

Proceedings of the 27th meeting of the Board of Governors held on 13.2.08 in Committee Room, 6th floor, Punjab Civil Secretariat Chandigarh

The following were present in the meeting:

Shri Ramesh Inder Singh, IAS Chief Secretary to Govt. of Punjab	Chairman
Shri N.S. Kalsi, IAS Secretary Dept. of Technical Education & Indl. Training	Member
Shri B.S. Sandhu, IAS Secretary to Govt. of Punjab Dept. of Finance Govt. of Punjab	Member
Dr. S.K. Salwan Vice-Chancellor, PTU	Member
Shri Chandra Mohan H. No. 202, Sector 36-A Chandigarh	Member
Dr. R.S. Khandpur Director-General Pushpa Gujral Science City Chandigarh	Member
Dr. S.C. Vaidya (Nominee-President, CII) University Business School Panjab University, Chandigarh	Member
Shri S.P. Oswal CMD, Vardhman Spinning & Gen. Mills Ltd. Ludhiana	Member
Dr. Anil Wilson Vice-Chancellor Himachal Pradesh University Summer Hills, Shimla	Member
Mrs. Sarojini Gautam Sharda, PCS Registrar, PTU	Secretary
Dr. V.K. Arora Dean (Acad) PTU	Special Invitee

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The Vice-Chancellor welcomed all the members of the Board and briefed about the salient achievements of the University which include introduction of new course, faculty development programmes, review of syllabi, scholarship for SC/ST students and MoU with foreign universities. More recently representatives from the foreign universities have shown their keen interest in tying up with the University. The Vice-Chancellor said that there has been a significant improvement in the intake of the admissions both in regular as well as Distance Education Programmes. With the reforms introduced in the examination system, the University has been further able to improve the system of conduct of examinations as well as in its timely declaration of results.

Equally encouraging response has been received from placement agencies whereas more than 90 companies of National and International repute participated in the Placement Melas organized at various institutes in coordination with the University. The brand image of the University has improved as may be seen from the news items and inputs received from other sectors of the society. University will continue to work towards further improvements of its activities with more and more academic and administrative reforms for which University needs the support and good wishes of members of the BOG.

After this regular agenda was taken up

Item no. 27.1 To confirm the proceedings of 26th meeting of the Board of Governors.

The Registrar informed that the proceedings were circulated and no written comments were received. The Board confirmed the proceedings.

Item No. 27.2 Summary of the Action Taken Report on the decisions of the BOG in the 26th meeting.

The Board noted the Action Taken Report.

Item No. 27.3 To approve the revised budget for the year 2007-08 and budget for the year 2008-09 as recommended by the Finance Committee in its 13th meeting held on 13.2.08

The Board approved the recommendations of the Finance Committee (Minutes Placed at **Appendix A** of the Proceedings) including the Revised Budget for the year 2007-08 and Budget Estimates for the year 2008-09. The detail of the corpus fund is also placed at **Appendix-A**

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Item No. 27.4 Brief report on PTU Non-Teaching Employees

The Board took note of the formation of the committee and desired that the facts of the relevant case and rulings of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India and respective High Courts may be placed before the Committee to assist it to arrive at a conclusion.

Board was also briefed that Shri Rajneesh Kumar Sachdeva, Deputy Dean (Establishment) has been assigned the job of liaison officer to place relevant information before the Committee.

It was also decided that the Committee may be paid an honorarium of Rs. 2000/- per member per sitting.

Item No. 27.5 Brief on Recruitment Process initiated by the University.

The Board approved the selection of two Deans instead of one Dean out of the applications received and approved the following committee for the selection and a committee for screening the applications:

Selection Committee

1. Dr. S.K. Joshi, former DG CSIR & Chairman IIT, Roorkee
2. Dr. R.C Sobti, Vice-Chancellor, PU Chandigarh.
3. Dr. Jal Rup Singh, Vice-Chancellor, GNDU, Amritsar
4. Lt. Gen (Retd.) Surjit Singh Sangra, PVSM, AVSM, Former Chairman PPSC
5. Dr. R.S. Khandpur, DG, Pushpa Gujral, Science City & Member Board of Governors, PTU

Screening Committee:

1. Dr. R.C. Sobti, Vice-Chancellor, PU Chandigarh
2. Registrar-PTU

The Registrar will assist the above selection committee.

Item No. 26.6 Brief on Distance Education and Quality committee formation

A brief presentation was made by Dean (DEP) on the following points :

1. DVD on communication and Soft Skills
2. Computer based Tutorials
3. Learning Management Software
4. Quality Year in Distance Education
5. Starting of new Courses

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6. Industry- Institute Interaction Initiatives

The Council took note of the presentation on SI. No. 1 – 4 and decided as under:

Starting of new course :

The Board decided to defer the start of new courses. Taking into consideration that it is the year of quality and consolidation. The Board was not in favour of one year MBA Programme as it will dilute the regular programmes of PTU

Industry – Institute Interaction Initiatives - Formation of Quality Committee

The Board emphasized on consolidation of existing centers and improving their quality contents. It was decided to take up student audit, infrastructure audit and contents audit which should be got done by independent agency. Professor S.C. Vaidya was requested to provide list of such agencies. Board also appointed the Board's Committee on quality audit of Distant Education Centres as under:

The following Quality Committee was constituted :

1. Prof. Moinuddin, Director NIT, Jalandhar
2. Prof. S.S. Patnaik, Coordinator, EDUSAT, NITTTR, Chandigarh
3. Dr. R.S. Rausaria, Former Deputy Director, Distance Education Council, IGNOU.
4. Prof. Kanwaljeet Singh, Professor, Department of Computer Science, PU, Patiala
5. Prof. V.K Nangia, Head Deptt. of Management Studies, IIT, Roorkee.

The Committee will directly report to the Board and will present its report to the next meeting of the Board.

Item No. 27.7 To take notice of the sequence of events in the Arbitration Claim Petition of Mindilogicx Infotech Limited, Bangalore, against the PTU

The Board took note of the sequences of events in the Arbitration Claim Petition claimed by Mindilogicx Infotech Limited, Bangalore against the PTU and instructed the University to file counter claim based on the losses suffered by the University in terms of opportunity cost, infrastructure and delivery including inconvenience caused adversely affecting the large number of Distance Education students. It was further decided that:-



- (a) Dean (DEP) on behalf of the University shall file a counter claim and such claims will be made in consultation with Secretary Technical Education and Legal Advisor.
- (b) The Board authorized the Vice-Chancellor to take future action to defend the case in consultation with the Legal Advisor. The Board also ratified the action taken by the Dean (DEP) in consultation with the Legal Advisor as authorized by the Vice-Chancellor.
- (c) The Board approved the appointment of Mr. Amrit Paul, Advocate and Mr. Ashok Matur, Advocate as PTU Counsel in Mindlogicx Arbitration Case and approved the various fees has given in the agenda.
- (d) The Board authorized the Vice-Chancellor to file the reply of the University in consultation with the lawyers for defending the case.

The Board directed that the case must be properly defended and the care to be taken that reply is duly vetted by Technical Expert and Legal Expert.

Item No. 27.8 To brief on the future aspects of Distance Education Programme

(a) Starting of skill development course at Palahi

The Board took note of the skill development courses proposed to be taken up at Palahi. The following committee was constituted to make assessment of the proposed Centre in taking up such courses and to give its recommendations on starting of such courses. :

1. Sh. Chandra Mohan |
2. Dr. R.S. Khandpur
3. Secretary Technical Education. ↓

The committee is authorized on behalf of the Board to give approval for start of the courses if deemed fit.

(b) Dual Degree Programme

The Board of Governors appreciated the steps taken by the University to start Dual Degree Programme. The Board also noted the dialogue with U.K and other Universities to prepare a draft agreement which will be presented in the next meeting of the Board.

(c) New Centres and Monitoring

The Board took note of opening new centres. The Board emphasized for the further improvement of quality of the Distance Education Programme. As it has been decided that this will be quality year and emphasis should be on quality rather than expansion. The Board instructed that



additional 10% of the Learning Centres i.e not more than 70 could be added this year in the areas where the representation of PTU is not presently existing. The preference will be given to the rural areas of Punjab.

Item 27.9 To start M. Tech. Via Distance Education through EDUSAT in academic collaboration with NITTTR, Chandigarh

The Board approved the starting of M. Tech. for the faculty of the affiliated colleges of PTU via Distance Education through EDUSAT.

Item No. 27.10 To brief about PTU-Caparo School of Manufacturing and Material Technology

Mr. Chandra Mohan briefed the Board about the discussions he had with Caparo India Ltd. and Lord Swaraj Paul. He was of the opinion that the demand of Caparo India i.e to allow the mortgage of land and 50% contribution to be shared by PTU, is not tenable as per the MoU. In spite of many reminders the meeting could not be held due to non-availability of Caparo representative. He further added that if such impasse continue the students are likely to suffer.

In view of this, he suggested that we must find an acceptable solution with the Caparo-India and if it is not possible to arrive at the acceptable solution with the Caparo India Ltd. before the start of next academic session, the University should take up the School as its own school and run this. The Board decided the following:

- (a) The committee framed in the 26th meeting of the BOG consisting of Mr. Chandra Mohan and Secretary Technical Education & Indl. Training should try to hold discussions with M/s Caparo India Ltd and Lord Swaraj Paul to find out the solution before the start of next academic session.
- (b) If the Committee cannot arrive at acceptable solution, the action to run the School by PTU will be initiated.
- (c) All efforts will be made so that the students requirement are met and PTU is authorized to spend the money as sanctioned in the 20th meeting of the Board to take up the minimum essential requirements of the students.

Item No. 27.11 To brief on the Examination

The Board appreciated the examination reforms taken up by the University and suggested that reforms must continue and examination system should be such that it induces the confidence of the students, and teachers in the University.



Item No. 27.12 to brief on the construction of PTU campus

The Board took note of the Construction activities and was of the concern for delay in the construction and requested the Chairman of Construction Committee i.e Secretary Technical Education to review the delay and actions may be taken so the work is completed in time. The Board approved the following future construction :

Phase-II

1	Guest House	Rs. 2.42 crores
2	Residence Type 1-16 Units	Rs. 1.28 crores
3	Residences Type - 11-20 Units	Rs. 2.70 crores
4	Residences Type- III-20 Units	Rs. 3.30 crores
5	Residences Type - IV - 6 Units	Rs. 1.38 crores
6	Residences Type V-4 Units	Rs. 1.48 crores

Phase - III

7.	Convention Centre	Rs. 13.00 crores
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Item No. 27.13 Ratification of decision taken by the Chairman, BOG

The Vice-Chancellor informed that after the process of Ph.D. is successfully completed, it is necessary that Board approves the degree to be awarded. The approval of the Board is necessary for the issuance of the Provisional Degree Certificate. This delays the award of Provisional Degree Certificate as the meeting of the Board sometimes takes more than six months. Vice-Chancellor requested that he should be authorized to issue Provisional Degree Certificate after the process of Ph.D. is completed and is duly approved by the Academic Council and the matter is placed before the Board in the next meeting for ratification.

The Board approved the proposal of the Vice-Chancellor.

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Item No. 27.14 Non Charging of fee from SC Category students under post-matric scholarship scheme.

The Board approved the implementation of the Post-matric scholarship scheme Government of India in all the affiliated colleges including centres under Distance Education mode. The detail instructions as per the Govt. notifications will be issued by the University.

Item No. 27.15 To brief about the suggestions made by Secretary Technical Education & Indl. Training, Pb.

The Vice-Chancellor thanked the Secretary Technical Education for his relevant suggestions for the improvement of technical education. The VC informed the Board that improvement based on the suggestions has already been started i.e. detailing of the covered syllabus, introduction of industrial oriented courses, revising the structure of CSE and additional soft skills.

Further the Vice-Chancellor informed that cut-off marks in entrance tests has to be decided by the Government. The Board took note of the suggestion and appreciated the work done by the Secretary Technical Education and requested the Vice-Chancellor to have consultation with the Secretary Technical Education to implement the suggestions in its true perspective.

The suggestion that the Distance Education degree must clearly be mentioned in Distance Education Degree, was discussed in the detail and the Board requested Dr. R.S. Khendpur to go in detail on its implications and for giving recommendations in the next meeting of the Board.

The Vice-Chancellor also informed the Board that the committee has been formed of the following members to suggest the procedures and methods on a time bound programme to implement the suggestions made by Secretary Technical Education:

1. Dr. D.S. Hira
2. Dr. K.N.S. Kang
3. Dr. Balram Dogra
4. Dr. R.P. Singh Sukerchakia
5. Prof. Vijay Ardhir

The Board desired that the recommendations of the committee will be placed before the Board in its next meeting.



27.16 To brief about the online counselling for admission in Engineering / Pharmacy / Architecture / MBA / MCA courses for the session 2008 - 09

The Board approved the conduct of online counselling. Board instructed the Vice-Chancellor that the detailed instructions and methods of On Line Counselling must be made and circulated well in advance and incorporated in the CET Brochure.

Item No. 27.17 To brief on Cultural Activities 2007- 08

The Board appreciated the winning of awards by the university in Inter-university competitions and Inter University Youth Festivals and also noted the participation of the University in 3rd South Asian Universities Youth Festival (SAUFEST) at Kathmandu University, Nepal . The Board congratulated the University for winning one of the three in the top events at SAUFEST. The Board expressed that such efforts should be continued in future and encouragement should be given to the student artists who have performed well.

Item No. 27.18 To award punishment on the recommendation of UMC committee

The Board decided to award punishment as recommended by the UMC committee.

Item No. 27.19 Amendment relating to ordinance of prevention, punishment and procedure

The Board approved of the amendments as proposed by the University.

Item No. 27.20 To approve advance increments for staff / officers attaining higher education in University.

The Board approved granting advanced increments to the University staff acquiring higher education in the relevant subjects only.

Item No. 27.21 Representation made by Dr. N.P. Singh Dean (on deputation) for permanent absorption in the University

The Vice-Chancellor presented the request made by Dr. N.P. Singh, Dean (on deputation) for permanent absorption in the University. On an query by the Chairman about his performance, the Vice-Chancellor informed that his performance is good. It was enquired by the Board if there are any regulations for permanent absorption of the persons working on deputation in the

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University?. The Registrar informed the Board that there are no such regulations and there is no provision given in CSR Vol-I, Part-I, Ch 10.

The Board instructed the Registrar to make the draft rules for absorption of officers on deputations to be placed in the next meeting of the Board for approval. Further the Board added that if the case of Dr. N.P. Singh falls within the framed rules his case may be allowed accordingly.

Item No. 27.22 Purchase of two buses for the University

The Board approved the transportation facilities to be provided to the University staff, the running cost of which shall be borne by the users. It was also decided that the services shall be out-sourced instead of purchasing own buses by the PTU.

Item No. 27.23 Representation of Officers of PTU for reconsideration of eligibility conditions for posts as sanctioned by BOG in its 26th meeting.

The Board was briefed about the representation of the officers regarding reconsideration of eligibility conditions. Board requested that Dr. R.S. Khandpur may look into the representation and submit a report in the next meeting of the BOG.

Item No. 27.24 Any other point with the permission of the Chair

The following points were discussed with the permission of the Chair and decided as under

(a) To brief about the pending dues of the affiliated colleges

The Board took note of the pending dues and approved the suggestions made by the University.

(b) To extend the DEC for a further period of one year or till the new DEC is constituted

The Board approved the extension of tenure of the DEC till the new committee is constituted not exceeding four months from the date of expiring.

(c) Board approved the following schools as constituent colleges of PTU

- (i) PTU Gian Jyoti School of TQM & Entrepreneurship**
- (ii) PTU – Caparo School of Manufacturing and Material Technology**

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- (d) The Board approved replacement of Dr. S.K. Salwan, Vice-Chancellor, PTU on the PTU-Caparo Society and Governing Council with Mrs. Sarojini Gautam Sharda, Registrar, PTU

- (e) To approve migration of.

The Board approved the following migration cases.

Sr. No.	Name	Roll No.	Semester	Branch	From	To
1.	Baldeep Singh	5041110465	6 th	ME	CEC Landran	SUSCET, Tangori
2.	Kushaldeep Singh Sekhon	5041110489	6 th	ME	CEC Landran	GNDEC, Ludhiana
3.	Kulbir Singh	5041110487	6 th	ME	CEC Landran	GNDEC, Ludhiana
4.	Jasjeet Singh	504089079	6 th	IT	CEC Landran	SUSCET Tangori
5.	Amit Sharma	L/504251052	6 th	B.Pharm acy	CC, Landran	SBSCOP, Patti
6.	Ripudaman Singh Rathi	5171513258	6 th	B.Arch	IET, Bhaddal	LIT Phagwara
7.	Simarjit Singh	L-628114165	6 th	ME	DAVIET, Jalandhar	BCET, Gurdaspur
8.	Manorath Vir Singh	6280407069	4 th	ECE	RIET, Railmajra	SSCET, Badhali
9.	Gagandeep Kaur	613210747	4 th	MCA	LIT, Phagwara	SASIIT, Mohali
10.	Gagandeep Kaur	578251179	6 th	B Pharmac y	VMS COP, Bataia	CCP, Rajpura
11.	Gursharanjit Singh Syan	42803021	6 th	CSE	RIET Railmajra	RIET Phagwara
12.	Rohit Dadwal	7006112038	4 th	M.E.	CEM Kapurthala	RIET Phagwara

The Chairman and members of the Board appreciated the efforts made by the University in improving the quality of technical education. The image of the University has consistently improved. The Board congratulated the Vice-Chancellor and other members of the University from achieving an excellent result. The Board further emphasized that efforts must continue in this direction.

The meeting ended with vote of thanks to the Chairman.


Registrar