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To,

Prof. Ajay Kumar Patnaik,  
Dean, SIS,  
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Dear Sir,

As advised by you, the SFC of the CCPPT met on an extended basis on February 13, 2018. It decided that the system of Compulsory Attendance would be harmful to the academic lives of students, for the following reasons:

1. The CCPPT already has a system of mutually agreed, self-disciplinary system of accountability (including attendance) in place. Replacing this with a system of Compulsory Attendance will (i) Remove the sense of self - accountability necessary for academic involvement; (ii) Introduce a system of external compulsion that can only be counterproductive.
2. There are several logistical problems for Indian students, especially sourcing data from various ill-equipped libraries & archives in scattered places, besides the problem of conducting interviews, all of which require flexibility. At any rate no one present at the meeting felt that their progress was not being monitored by their supervisors.

Additionally, it was suggested that while the part - time facility for working students was a good one, hostel accommodation should be extended to such students if their household income cannot sustain private accommodation in the city.

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