

PUNJAB TECHNICAL UNIVERSITY

JALANDHAR



AGENDA
19TH MEETING OF BOARD OF
GOVERNORS

COMMITTEE ROOM, 6TH FLOOR,
PUNJAB CIVIL SECRETARIAT, CHANDIGARH
ON
22nd JUNE 2005 AT 1100 HRS.

Agenda points for the 19th Meeting of the Board of Governors to be held on 22ND June 2005 on 6th Floor, Civil Secretariat, Punjab, Chandigarh

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Item No. 19.1 To confirm the proceedings of the 18th meeting of the Board of Governors held on 25th April 2005.

The 18th meeting of the BOG was held on 25th April 2005 in the Committee Room, 6th Floor, Punjab Civil Secretariat, Punjab, Chandigarh. The proceedings of the meeting were circulated to the members vide Letter No. PTU/Reg/BOG/2543-2556 dated 10.05.2005 and placed as **(Appendix-A)**

As there is no written comments received from any member of the BOG, on record, the proceedings may be taken as confirmed.

Item No. 19.2 Action taken report on 18th meeting of the BOG Held on 25 April 2005 in the Committee Room, 6th Floor, Punjab Civil Secretariat, Chandigarh

Item No.	Description	Action Taken
18.1	To welcome and introduce the new members	No action needed
18.2	To confirm the proceedings of the 17 th meeting of the BOG held on 17 th November, 2004	No comments have been received.
18.3	To ratify the minutes of 19 th & 20 th meeting of the Academic Council held on 26.12.2004 and 20.04.05 respectively and approve certain items thereof	Implemented
18.4	To approve the finance budget for the year 2005-06 as recommended by 7 th Finance Committee meeting held on 7 th March 2005	Implemented
18.5	To deliberate on the recommendations of the Kalsi Committee on PTU Tele-education and E-governance	Item is being considered in the agenda Item 19.5
18.6	To nominate members to the Academic Council	The panel is enclosed (Appendix-B, page-19)
18.7	To approve the MoU with Lord Swraj Paul School of Manufacturing & Material Technology	The report is being considered in the agenda item no 19.3
18.8	To approve the recruitment of essential posts required in the University	Advertisement is being inserted
18.9	To approve the extension of UMC Standing Committee for a period of one year	Implemented
18.10	To approve the recommendations of Distance Education Council in respect of	
	(a) Enhancement of share to the RLFCs & LCs	Item is being considered in agenda Item 19.6
	(b) Starting certificate level skill based courses of 6 month duration	Implemented
	(c) Starting MBA (Insurance) at BIMTECH, Gr. NOIDA under DEP	Implemented

Item No. 19.3 To approve the MoU with Lord Swraj Paul for setting up School of Manufacturing & Material Technology

Approval of the draft MOA & MOU was deliberated in the BOG meeting held on 25 April 2005 under item no 18.7. BOG authorized Shri KK Bhatnagar and Vice Chancellor to finalized MOU in consultation with the representative of M/s Caparo. The Vice Chancellor and Sh. KK Bhatnagar Principal Secretary Technical Education, Punjab had discussion with M/s Caparo representative Ms Sushma Barlia. A report of the discussions is placed at **Appendix-F1 (page 30-33)**. The finalized MOU & MOA are placed at **Appendix-F2 (page 34-47)**, **F3 (page 48-54)** respectively for information of the BOG.

The Board may please nominate 4 members in the Governing Council and 4 members for the Society.

Item No. 19.4 To brief the BOG on conduct of Combined Entrance Test CET-2005. (CET-2005)

This year PTU conducted Combined Entrance Test for admission to the following courses.

- (i) B.Tech
- (ii) B. Pharmacy
- (iii) B. Architecture

The last date of receiving applications forms was 20th May 2005 and a record total of 15908 applications were received. These included 1862 application from candidates who were seeking admission based on AIEEE (All India Quota of 15%) of the remaining 14045 applications 13400 candidates took the CET -05 examinations held on 3d June 2005 in 54 centres. The question papers consisted of seven subjects aptitude test for the candidates applying for architecture was also conducted simultaneously.

The result of CET 2005 was declared on 11 June 2005 and was made available on the University website. Some of the candidates and parents represented that whereas, their AIEEE rank was high but CET merit was very low. The Vice Chancellor had assured that he would look into the matter. Preliminary checking did not show any discrepancy. However, later it was observed that 91 of 100 top positions were from question paper set -A, where the master answer key obtained from the original papers setter was used. Keys for question

paper sets B,C and D were obtained by modifying the master key in accordance with the jumbling key provided by the printer using a computer programme.

To look into the representations a fact-finding committee was constituted by the Vice Chancellor. The preliminary report of which is appended. The report indicated that prima facie some inadvertent mistake had cropped up in the key translation process and thereby the answer keys of paper sets B,C and D went wrong. Immediately, thereafter the result declared was withheld and a public notice in this regard was issued in all leading newspapers. The Hon'ble Dy. Chief Minister, (Minister for Technical Education), the Chief Secretary and Principal Secretary Technical Education Government of Punjab, were also informed accordingly.

Vice Chancellor ordered a thorough investigation into the matter and ordered a complete recheck of all the OMR sheets. It was also ordered to involve two independent, identical, processes for scanning, validation and preparation of the result and to ensure double-checking at every stage of processing of the result. The OMR sheets were checked through computer programme as well as manually for some randomly chosen roll numbers. The revised result announced was checked thoroughly and is confirmed to be accurate. (The press releases are enclosed) **(page 55-57)**

As a result of the above, the counseling which was earlier scheduled to be held on 20th June 2005 has now been rescheduled w.e.f 29-06-2005.

The BOG is informed of the complete details.

19.5 To brief the BOG about the tele-education project, action taken and future plans.

The BOG in its Eighteenth Meeting held on April 25, 2005, desired that the University may appoint an independent committee with the following broad objectives:

1. To consider the recommendations of Kalsi committee and suggest alternatives to exit from the present agreement through proper legal and technical consultations.
2. To suggest future plan of action for optimum utilization of the facilities created from the project.
3. To assess specific omissions during the award of the project and remedial actions thereof.

The University appointed the following committee to consider the Kalsi Report:

1. Prof. P.V. Gupta, Former Director, Thapar Institute of Engineering & Technology, presently Adviser, Appejay-Satya Group, New Delhi
2. Shri P.R. Mehta, Former President, Council of Architecture and Former Member, Executive Council, A.I.C.T.E., New Delhi
3. Sh. M.P. Gupta, Director of Technical Education, Government of Haryana, Chandigarh

The committee was briefed about all the pertinent facts and were shown the Report of the Kalsi Committee. A legal opinion and a technical opinion was also invited by the committee. The committee has submitted a detailed report, which is being placed on the table. The report will also be presented for consideration of the Board.

19.6 To approve the revision of percentage of the share to the Regional Learning and Facilitation Centers (RLFCs)

Background:

The PTU started distance education programmes in the year 2001. The proposal for starting the distance education was put up to the Board of Governors in its' 7th Meeting held on 26.12.2001. The Board approved the proposal starting distance education with the help of State service providers, which would act as facilitators between the university and the study centers.

The university entered into MoUs with private entities, in which it was mandated that service providers would provide logistic support to the study centers, and would make all expenses towards marketing distance education of PTU. They were also authorized to open at least 20 centers in their allotted jurisdiction. Every service provider was required to remit to the University an authorization fee of Rs.20.00 lakhs for allotting a region/zone to a service provider selected through a tender. It was also decided as a part of the MoU that the service provider shall be given a share of 25% of the total fee collected from their region towards the services offered by them.

The Board of Governors in its meeting held on November 20, 2002 emphasized the need to improve the quality, relevance and excellence of courses offered by PTU. In order to steer these recommendations, seven Task Forces were set up, one of them on Distance Education. An interim committee was constituted to implement the recommendations of the Task Force and provide advisory support to the university for running distance education programs in the country.

In order to implement one of the recommendations of the Task Force, viz making provision for providing tele-education and e-governance solution to the distance education, a detailed exercise was taken up by the university to appoint a support service provider for providing a comprehensive solution of education delivery through VSATs. The university signed a "Service level Agreement" with a private company, viz. Mindlogicx for providing the solution. It was also decided that, as a part of the agreement, 12.5% of the total fee collected from the students would be carved out of the share of University and the service providers for implementing the solution. No extra burden on the students was imposed.

In order to implement the solution, the Interim Council revised the sharing pattern of various partners. Initially it was decided that the RLFC share shall be 15%, as recommended by the Task Force. However, the Interim Council later implemented the following revision:

	Existing	Revised
a. Regional Learning and Facilitation Center Share	25%	18%
b. Learning Center Share	45%	45%
c. Mindlogicx Share	Nil	12.5%
d. University Share	30%	24.5%

19.7 To consider the cases of those students who have completed the maximum limit i.e. six years for B. Tech. & other degree courses

PTU was enacted by legislation of Punjab State under Act 1 of 1997 vide PTU ACT, 1996 on 16th January, 1997 All Technical Institutes imparting technical education in Punjab were affiliated to PTU w.e.f. vide notification no. 37/ 93 / 97-5TE-II/3061 dated 26th June, 1997 under section 5(2) reproduced as below: -

" Notwithstanding anything contained in any other law for the time being in force, any college imparting technical education and situated within the limits of the area specified under sub-section (1) shall with effect from such date, as may be notified in this behalf by the State Government, be deemed to be associated with and admitted to the privileges of the University and shall cease to be associated in any way with, or be admitted to any privileges of, the Punjab University, Chandigarh, Punjabi University, Patiala and Guru Nanak Dev University, Amritsar."

Before inception of the University the colleges were affiliated to various other Universities. The students of such colleges who had already been enrolled prior to 1997, were deemed to be governed by the rules and regulations as applicable to them by virtue of having been admitted to the respective University. However, the students who were admitted after this date (1st July, 1997) were to be governed by the regulations as enacted under the provision of PTU, ACT. The regulations of maximum time period, as applicable to Punjab University, Punjabi University and G.N.D.U. Amritsar as on 1st July, 1997 are given in annexure-I. However for the students admitted directly to PTU (i.e. after 01 July 1997) the condition of maximum time period was as follows: Rule 19(iii)

" A total of 6 years from the date of admission, shall be given to a candidate to pass all the courses of Bachelor of Technology and 7 years to pass all the courses of Bachelor for Arch."

To brief the BOG about the progress on construction of PTU Campus

PTU advertised for expression of Interest Civil works. In response 13 applications were received. The committee short-listed names of five firms out of the 13 proposals received and it was decided to issue tender documents to the short listed firms. The tender documents for financial biddings with necessary drawings was to be made available within 8-10 weeks. It was also proposed that PTU establishes a Construction Management Group for supervision of the work. The Committee also recommended the name of Er.A.N. Chaudhary, a reputed engineer to be co-opted for helping the Committee in laying down the terms & conditions for financial bidding. The minutes of the meeting of the Construction Committee held on 09.06.05 is appended at Appendix- G.

The Board may approved the following

- a) Appointment of construction ~~maintenace~~ group CMG for the purpose of full time supervision of construction work. Hiring will be done by following normal procedures from amongst established service providers. The BOG committee for construction may negotiate and hire such service provider.
- b) The committee may appoint an agency for proof checking of structured stability.
- c) Revision of the construction time schedule.

The five short listed applicants of expression of interest, as listed below, will be supplied detailed tender document by 20 August 2005.

- 1 M/s Larsen & Turbo Ltd.
Mount Poonamallee Road, Manapakkam, PB 979
Chennai
- 2 M/s IVRCL Infrastructure & Project Ltd
M-22/3RT, Vijay Nagar Colony
Hyderabad
- 3 M/s Nagarjuna Construction Co. Ltd
9th Floor JMD, Regent Square, DLF Qtam: Enclave Ph-II
Gurgaon
- 4 M/s JMC Projects India Ltd.
Level-11, JMC House, Near Parimal Garden, Ambawadi
Ahmedabad
- 5 M/s Unity Infraprojects Ltd
1252, Pushpanjali Apartments, Old Prabhadevi Road
Prabhadevi, Mumbai

The revised schedule recommended is as follows:

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| a) | Approximately date of receiving of bids | 10 September 2005. |
| b) | Finalization of bids | 04 October 2005 |
| c) | Signing of documents | 11 October 2005 |
| d) | Starting date | 17 October 2005 |
| e) | Completion | 15 May 2006.
19 Oct |

One year
from award
to
contract

The architect selected for preparation master plan and providing architectural services would be making a 15-20 minutes presentation on the concept and the site master plan.

The BOG may approve the above