

**Proceedings of the 12th meeting of the Academic Council held on 1.10.12003 at
Lala Lajpat Rai Institute of Engineering and Technology, Moga.**

The following were present:

1. Dr. V. K. Sud
Principal/Director
Adesh Institute of Engineering & Technology, Faridkot
2. Dr. H. N. Chandrawat
Principal/Director
Amritsar College of Engineering & Technology, Amritsar
3. Dr. D. S. Hira
Principal/Director
Baba Banda Singh Bahadur Engineering College, Fatehgarh Sahib
4. Dr. S. S. Bhatti
Principal/Director
Baba 'Kumma Singh' JI Engineering College, Gurm Sahian Sahib
5. Dr. Mrs. Tanuja Srivastva
Principal/Director
Bhai Gurdas Institute of Engineering & Technology, Sangrur
6. Dr. Sewa Singh
Principal/Director
Bhai Maha Singh College of Engineering, Muktsar
7. Dr. K. S. Khepar
Principal/Director
Bhutta College of Engineering & Technology, Bhutta
8. Dr. Mrs. Madhu Chitkara
Principal/Director
Chitkara Institute of Engineering & Technology, Jansala
9. Dr. K. C. Gupta
Principal/Director
College of Engineering & Management, Kapurthala
10. Prof. C. L. Kochher
Principal/Director
D.A.V. Institute of Engineering & Technology, Jalandhar
11. Dr. K. D. Mannan
Principal/Director
GGs College of Modern Technology, Kharar

12. Dr. Gurdip Singh
Principal/Director
Giani Zail Singh College of Engineering & Technology, Bathinda
13. Dr. Narinder Singh
Principal/Director
Guru Gobind Singh College of Engineering & Technology, Talwandi Sabo
14. Dr. D. S. Grewal
Principal/Director
Guru Nanak Dev Engineering College, Ludhiana
15. Dr. I. K. Kataria
Principal/Director
Institute of Engineering & Technology, Bhaddal
16. Dr. Joginder Singh
Principal/Director
Lala Lajpat Rai Institute of Engineering & Technology, Moga
17. Dr. H. R. Singla
Principal/Director
Lovely Institute of Technology, Phagwara
18. Dr. J. S. Sohal
Principal/Director
Ludhiana College of Engineering & Technology, Katani Kalan
19. Dr. A. K. Goyal
Principal/Director
Punjab College of Engineering & Technology, Lalru Mandi
20. Dr. S. K. Goyal
Principal/Director
RIMT Institute of Management & Technology, Mandi Gobindgarh
21. Dr. H. S. Sagar
Principal/Director
Sant Baba Bhag Singh Institute of Engineering & Technology, Padhiana
22. Dr. S.S. Dhaliwal
Professor(Representative of Director)
Sant Longowal Institute of Engineering & Technology, Longowal
23. Dr. R. P. Singh
Principal/Director
Shaheed Bhagat Singh College of Engineering & Technology, Ferozepur
24. Dr. S. K. Girdhar
Principal/Director
Shaheed Udham Singh College of Engineering & Technology, Tangori

25. Dr. R. K. Sharma
Principal/Director
Sri Sai College of Engineering & Technology, Badhani
26. Dr. I. M. N. Soi
Principal/Director
Sri Sukhmani Institute of Engineering & Technology, Derabassi
27. Mr. Gurbinder Singh
Principal/Director
Baba Mangal Singh Institute of Computer Sciences, Bhugipur
28. Sh. Arun Scher
Principal/Director
Bhai Gurdas Institute of Management & Technology, Sangrur
29. Prof. Vipin K. Dewan
Principal/Director
Centre for Management Training & Research, Mohali
30. Mr. Subash Bhutani
Principal/Director
CT Institute of Management & Information Technology, Jalandhar
31. Mrs. Shalini Gupta
Principal/Director
Desh Bhagat Institute of Management & Computer Sciences, Mandi Gobindgarh
32. Dr. B. B. Tandon
Principal/Director
Gian Jyoti Institute of Management & Technology, Mohali
33. Mrs. A. S. Bansal
Principal/Director
Guru Nanak Institute of Management & Technology, Ludhiana
34. S. Parmjit Singh
Principal/Director
Guru Nanak Institute of Management & Technology, Dalewal
35. S. Harinder Singh
Principal/Director
Guru Teg Bahadur Institute of Management & Technology, Dakha
36. Prof. R.P. Singh
Head, MCA
Regional Institute of Management Technology, Mandi Gobindgarh
37. Dr. Pinak Nath Jha
Principal/Director

- Jamna Devi Institute of Management & Technology, Muktsar
38. Prof. M. S. Seekee
Principal/Director
Khalsa Institute of Management & Technology for Women, Ludhiana
39. Dr. A. P. Jain
Principal/Director
Lala Lajpat Rai Memorial Institute of Management & Technology, Sangrur
40. Dr. D. R. Singh
Principal/Director
Lala Lajpat Rai Memorial Institute of Management & Technology, Dhudike
41. Dr. Sanjay Modi
Principal/Director
Lovely Institute of Management, Kapurthala
42. Prof. Gurmohan Singh Walia
Principal/Director
Mata Gujri Institute of Management & Higher Education, Fatehgarh Sahib
43. Dr. K. N. S. Kang
Principal/Director
Punjab College of Technical Education, Ludhiana
44. Dr. O. P. Sahni
Principal/Director
Punjab Institute of Management & Technology, Mandi Gobindgarh
45. Prof. K. Manocha
Principal/Director
Sahibzada Ajit Singh Institute of Information Technology & Research, Mohali
46. Dr. R. K. Sharma
Principal/Director
Sai Iqbal Institute of Computer Sciences, Badhoni
47. Mr. Harish Gilhotra
Principal/Director
Shaheed Bhagat Singh Institute of Information Technology, Gagra
48. Dr. P. C. Sharma
Principal/Director
Shaheed Udham Singh Institute of Management & I. T., Tangori
49. Dr. R. S. Gupta
Principal/Director
St. Solider Management & Technical Institute, Jalandhar
50. S. Balwinder Singh
Principal/Director

Tagore Institute of Management & Technology, Patran

51. Mr. Pankaj Ghai
Principal/Director
Akai College of Pharmacy & Technical Education, Mastuana Sahib
52. Dr. R. L. Gupta
Principal/Director
Amar Shaheed Baba Ajit Singh Jujhar Singh Memorial College of Pharmacy,
Bela
53. Dr. G. S. Roy
Principal/Director
Baba Isher Singh College of Pharmacy, Kot-ise-khan
54. Mr. M. S. Khattria
Principal/Director
G. H. G. Khalsa College, Gurusar Sadhar
55. Mr. Subash Chander Gupta
Principal/Director
Government Polytechnic, Amritsar
56. Mr. S. M. Singh
Principal/Director
Government Polytechnic for Women, Patiala
57. Sh. Darshan Singh
Principal/Director
Indo Soviet Friendship College of Pharmacy, Moga

The following also attended the meeting:

1. Dr. S.K. Salwan, Senior Advisor, PTU
2. Dr. Sadhu Singh, Director (Colleges), PTU
3. Shri K.S. Klair, Controller of Examinations, PTU
4. Mr. N.S. Tiwana, Executive Director, Punjab State Council for Science & Technology.

Secretary

S.K.Bhaita, Registrar PTU

The following decisions were taken:

Item No. 0.0

- (i) Two minute's silence was observed in the memory of late Dr K.S.Chopra. (i) Director, Indo Soviet College of Pharmacy, Moga
A condolence message to be sent to the family

(ii) The Chairman was informed that wife of Shri N.S.Rattan, ex- Vice-Chancellor of Punjab Technical University had expired. The Chairman desired that a condolence message of the Council may be sent to Shri N.S.Rattan.

(iii) The following Principals/Directors were welcomed to the Academic Council:

1. Dr H.R.Singla, Director, Lovely Institute of Technology, Hardaspur, Phagwara.
2. Dr T.S.Kamal, Principal, GTB Khalsa Institute of Engg. Tehnology, Chhapianwali (Malout)
3. Dr Joginder Sijng, Principal, LLRIET, Moga
4. Dr Tanuja Srivastava, Principal, Bhai Gurdas Institute of Engg. and Technology, Sangrur.
5. Shri M. L. Gambhir, Rayat Institute of Engg. & Information Technology, Railmajra.
6. Dr .S. D. Khepar, Principal, Bhutta College of Engg. Technology, Bhutta (Ludhiana)
7. Dr S.R.Prabhakar, Principal Indo Global College of Engg. Abhipur.
8. Dr P.K.Dhawan, Principal, Ramgarhia College of Engg. and Technology, Phagwara.
9. Dr S.K.Goyal, RIMT Institute of Engg. and Technology, Mandi Gobindgarh.
10. Dr H.S.Sagar, Principal, Sant Baba Bhag Singh College of Engg. & Technology, Padhiana.
11. Shri S.S. Bhatti, Principal Baba Kuma Singh Ji College of Engineering, Gurusar Satiani Sahib, P.O. Hoshiar Nagar, Distt. Amritsar.
12. Dr T.M.N .Soi, Principal SSIET, Derabassi.

(iv) It was also decided that PTU should have a list of all Principals/Directors (those who have moved out or retired and the current ones) and there has to be a communication to them on key developments. Attempt should also be made to have a get

together of all of them once a year to learn from their perceptions and new ideas.

The Chairman hoped that their experience and association with the Council will be beneficial to the Academic Council in deciding the academic matters of the Punjab Technical University

Item No.12.1 Confirmation of the proceedings of the 11th meeting of Academic Council held on April 23, 2003.

The Academic Council confirmed the proceedings of 11th meeting of the Council. held on 23rd April, 2003 with the modifications proposed in the agenda papers.

Item No. 12.2 Action Taken Report

The Academic Council noted the action taken on the decisions of the 11th meeting of the Academic Council held on 23rd April 2003.

Item No. 12.3 Report on admission for the session 2003-04

The Academic Council considered the report on admissions for the session 2003-2004 and noted with satisfaction that the Punjab Technical University colleges have done very well so far as the admissions in most of the courses are concerned. Dr Sadhu Singh, Chief Coordinator informed the members about the details of the total seats and the seats filled in different courses. The admissions under B.Tech programme have improved much more than that of the last year.

The position of admissions under MBA, BBA & BCA has also improved but the position under MCA programme is static. However, there is no encouraging response to B. Sc. (MLT) course and Hotel Management course. The reasons for poor response to Hotel Management course may be that approval of the AICTE was received late and aspiring candidates might not be knowing about this programme before hand.

The Chief Coordinator also brought to the notice of the Academic Council that the Government has made some amendments in the criteria of admissions to LEET programme after the admission was over. Other notifications from the Govt. extending

dates and informing colleges directly was also pointed out by some members. The members were of the view that it is not fair on the part of the government to interfere in the academic matters of the university and issuing amendments without consulting the university and that too after the admissions are over. It was therefore decided that no admissions may be made under the new criteria fixed by the government because the instructions of the government in regard to admission of LEET programme, will create legal complications.

The Vice-Chancellor observed that after some initial difficulties, the admission process for various programmes has been very well and the good work done by Dr Sadhu Singh and others involved in the admission process need be commended. He is happy to note that the rules and fees in all the PTU colleges are the same and as such no major problem has been faced in the admissions to the colleges under the university umbrella. However, some difficulties were experienced in the process of admissions for other universities and their colleges because their eligibility conditions, fee structure, reservation policy and other related matters are different than that of the PTU. It should be brought to the notice of the Punjab Government that if there is to be joint counseling, the criteria of admission and other conditions should also be the same. He further informed members of the Council that there has been a very good development during the admissions as the Hon'ble Chief Minister, Punjab, offered seats in B.Tech., Management and Pharmacy courses to the J&K State. The admission process was carried out by the University of Jammu for Jammu region and by the University of Kashmir for Kashmir and Ladakh regions. The response from Jammu region was prompt and very good, but the response from Kashmir and Ladakh regions was slow. However, it has been considered as a very good gesture offered by the Punjab Technical University to the J&K State and it has been widely appreciated. He requested the Principals of the concerned colleges, where these students have been admitted to take special care of these students so that it creates good impression in that state. It will be better if a teacher should be deputed by each College to take care of the problems of these students. He was also happy to know that six students from South Africa have been admitted in Punjab College of Technical Education, Baddowal, Ludhiana. He desired that other colleges should also make efforts to attract foreign students. Such opening would play a vital role in image making of the Punjab Technical University in addition to financial benefits to the colleges of the university. He hoped that vigorous

work for five years in this field would take the Punjab Technical University at the stage where it will become a most 'wanted' university in the field of technical education in India and also desired from students outside India.

Item no. 12.4 Report on examinations & Results and schedule of forthcoming examinations

The Council noted that the results of June 2003 examination have been declared in about half the time period taken in declaring the results of previous examinations. The council also was happy that results were declared well in time to help the final pass-out students. The Council appreciated the efforts made in this direction and desired that it should continue. The Vice-Chancellor observed that it is all due to efforts made by Shri K.S.Klair, Controller of Examinations and should be appreciated.

The Controller of Examinations informed the council that the next set of examinations will be started w.e.f. 9th December 2003 and most of the examinations will be over by 27th December 2003 and the results would be declared by the last week of January. However, the examinations in respect of some reappear cases may go up to 10th January and efforts will be made to declare the results of these examinations as early as possible. The Vice-Chancellor informed the members that the University plans to hold a special convocation during November for awarding degrees to the students who cleared their programmes from 1997 to 2000 (some earlier batches who were left out in the first convocation held in March 23, 2003) and also to honour some distinguished persons.

The question of delays in re-evaluation results after the declaration of the main exam results was discussed. It was noted that one of the main problem is having a long period of 21 days to apply for re-evaluation. It was decided that this period will be reduced. The Principals of some colleges pointed out that the results do not reach their colleges well in time because they are in remote areas. Taking this into account, it was decided by the Council to effect a minor amendment in the revaluation rules that the candidate desirous of re-evaluation should apply for revaluation within 14 days of the declaration of the results by the University. Further whenever the results are declared by the University, those should be sent to the colleges through fax/ E-mail immediately. Further the results of re-evaluation should be made available well before the start of the next examination.

so that the students may fill up the forms for reappear and also make preparation for the next examination.

There was a discussion on the examination process including possible improvements. It was found that by and large the University exam system is very good. In very limited isolated cases of re-evaluation there has been a large variation and this aspect would need attention. It was decided that:

- (i) A Committee of 3-4 Principals will be formed which will look into the paper marking trend and the variation in the original marking and reevaluation and if it is found that there is vast difference in the original and revised marking, the reasons for the same should be looked into. If it is due to the faulty marking by the examiner and if it is not just one inadvertent isolated case by him or her, he/she should be debarred from the examinations for next three years. (VC was authorized to set up the Committee)
- (ii) It was decided by the Academic Council that if there is a felt mistake or a perception of being out of syllabus portion in the question paper, the report to this effect should be sent well within 48 hours of the examination being held. Such references will be looked into by a Committee of three members of the Academic Council (The Vice-Chancellor was authorized to constitute the committee).

Item No. 12.5 Academic regulations for 2003 session and Academic calendar for session 2003-04

The Academic Council noted that the academic regulations of 2002 batch students continues to be applicable to 2003 batch students for all the programmes, i.e., B.Tech/MBA/MCA/BBA/BCA. In a few cases the title of course was changed as communicated by AICTE and these changes were approved. For Pharmacy course, the regulation for batch 2003 will be applicable with some minor amendments as approved by the Academic Council and mentioned in item No. 12.11. The Academic Calendar for Session 2003-04 as placed before the Academic Council was approved.

Item No. 12.6 To consider affiliation of Colleges/Institute for the session 2003-04.

The Academic Council approved the disaffiliation of the following six colleges

1. Desh Bhagat Institute of Management and Computer Sciences,
Amloh Road, Mandi Gobindgarh
2. Regional Institute of Management & Administration Zirkpur
3. Khalsa College of Information Technology and Management, Ranjit
Avenue, Amritsar
4. Lala Lapat Rai Memorial Institute of Management & Technology,
Nabha Gate, Sangrur
5. Mata Gujri Institute of Management & Higher Education, Fatehgarh
Sahib.
6. S. Jasdev Singh Sandhu Institute of Technical Education, Kauli
(Patiala)

The Chairman desired that before issuing disaffiliation letter, it should be ensured that the concerned institutes have paid all the dues including all the previous affiliation fee to the University. The affiliation of the colleges for the session 2003-2004 as given in the Annexure –III of the agenda was approved by the Academic Council subject to the condition that the affiliation fee and other university charges are paid first by the Colleges.

Item No. 12.7 Introduction of M.Tech. Courses in Regional Centres

The Council noted that on the recommendation of Task Force on Engineering and Technology and based on the decision of BOG to have a wide spread of Regional Centres in the present existing colleges, the University has started M.Tech. courses in nine Regional Centers and the admission process has been finalized. The Academic Council approved the number of seats, fee structure, duration of courses, general conditions and admissions made on these terms and conditions for M.Tech. courses. The Vice-Chancellor informed that there is no restriction for further establishing the Regional Centers for M.Tech. programme. However it will also be good to consolidate this experience. PTU will keep an open mind on expanding the number of Centres. The Vice-Chancellor pointed out that the programmes of the Regional Centres is that of the

University and every college of PTU is welcome to contribute to it. He therefore particularly welcomed the Principals and faculty of Colleges to teach in the M.Tech Programme. They may suggest names of faculty outside PTU also, as University itself has arrangements with eminent persons in National Labs Institution. Those desirous of such teaching etc. may contact Dr. S.K. Salwan Chairman of the Committee for M. Tech. programme. The Vice-Chancellor further desired that the efforts for starting Ph.D. Programme should also be stepped up and if any Principal or faculty member wants to guide Ph.D. students he/she should come forward. The list of the Ph.D. guides should be updated. He requested them to write to Dr. Salwan.

The Principals and other faculty members may send their complete bio-data to him (Vice-Chancellor) so that he may nominate their names to various bodies wherever such nominations are asked for as he feels handicapped to send such nominations for want of complete bio-data of the faculty and Principals.

Item No. 12.8 Regarding 1 to 5 rule for the B.Tech. Students of 2001 batch.

The Council noted that the students of 2001 batch who have earned 24 credits have been allowed to continue in 5th semester on the recommendations of Dr. Sexana Committee as a one-time measure without being quoted as a precedent. The Vice-Chancellor explained to the Council as to how the Committee was formed and how this decision was taken keeping in view the atmosphere prevailing in the State. He said that ideally he desired an emergency meeting of the Academic council but it was admission time. However he pointed out that all engg. colleges Principals were specially requested to give their view to Dr. Sexana Committee.

The Council discussed the matter in detail and was of the firm view that academic system should not be impaired and reiterated its earlier decision not to give any relaxation in the academic regulations in the interest of academic standard. The Council fully supported the efforts being made by the Vice-Chancellor in adhering to the academic regulations and desired that we should continue these efforts and no further relaxation should be made in 2 to 6 rules for B.Tech. for 2001 batch or in the present regulations for BCA or other academic programme and it should be made very clear to the students by the colleges. For 2002 batch onwards, the matter of adhering to the

rules may be noted right now by all colleges and the reappear students alerted to prepare and perform well.

Item No.12.9 Report on Online Programme

The matter was discussed in detail by the Academic Council. The Vice-Chancellor apprised the members about action taken by the University in pursuance of the decision of the 11th meeting of the Academic Council held on 22.4.03. A committee has already been constituted to recommend the holding of examinations for the existing batch of the students and to recommend future plan of action. As desired by the Committee, the information has since been obtained from the Lovely International Trust, Jalandhar. The Academic Council decided that information received from Lovely International Trust be put up to the Committee and further action taken as per recommendations of the Committee for holding the examinations of existing students along with the examinations for regular students of the university for the courses which are being run by the University. The guidelines are: the programmes for which PTU will hold exams should be for technical/management/computer subject as is current now. The syllabus and mode of delivery to be similar for other degrees concerned. The entry qualifications for students should be similar. Within this frame work the Committee may decide and PTU was authorized for further action.

The recommendations of the Committee for future plan of action may be placed before the Council for consideration. The council was of the view that Online Programme is good, but it should be well thought and come from large group of experts. It should be allowed to all the colleges, which want to participate in this Programme. The Vice-Chancellor therefore desired that suggestions in this respect should be sent to the Committee, which may associate more members.

Item No. 12.10 Report from Standing Committees

The Council noted that no meetings of the Standing Committee were held due to pre-occupation of the members in the Entrance Examinations. The Vice-Chancellor desired that if any body wants to be associated with the Committee, he should send his willingness to the Director of Colleges.

Item No. 12.11 Report on meeting with Pharmacy Colleges

The Council considered the report on the Pharmacy Colleges and decided as under:

The pass marks for Pharmacy will be 40 per cent in each course and 50 per cent in aggregate in each semester and this should be implemented with effect from admission of 2003 batch. There will be no change in the external and internal assessment, which will remain as 80:20. The Vice-Chancellor desired that Pharmacy colleges may also think of starting M. Pharmacy and Ph.D. programme in Pharmacy and should come with proper proposal. Principals of the Pharmacy colleges confirmed that there are no further pending issues from them

Item No. 12.12 Schedule for forthcoming examinations and academic calendar for ONGC Programme

The Council noted the ONGC programme has been started in three B.Tech. courses and classes were started with effect from 3rd June 2003. The Council further noted that from 1st Semester university examination for ONGC programme have been scheduled from 22.9.2003 to 18.10.2003. A report after the examinations are completed may be placed before the Council at its next meeting.

Item No. 12.13 Institution of the Unfair Means Committee (UMC)

The Council considered the matter and decided that UMC Committee will consist of the following as hithertofore:

1. A retired judge
2. An Academician
3. An Administrator

The Council further desired that the Committee be reconstituted with the nomination of new members and authorized the Vice-Chancellor to reconstitute the committee.

Item No.12.14 Constitution of Board of Studies for the period July 1, 2003 to June 30, 2005.

The Council considered the matter regarding the reconstitution of the Board of Studies for the period July 1, 2003 to June 30, 2005 and desired that the suggestions be invited to include more members and experts in the Board of Studies. Shri Vipin Dewan, Director, CMTR, Mohali has been authorized to look into the constitution of the Board of Studies for all areas based on suggestions from Principals and send the report for consideration of the council in its next meeting.

Item No. 12.15 Request regarding special examination in September/ October 2003 for 8th semester B.Tech./B.E., 6th Semester for SLIET reappear students

The Academic Council was of the firm view that no relaxation is to be made and no special examination is to be held. Reappear students should appear along with the regular students.

Item No. 12.16 Request from Director SLIET for amendments in Academic Regulations for students of SLIET.

The matter regarding allowing the SLIET to change from the existing rules for its B.E Degree course to the rules as applicable to B.Tech LEET students of other engineering colleges under PTU, was discussed in detail and varied views were expressed by the members. The representative of SLIET who attended the meeting on behalf of the Director, SLIET was unable to explain the case fully especially vis-à-vis the specific points raised in the Agenda of Academic Council. It was therefore decided that the case may be again brought in the next meeting of the Academic Council and the Director of the Institute should attend this meeting and explain the case clearly to the council, so the council may take necessary action. In the interim it could be considered in the standing committee of the Academic Council.

Item No. 12.17 To report the proceedings of 2nd & 3rd meeting of Interim Council on Distance Education held on 21st July & 2nd September – 2003 respectively.

The members of the Academic Council noted the various decisions taken by the Interim Council on Distance Education Programme and expressed satisfaction with the way the Interim Council is handling the Distance Education Programme. The Vice-Chancellor brought to the notice of the members that it is very happy news that some Colleges have joined the conduct of Distance Education Programme and have started courses under Distance Education Courses successfully in their Colleges. More colleges are invited to join Distance Education Programme and they may also send useful suggestions for the improvement of Distance Education Programme.

Item No. 12.18 New Initiatives.

Dr. S.K. Salwan, Senior Advisor PTU gave a detailed presentation on the progress on new initiatives of PTU many of which have been informed to the Academic Council earlier. However, he observed that since the technologies are progressing at very high speed, we need to make our students more competitive in the new environment. The new initiatives therefore are aimed at broadening the knowledge base of our students. He also gave a presentation on the following new initiatives taken by the University in addition to a brief presentation in M.Tech programmes and the way it proposes to handle new lectures and projects:

- (a) Digital Library
- (b) Delnet
- (c) Knowledge reservoir lecture series.
- (d) Industrial-Academic Interaction including efforts for placement
- (e) E-governance
- (f) Research Projects MoU with Research & Industries and Govt. undertakings.
- (g) MoU with ONGC and Defence for continuous education programme to improve their knowledge and skill and also award of degree/certificates.
- (h) Introduction of smart card.

Dr. Salwan also brought to the notice of the members that these new initiatives have been appreciated by Industrial Units and some industrialists are willing to accommodate our students and are also ready to offer research projects to the University

Item No. 12.19 Opening of 6 schools under the aegis of PTU

Dr. S.K. Salwan, Senior Advisor PTU also made the presentation regarding opening of six schools under the aegis of PTU. The Vice-Chancellor at the end of the presentation stated that these schools will play very important role to bring success of new industrial and economic policy of Punjab Govt and association of trade and industry will put Punjab at par with the modern world economy

The Vice-Chancellor brought to the notice of the members that the management of Gian Jyoti Institute of Management & Technology, Mohali has offered to provide the place and building for the establishment of school of Entrepreneurship & TQM thus being a partner. Similarly, Lord Swarj Paul has offered to give financial assistance for the setting up of the school of Manufacturing and Material Technology and the school would be located in the PTU site in Jalandhar-Kapurthala road. These schools will open a new era in Industry-Institute Interaction Programme. Efforts are on to get partners for others schools. VC said that the Principals are welcome to bring partners from their own Managements or outside. They may please contact Dr. Salwan, Sr. Advisor PTU for such partnerships for establishment of the schools.

Item No. 12.20 Proposal from Shri Vipin Dewan, Director CMTR, Chandigarh grant of 1% grace mark for achieving the aggregate requirements

The proposal was discussed in detail and it was not agreed to.

Item No. 12.21 Integrated BCA & MCA course and revision of syllabi.

The proposal was discussed in detail and it was accepted by Academic Council subject to the approval of AICTE(if it is necessary).

Item No. 12.22 "Strike" by the students of B.Tech on the basis of the rumours.

The Vice-Chancellor observed that it is very sad that when there was no proposal to increase the duration of B.Tech degree programme (not even considered by the Academic Council), it is not understood that how students went on strike and the

Principals were unable to convince them. Similarly, regarding 6 months Industrial Training for B.Tech Programme, the Vice-Chancellor explained that the University has the recommendations of the Task Force to divide the six months industrial training in three phases, i.e. 2 months each and it will be during the duration of 4 year degree programme of B.Tech. It is not new and it was also presented briefly during the last meeting of the Academic Council. Full reports were sent to Colleges for their suggestion. The bifurcation of 6 months industrial training is for the benefit of the students as it has been arrived at after consulting so many experts especially the industries/potential employers who may entertain our students. Most of them are of the view that division of industrial training into manageable packages will brighten the chances for the better placement of the students. So if some students do not want to participate in the divided 6 months training as informed by a few Principals and threaten "Strike" on it, saying that PTU should confirm that it is not doing it, it is the responsibility of the Principals to deal with this matter.

Item No. 12.23 Request of 2000 batch students to appear in 5th and 7th semester examinations simultaneously.

The request of the students of 2000 batch to appear in the examinations for 5th and 7th semester simultaneously was not agreed to by the council. It was re-iterated by the Council that no relaxation in the rules is to be given, so that the students should pursue their study seriously.

Item No. 12.24 Promotion rule for Batch 2001 and its applicability for 6th semester promotion.

The proposal of the Principal of the Institute of Engineering & Technology, Bhaddal was considered by the Academic Council and was not approved. The Academic Council stated that no relaxation in the rule is to be made. The students of 2001 batch who have earned 24 credits were allowed to continue in 5th semester on the recommendations of Dr. S.C. Saxena committee only as one time concession without being a precedent for any other cases. No further relaxation is to be given.

1. The following points were discussed with the approval of the Chair:

Starting of Distance Education courses as Regular Courses by some Colleges:

Directors of some institutes who have started Distance Education courses on regular basis in their institutes pointed out that they have started these courses on regular basis as allowed by then Director (P & D) , Dr. V.P. Singh keeping in view of the decision of the Academic Council taken at its 11th meeting held on 22.5.03 and now the Registrar has issued a letter to them that they cannot run these courses on regular basis without following the prescribed procedure and without the prior approval of AICTE, where such approval is mandatory.

The Vice-Chancellor stated that there is no doubt that one of the officers of the University has allowed the colleges to run these courses, but it was done wrongly and the heads of the Institutes should have also taken into account the prescribed procedure for starting new courses. Moreover, the Academic Council nowhere allowed the running of new courses. It was only decided that the colleges which have suggested the introduction of new courses should send detailed proposals. The Vice-Chancellor read that the decision of the Academic Council which is reproduced below:

1. The Academic Council ratified the decision of the Standing Committee for the introduction of the following courses:
 - (i) MBA (Part time) 3 years
 - (ii) MBA (International Business)
 - (iii) Post Graduate diploma in Computer Application
 - (iv) B.Sc and M.Sc (Bio – Informatics)

- (v) Post Graduate Diploma (Technology Enabled) in Office Management & Secretarial Practices
- (vi) PGDCA (One Year)
- (vii) B.Sc and M.Sc (IT)
- (viii) M.Tech (VSLI Design)
- (ix) MBA Security
- (x) Hotel Management
- (xi) Health Management
- (xii) Master for Technology Management

The Academic Council further observed that the Colleges which have suggested the introduction of these courses should send a detailed proposal giving semester wise syllabus and admission requirements for the consideration of the concerned bodies in the University urgently to start the process. Once the syllabus etc. are ready it is welcome for other colleges as well to participate. Hence those who are interested in the above courses may also send detailed syllabus and other academic requirements.

Establishment of Regional Centres:

The Academic Council appreciated the efforts being made by Dr. Kalanidhi and their Task Force and approved the initiation of new steps like dual degree, Regional Centres etc. A few Colleges were ready to offer space and facilities to PTU. Colleges conducting MBA Programme also desired the provision of dual degrees for MBA courses as well. This was also approved by the Academic Council.

However, it was decided that the detail of the new courses started by the Colleges may be had from the institute and where the approval of AICTE is required, these courses may be allowed to be run after following the prescribed procedure. Where the approval of AICTE is mandatory, such courses may be allowed to be run in very special case by established Regional Centres of the University in these Colleges. The Vice-Chancellor was authorized to take further necessary action in this respect.

2. General Observations.

- (A) At the end of the meeting, the Vice-Chancellor made the following observations

1. There is no progress in the Sports activities of the University and serious efforts needs be made in this direction. There is also a necessity to step up social service and cultural activities.
2. The sports, social service and cultural affair committee is to be constituted. He would appreciate if the Principals voluntarily offer their services for this purpose. The Committee constituted for this purpose will consist of seven Principals including two lady Principals.

The Academic Council welcomed it and decided to have an empowered Committee

The following members of council offered their services:

1. Dr. D.S. Hira, Principal, BBSB College of Engg. & Tech. Fathegarh Sahib. (He was asked by the Committee to Chair the Committee)
2. Dr. A.S. Bansal, Principal GNIMT, Ludhiana.
3. Dr. R.P. Singh, Principal SBS College of Engg. & Tech. Ferozepur.
4. Mrs. Tanuja Srivastav, Bhai Gurdas Institute of Engg. & Technology, Sangur.
5. Dr. Gurdip Singh, Principal MIMT, Malout.

It was decided that other Principals (including women Principals) are welcome to join this Empowered committee.

Dr. D.S. Hira, Principal BBSB College of Engg. & Tech. Fathegarh Sahib, offered to call a meeting in his college to co-ordinate the sports activities. He was authorized to associate more Principals with the Committee.

- (B) VC desired the services of 4-5 Principals to prepare a handbook on the University System and Processing. Principals welcomed it.
- (C) There is dearth of good books in the field of Technical Education and VC desired that our Principals and faculty should start writing books not merely text books but in other areas. Principals agreed to begin a process.
- (D) He suggested that the Pharma colleges may think of a Joint venture with Industries on the project such as a Mobile Hospital and also cooperation with NIPER. In this project of Mobile Hospital, Govt. of Punjab, Pharma Industries and colleges can help the people of Punjab in rural areas by providing medical aid at their door steps. This kind of project is already in operation in Uttranchal TIFAC an autonomous body under DST, Govt. of India and one NGO jointly running this Mobile Hospital successfully

(E) VC desired that Principals to come up with other ideas as well.


(F) VC briefed to the Council about his meeting with M/S Alliance France to teach French language to our students. Minimum requirements will be at least a batch of 30 students to start with. It can be done at Mohali, Ludhiana & Jalandhar. It should cater to others colleges also. Infrastructure and necessary facilities will be provided by the respective college in whose premises the course will start. Later on we can also think of starting other similar courses like German with Max Muller Bhawan, Delhi, Japanese with the help of Cultural Centre of Japan, Chinese etc.

(G) Govt. of India through its departments like DST, TIFAC, AICTE, FIST give financial support for research work to the academic institutions and to individuals who are interested in pursuing higher studies/research in a particular filed.

(H) In this regard PTU has sent a letter to all colleges on "MISSION REACH". This project's details are available on its website www.missionreach.com. 5-6 crore can be earned through this project. But there is still competition in this field. TIFACs home grown technology is also another project which can earn money and prestige to our colleges. Like this DST is also having a scheme called FIST (Financial support to Institutions on S & T). AICTE also give financial support on a no. of Projects for research work. The details are available on their website.

After this Mr. N.S. Tiwana, Executive Director, Punjab State Council for Science & Technology gave a detailed presentation on Fostering Interaction between Technical Institutions – Industry-PSCST. He welcomed PTU Colleges to be associated with the work of the Council for which suitable payment will also be done. Academic Council welcomed it. Those who are interested may be directly in touch with Shri Tiwana with a copy to Dr. S.K.Salwan, Senior Advisor, PTU.

The meeting ended with vote of thanks to the chair.


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