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PUNJAB TECHNICAL UNIVERSITY

AGENDA

40TH MEETING
BOARD OF GOVERNORS



Committee Room, 6th Floor,
Punjab Civil Secretariat
Chandigarh

On

19-August-2010 At 12.15 p.m.

Agenda for the 40th Meeting of the Board of Governors to be held on 19.8.2010 at Punjab Civil Secretariat, Chandigarh.

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Item No. 40.1 To confirm the proceedings of 39th meeting of the Board of Governors, PTU held on 17.5.2010.

Proceedings of 39th meeting of the Board of Governors held on 17.5.2010 were circulated to all the members and are placed at **Annexure-I**.

No comments have been received from any of the member of the Board on the proceedings. The proceedings, may therefore be taken as confirmed.

Item No. 40.2 Action Taken Report on the 39th meeting of the Board of Governors, PTU

S.No.	Item	Decision of BOG in the 39 th meeting	Action taken
01.	To confirm the proceedings of 38 th meeting of the BOG.	Noted down	No Action required
02.	Action Taken Report on 38 th meeting of the BOG.	The Board noted the Action Taken Report. Board members desired that progress report made by the University since last Board meeting should be incorporated in future as an agenda item and appreciated the step taken by the PTU on various issues relating to the development of the University	Progress report made by the University since last Board meeting is placed as agenda item no. 40.3.
03.	To approve establishment of the Post Graduate Teaching Departments in the University Campus.	The Board approved the proposal of the University. The University shall appoint the consultant who will coordinate with the HR Committee for preparing the proposal for establishment of the Post Graduate Teaching Department from year 2011-12	The University has initiated the process for establishment of the Post Graduate Teaching Departments in the campus. The University will shortly appoint the consultant.
04.	To consider the recommendations of 35 th meeting of the Academic Council held on 11/05/2010	The Board desired that the recommendations of 35 th meeting of the Academic Council held on 11.05.2010 be circulated and put up in the next meeting of the BOG for approval, if no comments are received on the minutes. The Board also authorized the Vice Chancellor for preparing a proposal to amend formulation of the Academic Council.	Minutes were circulated to Board members. No comments have been received from any members.

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05.	Status of Caparo PTU School of Excellence	The matter was deliberated in the light of recent developments and communications. It was decided that M/s Caparo should be communicated in clear terms that their principal amount will be released only on signing of memorandum of settlement which must clearly state that there will be no further deliberations on past and future issues.	The decision was conveyed to M/S Caparo and accordingly after deliberations with them Memorandum of settlement has been drafted and the same has also been tabled as agenda item no. 40.6
06.	Extension in term of DEP Regional Centres	The Board approved the extension in term of DEP Regional Centres.	Decision implemented
07.	Conduct of CET-2010 and Online Counseling for admission.	The Board noted the action taken by the PTU for the Conduct of CET-2010 and Online Counseling for admission.	To be taken as item no.40.9
08.	Consider Manpower requirements of the University	The Board approved the recommendations of the Human Resource Committee of PTU and also approved the Manpower requirements of the University.	Recruitment process being carried out for filling up vacant positions.
09.	Reforms in Examination system of the University	The Board noted the Reforms in Examination system of the University. The Board desired that comprehensive report be submitted in the next meeting about the reforms of examination system in the University. Necessary step including bridge courses, special courses to reduce the numbers of reappears and other steps must be taken to strengthen the academics so that students should not carry large number of reappears.	A committee under the chairmanship of Dr. S K Salwan has been constituted to discuss various issues relating to Reforms in examination System of the University and prepare comprehensive report about the same.
10.	National Anthem at the end of the BOG Meeting	The matter was discussed and it was suggested that guidelines from Ministry of Home Affairs be taken so as to maintain the dignity and decorum of National Anthem.	Information being gathered from ministry of home affairs regarding the guidelines.

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11.	To consider nomination of Director IIT, Ropar as Ex-Officio member of BOG in place of Director, IIT, Roorkee.	The Board desired that Director IIT, Ropar be invited as Special Invitee.	Director IIT Ropar has been invited to attend the meeting of the Board as a special invitee
12.	To establish the International Students' Facilitation Centre in the University	The Board appreciated the proposal to establish the International Students Facilitation Centre in the University.	International Student cell has been set up headed by Dr. A.P.Singh, Dean, Student Affairs and assisted by Mr. Devinder Singh, Assistant Registrar (International cell). The required information has been put up on the University web site www.ptu.ac.in
13.	Brief about the progress of recruitments.	The Board noted the appointments of Assistant Professors and the recruitment process of C & D category.	Assistant Professors of various disciplines have joined the University. Recruitment Process of C & D category is going on.
14.	Recruitment of 'A' & 'B' category on deputation or Contract Basis.	The Board approved the recommendations of HR Committee. Board also agreed to sanction four post of Assistant Registrar and two posts of Deputy Registrar instead of six posts of Assistant Registrar as recommended by the HR Committee.	To be taken up as agenda item no. 40.5
15.	Skill Development Courses under Distance Education Programme.	The Board decided that proposal be deferred.	No action required
16.	Starting skill development programme in Punjab for Overseas Employment.	The Board decided that detailed proposal be submitted at the earliest.	Matter pending with Ministry of Overseas Affairs.

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17.	Hiring intranet connectivity to National Knowledge Network under ICT project through BSNL	The Board agreed with the proposal but added that utilization plan for 1 Gbps connectivity should also be prepared simultaneously.	Payment released.
18.	Proposal for TEQIP	Principal Secretary Technical Education assured the Board that mechanism will be developed so that the University will be part for TEQIP-II.	Matter in process with State Government.
19.	Fee Enhancement of Distance Education Courses.	Board agreed for the enhancement in fee but decided that fee should be enhanced in the slabs of 5, 10, 15 and 20% wherever needed the total amount will be rounded of to 5000. Maximum enhancement will not exceed 20% in case of 7 courses mentioned in the agenda item.	Decision implemented
20.	Opening of Learning Centres Overseas under distance education programme as Pilot Project	The matter was discussed in the meeting in detail and it was suggested that the case may be processed on the similar lines as in the case of other Universities for setting up of the Learning Centre Overseas. However, it was suggested that before going ahead with this proposal matter may be referred to Distance Education Council of Govt. of India and Ministry of MHRD for instructions or clearance if required	A committee of following has been constituted to finalize the modalities : Dr. R.K. Chauhan, Ex Secretary UGC New Delhi Dr. R.S. Khandpur, DG, Pushpa Gujral Science City, Chandigarh. Shri Parminder Paul Singh, Adv. Dean DEP



Item No. 40.3 Vice-Chancellor Report on University Activities.

1. e-India Awards

The various PTU ICT initiatives and excellence in Distance learning have enabled the University to win two prestigious awards of the year 2010 in the "E-India 2010 Awards" at Hyderabad International Convention Centre, Hyderabad, on August 5, 2010. PTU has been honored with the awards for "Best ICT Enabled University of the Year" & "Best Distance Learning Initiative". This recognition will enhance the PTU BRAND Image which in turn will strengthen the employability of our students.

2. IBM's Centre of Excellence

IBM is going to establish 75 new Centers of Excellence (CoE) at engineering colleges across 60 cities in India.

In 2009 too, IBM set up over 75 such CoEs across the country and with the fresh announcement, the total number of CoEs around the country will be 150 by end-2010. These new CoEs will be spread across 20 states and will be selected from the top 300 engineering colleges in the country.

The IBM CoEs are aimed at creating a platform for the development of software skills among the students and also gives them the opportunity to acquire new skill sets around IBM software as well as help them develop top-class business solutions.

PTU has taken initiative in this regard and arranged a meeting with Mr. Mayank Jha, Relationship Manager/Academic Initiative, IBM India Pvt. Ltd on July 8, 2010. He addressed the HODs (CSE) of engineering colleges regarding the procedure & requirements of IBM.

Letter of Interest from 13 colleges have been received including 3 Government Colleges. The process will start in the month of August.

3. Alumni Meet

Meeting of Coordinators of Alumni Association was held in PTU campus on July 20, 2010. Coordinators were informed to maintain the Alumni database year wise, batch wise & city



and other reputed Institutes/ Universities of the country to impart training and provide their valuable guidance in their respective fields. Even one expert is called from the University of Houston-Downtown, USA. These Faculty Development Programmes were arranged for all the streams like Engineering, Business Management, Hotel Management, Human Resource Management, Chemistry, Bio-Technology, Physics, Computer Science and other important aspects of technical teaching. So far, 80 FDPs had been organised in 23 Institutes and in another 20 programmes PTU faculty was sponsored to participate. In nutshell, about 100 such programmes were arranged by PTU for the faculty of its affiliated institutes.

Item No. 40.4 Recruitment of 'C' & 'D' category posts

The positions for Clerks, Office Assistants, Attendants, Helpers were advertised in the month of December - 2009. However a CWP No 1304/2010 challenging the criteria of awarding extra weightage for continuous service in the university as per Item no 36.3 of the proceedings of 36th meeting of the Board of Governors held on 23/11/2009 ,was filed in Hon'ble High Court. In order to go ahead with the selection process, university sought legal opinion from standing counsel of University The opinion is re-produced as under:

"PTU shall put up the complete selection criteria approved by its BOG for filling up of C&D posts by open recruitment, on its official web site. Copy of the criteria is attached at

Annexure- II

"PTU shall issue a public notice in the press that "The candidates shortlisted for various posts under the category C & D are hereby notified that the posts are advertised as per the terms and conditions approved by the Board of Governors. The selection and recruitment shall be subject to the final outcome of any order that may be passed in the various writ petitions (CWP NO. 15855 of 2009; CWP no. 20855 of 2009 and CWP No. 1304 of 2010) presently pending, or any other writ petition which may be filed in future, pertaining to the Punjab Technical University for the said advertisement dated 12.12.2009 in the Hon'ble High Court. Copy of the notice is attached at **Annexure - III**



/Central Govt. Dept. or State /Central Govt. Institution, whereas for the post of Driver, it was 05 years.

University decided to amend the qualification and experience for the post of Driver. The amended qualifications and experience were as under:

Qualifications:

- (a) Middle standard examination with Punjabi as a subject from recognized School / Board.
- (b) Must possess valid driving license to drive Light Motor Vehicles / Heavy Motor Vehicles.

Experience: An experience of driving light / Heavy vehicle for a minimum period of three years in a University or State /Central Govt. department or State /Central Govt. Institutions and have not been convicted of any offence indicating that he is not capable of performing the duties efficiently of the post of driver.

The same was placed on the official website of the University i.e. www.ptu.ac.in on 19.12.2009 and it was displayed to the public through website till the last date of submission of application i.e. 08.01.2010.

The matter was placed before the Human Resource Committee in its meeting dated 17.6.2010 and was proposed to be put up to BOG for approval.

The matter is placed before the Board for approval.

Item No. 40.5 Recruitment of 'A' and 'B' Category.

(i) 39th meeting of BOG sanctioned two posts of Deputy Registrars and four positions of Assistant Registrar instead of six posts of Assistant Registrars as recommended by HR committee. Against these positions, university initiated the process of appointing candidates from waiting list. In view of supreme court ruling related to appointment of waiting list candidates from newly created post, legal opinion is being obtained and the process for the time being is deferred. **Annexure – IV**

The matter is placed before the Board for information.



- (ii) Representation from Shri Paramjit Singh who had applied for the post of assistant registrar was received by the university wherein Sh Paramjit Singh has stated that since he belongs to Mazbi Sikh, he should have been given reservation as per the Punjab scheduled caste and backward classes act 2006 ,4(5) which is reproduced as below

" fifty percent of vacancies of the quota reserved for scheduled castes in direct recruitment shall be offered to Balmikis and Mazhbi Sikhs, if available, as a first preference from amongst the scheduled castes".

University sought legal opinion on the issue. The legal opinion obtained is reproduced as below :

"The Hon'ble Punjab and Haryana High court has declared above mentioned classification of the Punjab government further classifying the reservation 50-50 in scheduled caste category as unconstitutional and set aside the afore said amendment in section 4(5) of the Act,2006"

Shri Paramjit Singh in support of his case produced the recruitment results dated July 27, 2010 for Police Constable (Men) in the District Police Cadre wherein the Balmiki / Majbi Sikh has been given 50% reservation.

University, as an interim measure, has appointed Sh Paramjit Singh as Assistant Registrar on adhoc basis for a period of three months

The matter is placed before the Board for information and approval.

Item No. 40.6 Caparo Status

The Board in the last meeting decided that M/s Caparo should be communicated in clear terms that their Principle amount would be released only on signing of Memorandum of Settlement which must clearly state that there will be no further deliberations on past and future issues. The decision of BOG meeting was conveyed to M/S Caparo and accordingly after deliberations with them, Memorandum of Settlement has been drafted. The draft of Memorandum of Settlement was also circulated among the PTU nominees in PTU- Caparo

Society. The draft Memorandum of Settlement after incorporating the suggestions is appended at **Annexure – V** for consideration and approval of BOG.

Item No. 40.7 Fee Enhancement

a. Enhanced Fee Notification

In view of the revision of Tuition Fee for AICTE courses by the Punjab Government, the University has also revised the tuition fee for Non-AICTE courses on the same pattern. Notification has already been issued for the same and the tuition fee with increase of about 10% is as follows:

Course	Existing	Revised
Bachelors in Business Administration / Bachelors in Computers Applications	23,000/-	25,500/-
B.Sc.(Information Technology) B.Sc (Airlines Tourism and Hospitality Management) B.Sc (Fashion Technology) B.Sc (Media Entertainment and Fashion Technology)	14,000/-	15,500/-
B.Sc (Medical Lab Technology) B.Sc (Bio-Technology) B.Sc (Hotel Management and Catering Technology) M.Sc (Medical Lab Technology)	23,000/-	25,500/-
M.Sc (Information Technology) M.Sc (Airlines Tourism and Hospitality Management) M.Sc (Service Industry Management)	17,000/-	19,000/-

The matter is placed before the Board for ratification.

b. Revision of Development Fund & other student related fees

The Punjab Government has revised only the tuition fee for AICTE courses but development fund has not been revised. Keeping in view the huge expenses being incurred on the purchase of latest equipments, maintenance of building etc. and research works to be carried out. It is proposed to revise development fund & student related fees as per the following:

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Sr. No.	Head	Existing Fee	Proposed Fee	Increase in %age
1	Development Fund	3250	3600	10.75%
2.	Student Related Fee	2000	2200	10%
3.	Securities (Refundable)	6000	6600	10%
4.	Other Fee	1180	1300	10%

The item is placed before the board for approval.

c. Proportionate increase in affiliated related fee for Non-AICTE courses in view of the increase in Unit size of 40 to 60.

As approved by the 32nd meeting of the Academic Council duly approved by BOG, the unit size for Non-AICTE courses has been increased from 40 to 60. However no decision was taken regarding affiliation fee and other aspects of the same. Accordingly affiliation fee has been increased as per **Annexure-VI**

The item is placed before the Board for ratification.

Item No. 40.8 Project Competition at Pushpa Gujral Science City

In order to promote creativity and innovation among the students of the professional colleges (Engineering Colleges and Polytechnics), it is proposed to organize an annual competition on projects / models. This competition will foster the spirit of innovative thinking and putting the ideas of the young students into practical applications.

As an experimental measure, this activity was organized in the Science City on the occasion of Technology Day (May 8, 2010). It was a great success. 44 models were displayed by different teams from various Engineering Colleges and Polytechnics. The prizes worth Rs. 35,000/- which were sponsored by PTU were awarded to the 5 best projects. Sh. Chander Mohan, Former Vice-Chairman, PTL and Member, BOG, PTU chaired the jury which selected the award winning models. The activity is now proposed to be organized jointly by Punjab Technical University and Pushpa Gujral Science City as an annual event.

The estimated expenditure for the yearly event is likely to be around Rs. 4 Lacs, which will be equally shared by PTU and PGSC. The PGSC would make all the arrangements for event management and inviting the participants through Press and other media and arrange for the

necessary infrastructure, whereas PTU will contribute the prize money for the winners of the Projects. The category and amount of prizes can be mutually decided PGSC and PTU.

The matter is placed before the Board for approval.

Item No. 40.9 ISTE Awards

Punjab Technical University has decided to sponsor ISTE Awards for the innovative B.Tech Projects by students of Engineering Colleges affiliated to Punjab Technical University to stimulate the spirit of inventiveness among the technical students in order to honour and recognize with a mission to harness the creative talent for the benefit of Nation and Society.

Annexure-VII

No. of Award	One; Punjab Technical University Award for Young Engineering Innovators
Eligibility	B.Tech students from PTU in the specializations quoted.
No. of Prizes – fifteen (3x5)	First Prize – Cash Award Rs. 5000/- Second Prize- Cash Award Rs. 3000/- Third Prize - Cash Award Rs. 2000/-
No. of Branches/ Specialization	Five

Revised Estimates

Cash Award for 15 prizes	$(5000+3000+2000 \times 5) =$ Rs. 50,000/-
Medallion @ 600 each (15+3 additional in case of sharing)	$600 \times 18 =$ Rs. 10,800/-
TA/DA for the award Winner @ Rs. 1,000/- each	$1000 \times 18 =$ Rs. 18,000/-
Total	= Rs. 78,800/-

First, second and third prizes will be instituted in the areas of:

- Civil Engineering and Architecture
- Mechanical Engineering, Production Engineering, Industrial Engineering & Automobiles.
- Electrical Engineering & Electronics Engineering.

- Computers and Communication Engineering and Information Technology
 - Chemical Engineering, Bio-tech and Food Technology.
1. Every year approximately an amount of Rs. 79,000/- will have to be allocated for the above mentioned award by ISTE.
 2. Keeping the interest rate at 8.00% per annum for the fixed deposit the capital money to be paid to ISTE will be Rs. 9.88 Lakhs approximately.
 3. Keeping the interest rate at 7.50% per annum for the fixed deposit the capital money to be paid to ISTE will be Rs. 10.53 Lakhs approximately.
 4. The amount has to be confirmed from ISTE before making payment (which will enable ISTE to check with the bank regarding the percentage of interest as on date).

Item No. 40.10 Distance Education Programme

The meeting of DEP Council has been scheduled to be held on 12.8.2010. The recommendation of the meeting will be placed on the table.

The matter is placed before BOG for consideration.

Item No. 40.11 Status of Legal Cases

The status of legal cases in different courts of the country is placed at **Annexure-VIII**

Item No. 40.12 9th Convocation of the University

The 9th Convocation of the University is proposed to be held on Foundation Day i.e. January 16, 2011. Dr. Manmohan Singh, Hon'ble Prime Minister of India is to be requested to be the Chief Guest of the Convocation.

The matter is placed before the Board for approval.

Item No. 40.13 Any Other item with the permission of the chair

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