


**PROCEEDINGS OF THE 22nd MEETING OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS, PTU
HELD ON April 18, 2006 AT 1245 HRS IN THE COMMITTEE ROOM, 6TH FLOOR,
PUNJAB CIVIL SECRETARIAT, CHANDIGARH**

The Following were present in the meeting:

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| Shri K.R. Lakhanpal
Chief Secretary to Govt. Of Punjab
Chandigarh | Chairman |
| Dr. S.K. Salwan
Vice Chancellor
Punjab Technical University, Jalandhar | Member |
| Sh. P.Ram
Principal Secretary to Government of Punjab
Department of Technical Education & Industrial Training
Chandigarh | Member |
| Dr. R.S Khandpur
D.G Pushpa Gujral Science City
Chandigarh | Member |
| Sh Chandra Mohan
H.No 202, Sector 36-A
Chandigarh | Member |
| Prof. L.R.Verma
Vice Chancellor, H.P. University
&
Chairman (North West Region)
AICTE. | Member |
| Sh. B.S. Sandhu, IAS (Nominee)
Principal Secretary Government of Punjab
Department of Finance | |
| Dr. S.C Vaidya (Nominee President CII)
University Business School
Punjab University
Chandigarh | Member |
| Sh. S.S. Rajput , IAS
Secretary to Government of Punjab
Department of Personnel | Special Invitee |



Punjab Technical University -Jalandhar

Sh Anupam Gupta
Advocate

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Special Invitee

Dr. M.S. Grewal
Registrar
Punjab Technical University
Jalandhar

Secretary

The Vice Chancellor welcomed the Chairman Sh K.R. Lakhanpal, IAS and Sh. P.Ram, IAS on joining the board. He also welcomed the other members of the board and introduced them to the chairman. Thereafter regular agenda was taken up.

22.0 Briefing by the Vice Chancellor.

The Vice Chancellor briefed the Board about incident of suicide by Shri Rajinder Kumar Sharma. He further informed the Board that wife of Shri Rajinder Kumar sharma had been provided the job of clerk on recommendations of the District administration after interview and ascertaining her suitability for the job.

The Board ratified the appointment of Ms Kiran Sharma w/o Late Rajinder Sharma on compassionate & humanitarian ground.

Construction: Construction work had commenced in the 1st week of March. The area has been cleared-off and levelled. The Vice Chancellor informed the board on the foundation stone laying ceremony by the Hon'ble Chief Minister, Punjab on 22 March 2006. He further briefed that the excavation work had been completed for both the blocks and concrete had been laid. Position of the column had been marked and erection work of the columns was in progress. Bar bending for the raft basement of the front block is complete.

Budget & Finance: The budget of the University has been included in the agenda. The Board was apprised that the University could claim to have become self-reliant. There were a few steps which were in progress and PTU should be able to generate a surplus budget for additional expenditure which are considered necessary to make the University a top class technical University.


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The Annual report of the University had been forwarded along with agenda circulated to all the members. Dr. R.S. Khandpur suggested that annual report must contain the names of the members of the Board of Governors.

Sports Activities: Sport Activities were spread through out the year culminating in athletics meet, which was conducted at BBSB Engg. College, Fatehgarh Sahib from 10th to 12th March 2006. Eminent sports persons like Dr. Ajmer Singh, Brig. Labh Singh, Brig. G. J. Singh, Mr. Tara Singh, Mr. Inder Singh (all Arjuna Awardees), had participated and were willing to provide expertise support to the University for furtherance of sports. The University team participated in inter-University tournaments viz. Badminton (M&W), Kabaddi (M), Table-Tennis (M), Cycling (M&W), Basketball (M), Yoga (M&W), Weight Lifting (M&W), Power Lifting (M&W), Best Physique (Men) and athletics (M&W)

PTU – GJ School : PTU's Gian Jyoti School of TQM and Entrepreneurship has conducted admissions of 112 students in the maiden year to B.Tech. in TQM. First semester of the course was successfully nearing completion. The school also conducted QualTech course. prize distribution on course completion which was held on 8-April-2006 where Sh. K. R. Lakhanpal, the Chairman Board of Governor PTU and Chief Secretary, Punjab was the Chief Guest. Board appreciated the efforts of the school management committee and requested the chairman PTU Gian Jyoti school for making it self sustaining financially.

PTU Caparo School: Lord Swaraj Paul had made a visit to the site in March-06. He was taken around the site and was satisfied. M/s Caparo had hired services of an architect and a construction contractor to build its building. Both these parties had visited the site on 8th April 06. A Society had been constituted. However, with certain changes at the Government level, a reconstitution may be appropriate. The society is coming out with an advertisement for hiring services of suitable CEO. The Board approved the following names for the PTU Caparo Society.

- a) Dr. S.K.Salwan Vice Chancellor, PTU
- b) Sh. P.Ram, IAS, Principal Secretary Technical Education
- c) Dr. V.K.Arora Dean (Academic) PTU
- d) Dr. R.S. Khandpur Member BOG

DEP & Regular Exams: DEP even semester examinations for the session march/April-2006 was in progress. The exams, which were being conducted in various cities across the country commenced on 25-March-2006 and were likely to be over by 20th April 2006.

The Vice Chancellor apprised the board that end semester exams for regular students shall be conducted from third week of May onwards.

CET-2006 : The University has evolved Standing Operation Procedure (SOP) for conduct, evaluation and declaration of entrance exam. The same is being implemented for CET-2006. The Combined Entrance Examination was scheduled to be held on 28-May-2006. Brochure were on sale at various outlets including Universities Colleges , DTE Office and selected branches of PNB and IDBI banks. The result is scheduled to be announced by 15th of June, 2006. Admissions shall be carried out through single counselling which would be held between 21st June, 2006 and 25th July, 2006. The semester was scheduled to commence from 1st August 2006.

Virasat: inline with the idiom "**Our Heritage is our Identity**" Punjab Technical University is organising a Virasat Mela at Swami Vivekanand Institute of Engineering & Technology (SVIET), Chandigarh – Patiala National Highway, Ramnagar, Near Banur, distt. Patiala. Students from all the colleges are participating in this function between 21st April to 23rd April. This is likely to be an annual function hereafter. Invitation cards have been dispatched to all the members. The Vice Chancellor requested the members to visit the fair with family friends.

22.1 To confirm the proceedings of 21st meeting of the BOG held on 20-01-2006.

The Registrar informed the members that the minutes of the previous BOG meeting held on 20 January 2006 had been circulated vide letter No PTU/REG/ 405 dated 30-01-06. There were no written comments received on the minutes. The Board confirmed the minutes.

22.2 Action taken report on 21st meeting of the BOG held on 20 January 2006 in the Committee Room, 6th Floor, Punjab Civil Secretariat, Chandigarh.

The Registrar briefed the members on Actions Taken Report on the agenda. The action taken was noted. Dr. Khandpur stated that by giving annual increment to the staff the university has moved in right direction.

22.3 To brief on ongoing construction work & deliberate on immediate future requirement.

The Registrar briefed on the various points for action in respect of the construction work. He also gave a current status report. The Board noted progress made in construction and appreciated work done by the team. The Board approved the work proposed as recommended by the finance committee. It was decided that in future the report on monitoring as well as proposal for further construction may be considered by the standing construction committee as constituted by the Board. This would facilitate close monitoring of the project and immediate disposal off an issue arise. It was also decided that pictorial representation may be made to the board.

22.4 To approve the budget for the year 2006-2007 as recommended by Finance Committee in its 10th meeting held on 27th March 2006.

The member noted the minutes and recommendations of finance committee in its 10th meeting and appreciated the efforts of the university in becoming self-sufficient financially. The Board approved the recommendations of the finance committee and the proposed budget for the year 2006-2007.

22.5 To report the present status of staff of the university and to highlight various issues involved with the same. To deliberate and work out a solution

The members deliberated on the issue taking into consideration the report of the internal committee constituted by the Vice Chancellor. The members discussed the issue taking into consideration the following

- a) Nature of the task of the university.
- b) The fact that most of the staff members had been employed for a period of more than 7-8 years.
- c) That placing in scale had been arbitrary.
- d) Appointment of the some of the employees was under scanner by the vigilance.
- e) Hon'ble Supreme Court had passed certain judgments on regularization of the employees appointment without following mandatory procedures.

The special invitee Sh. Anupam Gupta informed the members that the recent Supreme Court Judgment was comprehensive and had addressed all the previous judgments made at all level in this regard and that it would be necessary to view the whole thing in the light of the judgment which clearly rules out regularization.

The board considered the above and also the fact that such employees had been on the rolls of the university for considerable time and that they should be provided with an opportunity to be regularized into the system.

The Vice Chancellor informed the Board that the structure and staff strength have been approved by the Board in year 2003. The cadre-needed revision in view of the increase in workload because of increase in number of students. In Distance Education the students strengths has gone to 35000 from 15000. The Board decided the following.

- (a) To revise structure & strength requirement of the university staff to be worked out in consultation with Principal Secretary Technical Education and brought to the Board for approval.

- (b) Mapping for the stability the existing staff in terms of qualification & experience for the university requirement including the relaxation required in terms of age as the some of the staff was working for last 7-8 years continuously.
- (c) Consultation with department of personnel in the recruitment procedure as defined in the act taking into consideration the problem of the existing staff.
- (d) University legal advisor to submit report in view of the Supreme Court judgment regarding the existing staff.
- (e) No change in the present status of the staff till decided by the Board.
- (f) The report in respect of (a) (b) (c) and (d) should be submitted within four months and put up to the Board in its next meeting.

22.6 To consider introduction of new courses.

The Board approved the following new courses to be commenced from session 2006-2007

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| 1. | M.Sc. (Bio- informatics) | 2 years |
| 2. | M.S. (MLT) | 2 years |
| 3. | B. Sc. (Bio- technology) | 3 years |
| 4. | B. Sc. (Hotel Management & Catering technology) | 3 years |
| 5. | B. Sc. (Bio- informatics) | 3 years |
| 6. | B. Sc. (Hospitality) | 3 years |
| 7. | B. Sc. (Media, Entertainment & Film Technology) | 3 years |

The Board authorized the Vice Chancellor to review and approve recommendations of the committee as constituted by the academic council.

22.7 To brief on present status Distance Education Program

The Board noted the status of Distance Education Programme of the university including preparation of course material in SIM format. The Board also noted the power of DEC of IGNOU vis-à-vis the provisions under the PTU Act through which distance education programme was started throughout the country.

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The Board desired that the DEP council must workout evaluation criteria to evaluate the programme of all the existing RLFC's. The criteria so work out to be approved by the Board prior to December 31,2006. After the approval of the criteria the RLFC's will be evaluated by the DEP council to decide their continuity or otherwise. New RLFCs will only be chosen after the approval of the Board following due procedure of advertisement etc.

22.8 To ratify decision for appointing an Arbitrator in the case of Mindlogicx

The Board ratified the decision of the Chairman and approved the panel of arbitrators as follows.

- 1 Mr. Amarjeet Chaudhry, Former Chief Justice, Punjab & Haryana High Court, Chandigarh.
- 2 Mr. Vevek Atray, Director, IT, Union Territory of Chandigarh.
- 3 Mr. Partap Aggarwal, MD, IDEA ifo Tech. , Chandigarh.
- 4 Prof. I.K. Bhat, Director, NIT, Hamirpur, H.P

The Board desired that suitable action in consultation with the legal expert appointed for defending the case may be taken so as to safeguard the interest of the university.

22.9 To brief on CET 2006 and to present SOP prepared for the examination

The Board Noted the agenda and approved the SOP.

22.10 To deliberate on transfer of land and building from M/s PUNTEX, Punjab and deliberate on opening of School of excellence/ Regional Centre

The Board approved, in principle, the acquitted of the land the building as porposed. The board also authorized the Vice Chancellor to take further action as per requirement of the university.

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22.11 To reconstitute committee for construction of PTU Campus at Jalandhar Kapurthala Road.

While taking note of briefing by the Vice Chancellor on ongoing construction work and report on the current status and action at various points under agenda item no 22.0 and 22.3, the Board approved the following committee.

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| a) | Sh P.Ram, IAS | Principal Secretary Technical Education |
| b) | Sh N.S. Kalsi, IAS | Secretary / Director IT |
| c) | Dr. R.S. Khandpur. | D.G. Pushpa Gujral Science city |
| d) | Sh Chandra Mohan | Chairman GJIMT TQM |
| e) | Sh. S.L.Kaushal | Architect |
| f) | Sh A.N.Chowdhary | Chief Engineer (Construction) |
| g) | Registrar | Secretary |

The committee shall be responsible for monitoring all issues arising in the project in the current phase as well take decision on any subsequent work / modifications to be undertaken in addition to mention under agenda item no 22.3.

22.12 (a) To approve of PTU off shore campus (regional Centres) abroad.

The BOG has approved the proposal to set up PTU off shore campus in Mauritius in principle and a comprehensive project report in this regard be sent to the Union Ministry of Human Resources Development for clearance after getting a legal opinion.

22.12 (b) To consider period of appointment of Senior Consultant Unnati Paryas Scheme (ONGC, Dehradun)

The Board approved contractual appointment of Dr. A.S. Bains as Senior Consultant for the ongoing Unnati Paryas Scheme for the employees of ONGC for a period of 2 years on similar terms and conditions as in Item No.-21.16. The appointment may be reviewed by the Vice Chancellor after one year.

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22.12 (c) Issue of Calendar and approval of applicability of regulations

The Board approved the front page of calendar as follows:

"Notwithstanding the integrated nature of a course spread over more than one academic year, the regulations in force at the time a student joins a course shall hold good only for the examinations held during or at the end of that academic year. Nothing in these regulations shall be deemed to debar the University from amending the regulations subsequently and the amended regulations, if any, shall apply to all students whether old or new."

The meeting came to an end with vote of thanks to the Chair.



**Dr. M.S. Grewal
Registrar**