. Here I am sharing with you some student centric measures taken in the Past 6 months, starting from December, which has been largely successful with your cooperation and has helped to transform GU.

- **Changing the criteria of Debarred in line with continuous assessment**

Earlier, the criteria for detained (debarred) was 75% attendance and also the students were debarred based on their performance in Internal Assessment Component and Mid Term Assessment Component. I.e., a student has to score a minimum of 40% mark in IA and MTE to make him eligible to sit in End term examination, apart from 75% attendance requirement. Because of this, many students were stopped from sitting from the end term assessments, increasing the number of backlogs. After analyzing the results, and understanding the importance of Continuous assessment, the minimum passing criteria has been removed.

- **Results declarations :** The ETE exams results were declared from Jan 15th till 20th 2020. Within 20days of last paper.

- **ETE paper Show :**

first time papers were shown to the students, to bring more transparency. Wherein there are many universities who charge for the same , we tried to provide you all answer-sheets without any charges and also gave opportunity to register the grievances.

- **Grievance handling by Subject expert at School level :**

A new practice of Grievance handling wherein student can raise their concern through subject expert has been introduced and many cases wherein totalling mistakes unvalued questions concerns were resolved

- **Grievance handling in Open House :**

open house has been started from this semester, which has ensured more transparency into the assessment process and students getting more clarity and confidence in the system. The unattended and unresolved grievances at the school level were given one extra opportunity in front of COE, Dean Academics and VC. The open house is conducted for Internal / Continues, Midterm and end term assessments.

- **Introduction of vacation Examination**

Normally the Supplementary exams are conducted once in a year and the students who get back papers will have to wait for one year to get a chance to write the back paper. This increases the burden of the students and decreases the learning outcome as students have to relearn completely after 6 months / one years. Hence to overcome this difficulty, the results were published within 1 month and vacation exams were conducted in the month of February 2019 and many students got benefitted.

- **General Grievance Handling**

To ensure that the students grievances are taken care, a CR group and a grievance handling mechanism through ERP has been started from this semester and more than 8000 grievances have been cleared in last 6 months. The grievances were related to registration, Medical Leave submission, Workshop and another events participation etc. Most of the grievances were solved in 24 hrs.

- **CR Group formation** :To get quick feedback and action on infrastructure issues, policy matters CR group is being created

- **Detention list publishing**

For the first time in Galgotias, provisional detention list has been published every month and corresponding stake holders are appraised to make them understand the importance of attending the classes and also to ensure that last minute disappointments due to detention are avoided. Also, A Provisional detention list was published on 15th March 2020 and grievance handling was conducted through online portals and more than 500 grievances were handled and solved positively and final detention list was published

- **Summer Term**

Along with Detained /debarred students, Ineligible students were also given a chance to attend the classes to ensure that the students attend the classes and learn the concepts before taking up the summer term examination. Also, minimum of 12 – 15 hrs. per credit is being ensured in fast track compressed mode to ensure that the entire syllabus is covered in summer term and handhold the students to secure better Grades in examinations and make them eligible for placements

- **Grade Improvement Examination**
Apart from Summer term / vacation examination, Grade improvement exams are introduced where students can register for 2 Subjects to improve their grade and make them eligible for placement and higher studies, Students in Borderline have been benefited
- **Introduction of Skill Development courses / Learning initiatives**
 - All Engineering / Diploma students were trained on Data Analytics, AI&ML and IoT through Disruptive Technologies.
 - A New Course on Design and Engineering was introduced for successful understanding of multi-disciplinary challenges
 - Centre of Excellence in AI & ML started and many students trained on the same
 - Workshop for how to write good publications have been conducted across university and 900+ Student papers have been communicated for publication in research Conferences / Journals
 - Steps for online and digital learning and assessment has been taken continuously for improving the learning
 - MOOCs / SWAYAM has been introduced up to 20% of the courses with handholding of faculty and credit transfer facility introduced for first time
- **Support during Covid-19**
During the Covid-19 pandemic and the need for social distancing, the university has adapted quickly to the digital learning platforms and provided you the best of education during the global crisis through technology. 100% theory classes were conducted online.
- **Extra-Curricular and Co-Curricular Activities and psychological Support:**
The Unifest –Central India’s first online Fest was organised with record break viewers not only from India but from abroad as well. Career counselling, Virtual meets, International meets were organised all for only students wherein outreach for each program is more than 5000. All this was to keep students engaged during this pandemic. Also to provide handholding Psychological Cell was formed to provide support 24/7.
- **Research Support :**
Center of excellence in AIML is being established at GU and Research Paper writing workshops were organised for senior students school wise. The students were given orientation workshop for joining online internships and dos and dongs during internships.

The Galgotias University team shall be always at Student Service. All the best for your examinations. Be safe

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