

PROCEEDINGS OF THE NINTH MEETING OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS, HELD UNDER THE CHAIRMANSHIP OF SH. Y. S. RAJAN, CHAIRMAN, BOG & VICE CHANCELLOR PTU AT 11:00 AM ON WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 20, 2002 IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF HOTEL SHIVALIK VIEW, CHANDIGARH.

The following attended the meeting.

1. Shri Y. S. Rajan,, Chairman BOG
Vice Chancellor, PTU, Chairman
2. Shri K. R. Lakhanpal, Principal Secretary to Govt. of Punjab
Deptt. of Finance Member
3. Shri Karanbir Singh Sidhu, Secretary to Govt. of Punjab
Deptt. of Tech. Edu. & Indl. Trg. Member
4. Shri Chandra Mohan Member
5. Shri R. S. Khandpur Member
6. Shri Chetak Arun
Representative of President of CII
8. Dr. S. S. Kooner
Principal, BCET, Gurdaspur Member

leave of absence granted to

1. Professor Prem Vrat, Director
Indian Institute of Technology, Roorkee Member
2. Professor R. S. Sirohi, Director
Indian Institute of Technology
Hauz Khas, New Delhi Member
3. The Chairman
North-West Committee, AICTE, Chandigarh Member
4. Shri Atamjit Singh Bawa
Prop. M/S Lotus Bawa Company
Nakodar Road, Jalandhar Member
5. Shri Rajinder Gupta
Varindera Agro Mills, Industrial Area,
Focal Point, Ludhiana Member

pecial Invitee

1. Shri S. K. Sinha, IAS, Principal Secretary to CM (Pb.)
2. Smt. Romila Dubey, IAS, Principal Secretary to Govt. of Pb.
Deptt. of Cultural Affairs
3. Shri S. K. Bijlani

Before taking up the agenda items for discussion, Sh. Y. S. Rajan, Chairman, BOG & VC, PTU, Jalandhar welcomed the members and special invitees to the meeting of Board of Governors of PTU. He also welcomed Sh. S. K. Sinha, Principal Secretary to CM Punjab who specially came to convey the message of Hon'ble CM Punjab for the members of BOG. He also welcomed his immediate predecessor VC, Smt. Romila Dubey.

Shri Chandra Mohan, a senior member with vast experience in the field of technology and industry stated that PTU has a great role to play for economic and social development of Punjab and explained a few important elements as a background. He added that it is a great honour to the University to have Sh. Y. S. Rajan renowned personality in the field of technology and applications as its Vice Chancellor. The members warmly endorsed the statement and welcomed Sh. Y. S. Rajan as Vice Chancellor, PTU and Chairman, BOG.

Shri S. K. Sinha, Principal Secretary to CM (Pb.) read the message of the Hon'ble CM (Pb.) assuring all possible help and support to the Punjab Technical University, Jalandhar. (A copy of the full message is enclosed). He added that PTU can approach him any time for help or support.

Shri R. S. Khandpur, stated that he hopes with the joining of reputed Scientist as Vice Chancellor, there will be improvement in the quality of technical education and employment opportunities for the Graduates of the University. He said that improving quality and standards is the crucial task for PTU now.

Shri Karanbir Singh Sidhu, Secretary to Govt. of Punjab Department of Technical Education & Industrial Training welcomed Sh. Y. S. Rajan as Vice Chancellor of the University. He pointed out that PTU has one of the modern and responsive framework provided by the Act. It is necessary to take the full benefit of it and therefore there is a need to formulate Regulations, Statutes and other rules to run the University efficiently. The accounts and audited reports of the University also need be finalised and submitted to the government. He hoped that with the joining of new VC, necessary steps will be taken in this direction.

Dr. S. S. Kooner, stated that not all the criticism of the University being made by the colleges affiliated with the University is justified and most of them are not based on facts. However, the University needs to raise its standards. The University should have centralized research wing / library where the books are available for Ph.D. and M.Tech. students.

Shri Chetak, representative of President of CII stressed the necessity to have high quality technical education in Punjab. It is crucial attract investment in Punjab. Therefore, technical education should be looked at in its totality and PTU should play a key role.

Smt. Romila Dubey, immediately preceding VC, PTU and previous Principal Secretary to Govt. of Punjab, Deptt. of Tech. Edu. & Indl. Trg. stated that she hopes that under the able guidance of the new VC, the University will improve its image and initiate steps towards:

- i) Quality improvement in Technical Education and placement of students.

- ii) There is a shortage of qualified faculty in the colleges and the University will make effort to impress upon the colleges to recruit qualified faculty.

The Vice Chancellor assured at this point that all efforts will be made in this direction.

Shri S. K. Bijlani, special invitee stated that the lack of employment opportunities for PTU graduates is a great problem and University should take serious steps towards it. He further stated that the University should get a list of the alumni and be in constant touch with them. Their help may also be sought to solve this problem to some extent. He also pointed out that PTU can learn from experiences of other successful institutions such as BITS, Pilani.

At the conclusion of opening remarks by the members of the Board of Governors and special invitees the Board desired that University should show result in a time bound period by bringing improvements in its working and image making.

Item No. 2 **Review of Status of PTU**

i) **The affiliated Colleges.**

While presenting the data regarding the status of colleges and list of affiliated institutions, the Vice Chancellor brought to the notice of the members that he has written a detailed letter to all the colleges to have feed back and the feed back have been received from the most of the colleges. A brief write up is being prepared giving the important points raised by the colleges particularly the record of the placement of their students.

i) **Financial Resources**

Presenting the data regarding financial position of the University, the Vice Chancellor stated that as or now the University is in a reasonable financial position. He however, desired that the state government may release the grant as per its commitment in the PTU Act. This will be required for many new steps to be taken and more importantly it will give the high signals to people about PTU. He added that the amount released by the state government will be kept apart and will be used only for developmental work of the University as per the overall guidelines of BOG for such funds. Shri Lakharpal, Principal Secretary Finance said that he will consider the matter sympathetically.

i) **Court Cases**

The members of the Board noted the list of the pending court cases.

i) **Post Graduate Education**

The members of the Board felt that post graduate programmes need be accelerated while noting that at present only one college i.e. Guru Nanak Dev Engineering College, Ludhiana is offering post graduate courses. Members said that all colleges where suitable faculty is available, should be encouraged to offer PG courses. PTU may take urgent actions in this regard for the coming