

Proceedings of the 28th meeting of the Board of Governors held on 28.7.2008 at Punjab
Bhawan Chandigarh

The following were present in the meeting:

Shri Ramesh Inder Singh, IAS Chief Secretary to Govt. of Punjab	Chairman
Mrs. Tejinder Kaur, IAS Vice-Chancellor, PTU	Member
Mrs. Tejinder Kaur, IAS Principal Secretary to Govt. of Punjab Dept. of Technical Education & Indl. Training Chandigarh	Member
Shri B.S. Sandhu, IAS Secretary to Govt. of Punjab Dept. of Finance Govt. of Punjab	Nominee of Principal Secretary to Govt. Punjab, Dept. of Finance
Dr. R.S. Khandpur Director-General Pushpa Gujral Science City Chandigarh	Member
Dr. M.S. Saini Principal, Guru Nanak Dev Engg. College Ludhiana	Member
Dr. N.P. Singh Dean (Examinations) PTU Jalandhar	Member
Mrs. Sarojini Gautam Sharda, PCS Registrar, PTU	Secretary

The Vice-Chancellor welcomed all the members of the newly constituted Board and placed on record the contributions made by the outgoing members. She made special reference to Dr. S.K. Salwan, Former Vice-Chancellor of Punjab Technical University and a member of the Board of Governors for the services rendered by him for improving the brand image of the University. The Vice-Chancellor expressed hope that the University with active support and contributions of all the members of the newly constituted Board will continue to work towards achieving higher goals.

After this regular agenda was taken up.

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Item No. 28.1 To confirm the proceedings of 27th meeting of the BOG.

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

Item No. 28.2 Summary on Action Taken Report.

The Board noted the action taken report. On item no. 27.6, the Chairman BOG desired that the quality committee on Distance Education may be requested to expedite the submission of its report.

Item No. 28.3 To brief the BOG about the PTU-Caparo School of Manufacturing & Material Technology

The Vice-Chancellor briefed the Board about the problems being faced in running the PTU Caparo School of Manufacturing & Material Technology. The decisions taken in the last meeting of Governing Council of PTU Caparo Society held on 15.4.08 were brought to the notice of the Board. The Vice-Chancellor also informed the Board that following the decisions taken by Lord Swraj Paul in the PTU-Caparo Society's Governing Council meeting, no fresh admissions have been allowed by the University to the School. The Board ratified this decision taken by the University.

Mr. Amrit Paul, Counsel for PTU briefed the Board on all technical problems on account of certain lopsided provisions of MoU/ MoA Regulations of the Society. The Board also noted with concern the present status of the School particularly its dismal financial position on account of non release of adequate funds by the Caparo Group and the fact that the School is nowhere heading towards its mission of becoming a World Class Institution despite the fact that the PTU has fulfilled all its obligations towards the School.

After taking into account different problems being faced by the University and the future of the School especially of the existing students, it was decided to constitute a Committee of the following members of the Board:

1. Vice-Chancellor, Punjab Technical University.
2. Dr. R.S. Khandpur, DG, Pushpa Gujral Science City, Chandigarh
3. Shri Chandra Mohan, Chairman, Twenty First Battery Century Limited.



The Committee will explore all the possibilities of running the School as a World Class Institution. In order to achieve this goal, the Committee was also authorized to negotiate for exercising any change in the terms and conditions of MoU / MoA / Rules and Regulations so that PTU -Caparo Society may run on mutually agreeable terms, failing which the Committee will give its recommendations for dissolution / withdrawal from the said Society. The Committee may associate any expert to assist it. It was also decided that in view of start of academic session in the first week of August - 2008, the Committee may give its recommendations at the earliest.

Item No. 28.4 To consider filing of counter claim in Arbitration Claim case of M/s Mindlogix Infotech Ltd. Vs. PTU, etc. in view of the legal opinion.

The Board approved of non-filing of counter claim in Arbitration Claim case of M/s Mindlogix Infotech Ltd. Vs. PTU, etc as per the legal opinion given by University's Counsel, Mr. Amrit Paul and desired that the case must be properly defended in terms of decisions taken by the Board from time to time.

Item No. 28.5 To approve the extension of Distance Education Council

The Board approved the extension of the term of Distance Education Council till 31.12.08.

Item No. 28.6 To approve the minutes of the 30th meeting of the Academic Council held on 6th February 2008

The minutes of the 30th meeting of the Academic Council held on 6th February 2008 were approved by the Board.

Item No. 28.7 To brief the BOG about the construction of PTU Campus

The Board noted the progress made in the construction of new campus of PTU at Jalandhar-Kapruthala Road. The Board approved the construction of Phase-II and accordingly the proposed extensions of services of staff upto 31st Jan 2009. for the first Phase were also approved.

Item no: 28.8 To brief the BOG about the proposals received for establishment of new Colleges / Institutions and variation in existing intake.

The Board noted the information with respect to applications received for the establishment of new Colleges and for variations in the existing intake. The Vice-Chancellor informed the Board



that the mandatory inspections before granting the affiliation are in progress and shall be completed before the start of 2nd Conselling of CET-08.

It was also brought to the notice of the Board that Adesh Institute of Engineering and Technology, Faridkot has applied for Deemed University Status for Adesh University and same has been recommended and forwarded by UGC to MHRD, Govt. of India. That the Institute is short of one non AICTE Programme for making it eligible for Deemed University Status for which they did not apply to the University in time. The Board condoned the delay in the submission of the application and desired that the University may process the application for permission as per rules.

Item No. 28.9 To brief the BOG about the ongoing Counselling for admission in Engineering / Pharmacy / Architecture courses.

The Board noted the progress in the ongoing Counselling for admission in Engineering / Pharmacy / Architecture courses.

Item no. 28.10 To brief the BOG about the progress made in recovery of pending dues form the affiliated colleges.

The Board took note of the progress made towards the realisation of recovery of pending dues and also desired that all pending dues must be reconciled and cleared before the commencement of Academic Session 2008-09.

Item no. 28.11 To approve the proposed revised fee structure.

The Board approved the revised fee structure as recommended by the Committee formed in the 30th meeting of the Academic Council of the University. The Board expressed hope that the colleges will strive to make quality improvement in their institutions.

Item No. 28.12 To hire a guest house for the University.

The Vice-Chancellor informed the Board that in view of the increased activities in the University, the existing Guest House of the University is not sufficient. As such the University is in dire need of a good spacious Guest House and the University is desirous of hiring a bigger Guest House. The Board desired that since the running cost of a good Guest House is very high, the University may also explore the possibilities of tying up with a good hotel.



Item no. 28.13 Rules for absorption

The Vice-Chancellor presented before the Board the draft rules framed for the absorption of the Officers on deputation with the University. It was observed by the Board that since such rules are technical in nature, these may rather be first referred to Recruitment and Promotional Committee constituted by the University for examination and recommendations and then be placed before the Board.

It was also decided that the representation of Officers of PTU for reconsideration of eligibility conditions for different posts for which Dr. R.S. Khandpur was earlier requested to give his recommendation (agenda item no. 27.23) may also be given to the same Committee for its recommendation.

Item no. 28.14 To decide unfair means case where the standing committee is not unanimous in its decision.

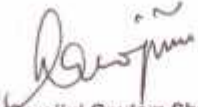
The Board deliberated upon the recommendations given by Shri D.S. Chinna and Lt. Gen. S.S. Sangra, members of the Standing Committee on Unfair Means Case to discharge the candidate and the dissenting note given by Dr. M.S. Grewal against this decision of the other members. After examining the case, the Board decided to discharge the candidate.

Item No. 28.15 Supplementary Agenda with the permission of the Chair

To consider amendment in Academic Regulations for re-appear examinations.

Dr. R.S. Khandpur briefed the Board that the Regulations proposed to be amended were framed after examining regulations of various universities and a thorough analysis was conducted before that. He stressed upon the need of thorough examination of proposed amendment before arriving at any decision. The Board decided to defer the item.

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair.


(Sarojini Gautam Sharda)
Registrar