

PUNJAB TECHNICAL UNIVERSITY- JALANDHAR

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE 29th MEETING OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS, PTU
HELD ON 20th NOVEMBER 2008 AT 1600 HRS. AT PUNJAB BHAWAN,
CHANDIGARH.**

The following were present:

Shri Ramesh Inder Singh, IAS
Chief Secretary to Govt. of Punjab

Chairman

Mrs. Tejinder Kaur, IAS
Principal Secretary to Govt. of Punjab
& Vice Chancellor, PTU

Member

Shri B.S. Sandhu, IAS
Secretary to Govt. of Punjab
Dept. of Finance
Govt. of Punjab

Member

Dr. S.C. Vaidya
(Nominee- President, CII)

Member

Dr. R.S. Khandpur
Director General,
Pushpa Gujral Science City

Member

Shri Chandra Mohan
Chairman, Twenty First Battery Century Ltd.

Member

Dr. M.S. Saini
Principal
Guru Nanak Dev Engg. College, Ludhiana

Member

Dr. N.P. Singh
Dean (Examination)
PTU, Jalandhar

Member

Mr. Amrit Paul
Advocate, Punjab & Haryana High Court
Chandigarh

Special Invitee

Mrs. Sarojini Gautam Sharda
Registrar, PTU

Secretary

The Vice Chancellor welcomed all the members and invitees in the meeting.

Thereafter, the regular agenda was taken up:



Item No.- 29.1 To Confirm the proceedings of 28th Meeting of the BOG

The Registrar informed that the minutes of the meeting held on 28.07.08 were circulated and no written comments were received. The Board confirmed and approved the proceedings.

Item No.- 29.2 Action taken report on the 28th meeting of the Board of Governors, PTU

The Board noted the action taken.

On item no. 28.13, the Board authorized the Vice Chancellor to form a new Recruitment and Promotional Committee.

On item no. 28.15, the Board desired the University to refer the matter to the Academic Council for consideration and place its recommendation before the Board.

During discussions on the issue it was observed by the Board that the composition of the Academic Council requires restructuring and it was desired that a proposal may be tabled in the next meeting.

Item No.-29.3 To brief about the current status of PTU Caparo School

The Board took note of the shifting of 87 students of PTU Caparo School to the University Regional Center located at DAVIET-Jalandhar.

The Board noted with concern the current status of the School and authorized the Vice Chancellor to take recourse to lawful steps with respect to issues like faculty etc.

It also authorized the Vice Chancellor to make security arrangements in the School premises in case the Security Agency presently deployed by the School withdraws its staff for non payment of its dues.

The House also authorized the Vice Chancellor to take suitable steps to contest the criminal complaint filed against the member of PTU Caparo Society for non payment of the dues to the contractor.

Item No.- 29.4 To consider the report of the Committee constituted to chalk out the future of the PTU- Caparo Society/ School

The Board noted the Minutes of the meeting of the Committee constituted by it vide item no. 28.3.

The Vice Chancellor briefed the Board on the recommendations of the Committee. It also took note of the legal opinion expressed by the Mr. Amrit Paul, legal counsel for University. After detailed deliberations the House accepted the recommendations made by the Committee and authorized the Vice Chancellor to carry on with the recommendations of the Committee.

Amrit Paul

Item no.- 29.5 To consider the report of the Committee constituted under the Chairmanship of Dr. S.P. Singh to look into the demands of the employees of the University

The Registrar briefed the Board on the report of the Committee and the dissent note delivered by Sh. D. S. Chinna, a member of this Committee. The Board also noted the legal opinion expressed by Sh. Amrit Paul, Legal Counsel of PTU that the issue entails far reaching legal implications that require threadbare thrashing.

The Board observed that in view of the communications received earlier from the Vigilance Bureau (placed at Annexure-AXIV-1 and AXIV-2 of the Committee report) a fresh report may be sought from the Vigilance Bureau.

The Board resolved that the issue required detailed examination of legal aspects and Regulations of the University. As such a Committee was constituted of the Vice Chancellor, Dr. R.S. Khandpur, Dr. Chandra Mohan to examine the related issues and give its recommendations.

The Board authorized the Committee to associate any Dean or any other expert and to place its recommendations before the Board.

Item No.- 29.6 To consider:

- i) **Grant of increments to the fixed salaried employees of the University for the year 2003 and 2004**
- ii) **Grant of corresponding pay scales to the fixed salaried employees**

The House authorized the same Committee as constituted vide by item no. 29.5 to examine the issue and to place its recommendations before the Board.

Item No.- 29.7 To consider grant of extension to Shri Ekonkar Singh, Project Officer of PTU.

The Vice Chancellor was authorized by the Board to take decision in this case.

Item No.- 29.8 To brief about the progress made in recovery of pending dues from the affiliated colleges

The Board deliberated upon the issue in detail and observed that it is high time the University adopted tough measures to ensure recovery of pending dues from its affiliated colleges. It urged the University to take all necessary steps in this regard. It was also desired that the notice for recovery may be issued to all the defaulting institutions and in the failure of their compliance the affiliated Institutions may not be allowed to make fresh admissions in the next session.

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Item No.- 29.9 To brief about the construction of PTU Campus.

The Board noted the current status of construction at the New Campus. The Vice Chancellor informed the Board that the University plans to shift to the new campus with effect from 1st December.

Item No.- 29.10 To brief about the organizing of Annual Convocation of the University.

The Vice Chancellor briefed the Board that the University intends to hold its Convocation in the new campus in the month of December-08. The Board authorized the Vice Chancellor to contact His Excellency the Governor of Punjab for presiding over the Convocation and to take all other necessary decisions in this regard.

Supplementary Agenda

Item No. 29.10.1 To discuss about the issues raised by Gian Jyoti School of TQM & Entrepreneurship- Mohali.

- (i) **Shifting of some students from three and half year duration to three year duration programme**

It was explained that duration of the School B.Tech programme had been reduced from 4 to 3 years for students admitted w.e.f Jan., 2007 session onward. Consequently duration of the first two batches (admission Oct., 2005 and July, 2006) who had already completed second / first semester respectively was reduced to 3.1 / 2 years special course contents was involved for these two batches. The present case relates to the specific issue of 9 students of these first two batches out of a total 240 which could not pursue the programme with the respective batches. Since the course contents for the first two batches in the 3.1/2 programme was identical, the Board of studies / Governing Council of the School had recommended that these 9 students should be allowed to continue alongwith the students enrolled for the 3 years programme from Jan., 2007 onward. After discussion the Board authorized the VC to study the case in details and take a decision.

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(ii) **Reduction in PTU's share in School's surplus.**

The Board considered the issue and resolved that the University needs to frame some norms for running the Schools of Excellence as envisioned by it and desired the Vice Chancellor to table a self contained agenda note in this regard.

Item No. 29.10.2- To approve the shifting of the students from PTU Caparo School to the Regional Centre of PTU at DAVIET, Jalandhar

The Board ratified the decisions taken by the Chairman BOG regarding shifting of the students to University's Regional Centre at DAVIET, Kabir Nagar, Jalandhar.

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


Registrar
(Sarojini Gautam Sharda)