

PROCEEDINGS OF THE 24TH MEETING OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS, PTU
HELD ON NOVEMBER 20, 2006 AT 1230 HRS IN THE COMMITTEE ROOM, 6TH
FLOOR, PUNJAB CIVIL SECRETARIAT, CHANDIGARH

The following were present

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

Sh. P. Ram, IAS
Principal Secretary to Government of Punjab
Department of Technical Education & Industrial Training
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Professor L.R. Verma
Vice-Chancellor
Himachal Pradesh University
Summer Hill
Shimla (H.P.)

Shri B. S. Sandhu, IAS
(Nominee)
Principal Secretary to Government of Punjab
Department of Finance
Civil Secretariat
Chandigarh

Dr. Abhijeet Mukherjee
Director
Thapar Institute of Engineering & Technology
Patiala

Dr. V.K. Arora
Registrar
Punjab Technical University
Jalandhar

In the absence of the Chairman, the Vice-Chancellor was authorized to preside over the meeting vide Clause 5 of Meetings of Annexure VI of PTU Act (page 39) which is reproduced as under:

"The Chairman, if present, shall preside at every meeting of the Board. In his absence, the Vice-Chancellor shall preside over the meeting."

Thereafter the regular agenda was taken up

24.1 To confirm the proceedings of 23rd Meeting of the BOG.

The members were informed that the minutes of the BOG meeting held on 9th August, 2006 had been circulated. There were no written comments received on the minutes. The Board confirmed the minutes.

24.2 Summary on Action Taken Report.

The Registrar briefed the members on Action Taken on the agenda. The action taken was noted.

24.3 To brief about activities in the University.

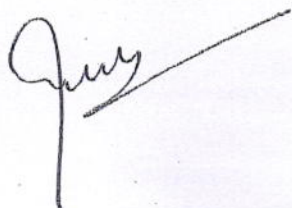
The Vice Chancellor briefed about the various activities undertaken by the University during the last 3 months. During this period, the University had affiliated eight new colleges which includes one college of Engineering, one college of Pharmacy and six colleges of management. Various new courses such as B.Sc. (Bio Technology), B.Sc. (Hotel Management and Catering Technology), B.Sc. (Media Entertainment and Film Technology), M.Sc.(Medical Lab Technology), M. Pharm (Pharmaceutical Chemistry), M. Pharm (Pharmacognosy), M. Pharm (Pharmaceutics) were taken up during this year.

The board was informed that the admissions this year have also been shown a significant improvement over last year. More than 70% of the seats were filled up through the Counselling conducted by the University and the seats under management quota also got filled up.

Besides the academic activities, the University has given significant importance to social and cultural activities. Inter-zonal youth festival was organized from 7th to 9th November, 2006 in four zones simultaneously. More than 50 institutes participated in this festival. As many as 18 events and sports were conducted during this part of academic year. These events had witnessed a significant growth both in terms of participation of students as well as the number of activities organized by the University.

Sh. P. Ram, IAS emphasized that colleges be directed to encourage participation of youths in activities like NCC and NSS and the progress made by them in these activities be informed to the Government on a regular basis. Dean (E) was requested to prepare a proposal for funding of such activities from Central / State Govt.

Another salient feature of the University has been the record number of placements made during this year. More than 80 % of the students were taken by leading national and international multinational corporations. Major

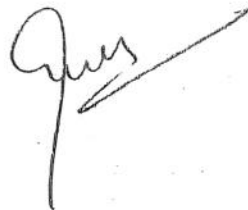


companies such as Wipro, Crompton Greaves, IBM, HCL, Infosys, ST Microelectronics, Satyam, L&T etc. had chosen the students for placement.

The distance education program under the University have also shown a significant improvement. The reforms and the monitoring process undertaken have brought qualitative improvement. Moreover, 60,000 students are now being enrolled under this system. Like-wise, PTU DEP examination system was also equally responsive to take up latest reforms. The examinations were conducted in more than 200 examinations centres without any major problem.

It was informed to the Board about late approval of one particular institution in the state of Punjab and the notification of the Government vide letter No. 13/11/06.ITE2/3842 dated 27.10.2006. It was also informed that the University had mentioned the implications of notification vide letter of the Vice Chancellor No. PTU / VC / 1875 dated 02.11.2006. The Principal Secretary had convened a meeting in the presence of officials of the Government, Registrar & VC of the University. It was resolved that henceforth the government shall not consider or notify any institution for which approval of the AICTE is received after a specified date or after the counseling is over. The Principal Secretary also informed that the problems faced by the Government for accommodating such institution where approval is forwarded by the AICTE just a few days before the admissions are closed has been discussed and apprised to the Vice Chairman of the AICTE. It was felt that the institution concerned after having invested a large sum of money pressurize the government to safeguard one academic year and pleads that their investment be safeguarded. The Vice Chancellor also informed that having issued the notification the University has to complete entire formalities of affiliation. In doing so, the last date is over and the University can only accommodate students after the affiliation is formally granted. Admissions made before the process is completed, in anticipation is therefore not a healthy practice and such situations must be avoided in future. The University also informed that there are certain other institutions also who have admitted students in anticipation of approval of the AICTE / University and any decision taken in respect of a single institution shall eventually be applied across the board to all similarly placed institutions. The Board, therefore, decided the following: -

1. For all similarly placed institutions where approval of AICTE / University was accorded late, the affiliation may be granted as a one time measure for the session 2006-07.
2. For all such cases, the last date of admission shall be administratively considered as October 31st, 2006. Admissions which have taken place before the said last date only, be regularized by the University.
3. The Deans Committee of the University shall decide a penalty for such institutions based on a criteria so that such instances are not repeated in future. A strict notice of warning should be issued to institutions who have admitted students over and above the intake fixed by the University in violations of the rules, in addition to the penalty.



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4. From the Academic Session 2007-08, all concerned may be informed that the last date for receiving approvals shall be fixed in consultation with the Government and communicated in advance to the AICTE.

The Vice Chancellor informed the Board about the initiatives and contributions of the Principal Secretary and his department in providing free bus passes to the students of Distance Education Programme. He also informed that only due to his efforts, the students of Distance Education who belong to economically weaker under privileged sections of the society, have been provided the unique opportunity to travel by PRTC as well as Punjab Roadways buses anywhere without any charges. The Principal Secretary has been very supportive of the social cause which the University was undertaking by increasing access of education to SC / ST students in the state. It was only due to his effort alone, that the scholarship scheme of the Central Govt. has been extended to include distance education student belonging to SC / ST. Through this scheme the SC / ST students under distance education will be reimbursed their entire tuition fees for pursuing their higher education. The Board appreciated the efforts of the Principal Secretary Sh. P. Ram, IAS for this contributions.

24.4 To brief about the progress of Construction work of PTU Campus at Kapurthala site.

The members took note of the progress made in the construction of PTU campus and appreciated the efforts taken to cut down the period of delay.

24.5 To present the proceedings of 26th & 27th meeting of Academic Council and to approve key issues.

The board took note of proceedings of the 26th and 27th Academic Council in general and in particular the following were approved:

1. Fees structure and eligibility conditions of the new courses.

The Board approved the fees structure as recommended by the Academic Council vide Item No. 26.7 of the 26th Academic Council.

2. Regulations for M. Pharm

The Board approved the Regulations for M. Pharm as recommended by the Academic Council vide Item No. 27.8 of the 27th Academic Council

3. Amendments in Academic Regulations – 2004

The Board approved the following amendments in Academic Regulations – 2004 as recommended by the Academic Council vide Item No. 27.11 of the 27th Academic Council :

Academic Regulations – 2004	Amended Academic Regulations – 2004
5.1.10 "There shall be no reappear in the sessional / internal assessment of Theory and Practical subjects. The marks obtained by the students in sessionals/ internal assessment of both Theory and Practical shall be added as such to the	There will be reappear in sessional / internal assessment of Theory and Practical subjects. The students will be required to pass separately in internal / sessional and external securing 40% marks.

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marks obtained in written theory and External practical examinations respectively."

4. Amendments in Academic Regulations of SLIET, Longowal and syllabi of B. E. (IT)

The Board approved the amendments in Regulations of SLIET and syllabi for B.E. (IT) as recommended by the Academic Council vide Item No. 27.12 of the 27th Academic Council

24.6 To approve constitution of UMC committee.

The Board approved the constitution of the following committee:

1. Retd. Judge of Sessions Court or Any other Persons (to be nominated by VC)
2. Lt. Gen Surjit Singh Sangra, PVSM, AVSM
3. Dr. Siby John, Professor, Civil Engineering, PEC, Chandigarh
4. Dr. M.S. Grewal, Former Registrar, PTU

24.7 To approve the committee to frame Cadre Recruitment Regulations of the staff of the university as per approved cadres.

The Board desired that the Committee for framing cadre recruitment rules must be progressive in nature and must keep in mind the rules and responsibilities of the University in the changing scenario of higher education. It must also keep in mind the structure of the organization to meet the challenges of 21st century. The Board desired that Sh. Chandra Mohan be consulted to co-opt a few members for framing a progressive cadre recruitment Regulations for the University. The Vice Chancellor was authorized to formulate the committee in consultation with Mr. Chandra Mohan.

24.8 To approve award of Ph. D Degrees

The Board approved the recommendation of Academic Council meeting held on 10th November, 2006 under items number 27.9 for award of Ph.D. degree to the following candidates

Sr. No.	Name of the candidate	Title of the thesis	Year of enrolment
1.	Mr. Amritpal Singh	Permeability and strength characteristics of steel fiber reinforced concrete.	2000
2.	Mrs. Veena Sharma	Investigation using neural network optimizer for scheduling multi reservoirs system.	2002

It was desired that in future, the research work having real practical outcome in the form of some product or with applicability in real life be encouraged. Research outcome in the form of designs, patent etc. be encouraged.