

**PUNJAB TECHNICAL UNIVERSITY, JALANDHAR**

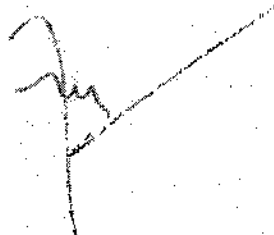
Minutes of the 28<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Academic Council held on the 18<sup>th</sup> of May, 2007 at Chitkara Institute of Engineering and Technology, Jansla (Rajpura).

28<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Academic Council was held on the 18<sup>th</sup> of May, 2007 at 11:30 hrs at Chitkara Institute of Engineering and Technology, Jansla (Rajpura), under the chairmanship of the Vice Chancellor, Dr. S.K. Salwan.

- 1.1 List of the participants is enclosed at Annexure-1.
- 1.2 Dr. (Mrs.) Madhu Chitkara, Director, Chitkara Institute of Engineering and Technology welcomed the Vice Chancellor, all members of the Academic Council and other authorities of the Punjab Technical University
- 1.3 The Vice- Chancellor welcomed all the members of the Academic Council. The following new members were introduced:-

1.	Dr. S.L. Bhardwaj	PIMT, Mandi Gobindgarh
2.	Dr. D.S. Hira	SUSCET, Tangori
3.	Dr. A. P. Jain	MIMT
4.	Dr. Baljeet Kapur	Doaba Institute of Engg. & Technology Ghataur, Ropar
5.	Prof. M.L. Gambhir	Sri Sail College of Engg. & Technology, Badhani
6.	Mr. T. P. Singh	BBSBEC, Fatehgarh Sahib

Vice-Chancellor requested the Registrar to take up the Agenda items



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1. The performance of newly recruited faculty may be monitored for first six months and thereafter be categorized. They should be given the appropriate pay scale including Basic Pay and other allowances as admissible to them.
  2. The teacher : Student ratio of 1:15 must be maintained.
  3. For the time being the PTU will not insist on maintenance of the ratio 1:2:6 till the faculty available position improves.

It was further emphasized that confirmation on acceptance and implementation of decisions of 1 and 2 above must reach the PTU at least seven days before the commencement of counseling failing which the name of the concerned Institute shall be taken off the counseling list.

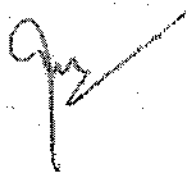
With regard to the difficulty in availability of Guides for M.Tech (part-time) students' thesis; etc. It was decided that for this purpose the Guide need not be from the same Institute - rather he/she can be from any Institute within the PTU system. He advised necessary amendments to be issued to this effect. It was also clarified by the Chairman that the Teacher : Student ratio required for BBA/BCA is not 1:15 but it is 1:20

The Chairman insisted that all the institutes must implement all the points listed at agenda item 28.4 and send confirmation to PTU to this effect.

It was further brought out that maintaining computer : student ratio of 1:4 may not be insisted for Pharmacy /MBA institutes because it does not seem to be desirable & feasible. The Chairman advised that this point may be submitted to PTU along with justification.

**Item No. 28.5 To discuss about the affiliation fees and other related fee to be charged from the institutions affiliated to PTU.**

The Chairman expressed his concern over the non payment of statutory affiliation fees and other charges by a large number of institutes affiliated to the PTU. He added that the



amount outstanding as on date is Rs. 32 crores. He insisted on all the institutes to clear their dues forthwith so that the financial health of the PTU is taken care of. It was also decided that if dues outstanding from any institute for more than one year, the institute will not be allowed to participate in the counselling process and de-affiliation proceeding will be initiated. All dues must be cleared by 20 June 2007.

At this stage a point was raised regarding Distance Education Institutes under PTU and members brought out very poor standards being maintained by these institutes. The chairman mentioned that the point raised by the members will be referred to the Distance Education Council and their views will be obtained and passed on to all the members of the Academic Council. He, however, added that the Distance Education programmes of PTU are very popular and the number of enrolled students has grown from 3,000 to 70,000 within a period of three years and this is a very healthy growth rate, next only to IGNOU.

Responding to the queries of whether Govt. Institutes are exempted from payment of affiliation fees, the Chairman said that this matter was being looked into.

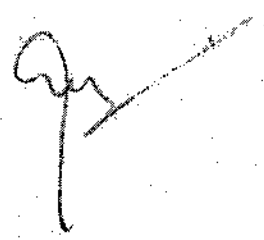
**Item No. 28.6 To deliberate on levy of penalties against certain institutions during the academic session 2006-07.**

Academic Council authorized PTU to recover all the dues and inform the institutions of their liabilities. If the dues are not cleared by 20 June 2007, these institutions should not be allowed for counselling and de-affiliation proceeding to be initiated.

**Item No. 28.7 To take note of change of status of SLIET.**

After detailed deliberation on this item, the following decision was taken with regard to proposed course of action at (i), (ii) and (iii).

Proposal at (i) and (ii) Approved



Proposal at (iii) : Not feasible. In this regard the Chairman informed that SLIET had two options before them as under :-

- (a) PTU will continue holding examination for SLIET students and awarding degrees.
- (b) SLIET may conduct their own examination and also award degrees.

The member from SLIET requested that the option at (b) above may be allowed to be exercised by them with effect from the next semester.

**Item No. 28.8 To brief on the construction of PTU campus.**

It was brought out by the Chairman that phase-I of the construction of PTU campus, a transit block comprising of G+3 storeys, is expected to be completed by Sept/Oct. 2007. He added that this coincides with completion of a decade for the University. He invited suggestions from various institutions as to how the occasion should be celebrated. These suggestions will be discussed in the next meeting of the Academic Council.

**Item No. 28.9 To brief about the conduct of CET-2007**

It was informed that Dr. R.P. Singh, Dean (Academics) has been appointed as Chief Coordinator for the conduct of the above examination. The Chairman apprised all present that it was gratifying to note that this year the response for CET has been very encouraging – a record number of 30,000 brochures have already been sold against nearly 14,000 seats in all. As far as MBA admission test is concerned. The Chairman informed that the responsibility has been entrusted to GNDU, Amritsar. Some of the members enquired about 'on-line admission', to which the Chairman responded that a panel has been constituted to study the feasibility of 'on-line' admissions and the matter is being pursued. Regarding supply of complementary copies of the CET brochure to the institute, it was confirmed that PTU was already doing the needful.



**Item No. 28.10 To consider case for continuance of affiliation of ITFT.**

This point was deliberated at length and the Chairman expressed his concern at ITFT not having shifted to its own premises though they were expected to do so with in one year of the provisional affiliation granted to them by PTU in 2004. Even their latest commitment to shift to the permanent site before the start of academic session 2007-08 has not been maintained. The member from ITFT brought out the difficulties encountered in commencing the construction of its permanent building. After detailed deliberations, the Academic Council agreed to recommend an extension for three months with effect from the start of the session 2007-08, i.e. 2.8.2007. It was made very clear that NO FURTHER EXTENSION WILL BE GRANTED. The chairman stated that the above recommendation of the Academic Council will be considered by BOG.

**Item No. 28.11 To brief about the application received for establishment of new Colleges/courses.**

Progress on this point, as mentioned against this item in the agenda, was explained to all present. The exercise of short listing of colleges bases upon their presentation, inspection and outcome of inspection will be placed in the next meeting of the council.

**Item No. 28.12 To brief about sports and cultural activities of the University.**

All present were appraised about the progress on above activities as listed at (a), (b) and (c) of the agenda item 28.12. it was appreciated that Ms. Mandeep Kaur ( a student from LIT) represented PTU for the RANGOLI event in the North-Zone Inter University Youth Festival held at GNDU Amritsar from 17.12.2006 to 21.12.2006 and the University got second prize in this event, thus making it eligible for competing in National Youth Festival held at the University of Madras from 22.01.2007 to 25.01.2007 , in which the above participant got the third prize and brought laurels to the University.

