

PROCEEDINGS OF THE 14<sup>TH</sup> MEETING OF BOARD OF GOVERNORS,  
PTU HELD ON 30.4.2004 IN THE COMMITTEE ROOM, 6<sup>TH</sup> FLOOR,  
PUNJAB CIVIL SECRETARIAT, CHANDIGARH.

The following were present

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| 1. | Shri Jai Singh Gill, IAS<br>Chief Secretary to Govt. of Punjab                               | Chairman  |
| 2. | Dr. S.K. Salwan<br>Vice-Chancellor, PTU  | Member    |
| 3. | Shri B.R. Bajaj, IAS<br>Principal Secretary to Govt. of Punjab<br>Dept. of Finance           | Member    |
| 4. | Shri K.K. Bhatnagar, IAS<br>Secretary, Dept. of Technical Education &<br>Indl. Training, Pb. | Member    |
| 5. | Shri Chandra Mohan<br>Chairman<br>Twenty First Century Battery Limited                       | Member    |
| 6. | Dr. R.S. Khandpur<br>Director General<br>Pushpa Gujral Science City                          | Member    |
| 7. | Dr. M.S. Grewal<br>Registrar, PTU  | Secretary |

Leave of absence was granted to:

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| 1. | Professor Prem Vrat<br>The Director<br>Indian Institute of Technology<br>Roorkee  | Member |
| 2. | Professor R.S. Sirohi<br>The Director<br>Indian Institute of Technology<br>Hauz Khas                                      | Member |
| 3. | Professor M.P. Kapoor<br>The Chairman<br>North-West Committee<br>All India Council for Technical Education<br>Chandigarh. | Member |

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| 4. | Ms. Ratika Jain<br>Regional Director<br>CII Northern Region<br>Block No. 3<br>Dakshin Marg,<br>Sector 31-A<br>Chandigarh | Member |
| 5. | Shri Atamjit Singh Bawa<br>Prop M/S Lotus Bawa Company   | Member |
| 6. | Shri Rajinder Gupta<br>Abhishak Industries Ltd.  | Member |

The Chairman, S. Jai Singh Gill welcomed the members and in his opening address appreciated the developments taking place in PTU. He invited all the members of the Board to suggest the way and means to improve the standard of technical education to further increase employability.

The Vice-Chancellor informed that all arrangements for conduct of CET-2004 were taken care of and the exam is now scheduled for 02 June 2004. Simultaneously, the University was endeavouring placement of final year students. He informed the Board that exam for final year engineering students had been conducted on two occasions wherein approx. 1300 students had appeared and 200 odd students had been selected. Similarly for MBA students also, exclusive interviews were conducted. He informed the members that a jobfest had been conducted at Chandigarh on 12 April 2004 and was appreciated by students and parents. The Jobfest will now be an annual affair. A Total of 596 students have been placed in multinational firms through the efforts of PTU since last year.

Shri Chandra Mohan informed the BOG that PTU Gian Jyoti School of TQM & Entrepreneurship was ready to commence its training. He informed the members that the School will be inaugurated by the Chancellor, PTU His Excellency, the Governor of Punjab on 12 May 2004.

After this regular agenda was taken up

**Item No. 14.1**      **To confirm the minutes of the 13<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Board of Governors held on March 12, 2004.**

The Registrar informed the members that there were no comments received from any member on the proceedings of the 13<sup>th</sup> meeting of BOG held on March 12, 2004.

The minutes were confirmed.

**14.1.1**      The Vice-Chancellor informed that the decision of the Board under agenda item no. 13.3 had been implemented and there was no adverse report of any kind.

- 14.1.2 Dr. R.S. Khandpur briefed the Board on the meeting of the Committee convened under his Chairmanship for review of academic regulations. He informed that this was a brainstorming session and second meeting was planned in mid May. The Chairman advised the committee to make recommendations as soon as possible so that these could be reviewed at all levels. Shri Chandra Mohan, reiterated that it was imperative that input quality standard must be reviewed and specified.
- 14.1.3 The Registrar informed the Board that BOG decision under item no. 13.6 while approving proceedings of the 12<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Academic Council under article 12.4 was reviewed by the Academic Council in its 15<sup>th</sup> meeting and the council implemented the Board decision of 21 days time period for re-evaluation forms.
- 14.1.4 The Vice-Chancellor informed the BOG that the Finance Committee of PTU had met on 27 April 2004 and passed the budget. This would be covered under item no. 14.2
- The BOG noted the action taken.
- Item No. 14.2 To consider and approve the recommendations of the Finance Committee.
- 14.2.1 The Chairman mentioned that the budget showed healthy growth in income but at the same time there was growth in expenditure as well. The Registrar mentioned that both the income as well as expenditure are related to the number of students' admissions. The University has exam and affiliation fees as the only source of income. The Chairman pointed out that the growth of expenditure shows high upward trends. After detailed discussions, it was decided that expenditure growth may be restricted to 10% of the revised budget of the previous year. Thus, the amount should near to Rs. 165 lacs instead of Rs. 203 lacs.
- 14.2.2 Shri Chandra Mohan pointed out that Rs. 2 crores, which was to paid by the Govt. of Punjab had not been received for the past three years and release of the same, in future, was also uncertain. Hence should not be featured in the budget.
- Shri B.R. Bajaj mentioned that as per PTU Act, section reads "The State Govt. shall provide ....." makes it mandatory for the Govt. to provide the grant and may need amendment. After deliberations, it was decided that as recommended by the Finance Committee vide Item No. 6.4 of the proceedings, this amount should not be shown as receipt, but by a foot note only. VC mentioned that it is absolutely necessary that Govt. provide grant to the University for its growth and campus construction.

14.2.3

Shri Chandra Mohan drew the attention of the Board to Item 6.3.1 and mentioned that no grant-in-aid was received by any of the schools as yet. Shri K.K. Bhatnagar mentioned that amount of Rs. 25 lacs was almost through and would be paid to PTU by 03 May 2004. He further mentioned that all the conditions as mentioned in the letter DTE 1/34/2003-4TE/2/28.11.2003 have been withdrawn except that Principal Secretary Technical Education will be the Govt. nominee on the Governing Council. Shri Chandra Mohan mentioned that PTU had promised 1 crore to the School of Excellence. After discussions, it was decided:

- (a) The University must honour its commitment made to PTU-Gian Jyoti School of TQM & Excellence and the Board approved that as per the MoU signed between PTU and Gian Jyoti Education Society, that PTU is authorized to pay the remaining 75 lacs out of its resources.
- (b) PTU will transfer Rs. 25 lacs per quarter to PTU-Gian Jyoti School of TQM & Entrepreneurship. The first instalment may be paid by 07 May 2004 and Rs. 25 lacs by every three months thereafter.
- (c) Principal Secretary Technical Education will make provision in the capital budget of the State Govt to cater to grant in aid in construction work likely to be under taken by PTU.

14.2.4

Shri Bajaj pointed out that observation of Finance Committee under item 6.3.3 was valid. He said whereas the Finance Committee had observed less allocation for library and recommended a few steps. These steps must be implemented by the University. Provision must made for additional amount in the budget. Dr. R.S. Khandpur mentioned that at the moment the University did not have any building space for library. The Vice-Chancellor mentioned that since the University was running Regional Centres, what was provisioned in the budget, was basically for the Regional Centres (10 of them). He mentioned that these centres did require specialized text books to be used as reference books by the students. It was decided that library should have an annual budget of Rs. 30 lacs. The Chairman directed that the budget as passed by the Finance Committee in its sixth meeting may be modified to include Rs. 30 lacs as expenditure for library. Necessary amendments / adjustments wherever necessary were authorized to be made in the budget. The revised budget as approved by the Board is enclosed as *Annexure -I* to the proceedings.

14.2.5

Construction of building at Kapurthala site is taken up under Item no. 14.3 discussed later.