

PUNJAB TECHNICAL UNIVERSITY, JALANDHAR

MINUTES OF THE 30TH ACADEMIC COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 6TH FEBRUARY, 2008 AT 11:30 AM AT SANT BABA BHAG SINGH INSTITUTE OF ENGINEERING & TECHNOLOGY, PADHIANA (JALANDHAR)

The 30th meeting of the Academic Council was held on 6th February, 2008 at 11:30 am at Sant Baba Bhag Singh Institute of Engineering & Technology, Padhiana (Jalandhar) under the chairmanship of Dr S.K Salwan Vice-Chancellor, Punjab Technical University.

The Chairman welcomed the members of the Council and introduced the following new members

1. Dr. M.S. Grewal, Principal, BBSEC, Fatehgarh Sahib
2. Dr. M.S. Saini, Principal, GNDEC, Ludhiana
3. Dr. Gurdip Singh, Principal, RBIEBT, Kharar
4. Dr. Harwinder Singh, Principal, SSCP, Badhani (Pathankot)
5. Dr. Pawan Kumar, Principal, LCET, Katani Kalan (Ludhiana)
6. Dr. Amar Nath, St. SMTI, Jalandhar
7. Dr. S.P.S. Bedi, Director, Chandigarh Business School, Landran
8. Prof. Tahir Sufi, PCTE IHM, Ludhiana
9. Dr. D.S. Taneja, Principal, RIMT-MAEC, Mandi Gobindgarh
10. Dr. H.S. Bhatti, Principal, DIET, Kharar
11. Dr. B.S. Dhaliwal, Principal, GGSCET, Talwandi Saboo
12. Dr. Vijay Asdhir, Director, KIMT, Ludhiana

At the outset the Chairman requested members to have an introspection of progress made the university in different fields and give their worthy suggestions to further improving the quality of Technical Education and in achieving the mission of providing high quality of technical education in the state of Punjab.

Dr. R.P.S. Suker-Chakia: appreciated the efforts made by the university in streamlining the academic schedule and bringing about stability in conduct of examinations as well as the timely declaration of results especially when the university was facing challenge of conducting examination for a large number of students both in regular as well as in distance education streams. He emphasized on recording facilitations for the efforts made by the examination division of the university in this area.

Dr. (Col) H.S. singha: also expressed his satisfaction for the smooth conduct of examinations. He emphasized upon encouragement of R&D in the various streams of engineering and management and appreciated the initiatives undertaken by the university for faculty development programmes.

Dr. K.N.S. Kang: highlighted the achievements made by the University and complemented the team of the university for bringing about speedy reforms which has not only helped to improve the brand image of the university but also in attracting a large number of students from the state of Punjab and outside as in evident from the large number of admissions made in PTU affiliated colleges. The collaboration with various foreign universities of repute was a good indicator of the prestige earned by the university during the last 2-3 years.

Such collaborations at the college level be also encouraged so as to enable our students to prepare them for the globally competitive market.

Dr. Balram Dogra complemented the university for making improvements in all segments of its activities. He suggested that more faculty improvement programmes be taken up on regular

basis. Likewise keeping pace with the market changes more specialized programmes in MBA need to be promoted by the university. The syllabi for specialized courses be designed keeping in view the requirement of user agencies incorporating new areas of studies that are required in such courses.

Dr. G.D.Bansal: expressed satisfaction on various initiatives taken by the university in particularly promoting new courses. He further, emphasized that to keep pace with the challenges the Institutions be liberally supported to take up new programmes. The image of the university has significantly improved as is evident from the encouraging response received from various firms/ agencies which came up for the '*Placement Mela*' organized by CEC, Landran, and which was participated by the students of various affiliated colleges. There was a record number of placements this year, which reflects upon the improved performance achieved by the university in the last 2 years or so.

Dr. R.C. Sharma: complemented the efforts made by the university in all fronts of administrative, academic and examinations. He hoped that the university would continue to work to achieve more in this direction. He further emphasized the need for updating the syllabi of the courses on regular basis incorporating there in the new thrust areas and more practical and skill imparting techniques. He also suggested that the quality of Distance Education need to be further improved.

Dr. H.S. Bhatti: was of the view that B.Tech faculty was not seen as fit enough to teach B.Tech programmes. Therefore, the recruitments of faculty be restricted to at least to M.Tech. Accordingly the university should encourage more faculty development programmes so that the supply of M.Tech faculty could be further improved.

Dr. J.K. Sharma : Complemented the university for brining about improvements in various activities of the university and hoped that the university will continue to work towards bringing about further improvements. He was of the view that complete computerization of the university must be done in respect of administrative, academic and financial matters. The admission process should be put on online and the website of the PTU. Syllabi must be updated regularly. He also expressed that the question papers should be designed to make it balanced. He suggested that a team of experts be constituted to monitor the quality of question papers.

Summing up the suggestions and the views of the members, the Vice Chancellor appraised them about various initiatives taken by University in academic – administrative and financial areas. Such initiatives would not only help to improve the quality of technical education but also make our students more employable and competitive.

The efforts initiated by the University shall be continued within the thrust on achieving the target of imparting high quality of technical education. It shall further enable our pass outs to equip them with the latest technological advances and also make them more employable and useful for the industry and academic Institutions alike. He reiterated that the principals of our colleges was our strength. Their support and cooperation was very crucial in the smooth functioning of the University. The views expressed by them are quite relevant and the university shall give due consideration in implementing the suggestions for improving the quality of technical education. The university was determined to achieve the mission of propelling Punjab to a Prosperous Knowledge Society.

30.1 To confirm the minutes of the 29th meeting of the Academic Council held at Sri Sukhmani Institute of Engineering & Technology, Padhlana

The Registrar informed the Council that no comments had been received from any member on the proceedings of the 29th meeting of the Academic Council held at Sri Sukhmani Institute of Engineering & Technology, Padhlana. The proceedings were taken to be confirmed.

30.2 Action taken report on the 29th meeting of the Academic Council

The Council noted the action taken as specified in the agenda.

30.3 To inform the degrees conferred in the 6th Annual Convocation.

The Council noted the award of degree.

30.4 To report on admissions during session 2007 – 08.

The council noted the admissions made during 2007 – 08.

30.5 To approve the scheme and syllabi of B. Tech. (Automobile), B. Tech. (Bio-medical Engg.), B.Sc. (Bio-tech), B.Sc. (Fashion Tech.), B.Sc. (HMCT), B.Sc. (MEFT), M. Tech. (Nano-Technology), B.Sc. (MLT)

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30.6 To inform about the affiliated colleges in regular mode for the session 2007 –08.

The council noted the affiliated colleges.

30.7 To inform about Faculty Related reforms

The Vice-Chancellor informed the Council that the PTU & NITTR Chandigarh have joined hands to conduct faculty development programme for the teachers of affiliated colleges who have been recruited in the last 5 years or so. The programme is on module basis. Members were requested to depute the faculty for this programme. This would help in improving the quality of faculty.

Dr. R.P. Singh Suker-Chakia was requested to workout modules for faculty development programme.

30.8 To brief about examination reforms

Dean (Examinations) informed the Council about the examination reforms and major steps taken in this direction.

The work being done by the Dean (Examination) was appreciated by the members.

It was decided that there will be four nodal centers for evaluation of answer sheets in the next examinations.

30.9 To brief about University campus.

The Chairman informed the Council that first phase of construction of University Campus is completed and the University will shift to its permanent campus shortly Hon'ble Chief Minister, Punjab has been requested for inaugural ceremony. All the Principals / Directors and Chairpersons of the colleges / Institutes were invited for this function. The date of which shall be communicated.

30.10 To brief about the Sports and Cultural activities

The Vice-Chancellor informed the Council that the University has won five prizes in Inter-University and participation in all the events witnessed an upward growth over the past years. He hoped that the University will continue to make a mark in these events.

30.11 To establish the common eligibility criteria in respect of PTU courses common to regular mode and distance education mode of education.

The minutes of the meeting of the committee constituted in 29th Academic Council were discussed and were approved.

30.12 To decide about the excess admissions.

The Chairman informed that the University that the Government has taken a very serious view of the admissions made in excess by some of the colleges and has warned that the colleges who have made excess admission will not be allowed to make admission in the next year. The colleges are, therefore, directed to strictly adhere to the sanctioned strength.

The Chairman requested the members of the Council to pay the fees due from colleges immediately otherwise such colleges (in whose respect the dues are standing) will not be allowed to make admission and will face disaffiliation..

30.13 To approve disaffiliation of the colleges running under Lovely International Trust

The Chairman briefed the Council that as per UGC norms the student could make a choice with the change of University.

The disaffiliation as proposed will be with effect from the session 2008 – 09 and the LPU was agreeable to retain the control of the PTU for the batches already running under PTU.

The committee of Dr. M.S. Grewal was formed to examine the case.

The recommendations of the committee will be placed up in the next Academic Council.

30.14 To deliberate on the agenda points received from different colleges

The agenda points received from different colleges were discussed at length. The following committee was constituted to look into the revision of fee structure :

1. Dr. D.S. Hira
2. Dr. R.P. Singh sukerchakia
3. Dr. Balram Dogra
4. Dr. K.N.S. Kang
5. Dr. Vijay Asdhir

The report of the committee will be placed before the BOG.

**30.15 (a) To discuss the matter of external examiners for practical
(b) To consider conduct of reappear examination for the students of last semester.**

The matter was discussed and keeping in view the implications, it was decided that Dr. Balram Dogra,s committee will examine the case.

30.16 Issue of notification of candidates of Degree of Doctor of Philosophy.

The item was approved.

30.17 Change of duration for completion of Ph.D.

The Dean (Academics) informed the Council about the problem being faced by the candidates pursuing Ph.D. The Ph.D. committee as formed by the Academic Council was requested to look into the regulations of other Universities and the problems being faced by the candidates. The report of the committee will be placed before the next academic council.

30.18 Any other item

To start M.Sc. (Biotechnology) course: The university is presently running B.Sc. (Bio-Tech) in its regular mode. Now the request has been received to start PG programme i.e. M.Sc. (Bio-Tech). The council approved and the same shall be taken up to the board.

Dr. V.P. Sandlas (special invitee) prevailed upon the members about the need for encouraging R & D in the colleges and appreciated the initiatives taken by the University in this direction. He briefed the members about the visit undertaken to the institutes for considering them to take up research projects funded by the University. The report of this committee shall be submitted soon.

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