

PROCEEDINGS OF THE 25TH MEETING OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNOR
PTU HELD ON MARCH 27, 2007 AT 1230 HRS IN THE PUNJAB
BHAWAN, SECTOR-3, CHANDIGARH.

The following were present:

Sh. RameshINDER Singh, IAS
Chief Secretary,
Govt. of Punjab

Chairman

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

Sh. P. Ram, IAS
Principal Secretary to Government of Punjab
Department of TE&IT
Chandigarh

Sh. Chandra Mohan
H. No. 202, Sector 36-A
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Chandigarh

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

Sh. B. S. Sandhu, IAS
Secretary to Govt. of Punjab
Department of Finance
Civil Secretariat
Chandigarh

Dr. V. K. Arora
Registrar
PTU, Jalandhar

Dr. R. P. Singh
Dean (DEP)
PTU, Jalandhar

Special Invitee



25.1

Welcome and briefing by the Vice-Chancellor

Vice-Chancellor welcomed the new Chairman and members of the Board were introduced to him. Vice-Chancellor informed the Board that H.E the Chancellor has extended the tenure of the Vice-Chancellor for an another term of three years vide letter No. No PRB-2G-2002 (FTU/9860-63 dated 7th December 2006. He expressed his gratitude to the Board for reposing confidence in him and assured the Board that he will do his best and live up of the expectations of the Board.

25.1-A

To confirm the proceedings of 24th Meeting of the BOG.

The members were informed that the minutes of the BOG meeting held on 20th November 2006 were circulated. There were no written comments received on the minutes. The Board confirmed the minutes.

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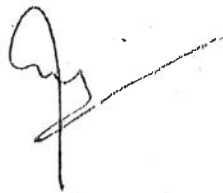
Summary on Action Taken Report

The Board was briefed about the Action Taken on the agenda. The actions taken were noted.

25.3

To approve Revised Budget for the year 2006-07 and Budget for the year 2007-08 as recommended by the Finance Committee in its 12th meeting held on 23rd March, 2007.

Registrar briefed about the various sources of income for the University and also the expenditure incurred under various heads. The major increase was seen in the capital budget because of the construction of PTU Campus at Jalandhar-Kapurthala highway. Phase-I of Campus was in advanced stage of its completion. The budget estimates as placed at **Annexure-I** for the year 2007-08 and the revised budget of 2006-07 was approved by the Board.



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Creation of corpus fund Rs. 10 Cr for the University was also approved. All out efforts must be put to create the corpus fund during next three years.

Minutes of the 12th meeting of the Finance Committee were placed before the Board and were approved. The board also approved the grant of annual increments as due to the staff and the proportionate increase in salary for the staff working on adhoc/fixed salary as recommended by the Finance Committee with the stipulation that the status of staff shall remain unchanged. Minutes of the Finance committee is placed at

Annexure-II

25.4

Brief on the Adhoc Staff

The Vice Chancellor briefed the board about the current status of employees working in the university. The brief is given in the agenda item No 25.1, the uncertainty caused due to adhoc status of the staff has affected the university functioning, its stability and morale of the employees. After discussions, it was decided as under:

Decision about the employees must conform to the procedures laid down by the Hon'ble Supreme Court and the policy of Punjab Government in this regard. In view of this it is not possible to regularize the staff without following the basic norms of transparency and equal opportunity to all. The BOG, therefore, decided as under:

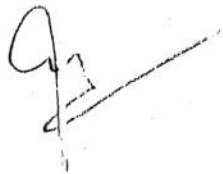
- 1) VC is authorized to advertise and fill up the sanctioned posts. All posts be filled through regular selection process after advertisement.



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2) The existing adhoc/ contractual /fixed salary staff can also apply along with other candidates. However, the following relaxations were approved for the existing staff.

- a) Relaxation of the age to the extent of years of service rendered by them in the University.
 - b) No relaxation whatsoever shall be given so far as qualifications against the post are concerned.
 - c) As far as requirement of skill criteria /trade test etc. is concerned if they are found to be falling short of it they must be asked to fulfill it within a period of one year provided they are otherwise found suitable. Till this period they will ^{be} governed by contractual terms of appointment.
 - d) If the individual is not fulfilling the requisite criteria or requirements for the post he / she may be considered for the lower post if so willing provided he/ she is otherwise found suitable by the committee.
 - e) Weightage will also be given for the staff for their having been engaged for work in the university for significant period. (Reference CWP No. 3595-3612 of 1999, Secretary, State of Karnataka and others Versus Umadevi and others, Date of Judgement 10.04.2006)
- 3 Some short term requirements of staff for development / projects and for the work of secrecy of examination etc. can be met through contractual appointment.
- 4 Necessary vigilance clearance/ police verification will be taken before the letter of appointment is issued to the selected persons.



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25.5

Brief on Construction of PTU Campus.

The Registrar briefed the Board about the construction of PTU Campus coming up at Jalandhar-Kapurthala Highway on a plot of land measuring 78.15 acres. Phase-I of the construction comprising of G+3 storey (ground plus three storeys) front block is likely to be completed by June-2007. Simultaneously the construction was going on for Phase-II which would take about 10-12 months. The construction is being continuously monitored by the Standing Committee constituted under the Chairmanship of Principal Secretary, Technical Education & Industrial Training.

It was approved that a proposal for infrastructure grant of Rs. 30 Cr. for construction of PTU Campus be sent to the Government, as a one-time expenditure.

25.6

Ratification of the decisions taken by the Chairman.

The Board ratified the decisions taken by the then chairman, BOG as per details given as under:

Name	Branch		Sem.	College/ University	
	From	To		From	To
Mr. Gopal Sharma	B.Sc (HMCT)	B.Sc (ATHM)	2 nd	Chitkara School of Hospitality, Technology & Management Jaisla	ITFT Chandigarh
Mr. Gaurav Bhatia	B.Sc (HMCT)	B.Sc (ATHM)	2 nd	Chitkara School of Hospitality, Technology & Management Jaisla	ITFT Chandigarh
Mr. Atul	B.Tech ECE	B.Tech ECE	4 th	GTU KIET, Chhapinawall	RIET, Phagwara
Mr Gurmeet Singh Randhawa	B.Tech CSE	B.Tech CSE	3 rd	GC SCET, Talwandi Sabo	BBKSJCET Amritsar
Ms. Sunaina Joshi	B.Tech EE	B.Tech CSE	2 nd	DAVIET Jalandhar	RBI&B Kharar
Ms. Ashima Mittal	B.Arch	B.Arch	1 st	GNOU Amritsar	GZSCET Bathinda

Nitish
Bhargava
B-Tech
Civil

17/11/06
Dr. Lal Bahadur Shastri
Rampachan Jaintia

Phagwara

Joshi

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Distance Education Brief and ratification of the recommendations of DEC Council, Sub-Committee of Board and approved by the Chairman, BOG.

Dean, Distance Education Program me gave a presentation about the status and growth of Distance Education. Appreciating the outreach of Distance Education to a vast segment of society, the recommendations of the Sub-Committee of the Board on Review Report was approved. The recommendations are annexed at

Annexure-III It was suggested that :

- (i) RLFCs & the Study Centres be prepared to undertake on-line interactive sessions to be organized between the faculty & students. To begin with States of Punjab and Haryana be covered. Possibility of tie-up with the Punjabi TV Channels may also be explored in this regard.
- (ii) Availability of qualified teachers be ensured in rural areas for which a central pool of qualified faculty could be created. Provision of mobile teachers must also be considered.
- (iii) The infrastructure and other facilities created under Distance Education could be made use to supplement regular mode of education.
- (iv) Placement Cells be setup to provide guidance and opportunity for various employment avenues available to the students.
- (v) The Board appreciated the performance of distance education and the revenue it was generating for the sustenance of the University and desired that the quality of teaching learning should be further strengthened.

Briefing on the affairs of the University.

Vice-Chancellor briefed the Board about the salient achievements and salient activities of the University which included Introduction of New Courses, Review of Syllabi, Quality Improvement, Faculty Development Programmes, Industry-Institute tie up, Scholarship for SC/ST students and MoU with foreign Universities. There was a significant rise in the intake of admissions in affiliated colleges this year and there



was an equally encouraging response at the placement front where more than 70 companies of national and international repute participated in the Job Fairs organized at various institutes in coordination with the university.

It was suggested that a comprehensive proposal be made for taking up accreditation of various courses and institutes. Simultaneously, the brand image of the University was also required to be built up. It was desired that a centralized cell for recruiting faculty for all colleges be established within the university. It was informed that Principal Secretary was already co-ordinating setting up of this cell and discussion with the University were underway.

Chairman mentioned that the aim of establishing the technical university in Punjab to promote quality technical education, technology reservoir and establishing world-class infrastructure for technical education within the state. Without proper research activities it was not possible to achieve excellence. Vice-Chancellor mentioned that six schools of excellence are being established in the University to achieve excellence, out of which, one school of TQM & Entrepreneurship has already been established at Mohali and is functioning well for last three years. Second school Manufacturing & Materials Technology with Caparo Group of Industries will start functioning in Academic year 2007-08. Sh. P. Ram, IAS and Sh. B. S. Sidhu, IAS, stated that university must have a post of Dean (Research & Development). After deliberations posts of Dean (R&D) was sanctioned by the Board. This makes the number of posts of Dean from four to five.

It was suggested that emphasis be given to improve faculty induction & its training, to undertake skill development programmes and to encourage greater participation of students from the rural background in technical education.

25.9

To ratify the appointment of Dean / Registrar.

The Vice Chancellor informed the Board that the interview for the post of Registrar was postponed. Principal Secretary Technical Education opined that University need a senior administrator for the post of Registrar at the junction as the University is in the process of streamlining staff structure / recruitment and construction activities for habitat of the University. In view of this it will be proper if a senior and competent officer from civil services is appointed on deputation for a period of three years as Registrar. Appreciating the suggestion Vice Chancellor endorsed the view of Principal Secretary Technical Education. After discussion the board approved the appointment of a suitable officer for the post of Registrar on deputation from civil services. The Chairman was requested to select & position a suitable officer for the post at an early date.

The Board approved the recommendations of the selection committee for the post of Dean. It was approved that **Dr. Rajneesh Arora** be given offer of appointment for Dean and if he declines **Dr. Mirmal Singh** may be accommodated otherwise he will kept in panel.

25.10

To brief about the admission in Caparo School of Manufacturing and Materials Technology.

The Board approved the following criteria for admission to the School of Excellence with effect from the Session 2007-08 :

- (i) 50% of the seats to be filled on All India basis based on AIEEE merit.
- (ii) The balance 50% seats to be filled up based on CET-2007 merit from among the residents of Punjab.
- (iii) Other criteria will be same as per CET notification.



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25.11 To brief on the Conduct of Punjab Science Congress.

The Board took note of conducting Punjab Science Congress successfully by the University.

25.12 Conduct of CET-2007

The Board advised to ensure a foolproof arrangement for smooth conduct of CET-2007. All care must be taken to maintain secrecy of papers, foolproof examination system, result declaration, merit and conduct of counselling. Chairman mentioned that Vice Chancellor shall be responsible to the Board for proper and smooth conduct of the CET.

25.13 MoU between Chitkara Educational Trust and George Brown College, Canada.

The Board approved the MoU.

25.14 Migration of Students.

The Regulation of migration & the changes proposed therein were also approved with the following amendment:

Power of Relaxation: Notwithstanding the existing Migration Rules, the Chairman of the Board, in matters of exigency, to be recorded in writing, shall be authorized to consider migration on compassionate grounds for the cases that are not otherwise covered under Migration Rules."

25.15 Any other points with permission of the Chair.

There was no item.

The meeting ended with a Vote of Thanks to the Chair.


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