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Proceedings for the 33rd Meeting of the Board of Governors to be held on June 5, 2009, Punjab Bhawan, Chandigarh.

The following were present in the meeting:

Shri Ramesh Inder Singh, IAS Chief Secretary to Govt. of Punjab	Chairman
Dr. Rajneesh Arora Vice-Chancellor, PTU	Member
Mrs. Tejinder Kaur, IAS Principal Secretary to Govt. of Punjab Dept. of Technical Education & Indl. Training Chandigarh	Member
Dr. Surinder Parsad Director Indian Institute of Technology Haus Khas, Delhi	Member
Shri B.S. Sandhu, IRS Secretary to Govt. of Punjab Dept. of Finance Govt. of Punjab	Member
Dr. R.S. Khandpur Director-General Pushpa Gujral Science City Chandigarh	Member
Shri Chandra Mohan H.No. 202 Sector 36-A Chandigarh	Member
Shri S.P. Oswal CMD Vardhman Spinning & Gen. Mills Ltd. Chandigarh Road, Ludhiana	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 Board.

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After this regular agenda was taken up.

Item No. 33.1 To confirm the proceedings of 31st & 32nd meeting of the BOG.

The Registrar informed that the proceedings were circulated to all the members and no comments were received. The Board confirmed the proceedings.

Item No. 33.2 Action Taken Report on the 31st & 32nd meeting of the Board of Governors, PTU.

The Board noted the action taken report. It was also desired that the details of the actions taken for the implementation of the decisions of the Board meetings may be presented before the Board. In respect of Item No.31.20 regarding the recovery of the pending dues from the affiliated colleges, it was desired that the progress in this regard may be presented to the Board as a separate item in the next meeting.

Item No. 33.3 To approve the minutes of the 15th meeting of the Finance Committee to be held on 2nd June, 2009 and to approve actual for the year 2008-09 & Budget Estimates for the 2009-10.

The Board deliberated upon the minutes of the meeting of the Finance Committee and approved of the same. The Board also approved the budget estimates for the year 2009-10 as recommended by the Finance Committee.

Item No. 33.4 To approve the minutes of 32nd Meeting of the Academic Council held on 17th March 2009 at PTU Jalandhar-Kapurthala Campus

The minutes of 32nd Meeting of the Academic Council were approved.

Item No. 33.5 Proposal for New Recruitment.

The Vice-Chancellor briefed the Board about the need for immediate recruitments in the University. It was desired that the organizational structure of the University may be reviewed keeping in view the requirements for the next 3-5 years and the detailed procedures for recruitments may be laid down as per the Rules of the University. The University may also consider if any of its posts especially the Deans of the University are required to be converted to tenure posts keeping in view all the pros and cons of such arrangements. The financial aspects of the recruitment also need to be examined.

The Board observed that a rigorous exercise is required to finalize different issues relating to recruitments. As such a Human Resource Sub Committee was constituted which will

function as Standing Committee to deal with all the issues relating to Human Resources of the University. The Board approved the following members of Human Resource Sub Committee:

1. Dr. R.S. Khandpur, DG, Pushpa Gujral Science City, Chandigarh-Chairman
2. Col. Jasdeep Singh, Ex-Registrar, Thapar University, Patiala
3. Dean PTU (to be nominated by Vice-Chancellor)
4. Registrar, PTU- Convener

The Committee is required to examine all the issues relating to recruitments and place its recommendations before the Board. The Board also observed that the Vice-Chancellor could go ahead with any of the recruitments as per already approved cadre structure which did not require any amendment in its strength, pay-scales, qualifications or any other condition.

Item No. 33.6 To brief about the progress of PTU CAPARO School of Manufacturing & Material Technology.

The Registrar briefed the Board about the outcome of the meeting that was held with Lord Swaraj Paul at Delhi on 2.5.2009. The Board expressed its concern over the delay in sorting out this issue by Caparo. It was expressed that PTU had fulfilled all its commitments as envisaged in the terms of MOU in making available the land for the construction of the building and also contributing Rs. 01 crores as corpus fund to PTU-Caparo Society. That as the land price was never meant to be encashed at any stage and wasn't even transferred in the name of the Society, therefore its value couldn't be made an issue. That the Caparo had failed in running the PTU Caparo School as a world class institution as per terms of the MOU. Caparo made no efforts to provide promised infrastructure to first year batch of the PTU-Caparo School who were left in the lurch as the promised foreign faculty didn't teach / visit students, essential infrastructure like hostel, labs were not provided and no faculty was recruited for the 3rd semester onwards. As such PTU had to face a lot of flak from the protesting students' and their parents as the students career was jeopardised. The Caparo made no efforts to sort out the issues and even the salaries of the faculty were not paid for want of funds. PTU realizing its moral responsibility towards the students, shifted 87 students from the School to one of the PTU's Regional Centre at DAVIET, Jalandhar. Whereas the School didn't even transfer the fee of the IIIrd semester students to the Regional Centre and PTU had to pay the Centre in the best interests of the students. All this adversely affected the reputation of the University at large and PTU Caparo School in particular which was launched with much fan fare and raising the hopes and dreams of the meritorious students who were promised world class faculty, facilities and environment, whereas actually no such efforts were made by the Caparo.

Keeping in view the future of the students and image of the partnering institutes, the Board observed that the PTU should exercise all the options to amicably resolve the issue. It reiterated its decision to allow Caparo to withdraw from the Society so that PTU committed to the cause of technical education would run the School on its own. The Board desired that keeping in view the overall circumstances a legal opinion may be sought on this issue. In case the legal opinion finds any out of MOU, settlement which doesn't cost PTU more than what has been invested by the Caparo in School / Society, in order, the Committee already constituted by the Board (vide item no. 28.3 in 28th meeting) may arrive at a solution and may negotiate with Caparo / Lord Swaraj Paul for an amicable solution and place its recommendations before the Board.

Item No. 33.7 Brief about the CET – 2009 and Online Counselling.

The Registrar briefed the Board about the conduct of CET-09 Online counselling. The Board appreciated the efforts of the University for Online Counseling and desired that next year cent percent counselling may be conducted through Online counselling.

Item No. 33.8 To approve the guidelines for giving Autonomy to PTU affiliated colleges.

The Board appreciated the efforts of the University to give autonomy to PTU affiliated colleges. It was observed that a detailed examination needs to be done before implementing the UGC guidelines in this regard. The Board authorized the Vice-Chancellor to constitute a Committee for this matter and the recommendations of the Committee be placed before the Board.

Item No. 33.9 UGC Guidelines to start off-shore campuses / learning centres abroad.

The issue was deliberated by the Board and concern was expressed to ensure the quality of such campuses. The Board authorized the Vice-Chancellor to constitute a Committee of reputed academicians to examine the guidelines for its implementation for starting PTU's off-shore campuses / learning centres abroad. It was desired that recommendations of the Committee be placed before the Board.

Item No. 33.10 To consider Challenge Evaluation in Evaluation System

The Board approved the Challenge Evaluation in addition to the already existing system for Evaluation.

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Item No. 33.11 Grant of increase and arrears to the fixed salaried employees of the University.

The Board approved the Grant of increase and arrears to the fixed salaried employees of the University as recommended by the Committee.

Item No. 33.12 Special chance to M. Tech. Students for submission of final thesis who have cleared their all subjects

The Board approved the special chance to M.Tech students for submission of final thesis.

Item No.33.13 Ratification of one time relaxation to M.Sc. IT course through Lateral entry.

The Board ratified the relaxation granted by the Chairman BOG.

Item No. 33.14 To consider one time relaxation to the eligibility of M.Sc (IT) course CIIS-ST, Mohali

The Board approved one time relaxation to the eligibility of M.Sc (IT) course CIIS-ST, Mohali and it was desired that strict action may be taken against all the colleges that are violating the University Regulations.

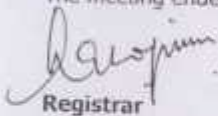
Item No. 33.15 Conduct of examination for the dual BCA degree students under PTU at GB College in Toronto

The Board approved of the Conduct of examination for the dual BCA degree students under PTU at GB College in Toronto.

Item No. 33.16 To start six years integrated B.Tech. Programme

The Board deliberated upon the requirement of starting such courses that boost the entry of rural students in such programmes. The Board authorized the Vice-Chancellor to constitute a Committee which may examine the guidelines of AICTE and other statutory bodies in this regard and present its recommendations before the Board.

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



Registrar
(Sarojini Gautam Sharda)