

PUNJAB TECHNICAL UNIVERSITY
JALANDHAR

AGENDA For
28th MEETING OF
BOARD OF GOVERNORS



PUNJAB BHAWAN, SECTOR -3
CHANDIGARH
ON

28th July 2008 AT 1000 HRS.

Agenda points for the 28th Meeting of the Board of Governors to be held on 28 July 2008 at Punjab Bhawan , Sector 3- Chandigarh.

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28.1 To confirm the proceedings of 27th meeting of the Board of Governor.

The proceedings of 27th meeting of the BOG held on 13-2-2008 were circulated to all the members. A copy is placed at **Appendix A**

No comment were received from any of the members. The proceedings may be taken as confirmed.

28.2 Action taken report on 27th meeting of the BOG held on 13-02-2008 in the Committee Room, 6th Floor, Punjab Civil Secretariat, Chandigarh.

Item	Description	Action taken
27.1	To confirm the proceedings of 26 th Meeting of the BOG.	Confirmed.
27.2	Summary on Action Taken Report on the decision of the BOG in 26 th meeting.	Noted
27.3	To approve the revised budget for the year 2007-08 and budget for the year 2008-09 as recommended by the Finance Committee in its 13 th meeting held on 13.2. 08	No action required.
27.4	Brief report on PTU Non-Teaching Employees	Committee constituted. Report not received.
27.5	Brief on Recruitment Process Initiated by the University.	Selection committee constituted. Interviews were fixed for 7 th June 2008, but cancelled on account of CET. Will be rescheduled shortly.
27.6	Brief on Distance Education and Quality committee formation	Committee members informed about the formation of committee. Report not received.
27.7	To take notice of the sequence of events in the Arbitration Claim Petition of Mindlogicx Infotech Limited, Bangalore, against the PTU	(a) Item placed in agenda. (b) Action taken. (c) No action required. (d) No action required.
27.8	To brief on the future aspects of Distance Education Programme	

	<p>(a) Starting of skill development courses at Palahi.</p> <p>(b) Dual Degree Programme.</p> <p>(c) New Centres and monitoring.</p>	<p>(a) Committee to submit its report to the Board.</p> <p>(b) Action under progress.</p> <p>(c) The Board had agreed for the creation of additional 10% Centres for the session 2008-09. University has identified 140 Learning Centres that are to be closed. 40 Centres have already been closed. University has to create a total of about 200-210 Centres for which 487 applications have been received. The committee constituted by the VC has already short-listed about 210 Centres. The process of finalization of the case is under progress.</p>
27.9	To start M. Tech. Via Distance Education through EDUSAT in academic collaboration with NITTTR, Chandigarh	Matter is under progress.
27.10	To brief about PTU-Caparo School of Manufacturing and Material Technology	Item placed in agenda.
27.11	To brief on the Examination.	No action required
27.12	To brief on the construction of PTU campus	Item placed in agenda.
27.13	Ratification of decision taken by the Chairman, BOG	No action required.
27.14	Non Charging of fee from SC Category students under post-matric scholarship scheme.	Instructions have been issued.
27.15	To brief about the suggestions made by Secretary Technical Education & Indl. Training, Pb.	Committee members have been informed and recommendations awaited.

27.16	To brief about the online counselling for admission in Engineering / Pharmacy / Architecture / MBA / MCA courses for the session 2008 - 09	Due to paucity of time on-line counselling could not be implemented for CET - 08.
27.17	To brief on Cultural Activities 2007- 08	No action required
27.18	To award punishment on the recommendation of UMC committee	Candidate informed of the punishment.
27.19	Amendment relating to ordinance of prevention, punishment and procedure	No action required.
27.20	To approve advance increments for staff / officers attaining higher education in University.	Action taken
27.21	Representation made by Dr. N.P. Singh Dean (on deputation) for permanent absorption in the University	Rules framed, item placed in agenda.
27.22	Purchase of two buses for the University.	Action under process
27.23	Representation of Officers of PTU for reconsideration of eligibility conditions for posts as sanctioned by BOG in its 26 th meeting.	Action under process. Dr. R.S. Khandpur to submit the report to the Board.
27.24	Any other point with the permission of the Chair a) To brief about the pending dues of the affiliated colleges. b) To extend the DEC for a further period of one year or till the new the DEC is constituted. c) Board approved the following schools as constituent colleges of PTU. (i) PTU Gian Jyoti School of TQM & Entrepreneurship (ii) PTU Caparo School of Manufacturing & Material Technology d) The Board approved replacement of Dr. S.K. Salwan, Vice Chancellor, PTU on the PTU Caparo Society and Governing Council with Mrs. Sarojini Gautam Sharda, Registrar , PTU e) To approve migration.	Item placed in agenda. Item placed in agenda. Implemented. No action required. Implemented.

28..3 **To brief the BOG about the PTU-Caparo School of Manufacturing & Material Technology.**

1. **BACKGROUND:** Punjab Technical University announced at its convocation in March, 2003, to establish six advanced schools of excellence. The England based N.R.I., Lord Swraj Paul, Chairman, Caparo India Pvt. Ltd., expressed keen interest and gave an offer to PTU for setting up a PTU's School of Manufacturing & Material Technology saying that it would be a world class institution of advanced learning, and he showed his willingness to give Rs. 5 crores initially and more money subsequently from time to time for this purpose. A sub-Committee under the Chairmanship of Mr. Chandra Mohan, Dr. R. S. Khandpur as member, and Dr. Siby John as Member & Convenor, as constituted by the B.O.G. of PTU for the selection of a partner for the said PTU's School of Manufacturing & Material Technology, recommended that the said offer of Lord Swraj Paul for partnering the PTU's School of Manufacturing & Material Technology may be accepted.

2. The B.O.G. of PTU vide item No.19.3 of its 19th meeting held on 22-6-2005 approved the draft MOU for setting up the said PTU-Caparo School of Manufacturing & Material Technology in collaboration with Lord Swraj Paul's Caparo India Pvt. Ltd. As such, the MOU for it was executed on 3-7-2005 under which a 'PTU- Caparo Society' was to be created.

The preamble of the MOU recites as :

“ WHEREAS :

A. PTU is desirous of setting up A SCHOOL OF MANUFACTURING & MATERIAL TECHNOLOGY at Jalandhar-Kapurthala Road, adjoining Science City, Distt. Kapurthala, Punjab (hereinafter referred to as the "School"), for imparting modern

28.4 To reconsider filing of counter claim in Arbitration Claim case of M/s Mindlogicx Infotech Ltd. Vs. PTU, etc., in view of the legal opinion.

In the Arbitration claim petition of M/s Mindlogicx Infotech Ltd. against the PTU being heard by the 3-member Arbitration Tribunal appointed by the High Court, matter now stand adjourned to 23/8/2008 for the filing of affidavit of admission / denial of documents and the statement of issues by the PTU. As per decision taken by the BOG , PTU, vide Item No 27.7 of its 27th meeting held on 13/2/2008 and circulated vide letter no PTU/REG/ Spl/ 236 dated 10/3/2008 of the PTU's Registrar , one of the action required to be taken by the Dean (DEP) was to file a counter -claim in consultation with the Secretary , Technical Education Department, Govt. of Punjab. On this issue, as per verbal discussion with the then VC , the legal opinion was sought from the University's Legal Advisor, Sh. Amrit Paul, Advocate. In his written opinion submitted vide his confidential letter dated 12/3/2008, the legal Advisor has pointed out that the matter should be reconsidered regarding the filing of the counter claim as it is not considered legally and materially advisable. The said legal opinion is attached as Annexure- which may be perused in toto. The then VC had also discussed the matter in person with the Legal Advisors/ Counsel pursuing the case. It was suggested that various documents have clearly spelt out the recoveries made by the University in terms of hardware, software, books, etc. the Independent committee which had gone into the matter prior to the issuance of exit order to MLX has also specifically submitted as under:

"Present situation:

1. The University has already spent almost Rs. 2.56 crores on the project till date, out of which the support service provider has built up a studio worth almost Rs.50 lakhs, secured books for last semester worth almost Rs. 76 lakhs, has put up equipments worth almost Rs. 40 lakhs, paid broadband charges of almost Rs. 90 lakhs (as claimed by the company) and other payments to ISP for Internet connectivity etc. more or less, it appears that University has not lost financially in terms of tangible deliverables however, the loss of credibility and brand image of the University far outweighs the financial loss to the University".

It is felt that the University may not go in for a separate case by filing a counter claim before the Arbitral Tribunal only for loss of credibility and brand image, since various documents will then be asked in question which can hamper the cause of the University in defending it in the pending claim case of MLX.

The matter is placed before the BOG for reconsideration.

28.5 To approve the extension of Distance Education Council.

The DEC was nominated by the Vice chancellor on authority by the BOG initially for a period of 2 years w.e.f 7/2/2005. It was thereafter extended for 1 year till 7/2/2008 as approved by Chairman, BOG.

In the 27th meeting of BOG, it was proposed that the period of DEC may be extended for a period of one year. However, the BOG gave extension for four months only. The period of DEC has hence expired in June 2008.

It is proposed that the term of the same DEC may be extended upto 31st December 2008 or till the new DEC is constituted, whichever is earlier.

28.6 To approve the minutes of the 30th meeting of Academic Council held on 6th February, 2008

The minutes of the 30th meeting of Academic Council held on 6th February, 2008 are placed at **Annexure -B.**

The matter is placed before the Board of Governors for approval.

28.7 To brief the BOG about the construction of PTU Campus.

A). Status of construction of New Campus of PTU

Phase - 1 Works amounting to Rs. 40.00 crores approximately have been allotted and are in progress as per the following details.

a) The front four storey has been completed and it has been partly occupied by the University. The rear eight storey block with basement has been structurally completed and about 80% of the finishing work has also been completed. The building is expected to be handed over by the end of October 2008.

b) External Work / Services

The external works / services i.e. Air conditioning, electrification, roads, water supply, sewerage and storm water works, water tank, landscaping around administrative building and periphery and sewerage treatment plant are near completion and shall be completed and commissioned in all respects by the end of October 2008. The construction of boundary wall has been completed.

c) Power Supply

The security money for power connection has been deposited with PSEB. The power cable is to pass through Forest Land for which the PSEB has applied for NOC from the Ministry of Environment, Government of India which is still awaited. PSEB shall lay the cable after the NOC is received from the Government of India, Ministry of Environment.

Phase - II

The following works amounting to Rs. 27.00 crores approximately are under planning stage with the Architects.

- 1) Guest House
- 2) Stadium

more months are required to settle the accounts so the above said staff is required upto January for the 1st phase works.

If however, the work for the 2nd phase amounting to Rs. 30.00 crores is taken up, the University may have to engage the staff for another one year or more.

The matter is put up before the Board to decide about :

- (a) Taking up construction of Phase - II
- (b) Accordingly the extension of services of staff

28.8 To brief the BOG about the proposals received for Establishment of new Colleges / Institutions and variation in existing intake.

The University had invited applications for establishment of new institutions / increase in intake capacity of seats in the existing colleges (for Non-AICTE courses) through an advertisement given in the leading news papers. The last date for receiving these applications was 31st January, 2008.

In response to our advertisement 44 applications were received for establishment of new colleges. Out of which 39 applications (List at **Annexure- C**) were received within the due date and have been processed as per the Academic regulations. Presentations were carried out and based on the presentations the short-listed colleges are being inspected.

In addition 28 colleges have applied for variation in intake. The inspection of these colleges is under progress.

The final list of new colleges and variation in intake of the existing colleges shall be placed in the next meeting of the Board of Governors.

The matter is placed before the Board for information.

28.9 To brief the BOG about the ongoing Counselling for admission in Engineering / Pharmacy / Architecture courses.

The Counselling for admission in B. Tech. / B. Pharmacy / B. Arch. for admission to session 2008-09 has already commenced from 1st July, 2008. The first counseling schedule shall end on 12 August 2008 for General and Reserve categories. This will be followed by 2nd Counselling.

29.10 To brief the BOG about the progress made in Recovery of pending dues from the affiliated colleges.

As a follow up of the decision taken in the 27th meeting of Board of Governors held on 13-2-2008 vide Item No 24.24 (a), the affiliated institutions were informed of clearing the dues with the University. So far the dues for the following institutions have been cleared.

1. 22 Engineering Colleges
2. 11 Pharmacy Colleges
3. 07 Management Colleges

The Institutions have been asked to expedite clearance of dues before the commencement of academic session 2008-09.

The matter is placed before the Board for information.

28.11 To approve the proposed revised fee structure

30th Academic Council constituted the following committee to look into the revision of fee structure and decided to put up the report before the BOG for final decision. :

1. Dr. D.S. Hira
2. Dr. R.P. Singh sukerchakia
3. Dr. Balram Dogra
4. Dr. K.N.S. Kang
5. Dr. Vijay Asdhir

The committee met on 08.02.2008 and the decision of the committee is place at **Annexure- D**. The report of the committee is put up before the BOG for decision.

28.12 To hire a guest house for the University.

Presently the University has got a guest house at 86- Green park, Jalandhar which was hired almost 10 years ago. But the building of the Guest house is too old and comprises of just three rooms which is not sufficient to cater to the needs of the University which has expanded in the last few years with almost 190 Colleges Engineering / Pharmacy & Management Colleges affiliated to the University. Accordingly the visit of the experts and other faculty members to the University has also risen manifold for which we need to have a reasonable good and spacious accommodation. The Construction for the Guest House proposed to be built up at the new campus at Jalandhar - Kapurthala road is yet to start and may take about two years before it is ready for occupation.

It is, therefore, proposed to hire a reasonably good and spacious guest house with at least 6-7 rooms at Jalandhar in addition to the existing Guest house. The monthly rent of which shall be approximately Rs. 25000.00. The monthly rent shall, however, be got assessed by the PWD.

The item is placed before Board for approval.

28.13 Rules for absorption.

In the 27th meeting of the Board of Governors, Punjab Technical University held on 13.2.08 (Item no. 27.21), the Board instructed the Registrar to make the draft rules for absorption of officers on deputations to be placed in the next meeting of the Board for approval. The Board also directed that if the case of Dr. N.P. Singh falls within the framed rules his case may be considered for absorption.

It is proposed that Rule 4 of the Punjab Technical University Appointment of Grade 'A', 'B', 'C' & 'D' employees Regulations 2007 may be re-numbered as 4(a) whereas provision for absorption may be inserted after 4(a) and numbered as 4(b). It may be provided as:

4 (a) Method of recruitment and other matters:

The method of recruitment to the said post, age limits, qualification and other related matters shall be as specified in the said schedule.

*(Proposed
Amendment)*

4 (b) By Absorption

Subject to the concurrence of the lending organization as also the willingness of the incumbent, the candidate on deputation can be absorbed in the University at any time during the period of deputation against a vacant post, if he was selected by the Selection Committee as per procedure specified for the selection for deputation candidate. The seniority of the candidate shall be counted from the date of joining on deputation. All other related matters will be dealt with as per the rules of PTU.

The draft amendment in the Rules numbered as 4 (b) is placed before the BOG for the approval.

28.14 To decide unfair means case where the standing committee is not unanimous in its decision.

An unfair means case was reported in the University against Mr. Kunal Bansal of Civil Engineering student from GZS College of Engineering & Tech., Bathinda. The charge levelled against the candidate is that he was found in possession of 9 incriminating slips in the course of the examination on 13.06.2007.