

PROCEEDINGS OF THE SEVENTH MEETING (SPECIAL) OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS, HELD UNDER THE CHAIRMANSHIP OF S. JAGDISH SINGH GARCHA HON'BLE MINISTER FOR TECHNICAL EDUCATION AT 3.00 PM ON WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 26, 2001 IN COMMITTEE ROOM OF PUNJAB TECHNICAL UNIVERSITY AT LADOWALI ROAD, JALANDHAR.

The following were present:-

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| 1. | S. Jagdish Singh Garcha
Hon'ble Minister for Technical Education | Chairman |
| 2. | Prof. H. S. Gurm
Vice Chancellor, PTU | Member |
| 3. | Shri Atamjit Singh Bawa
M/S Lotus Bawa.
Jalandhar | Member |
| 4. | Sh. R. S. Khandpur
CEDTI, A-34, Industrial Area
Phase VIII, SAS Nagar
Mohali | Member |
| 5. | Dr. S. S. Kooner
Principal, BCET, Gurdaspur | Member |
| 6. | Sh. A. S. Grewal
Director (Outreach), PTU | Member |
| 7. | Sh. S. K. Bhatia
Registrar, PTU | Secretary |

The following could not attend the meeting:

1. The Vice Chancellor, University of Roorkee, Roorkee
2. The Director, Indian Institute of Technology, Delhi
3. The Principal Secretary/Secretary to Govt. of Punjab Deptt. of Technical Education & Industrial Training.
4. The Principal Secretary/Secretary to Govt. of Punjab Deptt. of Finance.
5. The Chairman of the North-West Committee, All India Council for Technical Education, Chandigarh
6. The President, Confederation of Indian Industry or his nominee.
7. Sh. Rajinder Gupta M/S Varindera Agro Mills, Industrial Area, Focal Point, Ludhiana.

To start with, the Chairman welcomed the members of the newly constituted Board of Governors to the special meeting of the Board. He expressed the desire of an active participation of the members so as to assist in the growth of the University and give it a sound foundation. Further, he hoped that engineers and technologists in the State of Punjab will put in their best efforts to help Punjab Technical University in imparting state of art technical education in the country.

Vice Chancellor Prof. H.S. Gurm also welcomed the members to this important meeting of the Board, who enjoy enviable eminence in the field of industry, technology & technical education. The University shall richly benefit from their participation.

Sh. R. S. Khandpur shared his happiness of having been associated with the Board of Governors of the first Technical University of the country and hoped that PTU shall be instrumental in bringing about excellence in the field of Technical Education as PAU had done in the field of agriculture.

Dr. S. S. Kooner remarked that the working of University has improved a lot with the joining of Dr. H. S. Gurm as Vice Chancellor. He hoped that the VC will continue making efforts to further improve its working.

Thereafter, the agenda items were taken up for discussion and the following decisions were taken.

Item No. 1 Confirmation of the Proceedings of 6th Meeting of Board of Governors held on 16.10.1999

The Board confirmed the proceedings of sixth meeting of the Board of Governors. (Annexure - I).

Item No. 2 Inauguration of City Centre Complex of Punjab Technical University at Ladowali Road, Jalandhar

The Board welcomed the inauguration of City Centre Complex of PTU by S. Jagdish Singh Garcha Hon'ble Minister for Technical Education at Ladowali Road on 19th December 2001. At this point the Chairman gave detailed background of the difficulties

which had to be faced to reach the stage of the inauguration of this complex. The members of the Board appreciated the efforts made by the Chairman to make available the building for the extended functioning of the PTU.

Item No. 3 ✓ Review of the construction work of the Punjab Technical University campus at Kapurthala Road.

The Vice Chancellor gave detailed background of the steps initiated for the construction plan of the university campus on the Kapurthala Road wherein it was expressed how M/S Sachdeva Eggleston Associates, New Delhi were engaged to prepare the master plan of the campus of the university. However, in the light of deliberations in the construction committee appointed by Govt. of Punjab, it was resolved to initiate the process again but make payment of the work done by M/S Sachdeva Eggleston associates, New Delhi. Subsequently at the instance of the Hon'ble TEM, the firm gave presentation before the Hon'ble Chief Minister at his residence, where Hon'ble TEM, Chief Architect Punjab and his associates and the Vice Chancellor were also present. The Chief Minister was impressed with the presentation and ordered to go ahead with the construction of the campus. He expressed that it should be on a fast track.

After detailed discussions, the Board decided as under:

M/s Sachdeva Eggleston Associates, New Delhi be engaged as architects for the construction of the University campus on Kapurthala road. The rates and other terms & conditions may be settled with them after collecting the information from Guru Nanak Dev University, Amritsar whose construction plan was also prepared by them.

The following construction committee was constituted to conduct, monitor and supervise the construction work:

1. Vice Chancellor, Chairman
2. S. Atamjit Singh Bawa, member Board of Governors.
3. Sh. R.S. Khandpur, member Board of Governors
4. Chief Architect, Punjab
5. Registrar
6. Engineer of the University, Member Secretary

The Board also noted that foundation stone of the Punjab Technical University campus at Kapurthala road was laid by His Excellency the Governor of Punjab on 20.12.2001 and Sardar Jagdish Singh Garcha Hon'ble Minister for Technical Education presided over the function.

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Item No.4 To approve the Distance Education Programme of the University

The Vice Chancellor explained the magnitude & seriousness of the problem of dropouts in the schools and colleges in the rural areas which is a matter of concern for the Chief Minister of Punjab and apprised the members that its only solution lies in a healthy and well organised Distance Education Programme. Punjab Technical University has played a leading role by initiating a number of programmes in this direction which have taken technical education to the door steps of students residing in innermost corners of the country particularly in rural areas.

The Director (Outreach), Mr. A. S. Grewal apprised the members that programmes of PTU are economical when compared to the exorbitant fee being charged by commercial organisations like Aptech and NIIT and further the inputs in the shape of study materials etc. by PTU match the international standards. The expertise and knowledge of Professors of IITs is made available to the students so that they are imparted state of art instructions. Mr. Grewal also explained to the members that the University was within its prerogatives to award degrees and diplomas and to devise syllabi and course curriculum for these programmes. This view point of the University has already been vindicated by the Supreme Court of India.

Sardar Atamjit Singh Bawa referred to a news item in the Ajit regarding PTU Distance Education programmes, particularly where Sh. Ramoowalia had commented upon the creditability of such courses. However, at the end of these discussions, he expressed that the positive aspects of the programme must be highlighted so as to develop a proper credibility of our functioning.

concluding deliberations, the Board approved the steps initiated under the Distance Education Programme as detailed in the item alongwith the list of service providers with the following observations:-

Steps be taken to remove/clear the doubts in the mind of the students, their parents and public at large about the Distance Education Programme of the University and to counter negative propaganda so as to establish the credibility of the university.

Paid advertisements may be given in the news paper highlighting the University point of view, good points of the Distance Education Programme, the equivalence of the degrees and diplomas awarded by the PTU under this Programme with the degrees and diplomas of other universities.

Courses should conform to the overall structure of the degree system in the universities. The students passing out through the non-formal system should be able to join higher courses. If required, some bridge courses may also be introduced.

At this point the Vice Chancellor brought to the notice of the members of the Board that Hon'ble Minister for Technical Education accompanied by Director (Outreach) took a special trip covering some of the states in South. During this trip they monitored the development of study centres and interacted with service providers, controllers of technical education, vice chancellors and other functionaries in Hyderabad, Chennai, Kochin, Mumbai, etc. The trip undertaken by Hon'ble Minister in spite of his busy schedule in the interest of Distance Education Programme of the University is laudable. The Board appreciated the gesture and felt grateful for this act.

Item No. 5 ✓ To review the existing grade C & D staff and their placement.

The Board considered the matter in details and approved the following commendations of the Screening Committee constituted by the Vice Chancellor: -

- (a) The persons working against the posts of clerks, data entry operators, drivers, attendants, malis may be placed in regular scales.
- (b) All these employees be considered on probation for one year.

- (c) In addition to the above posts, persons, viz., JE, etc. who are in higher scale, may be considered for placement in respective scale after proper screening.

The Board further desired that statutory requirements regarding medical fitness and character verification of these employees may also be got completed within reasonable time.

The Board also observed that the following action will be taken by the University:

- (i) Creation of additional posts may be brought before the Board of Governors at its regular meeting through the Finance Committee.
- (ii) For further structuring of the staff, a hierarchical system be evolved, and senior positions be created and some of the present employees be given a chance to be placed in these positions on the basis of their experience, performance and capabilities. ✓

Item No. 6 Ratification of Extension in term of appointment of Vice Chancellor

The board ratified the extension in the term of appointment of Dr. H. S. Gurm as Vice Chancellor for a period of one year w.e.f. 12.07.2000.

Dr. H.S. Gurm did not participate in this decision.

The following items were placed before the Board with the permission of the chair.

Item No. 7 To determine the amount of remuneration and other conditions of service of the Vice Chancellor, PTU, Jalandhar.

It was brought to the notice of the Board that Vice Chancellors in all the Universities in the state are being allowed to draw pension, if any, in addition to the prescribed emoluments. The Board accordingly decided to recommend to the Chancellor that Prof. H. S. Gurm may also be allowed to draw pension in addition to his salary. The Board desired that these recommendations, supported by documentary evidence, be forwarded to the Chancellor for approval.

Dr. H. S. Gurm did not participate in this decision.


Item No. 8 To start Teaching and Research Activities in the PTU.

The Vice Chancellor brought to the notice of the members that although the university is now five years old, it has no teaching department so far. Although some of the colleges affiliated to the PTU are doing very well, but there is shortage of well trained and *qualified staff to cope with the new technologies*. In order to overcome the short coming and to establish centres of excellence, which will attract higher grade manpower and would be able to generate a synergy, the University needs to start teaching and research departments at its campus.

After considering the matter in detail, it was decided by the Board that University should proceed to take steps to implement such programmes for which the details be worked out, for their approval & implementation.

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the chair.

Dated : Dec. 26, 2001


Registrar
(Secretary)