

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE 19TH MEETING OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS, PTU
HELD ON JUNE 22, 2005 AT 1100 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 K.K. Bhatnagar, IAS Principal Secretary to Govt. of Punjab Deptt. of Technical Education & Indl. Training, Punjab Chandigarh	Member
Shri Kumar Rahul, IAS Addl. Secretary Dept. of Finance Govt. of Punjab	Nominee of the Principal Secretary, Finance, Punjab
Prof. L.R. Verma Chairman North West Committee AICTE Chandigarh	Member
Dr.S.C.Vaidya CII-Northern Region Chandigarh	Member
Shri Chandra Mohan CMD 21 st Century Battery Ltd. Mohali	Member
Shri S.P.Oswal Chairman-cum-Managing Director Vardhaman Spinning Mills Ludhiana	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	Secretary

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Leave of absence granted to:

Prof. Prem Vrat
Director
IIT Roorkee

Member

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

Member

Shri Rajinder Gupta
Managing Director
Abhishek Industries Ltd.
Ludhiana

Member

The Chairman, Shri Jai Singh Gill, welcomed the new members of the newly re-constituted Board of Governors who were attending the meeting first time.

1. Prof. L.R.Verma, Vice Chancellor, HP University & Chairman, North-West Region, AICTE
2. Sh. S.P. Oswal, Chairman and Managing Director, Oswal Group of Industries

19.0 Briefing by the Vice Chancellor.

The Vice Chancellor briefed the Board about the activities of the University since last meeting.

Examination reforms

The University has taken adequate steps in order to declare the results at an early date. This will also enable the students in placement to apply to various vacancies being advertised. The University has also cleared the backlog of the degrees in respect of students graduated in 2004 and prior to 2004.



NSS, Sports and Cultural Activities

A total of 4000 PTU students have been adopted in NSS activities and 40 units have been allocated to PTU. These units have been evenly distributed through a Council for NSS activities. The Council of Principals will monitor the NSS activities of the University.

Agreement with Canadian Institute for International Studies (CIIS), Mohali

In the year 2003, PTU had signed a MoU with CIIS, Mohali, an institute imparting education in computer science and management. The Institute is following the curriculum of Georgian University College, Canada which have been vetted as equivalent to the curriculum of PTU. Under this agreement, the students of this institute may opt for PTU degree of BCA by taking PTU regular examination. It is proposed to extend the programme for the BBA course also.

The members deliberated on the issue and maintained that award of dual degree must correspond to our own syllabi and regular examination of the University. In the present case, the students were already following the said course in the Institute, which had seven years of establishment. The MoU for BCA had been signed in the year 2003 and presently the same is being considered for extending it to BBA. It was decided to maintain the status quo on the issue and bring the issue to the next meeting of the Board.

Academic Audit

The academic audit initiated by the University last year had been conducted for the affiliated colleges and in the process the weaknesses and the strengths of the colleges are being brought out by the expert team visited for the academic audit. This has enabled the institutes to correct themselves in the field of technical education and bring quality to it. This has also helped the University to bring up to date financial audit of the colleges and the dues to the University. The result of the academic audit indicates that the colleges are now advertising the faculty positions with proper AICTE norms. The report of the academic audit has also helped us in arriving at the recommendations for enhancement/reducing the seats and recommending commencement of the new colleges to AICTE.



After this the regular agenda was taken up:

19.1 To confirm the proceedings of 18th Meeting of the BOG held on 25th April 2005.

The Registrar informed the Board that no comments had been received from any members of the BOG on the proceedings of the 18th meeting held on 25.04.2005 and recommended the Board to confirm the proceedings. The members confirmed the proceedings. The action taken report as given in the Agenda was presented by the Vice Chancellor and the Board expressed satisfaction and noted the action taken.

19.2 Summary on Action Taken Report.

As requested in the agenda of the Board meeting under item 18.6, the Board nominated the following members to the Academic Council:

1. Dr.V.P. Sandlas, Distinguished Scientist & Chief Controller (R&D) (Retd.)
2. Dr.A.S.Bains, Outstanding Scientist, 23-A, Vikas Loh, New Sahastradhara Road, Dehradun.
3. Mr.Ashok Gupta, Steel Industries, Jalandhar
4. Sh.Satish Bargodia, CMD, Winsome Group.

The Board approved the implementation of PTU Academic Regulations-2004 as applicable to SLIET, Longowal as given in Agenda 18.19 and approved the applicability of the regulations with effect from session August, 2004. This was accepted as this has been approved by the competent authority of the Institute as intimated vide their letter No.SLIET/Dir/1588 dated 13.05.2005.

19.3 To approve the Draft MoU with Lord Swraj Paul School of Manufacturing & Material Technology.

The Board approved the draft MoU with modification as given below and also authorized Sh.K.K. Bhatnagar, IAS, Principal Secretary, Technical Education,



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Punjab and Dr.S.K. Salwan, Vice Chancellor, PTU to sign the MoA and MoU with the amendment approved by the Board with M/s.Caparo Industries, UK (Lord Swraj Paul).

- Delete word '**existing**' appeared on page 36 under Point A, Bullet 4.
- Insert word '**reasonable**' in between '**every & form**' appeared in page 38 in Bullet 2.
- Delete the sentence after Society '**under the overall supervision of the Chairman of the Society**' appeared in page 52 under Point 5, Para 1.

The Board approved the following:

- a) The lease of 10 acres of land of PTU-Caparo Society
- b) The cost of the land to be assessed as per DC rates.
- c) PSTE, Punjab and VC, PTU to finalize MoA and MoU and is also authorised to sign the agreement on behalf of the Board with M/s.Caparo on 3rd July, 2005
- d) The members of the Society and the Governing Council will be in the ratio of 4:4.
- e) The Chairman of the Society to be nominated out of the four members of the Caparo Group.
- f) VC, PTU in consultation with PSTE, Punjab may nominate the four members of the PTU-Caparo Society and four members in the Governing Body.
- g) Use of word 'Director' may be replaced with 'CEO' in consultation with Caparo.



- h) The bye-laws of the Society will be framed in consultation with legal expert and will be approved by PSTE, Punjab and VC, PTU.

19.4 To brief the BOG about conduct of Combined Entrance Test-2005 (CET-2005)

1. The VC briefed the Board on the complete details of CET-2005 and declaration of the results on 11.06.2005 and the mistake thereof. He also explained the reasons for declaration of result which was not correct and the re-examination of the answer books and re-declaration of result on 26.06.2006, the details of which are given in Agenda 19.4.

The Board took the following decision:

- i) The Board expressed its concern for not taking a proper care before declaring the result on 11.06.2005.
- ii) PTU to identify, if there has been any particular person or persons responsible for this mistake and also to fix the responsibility for the mistake and take action as deemed necessary so that such mistake are not committed in future.
- iii) To make standard operating procedure and check point in case of evaluation of OMR sheet, conduct of examination and declaration of the result. Such operating procedures must be fool-proof and must be able to identify any un-intended/intended mistake getting into the procedure.
- iv) All out effort should be taken to re-build the confidence on the examination system of the University.

19.5 To brief the BOG about the tele-education project, action taken and future plans.

Dean DEP briefed the members on the Kalsi committee and expert committee for report of evaluation of the situation in Mindlogicx case. The Board observed that few members who could not attend the earlier meeting were not aware of the chronology of events which have taken place on this issue.



It was therefore, desired by the Board that the University may send the following documents to each member of the Board containing the following: -

- a) A brief of the Kalsi Committee report.
- b) Full report of the Independent Committee
- c) A copy of the original and amended agreement signed between Mindlogicx and the University.
- d) Few of the relevant correspondences between the company and the University.

The Board desired that certain issues are required to be considered before making a final decision regarding issue of Tele-education and E-Governance project: -

1. Payment schedule and details of payment made and service provider to the University.
2. Legal pros and cons in ordering an exit from the arrangement.
3. Procedure to be adopted for exit
4. Alternatives If any
5. Procedure for making optimal use of the facilities, which has been created by the company.

It was also decided that once a complete proposal is put up to the board and after all members had an opportunity to go through the pertinent documents, the Board will further deliberate the issue in its next meeting and arrive at a decision for future course of action to be taken with regard to Tele-education and E-governance project.

19.6 To approve the revision of percentage of the share to the Regional Learning & Facilitation Centre (RLFCs)

The matter regarding increase of share of RLFCs was considered by the BOG. It was informed that the government has already issued an executive order for providing for performance-based system of share distribution to be implemented retrospectively from July 2003. It was also informed that the matter was considered by the Finance committee and Distance Education Council and their recommendations are given in agenda.

The board felt that from July 2003 session to Feb. 2004 session the University was regularly paying 12.5% share to the support service provider for Tele-education and E-governance project. The said share was being given out of the share of the University as well as the Regional Learning & Facilitation Centre. After July 2004 no payment was released to the support service provider and the 12.5% share was still with the University.

In view of the above the Board decided that since the University has paid respective shares to the RLFCs and the support service provider i.e. Mindlogicx, there was no money in the account of the University which can be paid as a consequence of the Government letter. It was, therefore, approved that the government letter may be given effect to from the session July 2004 when further payments to Mindlogicx was stopped.

Board approved payment of share of 22%, 20% & 18% based on the performance as recommended by Finance Committee & Distance Education Council from the session July 2004 to the RLFCs.

19.7 To consider the cases of those students who have completed the maximum limit i.e. six years for B.Tech & other degree courses.

The Registrar briefed evolution of the academic rules from the time of enactment of the University giving step by step changes made in the same and their applicability mutatis mutandis to B.Pharm, BBA/BCA & MBA/MCA.

The students admitted to B.Tech/B.E courses were required to take examinations under the semester system and pass the same within a maximum period of six years. This limit had been prescribed by the University on the recommendations of the Academic Bodies

The Board members deliberated on the issue and decided that:

- a) It was utmost for the University to build its credibility
- b) The University should be seen as a strong institution

- c) The board did not approve of any extra chance to be given after the maximum time available had exhausted. Board did not approve any change in the maximum time limit applicable.

19.8 To brief the BOG about the progress on construction of PTU Campus

The Registrar briefed the Board that the BOG Committee for construction of PTU Campus at Kapurthala Site had selected M/s.Archigroup Architects, Vikas Marg, New Delhi. Subsequently, the Architects had interacted with the University staff and the BOG Committee to modify the draft design as per the requirement of the University. The Registrar also informed the BOG that 'expression of interest' had been advertised for hiring the services of a builder. In response, 13 applications had been received which were analysed by the BOG Committee and five applicants had been short-listed. The comparative chart of the 13 applicants had been included in the Agenda. Minutes of the BOG Committee meeting were also placed in the Agenda as Appendix-J.

The members identified the following points to be incorporated by the architect selected.

Additional points with the permission of the Board:

- a) Use of minimal staff for support service.
- b) Maximum utilization of the technology available.
- c) Design of the master plan must keep in mind the futuristic requirement as also limited resources with the University. It was felt that the University should have Convention Centre in the early stage. This may be constructed in Phase-II.

The Board approved the following:

- a) Changes in the master plan to create space for additional buildings as alternatives for future. This, the members deliberated, could be through doubling the spaces of the Schools without disturbing the front view.
- b) Appointment of Construction Management Group for full time supervision of the construction work. The Board authorized the BOG Committee for construction to finalize hiring of such service provider.

- c) The Board did not approve an agency for checking of structural stability. It was deliberated and accepted to be a function of the Architects and the Architects must certify such structural stability.
- d) After discussion with the Architects, the Board approved construction of 135000 sq. ft area in Phase-I. This would comprise of the Administration Block and half of the Examination Block. In addition, such construction as would be necessary for housing services for construction of the buildings was also approved by the Board.
- e) The Board deliberated on the schedule as given in the Agenda point and it was realized that the schedule as recommended was slightly optimistic. Practically, the construction of 135000 sq. ft would take approximately one year from the date of start of the work. Going by the present schedule, Phase-I would be complete by 19.10.2006. The Board agreed to this amended schedule.

19.9 Any other points with the permission of the Chair.

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


(DR. M.S.GREWAL)
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