

PROCEEDINGS OF THE 15TH MEETING OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS,
PTU HELD ON AUGUST 9, 2004 AT 1630 HRS IN THE COMMITTEE ROOM,
6TH FLOOR, PUNJAB CIVIL SECRETARIAT, CHANDIGARH

The Following were present in the meeting:

Shri Jai Singh Gill, IAS Chairman
Chief Secretary to Govt. Of Punjab
Chandigarh

Dr. S.K. Salwan Member
Vice Chancellor
Punjab Technical University, Jalandhar

Shri Jasbir Singh Hir, IAS Member
Special Secretary
Dept. of Finance
Govt. of Punjab

Shri J.B. Goel, IAS Member
Secretary
Dept. of Technical Education & Indl. Training, Punjab
Chandigarh

Shri S.K. Bijlani Member
Past Chairman & Representative
CIL Northern Region, Chandigarh

Shri Chandra Mohan Member
CMD
21st Century Battery Ltd. Mohali

Dr. R.S. Khandpur Member
DG, Pushpa Gujral Science City
Chandigarh

Dr. M.S. Grewal Secretary
Registrar
Punjab Technical University
Jalandhar

Leave of absence granted to:

Prof. Prem Vrat Member
Director
IIT Roorkee

Prof. R.S. Sirohi Member
Director
IIT, New Delhi

Prof. M.P. Kapoor
Chairman
North West Committee
AICTE: Chandigarh

Member

Shri Atamjit Singh Bawa
M/s Lotus Bawa Company
Jalandhar

Member

Shri Rajinder Gupta
CMD
Abhishek Industries Ltd.
Ludhiana

Member

The Chairman, Shri Jai Singh Gill, welcomed the members

The Vice-Chancellor informed the Board that counselling for CET-04 was going on very smoothly. More than 75% of the seats have been filled in various streams of engg. Central Counselling at PTU was being conducted in a transparent manner and as per laid down norms of admission.

Shri J.B. Goel, Secretary Dept. of Technical Education & Indl. Training informed the Board that he had visited to PTU during the counselling CET-2004 and would like to place on record his appreciation for the smooth, efficient and transparent way the counselling was being conducted. He further stated that candidates and their parents were fully satisfied with the arrangements of the counselling made by the university authorities.

After this regular agenda was taken up:

Item No. 15.1 To confirm the proceedings of the 14th meeting of the Board of Governors held on 30.4.04

The Registrar informed the members of the Board that there were no comments received on the proceedings of the 14th meeting of Board of Governors held on 30.4.04 from any of the member. The Board confirmed the proceedings of the 14th meeting of the Board of Governors.

The BOG noted the action taken report on the 14th meeting of the BOG

Item No. 15.2 To start the construction of University building and the approval of the procedure thereof at Jalandhar - Kapurthala road.

The Vice-Chancellor briefed the Board about the history of the actions taken for construction of the Building of PTU at Jalandhar - Kapurthala road. He informed the Board about the decision of the 14th meeting of the BOG about the constitution of a committee to work out the time plan for construction of Administration block of 75000 sq. feet in two phases and also to work out the procedure for the construction considering all the aspects. He further informed the Board, the Committee constituted for this purpose had submitted its recommendations, which are placed before the BOG. The draft procedure and sequence of action as recommended by the Committee was also placed before the Board.

Mr. Chandra Mohan mentioned that it was necessary that over all outline Master Plan must be available before start of the first phase of the construction of 15000 sq. feet as recommended by the committee. Mr. Chandra Mohan further stated that it was also necessary that Master Plan was ready with the landscaping, water supply, drainage and other services and also with the plans for the Schools of Excellence, if any, that were required to be placed at the Kapurthala site of PTU.

Dr. R.S. Khandpur, stated that the construction should be modular and what was constructed in Phase I and Phase II should match the surroundings and blend with the overall plan of the area. He also stated that construction of 75000 sq. feet area was minimum requirement of the University for operations and not the final.

Mr. Chandra Mohan mentioned that the University must take up construction of 75000 sq. feet area, for its immediate working, in first phase.

The Chairman mentioned that the University must have an outline master plan, which must indicate various facilities such as Offices, hostels, administrative blocks, VC's office, Convocation Hall, Students' Facilitation Section, Examination wing, Distance Education Wing, etc. and should also indicate overall plan for the various services taking into consideration the future expansion and residential requirements, if any. In addition to this, Lord Swraj Paul has shown his interest for sponsoring the School of

Manufacturing and Material Technology, which will be located at the site. This may also be included in the plan of the Construction of the University building at Jalandhar - Kapurthala road. He further stated that there was also a requirement of on-campus accommodation for the Vice-Chancellor, the Registrar and a Guesthouse. The draft procedure and sequence of actions for PTU campus, recommended by the committee, should compress the time frame for finalization of design specification and tender to a maximum of six months.

The Chairman further stated that the University while asking for expression of interest should indicate that a detail plan is required for 75000 sq. feet only and outline sketch which will indicate the outline of the master plan of the total future requirement of the University. The cost of the outline plan should be included in the detailed plan of 75000 sq. feet for which Expression Of Interest must be invited including the finance bid.

The procedure as recommended by the Committee was discussed in detail. The Board was of the opinion that the minimum time of one year shown for obtaining the detailed design and outline master plan should be compressed to 6 months and floating tenders for the construction of the 75000 sq. feet of the administrative block and other facilities must be done within six months.

The following decisions were taken:

1. To float tenders for Expression of Interest for working out detailed design of 75000 sq. feet of construction and working out of Outline Master Plan within a period of one month.
2. To float tenders for construction of 75000 sq. feet of area within 6 months.
3. The deputation of Executive Engineer from Punjab Govt to PTU, to facilitate and monitor the construction work, was approved. The Board authorized VC for getting the services Executive Engineering on deputation from Pb. Govt for a period of three years or completion of construction whichever is earlier.

Item No. 15.3 To approve the recommendations of the Selection Committee for the recruitment of Deans & Controller of Finance.

The Vice-Chancellor informed the Board that a committee under the Chairmanship of Dr. S.K. Joshi Former Director General CSIR & Secretary Department of Scientific &

Indl. Research conducted interview for the posts of Dean and has selected the following candidates to the posts.

1. **Dr. V.K. Arora**
2. **Dr. Siby John**
3. **Dr. Manohar Singh Saini**

The Board approved the selection of the above-mentioned candidates to the Post of Dean (Three).

The Committee under the Chairmanship of Mr. R. Ramanathan, Retired Secretary Govt. of India, interviewed the candidates for the selection of candidates to the post of Controller of Finance and recommended the following names (Panel).

1. **Shri Sushendra Kumar Mishra**
2. **Shri N.K. Jain**
3. **Sh DVV Nagendra Prasad.**

It was decided that appointment is to be made as per the merit.

The Board approved the recommendations of the selection committees for Deans and Controller of Finance.

The Board noted for holding DPC for the promotion of the two Programmers working in the University in the scale of Rs. 8000-13500, who have completed the required service for promotion as per the university / Regulations.

Item No. 15.4 To discuss the academic regulations for BBA/BCA courses in view of the Hon'ble High Court Judgment, strike by the students and its implications.

The Vice-Chancellor presented to the Board the legal opinions obtained in view of the strike by the students of BBA/BCA and the recommendation of the Academic Council. The following decisions were taken:

Board observed that amendment of these regulations is being separately considered on the basis of the recommendations of the Kohli Committee and an appropriate view

would be taken in that connection. The legal position with regard to effecting any amendment with retrospective effect would also need to be gone into.

Item No. 15.5 To discuss the points raised by the previous Chairman BOG and Vice-Chancellor PTU, Shri Y.S. Rajan about PTU's specific critical items to be taken care off as suitable policy and practice, as desired by Hon'ble CM Punjab to be examined at appropriate level and necessary action

The points raised by the previous Vice-Chancellor and Chairman BOG Shri Y.S. Rajan were discussed in detail and noted by the Board. Chairman requested the Principal Secretary Technical Education to look into all the matters as these were primarily related to the Government policy.

The Chairman further stated that a School of Excellence has been partially funded by the Government of Punjab. The Govt will continue to consider supporting others in the same way.

Item No. 15.6 To brief the Board about the results of May - 2004 examinations and applicability for promotion of 5th and 6th semester as per academic regulations.

The Vice-Chancellor briefed the Board about the results of examinations conducted in May / June 2004 for Engineering, Management, Computer Applications and Pharmacy courses. He stated that the results were satisfactory except the results of B.Pharmacy and the first two semesters B.Tech courses.

He also mentioned that as per rules of the university, a candidate who fails to pass his / her 1st semester cannot be promoted to 5th semester and promotion of 6th semester could not be done if a candidate fails to clear his / her 2nd semester.

As a result, there were about 631 students of 2002 batch who could not be promoted to 5th semester since they had failed to clear their 1st semester.

The Vice-Chancellor also brought into the notice of the Board that normally the tendency of such students is to go for agitation seeking promotion to 5th semester without clearing their 1st semester in relaxation of the rules.

The Vice-Chancellor stated that candidates seeking admission to engg. Courses get admission through C.I.T and there is no minimum pass mark or a cut off percentage. Thus, even a 10+2 pass candidate with only pass percentage of marks can obtain admission to an engg. Course. The Vice-Chancellor mentioned that it was the institute to bring these weak students upto the level of engineering by conducting extra class, which results to the extra financial burden to the colleges for which few of them are not willing to do.

Mr. S.K. Bijlani emphasized that the dilution of the academic standards is a dangerous step and the standard of technical education must be maintained. He further stated that the degree of PTU is valued in the Industry for its quality and not for quantity of the students passing out per year. He said that Board is fully behind the University for maintaining the academic standards. He requested the students, parents and the press that dilution of academic standard will cause much harm to the students as their chances for employment in the Industry will be adversely affected. No support, from any quarter to the students not passing their subject (s) in required time, should be tolerated and we must honour the academic regulations.

The Chairman expressed his concern on the pass percentage in the course of B.Pharmacy and B.tech (1st and 2nd semester) courses. He stated that college wise percentage of failure must be brought to the notice of the BOG. The colleges / Institute with fail percentage is high, must be warned that if they do not improve their faculty, method of teaching, they have to be de - affiliated from the University. It is also the responsibility of the colleges to take action to uplift the standard of weaker students by conducting extra classes.

The Chairman further stated that the Vice-Chancellor must put up to the Board, the action plans for improving the pass percentages of Pharmacy and first & second semester B.Tech courses.

Item No. 15.7 To approve minutes of the Academic Council held on 03 June 2004 & 05 August 2004 (specific Items)

(a) Recommendations of Ph.D. committee – Approval of the fee structure

The board approved the recommendation of the Ph.D. Committee and the fees structure after examining the fees charged by the other universities /ITs, which are given below:

Head Item	Punjab Technical University, Jalandhar	Thapar Institute of Engineering & Technology, Patiala	Punjab University, Patiala	Hamdard University	NIPER, Mohali	
					Institute scholar	Sponsored
1. Admission Fee / Registration	10,000/-	1000/-	1000/-	500/-	13125/-	18050/-
2. Enrolment Fee	-	-	500/-	500/-	-	-
3. Annual Fee	5,000/-	20,000/-	1500/-	16,000/- per year	16100/-	25530/-
4. Institute Security Refundable	-	5000/-	-	-	-	-
5. Alumni Fee	-	5000/-	-	-	-	-
6. Development Fee	-	5500/-	-	-	-	-
7. Thesis submission & Exam Fee	15,000/-	-	2000/-	2500/-	-	-
8. Annual laboratory fee	-	-	5000/-	6500/-	-	-
Total fee for three years	40000/-	76500/-	23000/-	69000/-	61425/-	94640/-

(b) Admission of 5 students in different colleges on the direction of State Govt.

Approved

(c) Eligibility criteria for admission to regular / part time M.Tech courses under PTU

Approved

(d) The academic calendar for session 2004-05

Approved

(e) Affiliation of new courses and new colleges. Continuation of the affiliation of the already running colleges Institutes

Approved.

(f) To consider the revision of the Academic regulations - 2001

Refer to agenda item No. 15.12

- (g) To review the situation arising out of agitation by BBA/BCA students who have failed to clear one or more subjects in maximum number of available (3 chances) and to make suitable recommendations for MBA/MCA/BBA/BCA

Refer to agenda item no. 15.4

Item No. 15.8 To brief about the admissions for the year 2004-05

The Board noted and appreciated the efforts of the University for efficiently conducting the counselling for various courses.

Item No. 15.9 To approve the terms and conditions of the appointment of the Registrar

The Board approved all other terms and conditions of the appointment of the Registrar with special allowance of Rs. 1000/-PM. Pension in addition to pay was not agreed by the Board.

Item No. 15.10 To discuss and take appropriate decision regarding the adhoc employees of the university in view of the Board's recommendations in its 10th meeting held on 20.5.03

The Vice-Chancellor briefed the Board about the history of the case starting from the beginning and the situation arising out of the letter received from the Vigilance Bureau, case filed by the Sikh Students Federation (Mehta Group) and the direction of the Hon'ble Court.

The VC further informed the Board that the services of these adhoc employees were essential for the smooth functioning of the University. He further stated that regularization process is likely to improve efficiency and effectiveness of the employees in service with the University for the last six to seven years.

The matter was discussed in detail including various issues of regularization of the staff, rule position, public accountability, suitability of the staff and recruitment procedure required as per the Government rules.

The Chairman summed the discussions with the following points:

- (a) For any recruitment there must be public accountability and every one who is interested to get recruited must have equal opportunity of being considered for appointment, which lacked in this case.

- (b) There are rules and regulations for recruitment, laying down qualitative requirements, selection by a competent authority and approval of the recommendations of the committee. None of these procedures were followed in this case.
- (c) Whereas the Board is competent to draw up regulations for the functioning of the university, but these regulations would normally be expected to be in line with established procedures for recruitment.

He further stated that the regularization of this staff must carry the following procedures:

- (a) The number of posts that could be recommended for regularization should be as per the sanctioned strength of the University staff, which is approved in the 10th meeting of BOG held on 20.5.03.
- (b) Recommendations for regularization should be on functional need and must meet the qualitative requirements prescribed for such posts on individual merit.
- (c) Performance of such staff during its service in the University must also be considered.
- (d) All other actions must be completed, which are necessary for the first employment in a Government service (Police verification, medical etc).
- (e) The case of the regularization of this staff must be submitted to the Government for relaxation of the rules for consideration and approval.

Decision:

The Board instructed the VC to prepare a statement of the case for regularization of the adhoc staff as mentioned in the agenda with full facts including the justification and recommendations of the committee appointed in the 10th BOG meeting.

Item No. 15.11 Recommendations for nomination to be on the Board of Governors.

The Board requested the Vice-Chancellor to present draft recommendations for nomination on the Board for its approval and onwards submission to the Chancellor for the constitution of new BOG starting from Dec -2004.

The Board also decided that recommendations must be submitted in the next meeting of the BOG.

Item No. 15.12 To consider the amendments to Academic Regulations

Vice-chancellor briefed the Board about the recommendation of the Committee constituted for the amendment of the academic regulations in view of the following:

- The input eligibility criterion has undergone dilution over the years. This has resulted in deterioration of the quality of students taking admission in technical education programmes
- It is widely felt that applying various filters results in congregation of weaker students. Consequently the focus of the academic standards is unconsciously determined by their standards rather than catering to the bright students.
- Although the percentages of failures in affiliated colleges of Punjab Technical University is in consonance with the statistics of the other universities, yet, the existing environment has threatened continuance of existing Regulations. Over the past few years, academic environment has been vitiated by handful of students which has resulted in loss of crucial academic days within each semester

The committee's report was discussed in detail and various pros and cons was also discussed in detail:

Following decisions were taken:

1. One man committee of Dr. R.S. Khandpur constituted in the 12th meeting of the BOG will study the recommendations of Kohli committee and bring the detail in the next meeting of the Board. The existing regulations and amendments as suggested by Kohli Committee, modification suggested by the Academic Council and recommendations of Dr. R. S. Khandpur will be brought to the next meeting of the Board.
2. Dr. Khandpur was requested by the Board to keep the quality of technical education, aspiration of the students and requirement of the industry in mind while making recommendation for the amendment in the academic regulations.

Item No. 15.13 **Any other item**

- (a) Re-designate the post of Sport Co-ordinator to Director (Sports)

Deferred

- (b) Hiring accommodation for Vice-Chancellor and Registrar, PTU

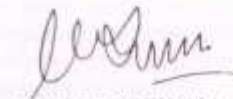
The Board approved the recommendation of Mr. Chandra Mohan Committee and also specifications for the Vice-Chancellor's and Registrar's residence as given in Annexure -2 item no. 15.13

The Board requested the Registrar to float tenders for hiring the accommodations based on the specifications given and put up a comparative statement with the recommendations of the Vice-Chancellor to the Chairman BOG for approval. BOG authorised Chairman to approve the maximum rent that could be sanctioned by the PTU for accommodation of Vice-Chancellor & Registrar

(c) Launch of E-Governance Project

Vice-Chancellor informed the Board about the inaugural lecture on E-governance & IT by His Excellency, President of India from Rashtrapati Bhawan on 25 August 2004. VC requested the Board members to make it convenient to be present at the launch site that will be Jalandhar, Ludhiana, Patiala, Gurdaspur and Mohali.

The meeting ended with vote of thanks to the Chair



(DR. M.S.GREWAL)
REGISTRAR