

## Punjab Technical University- Jalandhar

### **Proceedings of the meeting of the Academic Council held on 17 March 2006 at 1100 hrs in Rayat Institute of Engineering & Technology, Railmajra (Nawanshahar)**

The 24<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Academic Council was held on 17 March 2006 at 1100 hrs in Rayat Institute of Engineering & Technology, Railmajra (Nawanshahr) under the Chairmanship of Dr. S.K. Salwan, Vice Chancellor Punjab Technical University, Jalandhar.

#### **Members as per the list given at Appendix –A attended the meeting.**

The Chairman welcomed the members and mentioned that university had been able to start the work of construction of its building. He mentioned that excavation work was almost nearing completion and that foundation stone was planned to be laid by Hon'ble Chief Minister, Punjab on 22 March 2006. He invited all the members to participate in the function, which was scheduled to be held at 1530 hrs at the site.

The chairman also informed about the progress made by the university in academic as well as extra curricular activities. Details, he informed, were included in agenda points and were likely to be briefed by the university staff.

Examination December 2005 / January 2006 had been conducted smoothly. Some results had been announced and the others were expected to be available within a week time. Even semesters had started well in time and that he was ware of the fact that the academics were in full swing. He stressed upon the members to ensure that the students fulfill the required attendance criteria. End semester examination was likely to be schedule from 15<sup>th</sup> May 2006 and would be endeavor to completed by mid June 2006. The chairman said that it was the responsibility of the each of the members to contribute to the cause of academic quality.

The following members were welcomed on their first appearance at the meeting on change of institution. Dr. Sharma, Rayat Institute of Pharmacy, Dr. AS Bansal, Bhutta Engineering College, Dr. VP Singh, officiating IET Bhaddal & Dr. Sharma REIT & Bahra.

Thereafter regular agenda was taken up:



**24.1 To confirm the proceeding of 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting of the academic council held at Rayat Institute of Engineering and Technology at Railmajra.**

Observations made by Indo Global College of Engineering had been noted but did not warrant any change in minutes. In most of the institutes the semester had started well in time and it was the responsibility of the Principal to ensure the desired attendance level. There being no other observation from any of the members. The minutes were confirmed.

**24.2 Action taken report on the minutes of the 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting of the academic council.**

The committee took note on action taken. In particular the Dean Academic briefed on admission to M.Tech in Regional Centres. He identified that no admission had been made in January 2006 and it was necessary to review the decision to conduct admission to M.Tech twice in a year. The chairman mentioned that the initial rush for admission to M.Tech was over and it was necessary to conduct an introspection and consolidate performance of our regional centres. It could be possible that regional centres may combine resources to run the courses. This would facilitate sharing of faculty and infrastructure.

**24.3 To brief on decision taken in 21<sup>st</sup> meeting of BOG**

The council was briefed on the minutes of the BOG.

**1) Regulations for B.Tech. & other Courses.**

The Registrar informed the council that maximum duration for completing any of the course had been enhanced to twice the duration of the normal courses and that this provision had also been extended to the students who had already passed out from the PTU system but had not fulfilled the requirement for award of degree. Such students could take additional chances as applicable for the course followed. However, these additional chances in respect of such students could be avail only during the period January 01-2006 to December 31-2007 and also only whenever the university is conducting the examination in the subject.

  
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**2) Approval of the BOG on Academic Council recommendation (Maximum nos of courses that can be taken in any particular semester).**

The Chairman clarified that such restrictions of taking examinations only 10 subjects was restricted to students who had been detained because of shortage in attendance.

**3) Supernumerary admissions of Foreign Nationals / PIOs / AICTE / Non AICTE courses.**

The members noted applicability Supernumerary admission of Foreign National / PIOs in AICTE / Non AICTE course.

**24.4 To consider BBA/BCA courses running in AICTE approved Colleges.**

The issue was deliberated and it was considered necessary that the University should take up with the AICTE for proper utilization of faculty and infrastructure through resource sharing. Whereas physical separation of class room could be possible; total separate faculty for similar courses may not be the right choice. It was informed that the AICTE had even objected to use of the common name for running similar courses. The members pointed out that BBA/BCA were also AICTE courses, even though control of these courses had been given to the affiliate University. Hence, they could not be considered as non-AICTE courses and it would be in proper spirit to conduct BBA/BCA, MBA/MCA in the same institute. The chairman mentioned that the matter would be taken up with the AICTE.

**24.5 To brief on conduct of CET-2006.**

The council took note of the dates. The Registrar briefed the council on pro and cons of one Vs two counselling. The Chairman informed the council that the University had forwarded its comments to the Government and the decision of the latter was awaited. Consequently the same would be incorporated in the notification and the brochure. The Chairman also mentioned that if there was one counselling, then cut-off date would need to be specified after which all admissions would be treated as direct admissions.

**24.6 To brief about the eligibility of B.Arch. Course.**

The Registrar read out gazette notification by the Council. It was resolved that interpretation of the notification of Council of Architecture did require a clarification which may be sought from the Council.

**24.7 To brief about the revised Board of Studies of ECE, EIE and Training & Placement.**

The Council noted the agenda.

**24.8 To consider M. Pharma Fee Structure.**

It was felt that the fee being charged was on the higher side and it was necessary to review the same. A Committee of the following was proposed and accepted.

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| (i)   | Sh. A. S. Bansal                      | Principal Bhutta CET     |
| (ii)  | Sh. K.N.S. Kang                       | Principal PCTE, Baddowal |
| (iii) | Sh. R. P. Budhiraja                   | Director ISFCP, Moga     |
| (iv)  | Sh. V. N. Gupta                       | Principal SSCP, Badhoni  |
| (v)   | Director, NIPER or his representative |                          |
| (vi)  | Dean (Academic)                       | Convenor                 |

**24.9 To consider eligibility of M.Tech. (IT).**

**The following decisions are taken:**

- (a) A student of B.Tech. in any branch could take admission to M.Tech. (IT).
- (b) A student of MCA, M.Sc. (IT), M.Sc. (CS), M.Sc. (Mathematics), M.Sc. (Statistics) may take admission to M.Tech. (IT) on the basis of an Entrance Examination to be conducted by the University.
- (c) AMIE/AMIETE/AMACSE graduates including graduates from other Govt. recognized professional bodies equivalent to AMIE may also take admission to M.Tech. (IT) provided they have secure 55% or above in their exams in such body.
- (d) A valid gate score would be preferred but was considered not a must for admission to M.Tech.
- (e) By analogy (c) above would also be applicable to other branches of M.Tech. with the condition that the branch adopted at graduation level must be the same as the specialization applied for.

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#### **24.10 To consider revision of Ph.D. Regulations.**

The following Committee was constituted by the Council :

- (i) Dr. D. S. Hira Principal, BBSBEC, Fatehgarh Shaib
- (ii) Dr. J. K. Sharma Principal ,SPIET, Lalru Mandi
- (iii) Dr. B. S. Bhatia Director, RIMT IMCT, Mandigobindgarh
- (iv) Dr. KNS Kang Principal, PCTE, Baddowal
- (v) Dr. R. P. Budhiraja Director, ISFCP, Moga
- (vi) Dean (Academic) – (Convener)

#### **24.11 To consider introduction of new courses:**

The Council accepted the necessity of including new courses that offered contemporary technology and an advancement in sciences. It was brought out by one of the members that a proposal had been made for inclusion of B.Sc. in Media, Entertainment and Film Technology, which had a very high potential.

The members accepted the proposal, however wanted that a review of the following courses may be undertaken:

- (i) B.Sc. (Genetics) – 3 years
- (ii) B.Sc. (Industrial Microbiology) – 3 years
- (iii) B.Sc. (Bio-Information (Gene Technologies)) – 3 years

The above review may be carried out keeping in mind if there was any transgression on the domain of other Universities in the State particularly BFUHS. Whereas the other courses were recommended to be included, a Committee as following was constituted to review all other courses that may be proposed.

- (i) Dr. C.S.Rao Principal SVIET
- (ii) Sh. V.N. Gupta, Principal SSCP, Bahdani
- (iii) Dr. S. K. Sharma, RBIEBT
- (iv) Dr. M. S. Dhanju, BISIT, Gagra (Moga)
- (v) Dr. R. K. Gupta, Chitkara Institute of Pharmacy
- (vi) Dean (Academic)Convenor

The council authorized the Chairman to take necessary action, as deemed fit, on recommendations of the committee.

The Chairman directed that a letter be written to all the existing institutes who would like to choose any of the approved courses.

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**24.12 To consider levy of Migration Fees.**

The Council accepted the need to implement migration fee, both for Intra University as well as Inter University migrations. After deliberation the following was approved.

- a) Intra university migration fee Rs. 1000/-
- b) Inter university fee Rs. 2000/-

**24.13 To reconstitute UMC committee.**

The committee approved the proposed honorarium and empowered the Vice-chancellor to nominate member of the committee. The constitution of the committee proposed was to remain unchanged.

**24.14 To brief on NSS activities.**

The Registrar briefed on the activities of NSS. He mentioned that there was an overwhelming response to the activities. In the past 4000 students had been enrolled and the state authority had been approached to allot 10000 volunteers to the university. The chairman mentioned that this was an important aspect of value development and the member must encourage the students to come forward and volunteer.

**24.15 To brief about the sports activities and to deliberate on organizing Virasat Mela**

The Registrar briefed on the conduct of sports activity spread throughout the year culminating in athletics meet which was conducted at Baba Banda Singh Bhadur College of Engineering & Technology, Fatehgarh Shaib from 10<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> March 2006. Eminent sport persons had participated and were willing to provide expertise support to the university for furtherance of sports.

The Registrar also mentioned that heritage identifies the society and air rich heritage needs to be preserved. The council accepted the need to educate the youth through experiencing various arts/ technical activities related to the heritage and culture of Punjab. The council approved organizing of virasat Mela as annual function to be held in the even semester. The council also approved the 1<sup>st</sup> Virasat Mela to be held at SVIET.

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**21.16 To consider holding of workshop on Personality Development Programme and organizing Job Melas.**

The Registrar briefed the Council that it was necessary to work on personality development programme during the lean academic period especially towards end of course. This, he said, was very productive, as the students generally get serious about their jobs. In the past a few workshops had been conducted at selective places. Response to these was overwhelming and there was a constant demand both from faculty and the students to conduct more of such workshops.

Directorate of IT had undertaken formulation of scheme to enhance communication skills. This was, however, oriented towards IT enabled services. There was an urgent need to develop soft skills in addition to communication skills. The Registrar said, was not a simple one as resource persons would have to be identified and training synchronize. The Council accepted the fact. Simultaneously it would be better to approach various potential employers for central placement of the University students. This may be through organized Job Melas. The Council accepted the proposal and authorised the Vice-Chancellor to undertake these two activities.

**24.17 To consider proposal for award of dual degree.**

The members of the council deliberated on the issue. It was felt a thorough review needs to be undertaken. The following Committee was appointed by Council:

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| (i)   | Dr. V. P. Sandlas   | Chairman                 |
| (ii)  | Dr. S. K. Goyal     | Director RIMT, IET       |
| (iii) | Dr. Mannan          | Principal KIET, Ludhiana |
| (iv)  | Prof. Vipin Dewan   | Director CMTR, Kharar    |
| (v)   | Dr. R.S. Gupta      | Principal DIMT, Doraha   |
| (vi)  | Mrs. Madhu Chitkara | Director CIET, Rajpura   |
| (vii) | Dean (Academic)     |                          |


**24.18 To consider provision of a writer in the University examination.**

After discussion the item was deferred for further detail. The Council directed the COE to check up with other Universities in the neighbourhood and those imparting similar education and formulate proposed regulations on the issue.

**24.19 Any other item points with the permission of the chair.**

- (a) Principal, GNDEC, Ludhiana mentioned that the college had asked for autonomy from the University. The Chairman mentioned that this would require a complete proposal to be forwarded to the University and the same to be deliberated in detail.
- (b) It was proposed that since the attendance criteria for promotion to the next higher semester had become ineffective it would be necessary for a student to register for each semester within a specified period. The Chairman directed the Registrar to evolve procedure of registration and draft registration form to be implemented from the next session onwards.

There being no other points, the meeting came to an end with a vote of thanks to the Chair.

  
(Dr. M. S. Grewal)  
Registrar