Proceedings of 57th Board Meeting of IKG-PTU held on 07.08.2015 at 11.00 AM in Mahatma Gandhi State Institute of Public Administration, Chandigarh.

The following attended the meeting:

1.	Sh. Sarvesh Kaushal, IAS, Chairman, Board of Governors, I.K. Gujral PTU	Chairman
2.	Sh. Rakesh Kumar Verma, IAS, Vice Chancellor, I.K. Gujral PTU	Member
3.	Dr. Jasbir Singh Hundal, Nominee of Vice Chancellor, MRSSTU Bathinda	Member
4.	Sh. Parveen Kumar Thind, IAS, Additional Secretary, Finance, Nominee of Principal Secretary Finance.	Member
5.	Sh. H D Sekhri, Dy. Director TE Pb & Nominee of Director Technical Education.	Member
6.	Dr. Dharider Tayal, Director, Anovus Institute of Clinical Research.	Member
7.	Dr. M. P. Poonia, Director, NITTTR Chandigarh	Member
8.	Dr. R S Kaler, Dy Director TU, Nominee of Director, Thapar University, Patiala.	Member
9.	Sh .Sachit Jain, Joint Managing Director, Vardhman Textile	Member
10	. Dr. Ravi Kumar, Principal BCET, Gurdaspur	Member
11	. Dr. A. P. Singh, Dean (RIC), I.K. Gujral PTU	Member
12	. Dr. Amanpreet Singh, Registrar, I.K. Gujral PTU	Secretary

The following could not attend the meeting and were granted leave of absence:

- 1. Sh. M P Singh, IAS, Vice- Chairman BoG, IKGPTU.
- 2. Sh.S S Bhogal, Chairman, CII, Punjab Region, Chandigarh.
- 3. Sh Anil Kumar Shukla, Chairman, AICTE: North-West Regional Office
- 4. Prof. Sarit Kumar Das, Director, IIT, Ropar.

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ITEM NO 57.1 To confirm the proceedings of 55th and 56th meeting of Board of Governors.

The Board confirmed the proceedings of 55th and 56th meeting of the Board of Governors.

ITEM NO 57.2 Action taken report on 55th and 56th meeting of Board of Governors, IK Gujral Punjab Technical University

The Board discussed action taken report on the proceedings of the 55th meeting of the Board held on 3/7/2015 and decided as under:

(i) Meeting of the Board shall be held every month for the next 12 months and the progress report in respect of important activities shall be presented to the board in the meeting to ensure oversight and necessary guidelines from the Board

Compliance has been made.

(ii) To expedite the HR Audit and review report being prepared by Mahatma Gandhi State Institute of Public Administration, Punjab and to complete it within 30 days

The Board took a serious note of the delay in the matter and directed to put up the status of the case on file before 17th August, 2015.

(iii) To expedite the issuance of Sports Calendar, proposal for Centres of Excellence, Sports Hostel etc

The Board approved the sports calendar and it was directed to publicise the sports calendar to all affiliated institutes, faculty, staff and students. It was decided to put up the status of Centre of Excellence and Sports Hostel in the next meeting.

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(iv) To sensitize all faculties of the affiliated colleges for Universal Human Value through Camps and On-line material

The Board noted the action taken and constituted the following committee to prepare a concrete proposal for execution of Universal Human Value through Camps and on-line material

- (i) Dr. M P Poonia, Chairman
- (ii) Dr. Ravi Kumar
- (iii) Dr. J S Hundal, Convenor
- (v) To involve Students in community and social work

The Board discussed the issue and Dr A P Singh, Dean (RIC) was asked to prepare an action plan and submit it on file by 17.08.2015.

(vi) To ensure Strict policies on all ethical issues.

The Board noted the action taken in the matter.

(vii) To notify the committee of Prof Satish Verma, Dr Paramjeet Singh, Dr Pritpal Singh, Prof B S Ghuman and Dr V K Bansal for finalization of Regulations

The Board noted the action taken in the matter and Dr J S Hundal, Registrar, MRSSTU was designated as convenor of the committee. He was asked to complete the proceedings and he was directed that the draft regulations must be submitted before 30th September.

(viii) To Adopt UGC guidelines in totality and in case UGC does not have a guideline on any subject, University shall follow other regulatory bodies such as AICTE etc.

In order to ensure compliance, it was decided that each HOD will submit a certificate that every employee working in his department possesses the qualifications as per UGC/AICTE/or other relevant regulatory body before release of their salary for the next months. It will be the

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personal responsibility of Vice Chancellor to ensure compliance.

(ix) To propose media policy in the next board meeting

The Board desired that Media Policy may be framed expeditiously.

(x) To review the usage of Library facilities and detailed presentation by Deputy Librarian

Deferred for its consideration in the next BOG meeting after proper documentation.

(xi) To ensure complete transparency by putting all board agendas, proceedings, Academic Council proceedings etc on University web site

The Board took a serious note of the delay in complying with the directions and it was directed to ensure uploading of all Agenda and proceedings immediately within 7 days, failing which strict action will be taken against anyone responsible for delay.

(xii) To create a grievance portal on University web-site.

The Board took a serious view of the issue and directed to ensure the immediate start of grievance portal within 30 days, failing which action shall be taken against Dy Registrar (Computer) of the University.

Action taken report on the Agenda items in the 55th board meeting.

(xiii) To confirm the proceedings of 53rd and 54th meetings of the board of Governors, IK Gujral Punjab Technical University.

Noted.

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(xiv) Action Taken report on the 53rd and 54th meeting of the Board of Governors, IK Gujral Punjab Technical University along with Vice Chancellor's Presentation on University activities.

Noted.

(xv) To consider proposal for Teaching Departments at IK Gujral Punjab Technical University, Kapurthala.

Deferred for its consideration in the next BOG meeting after proper documentation.

(xvi) To approve the minutes of 45th meeting of Academic Council of IKGPTU to be held on 29.06.15.

Noted.

(xvii) To approve the minutes of 43rd, 44th, 45th and 46th meetings of Standing Building Construction Committee.

Deferred for its consideration in the next BOG meeting after proper documentation.

(xviii) To constitute Statutory Committees as per I.K.Gujral Punjab Technical University Act.

To constitute Sub-Committees to meet functional requirements of the University.

Deferred for its consideration in the next BOG meeting after proper documentation.

(xix) Approval for launch of Distance Education Program for session 2015-16.

The Board appreciated the efforts of the University to obtain UGC approval. The Board desired that all measures must be taken to ensure quality education through open distance learning mode by the University.

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BOG deliberated on the latest UGC guidelines on Distance Education. According to University Grants Commission, I.K.Gujral Punjab Technical University can only run its programme within territorial jurisdiction of Punjab; no courses will be run under the franchise mode and the centres will be run as its own centres of the said university. These are clear-cut instructions of the UGC are available on the UGC website. These were also mentioned in the approval letter given by the UGC as "The territorial jurisdiction in respect of University for offering programmes through distance mode will be as per the policy of UGC on territorial jurisdiction and opening of off campuses/centres/study centres as mentioned in the UGC notification No.F.27-I/2012(CPP-II) dated 27th June, 2013, a copy of which is also posted on the UGC website. The programmes in distance mode will not be offered through franchising arrangement and/or through anv private institution/college" and the University has given an affidavit agreeing to these conditions of the UGC.

Board constituted following committee to oversee the Distance Education Program

- (i) Dr. M P Poonia Convenor
- (ii) Dr. Dharinder Tayal,
- (iii) Dr. Ravi Kumar,
- (iv) Dean(Distance Education Programme), IKGPTU

Dean (Distance Education Programme) (DEP) with immediate effect shall report to the committee on issues concerning distance education. Dr.Buta Singh was assigned additional duty of Dean(DEP). The Board authorized the Committee to issue necessary directions to Dean(DEP) for running distance education program in the best interest of the University; and strictly according to applicable guidelines, and place its observations in BOG from time to time.

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(xx) To ratify the Interim Budget (2015-16) of I.K.Gujral PTU, Jalandhar.

Deferred for its consideration in the next BOG meeting after proper documentation

(xxi) Agenda for PITs

A presentation was made by Dean (RIC), regarding the recommendations of the committee constituted for the purpose.

The Board appreciated the work of the Committee and decided as under

- (i) The PITs at Khuni Majra (SAS Nagar), Sultanpur Lodi, and PTU Campus Kapurthala have ample infrastructure and should be developed as Centres of Excellence.
- (ii) The other PITs have limited infrastructure and limited scope for future expansion and should be confined to the level where available infrastructure is optimally used. Director, Technical Education will visit all the PITs and discuss the matter with both the institutions namely PITs and Govt Polytechnics to ensure 100% utilization of the land, space and covered area in best public interest. He will submit report in the next meeting.
- (iii) Keeping in view the shortage of faculties and importance of faculty development for quality technical education, the Board decided that setting up of PITTR, Jalandhar needs to be pursued in right earnest. Dr.M.P.Poonia, was requested to submit a report for setting up of PITTTR Jalandhar as a Centre of Excellence for technical teachers in the next meeting of the board.

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- (iv) The Board also approved to use the services of Educational Consultants India Limited (EDCIL) Limited, a Government of India enterprise, for preparation of the DPRs for PITs/PITTR.
- (v) It was decided by the Board that initially only PG courses may be started at IKGPTU campus.

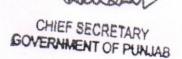
(xxii) To take decision on requests made by the University Officials for transfer/shifting from IKGPTU to MRSSTU

The Board approved the requests for transfer of all B, C and D category of employees from IKGPTU to MRSSTU. The Board also approved the faculty transfer of PIT (Mansa) to MRSSTU Bathinda. The Board also approved that Dr Buta Singh, Dean (IKGPTU) may be given option to shift to new University as per his substantive post of Associate Professor. Board decided not to shift any employee from MRSSTU to IKGPTU for the time being.

(xxiii) To review the status of Contractual appointments in the University.

- (a) The Board directed that extension should not be given to any contractual employee appointed without due process and not meeting minimum eligibility criteria and qualifications as prescribed by AICTE/UGC/Any other regulatory body.
- (b) On the request of the Vice Chancellor that this scrutiny will take some time, VC was authorized to extend the contract, as per the needs of the University, till 30th September, 2015 and thereafter directions at (a) above shall apply.

Vice Chancellor has the authority of making such appointments to the duly sanctioned posts, but he cannot go beyond the cardinal administrative principles for transparency, fairness, due process and merit based



approach; and in no case diluting the eligibility and experience qualifications.

ITEM No. 57.3 To approve the promotions of faculty under CAS

The Board constituted the following committee to review the cases of faculty for CAS as per UGC regulations and will submit the report in tabular form regarding deviations in the next meeting of the Board

- (i) Dr. M P Poonia,
- (ii) Dr. Ravi Kumar,
- (iii) Sh.Parveen Kumar Thind, nominee of PSF
- (iv) Registrar, IKGPTU, Convenor

ITEM No 57.4 Replacement of earlier adopted notification of Child Care Leave issued by the Government of Punjab

Deferred for its consideration in the next BOG meeting after proper documentation.

ITEM No 57.5 To consider the enhancement of retirement age from 58 years to 60 years for Group B & C Non-Teaching employees

Deferred for its consideration in the next BOG meeting after proper documentation.

To consider the recruitment cases of Administrative and Teaching Positions

The Board directed to present the case in the next meeting of the Board along-with clear-cut annotated details of qualifications advertised for the posts and qualifications prescribed by UGC.

ITEM No 57.7 To approve the retirement benefits to employees who have retired before qualifying period as one time measure

Deferred for its consideration in the next BOG meeting after proper documentation.

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ITEM No 57.8

To review the position of available funds and liabilities of IK Gujral Punjab Technical University before taking decision on Transfer of further funds from IK Gujral Punjab Technical University to Maharaja Ranjit Singh State Technical University, Bathinda

The Board deliberated on the matter and decided to refer the issue to the committee constituted by the Government under the Principal Secretary Technical Education for transfer of funds. The Committee shall review liabilities, assets and planned expenditures of both the universities and make allocations accordingly.

ITEM No 57.9

To ratify opening and maintenance of separate Bank Account by Controller of Examination for confidential Examination Work of the University.

The Board approved the agenda item and further directed to adopt all the safeguards followed in other Universities of the state (Panjab University, Punjabi University, Guru Nanak Dev University and Punjab School Education Board) to ensure that there is no defalcation or breach of accountability.

ITEM No 57.10

Design of Insignia (Logo) of the University

The Board approved the designs with name of the university in the insignia as per Punjab Govt' amended gazette notification of 17th July, 2014. It was also discussed that Kapurthala may also be added in the insignia instead of Jalandhar.

ITEM No 57.11

Representation of Dr N P Singh, Former Dean, IKG-PTU Jalandhar along with para-wise comments for consideration

The Board discussed the representation of Dr.NP Singh alongwith parawise comments of University at length.

The Board perused the order passed by Vice Chancellor vide no. PTU /VC/18 dated 16/4/2013 imposing the penalty of removal from the service on Dr NP Singh, Dean exercising powers under Punjab Civil Services (Punishment and Appeal) Rules 1970.

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The Board noted that order dated 16/4/2013 removing Dr NP Singh from service was never placed before the Board for approval or ratification. The Board was only apprised of the suspension of the officer in the special meeting held on 29/6/2012 and the Board had constituted a committee to monitor the charge sheet and enquiry proceedings. Thereafter the matter was never placed before either the Committee constituted by the Board or before the Board in any of its meetings.

The Board also noted that the Vice Chancellor has not been vested with the powers of imposing the penalty of removal from service on an officer of the level of Dean under the PTU Act, 1997, and no regulations have been notified under the Act so far vesting any such power on Vice Chancellor.

The Board after due consideration of the relevant provisions of the PTU Act, and the orders passed by the Vice Chancellor concluded that the Vice Chancellor had never been vested with the powers under Punjab Civil Services (Punishment and appeal) Rules 1970 to impose penalty of removal of service of any officer of the level of Dean of the University.

Without giving its findings on the merits of the case with regard to allegations against Dr.N.P.Singh, the Board set aside the orders dated 16/4/2013 passed by Vice Chancellor imposing the penalty of removal of service on Dr NP Singh as beyond his jurisdiction, authorisation and competency; and directed to proceed in accordance with the order of the Board passed with regard to the case of Dr.N.P.Singh in the special meeting held on 29/6/2012. It was further clarified that the suspension of Dr.N.P.Singh will continue till further decision of the BOG. It was decided to place his reply to the chargesheet before the BOG alongwith the comments of the Vice Chancellor.

Meeting ended with vote of thanks to the chair.

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