Document 4:   Performance Criteria for PG Diploma in Telecommunications

4.1 Title of Award:

Postgraduate Diploma in Telecommunications

4.2 Participation in the Academic Program:

4.2.1   At least 80% attendance is required in lectures and tutorials.

4.2.2   Participation is compulsory unless otherwise approved, in seminars and assignments envisaged in the course curriculum.

4.3 Pass in Postgraduate Diploma:

4.3.1   A candidate is deemed to have passed the postgraduate diploma if he/she has,

(a)   obtained a minimum of 40 credits including all compulsory credits offered according to the course curriculum approved by the Faculty and Senate, by successfully completing the
(i)   written examination and
(ii)   continuous assessment components

AND

(b)   successfully completed all assignments including seminars and projects

(c)   If the applicant is unsuccessful in any of the parts a(i) and a(ii) the student may be re-examined. Normally, only one re-examination will be allowed and this will be at the next holidng of the examination(s)/assessment(s). No postponement will be allowed without prior approval of the Senate.

Note: Where the overall mark for a module consists of written examination mark as well as marks for continuous assessments of that module, the candidate shall obtain at least 40% of marks assigned for each component.

4.4 Credit Rating

One hour of Lectures per week or 2 hours of assignments per week for one semester carries one credit. A semester is normally of 14 weeks duration.

4.5 Award of Module Grades:
Grades of performance for the modules shall be awarded as follows:

Benchmark* %	Grade	Grade Point	
> 85	A+	4.2	
84 to 75	A	4.0	Excellent
74 to 70	A-	3.7	
69 to 65	B+	3.3	
64 to 60	B	3.0	Good
59 to 55	B-	2.7	
54 to 50	C+	2.3	Pass
	I	0.0	Incomplete
	F	0.0	Fail
	N	0.0	Academic Concession

*The examiner and the moderator may change the grade boundaries within reasonable limits, giving justification.

4.5.1   Grade *C+* or above is required to pass a module and earn credit for the module. The guideline percentage and grade point given above are the same as for the undergraduate program in the Faculty of Engineering. A grade *C* is not given in the PG program in order to avoid the confusion of taking it as a pass grade as done in the undergraduate program.

4.5.2   A student who has not obtained a grade *C+* in a module but has obtained minimum marks for at least one component, receives an incomplete grade *I*.

4.5.3   A candidate receiving an *F* grade must repeat all components.

4.5.4   The *I* grade or *F* grade can be improved to a *C+* grade by repeating one or more components to satisfy the requirements for a pass in the module. The maximum grade awarded for a module after repeating one or more components will be a *C+* and will be used for calculating the Grade Point Average.

4.5.5   Grade *N* signifies Academic Concession granted with the approval of the Faculty, in the event a student is unable to sit for the end-of-semester examination due to illness or other compelling reasons. In such instances the student must notify the registrar within 48 hours of the cause. Further, the student should make an appeal with supporting documents to the Dean for an Academic Concession within one week from the date of the examination. The continuous assessment component can be carried forward to the next examination as the first attempt.

4.6 Calculation of the Grade Point Average:

The overall grade point average of the Diploma is calculated according to the following formula:-

$$\text{Overall GPA} = \frac{\Sigma\,(\text{GRADEPOINTS} * \text{CREDITS}\,]}{\Sigma\,\text{CREDITS}}$$

4.7 Release of Results of the Examinations:

Results of a candidate at the examinations shall be released after the Board of Examiners meeting, unless the Board of examiners recommends withholding of the results for specific reasons.

4.8 Date of Award:

The effective date of the PG diploma shall be the first day of the month after the successful completion of all the following:-
(a)   Written examinations
(b)   Assignments including seminars
(c)   Examination of the Project Reports and Oral Presentations, where appropriate.