

PROCEEDINGS OF THE 18TH MEETING OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS, PTU
HELD ON APRIL 25, 2005 AT 1530 HRS IN THE COMMITTEE ROOM, 6TH FLOOR,
PUNJAB CIVIL SECRETARIAT, CHANDIGARH

The Following were present in the meeting;

Shri Jai Singh Gill, IAS Chief Secretary to Govt. Of Punjab Chandigarh	Chairman
Dr. S.K. Salwan Vice Chancellor Punjab Technical University, Jalandhar	Member
Shri B.S.Sandhu, IAS Addl. Secretary Dept. of Finance Govt. of Punjab	Nominee
Shri K.K. Bhatnagar, IAS Principal Secretary to Govt. of Punjab Deptt. of Technical Education & Indl. Training, Punjab Chandigarh	Member
Dr.S.C.Vaidya Nominee CII-Northern Region Chandigarh	Member
Shri Chandra Mohan CMD 21 st Century Battery Ltd. Mohali	Member
Dr. R.S. Khandpur DG, Pushpa Gujral Science City Chandigarh	Member
Dr.S.C. Saxena Director Thaper Institute of Engg. & Technology Patiala	Member
Dr. M.S. Grewal Registrar Punjab Technical University Jalandhar	Registrar
Sh.N.S.Kaisi, IAS Secretary/Director-IT Govt. of Punjab Udyog Bhawan, Sector 17 Chandigarh	Special Invitee

Leave of absence granted to:

Prof. Prem Vrat
Director
IIT Roorkee

Member

Prof. D.P.Kothari
Director
IIT, New Delhi

Member

Prof. L.R.Verma
Nominee
North West Committee
AICTE Chandigarh

Member

Shri S.P.Oswal
Chairman-cum-Managing Director
Yardhaman Spinning Mills
Ludhiana

Member

Shri Rajinder Gupta
Managing Director, Abhishek Industries Ltd.
Ludhiana

Member

The Chairman, Shri Jai Singh Gill, welcomed the members

After this the regular agenda was taken up:

Item No. 18.1: To welcome and introduce the new members

At the outset the Vice Chancellor welcomed the new members and placed on record the services rendered by Sh.M.P.Kapoor & Sh.Atamjit Singh Bawa, the outgoing members, for the growth of PTU and technical education.

He then briefed the Board about the initiatives and activities undertaken by the PTU since the last meeting of the Board.

Annual Convocation

The 3rd annual convocation of the University was held at NIPER, Mohali on 17 Feb. 2005. The Hon'ble Chief Minister, Punjab was the chief guest. More than 200 students were awarded degrees in the convocation presided over by the Hon'ble Chairman of BOG. Lord Swaraj Paul of Capro Industries, UK was awarded honoris causa degree of Doctorate of Philosophy for his contributions in industrial development and education. Lord Swaraj Paul has offered a sum of Rs.5 crores for establishing state-of-the art centre of excellence in Materials and Manufacturing Technology at Kapurthala site of Punjab Technical University.

Examination Reforms

The Board has always felt that in order to improve the brand image of the University serious reforms must take place in the examination system of the



University. The University has continuously geared itself up to make the system of examination efficient, transparent and accountable to all the stake holders viz students, parents, institutions etc. Nine evaluation centers were created through out the State of Punjab where answer sheets were collected and evaluated after following due process of secrecy coding etc. For the first time, the University was able to publish all its results within 45 days of the examinations. In most of the cases, results were announced within 30 days. The results were communicated to all institutions through a locally designed Interanet facility on the PTU website. Our institutions have greatly appreciated the promptness of the University in publishing and communicating the results.

Report on Revitalizing Technical Education in the State of Punjab.

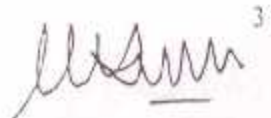
Hon'ble Minister for Technical Education had constituted a committee under my chairmanship for reviving technical education in the state of Punjab. The members included Professor R. S. Khandpur, Dr. Sharda, Dr. P. K. Bansal, nominees of AICTE & CII. Dr. V. K. Arora Dean (P&D) and Dr. R. P. Singh Dean (DEP) were co-opted. The committee submitted a comprehensive report thereby highlighting the concerns of technical education at degree and diploma level and has made long term recommendations for making the technical system more vibrant in the state of Punjab. The said report was released by the Hon'ble Minister on February 24, 2005. She also communicated her approval for implementation of full report. Accordingly, an action plan has been drafted by the Committee and the action plan for Polytechnic education in the State is almost ready and will be submitted to the Government shortly. The action plan for engineering education is being worked out in consultations with various agencies. The report was appreciated by the leading news papers, AICTE, eminent technocrats and Academicians.

Distinguished Lecture Series

As the Board is already aware that the University had started a scheme of Distinguished lecture series by eminent personalities in the field of education, research & Development. In the series few eminent personalities and distinguished scientists such as Dr. Prahlad, Mr. Goswami, Mr. R. N. Agarwal and other dignitaries were invited in PTU affiliated institutions for interacting with students and faculty and to make them aware of technological achievements that have taken place in the country recently.

Academic Audit

The University has seriously started the academic audit exercise of its affiliated institutions. So far the academic audit has been completed for almost 23 institutions. During the academic audit exercise certain deficiencies with regard to insufficient senior faculty, non-payment of prescribed salary, no transparency in utilization of development fund and other such issues have been brought to light which will be addressed after the whole exercise is completed. The University has also recovered more than Rs. 41.00 lacs of dues in affiliation fee as a result of the academic and financial audit.



CET - 2005

The University has been declared as the competent authority for making admissions in the state of Punjab for all institutions and Universities conducting courses in Engineering, Architecture and Pharmacy. A notification has been issued by the Government on April 6, 2005 and it has been decided that the Combined Entrance Test 2005 shall be held on 3rd June, 2005.

Revitalizing Distance Education

The University has conducted a thorough review of the distance education in which all the service providers and eminent experts in the field of Distance Education were invited in a National Conference held at Barog on 19 & 20.02.2004. Important issues had come out and the proceedings of the National Conference is being prepared for discussing at an appropriate forum within the University. The University has also constituted Distance Education Council under the chairmanship of Professor O. P. Bajpai, Director, NITTTR, Chandigarh. The inaugural meeting was held on April 5, 2005.

PTU Campus

The University is earnestly pursuing to hasten the process of selection of architect for PTU campus. It is expected that by May 2006, PTU will have atleast 75000 Sq.ft. of administrative space at the Kapurthala site of PTU.

Conference & Seminars

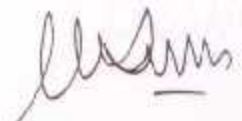
Under the overall patronage of the University, various institutions affiliated to PTU have taken initiative in organizing technological fest, conferences, seminars and industry institute meet at the national and international level. Some of the recently concluded seminars include:

1. Tech. Kriti organized by DAVIET, Jalandhar
2. A National Conference on Composite Materials organized by IET, Bhaddal.
3. A National Conference on Emerging Trends in Wireless Technology by SSIET, Derabassi.
4. A Seminar on Technological Developments in Communication Industry with WIPRO, IBM at LIT, Phagwara
5. An International Seminar with participation of delegates from SAARC countries on Emerging Management Practices in PCTE, Bhadowal.

The University is continuously encouraging institutions for organizing such meets which enhances the brand image of the University and adds to creation of new knowledge.

Sports Activity

During the past few months the University has organized various sports activities in its affiliated colleges. In 9 sports events, the University team has



participated in the Inter University tournaments. PTU has won bronze medal at Inter University Fencing tournament held at Punjabi University Patiala. The University organized its annual Athletic Meet at GNE Ludhiana during 11th and 12th March in which 45 teams participated in almost 57 athletic events.

Various other initiatives such as making administrative and financial regulations of the University, service conditions of employees, academic regulations for examinations, re-evaluation etc. shall be completed within a short time. PTU has also taken up a comprehensive exercise of preparing a vision document for the University. It shall be submitted to the Board.

Item No. 18.2: To confirm the proceedings of 17th Meeting of the BOG held on 17th November, 2004

The Registrar informed the members of the Board that there were no comments received from any of the members on the proceedings of the 17th meeting of Board of Governors held on 17.11.04. The Board confirmed the proceedings of the 17th meeting of the Board of Governors.

The BOG also noted the action taken report on the 17th meeting of the BOG

Item No. 18.3: To ratify the minutes of 19th meeting of Academic Council held on 26th December 2004.

19.10. To consider the proposed amendments in the rules of re-evaluation. The Academic Council deliberated on the issue and made the following recommendations for approval of the BOG.

- a) If the difference between the original award and award on re-evaluation is up to 25%, the higher of the two shall be awarded.
- b) If the difference between the original award and the award on re-evaluation is more than 25%, a second evaluator is to be appointed and higher of the two nearest awards shall be awarded

Board approved the amendment.

19.13 To consider the establishment of University Regional Centers in Pharmacy and Architecture. The Council felt that there was a need to establish Regional Centres in Pharmacy as well as in Architecture. The Council recommended to the University to start the same. It was felt that these Regional Centres should be monitored by the Committees appointed under item 19.7. There was no need for establishing Regional Centres in

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Management. The Regional Centres Co-ordination Committee/respective Council shall work out the details of implementation.

This is to be discussed in the Agenda 18.13 of the BOG.

Item No. 18.4: To approve the finance budget for the year 2005-2006 as recommended by 7th Finance Committee meeting held on 7th March 2005.

The revised Budget for the year 2004-05 and the Budget estimate for 2005-06 as placed at Annexure-V were considered by the Board. The Chairman noted the increase in deficit in Schedule-II of the Budget for the year 2005-06 but commended the surplus maintained in all other Schedules and desired that the University should continue to maintain this trend. On the observations made by Sh.B.S.Sandhu for the post auditing of the University Accounts, it was decided that since the University has been maintaining good accounting practices and the Govt. was not giving any grants, post audit through a CAG approved CA may be continued. The budget was finally passed by the Board and the revised estimates for 2004-05 and Budget estimates for the year 2005-06 as recommended by the Finance Committee was also approved by the Board.

Item No. 18.5: To deliberate on the recommendations of the Kalsi Committee on PTU Tele education and E-governance.

Sh. N. S. Kalsi, IAS, presented the report on Tele-education and E-Governance project of the University to the Board. He also informed the Board with a report which was placed on discussions with various officials of the University, the company, the Regional Learning Facilitation Centre and the Learning Centres where the Tele-education project was functioning. He also informed the Board that discussions were held with the students and faculty with respect to the content and delivery of lectures as well as the quality and content of printed materials delivered by the company. The salient recommendations were also presented.

The money provided to the Company was initially for development of infrastructure. Out of which, the Company created a studio, installed V-SATs at about 18 locations, hired bandwidth from a satellite to provide internet facility to the University and created a webportal and thereafter the Company gave a commitment that all centres with a student strength of more than 100 would be provided with V-SATs and 40 such locations were identified. However, the Company neither provided additional V-SATs nor covered remaining of the 40 locations as promised nor made any efforts for installing these additional V-SATs. Presently, the broadband connection is discontinued and most of their staff earlier worked with the Company has already left. He also informed that as per the MOU, the Company had to provide digital contents, CDs, etc for the course material but these were not supplied. Therefore, the University desired that the Company must provide books to their students since the contents and CDs were not made available to the students. He also informed that after lot persuasions, the Company provided Rs.76 lacs



worth of books and rest of the books were procured or the money was refunded to the students.

Sh. K. K. Bhatnagar pointed out that as per the report it appears that even the contents of the books was not on a good quality and certain lapses were made during the process of award of the project and, therefore it was necessary that such decisions are taken by the University through various committees through a transparent process. He also suggested in order to sort this matter out, the University must follow a two tier process: -

1. First deliberate and decide ways and missions to draw of an action plan for exit from the current agreement through proper legal and technical consultations.
2. The University may draw a plan to use the infrastructure and facilities already created by the company in a effective manner so that the money already spent on the project can be utilized for providing services to the students in the PTU system.

After detailed deliberations the Chairman desired that

1. The University first constitute a committee and draw a plan for alternatives to exit from the present agreement. The Committee may also hold discussions with legal and technical experts and provide a well laid out strategy to the Board for its consideration.
2. A detailed plan must be put in place so that the University can make optimum use of the facilities created through this project. He also desired that University may like to look into specific omissions during the award of the project and remedial action thereof.

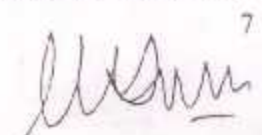
With these recommendations the Board desired that the matter may be taken up in the next meeting whenever the above is finalized.

Item No. 18.6 To Nominate members to the Academic Council.

The Vice Chancellor was requested to suggest a panel of eminent industrialists and technologists to the Board for nominating to the Academic Council.

Item No. 18.7 To approve the MoU with Lord Swraj Paul School of Manufacturing & Material Technology.

The Board was briefed about the MOU prepared by the University which has been vetted by the legal expert. It was informed that M/s.Caparo Group was particular about having their own Chairman as well as the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) who will be nominated by the Caparo Group. Deliberating on this issue, the Chairman said that the University is contributing almost equal amount in the form of land and the running cost in such a situation the MOU just cannot be a perpetually unilateral one. There has to be a balanced representations of both the parties. An alternative suggested was to let the CEO be appointed by M/s.Caparo Group but the Chairman's position should alternatively go to PTU and the Caparo Group. The first Chairman could be of M/s.Caparo Group. It was finally decided that on behalf of the Board the Vice



Chancellor and Sh.K.K.Bhatnagar are to finalize with M/s.Caparo for framing of MOU and other rules & regulations as are required for setting up this School.

Item No. 18.8 **To approve the recruitment of essential posts required in the University.**

The item was taken up by the Board with a note that the posts asked for had already been approved in the 17th Board Meeting held on 17.11.2004. VC may go ahead for recruitment against the sanctioned posts.

Item No. 18.9 **To approve the extension of UMC Standing Committee for a period of one year.**

The item was approved by the Board.

Item No. 18.10 **To approve the recommendations of Distance Education Council in respect of;**

(a) **Enhancement of share to the RLFCs & LCs**

After detailed discussions, the Chairman ruled that enhancement of the share to RLFCs and LCs is connected with the decision on tele-education and e-governance project which is pending and the University has been asked to prepare an action plan for further action on the Kalsi Committee Report. The decision in this regard is, therefore, deferred till the decision on e-governance and tele-education is taken. It was decided that the matter must be referred through the Finance Committee.

(b) **Starting certificate level skill based courses of 6-month duration.**

This item was approved

(c) **Starting MBA (Insurance) at BIMTECH, Gr.NOIDA under DEP.**

This item was approved

(d) **Constitution of Standing Committee of DEP for immediate decisions**

After detailed discussions, the Board was of the opinion that detailed justification on constitution of Standing Committee on DEP is to be submitted to the Board by the University clearly indicating its terms and references. The decision on this was deferred.

Item No. 18.11 **To brief the BOG about the release of report on "Revitalizing Tech. Education in the State of Punjab" and constitution of a Committee to make action plan for its implementation at degree, diploma and ITI level.**

The Board appreciated the report on "Revitalizing Technical Education in the State of Punjab" and noted its recommendations. As the report has already



been accepted by the Government of Punjab for implementation, the Vice Chancellor mentioned that there is a requirement of integration of education at ITI, Polytechnic and degree level for taking into account the disciplines, curriculum, industrial requirements and development of overall manpower. He further stated that PTU can take up this task provided a clear-cut policy can be laid down and the University role and responsibilities are clearly defined for ITI and Polytechnic level.

Mr.Chandra Mohan said that PTU is in the process of consolidating degree and post graduate courses and should not divert its resources for ITI and Polytechnic level education because there is an urgent need of reforming Engineering, Management and allied subjects education.

Chairman ruled that University may further study the report and bring its action plan in the next meeting of the Board for integration of degree, diploma and ITI level education.

Item No. 18.12 To brief the BOG about;

- (i) **The progress on construction of PTU Campus and**
- (ii) **To seek approval for construction of boundary wall.**

(i) The Board was apprised of the progress made about the construction of PTU Campus. It was informed that the selection of a final Architect has been recommended by the Committee constituted for this purpose and the same has been done as per the guidelines of the Council of Architecture. The Board desired that let the construction work be now taken up speedily. On recommendation of the Committee, the Board approved the following architect;

M/S.ARCHIGROUP ARCHITECT
5/304, SIKKA COMPLEXT, PREET VIHAR
COMMUNICATY CENTER, VIKAS MARG
NEW DELHI

- (ii) The Board was not agreeable on spending an amount of Rs.1 crore on boundary wall and suggested that let the construction work be first started and thereafter the issue of boundary wall if at all required, could be considered.

Item No. 18.13 To approve establishing University Regional Centres in Pharmacy and Architecture (M. Pharm & M. Arch.)

The Board approved establishing University Regional Centres in Pharmacy and Architecture(M.Pharm & M.Arch.)

Item No. 18.14 To brief the BOG about the present status on administrative and financial regulations.

The Board requested Principal Secretary, Technical Education to get the regulations approved by the Government at an early date. The regulations have



been forwarded to the Govt. vide University Letter No. 01.14.1 dt. 07.12.1997 and reminders 01.14.27 of 15.12.98 and 01.14.32 of 06.01.99 were also sent. Meanwhile the University could continue to function as per the draft regulations.

- Item No. 18.15 To brief the BOG about the running of programme of 2nd batch under Unnati Prayas Scheme of ONGC.

The Board considered the item and approved it.

- Item No. 18.16 To brief the BOG about conducting of Combined Entrance Test (CET-2005)

The Board noted the item and approved the same.

- Item No. 18.17 To approve the award of Ph.D degree candidates as recommended by the Academic Council and also to ratify the award approved by the Chairman BOG.

The Board ratified the award of Ph.D degree and also accepted the suggestion made by Dr.S.C.Saxena that in future comments of the examiner be also enclosed along with the ratification.

- Item No. 18.18 To brief the BOG about Sports Activities organized during Session 2004-2005

The Board noted the item and approved the same.

Supplementary Agenda

To ratify the recommendations of 20th meeting of Academic Council held on 20th April 2005 and approve certain items thereof.

1. Amendment in Academic Regulations 2004

- 1.1 In the matter regarding Attendance Rules – the present clause of 3.2.1 (iv) and 6.2 stands replaced.

The Board approved the following amendment:

“A student shall have to attend 75% of scheduled lectures together with Theory & Practical, otherwise he / she shall not be allowed to appear in that subject in the University exam. A student detained in the course (s) would be allowed to appear in the subsequent university exams only on having completed the attendance in the subject, when the course is offered as regular course (s), as per the rules.”

- 1.2 B.Arch and Town Planning Course – in general assessment regarding.

The Board approved the following amendment:



"Each paper shall be of 100 marks, out of which the candidate shall be examined for 50 marks on the basis of external paper setting & evaluation and remaining 50 marks in each paper shall be assigned to internal assessment."

2. Amendment of Examination Rules

2.1 Preservation of Records

The Board approved the following amendment:

- a. All the answer books shall be preserved by the University for six months from the date of declaration of the results. However, the answer books of the candidates whose results are pending due to UMCs / Court case etc. shall be preserved till the disposal of cases by the court.
- b. Cancelled DMCs / Degrees shall be preserved in the records for one year and subsequently these will be destroyed by a Committee constituted by the Vice Chancellor."

2.2 Identification of Answer Books

The Board approved the following amendment:

"A candidate will be permitted to see his / her answer-book(s) for identification only on payment of an additional fee of Rs.200/- per answer book during working hours on a written request made within 30 days from the date of declaration of result of re-evaluation. Candidate has no right, whatsoever, to challenge the evaluation."

2.3 Period of disqualification in case of UMC

The Board approved the following amendment:

"Disqualification period is to be decided in terms of 'Semester' instead of 'year' under Regulation 11.1 of Chapter XVI."

Item No. 18.19 Any other points with the permission of the Chair.

(i) Approval of SLIET regulations

The Board took note of amended regulations of SLIET, Longowal as forwarded vide SLIET/DIR/1576 dated 21.04.2005 and approved the adoption of PTU Regulations-2004 by SLIET, Longowal with effect from date of approval i.e. 21.04.05.



(ii) Before concluding, the Chairman desired that the following agenda items be brought in the next meeting which could be called within a month.

1. To deliberate on the recommendations of the Kalsi Committee on PTU Tele-education and E-governance.
2. To approve the MOU with Lord Swraj Paul School of Manufacturing & Material Technology.
3. The progress made with regard to selection of Architect and construction of PTU Campus.

Since there were no more points, the meeting ended with vote of thanks to the Chair


(DR. M.S.GREWAL)
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