Proceedings of 60th Board Meeting of IKG-PTU held on 11.12.2015 at 11:00 AM at Mahatma Gandhi State Institute of Public Administration (MGSIPA), Punjab Institutional Area, Sector-26, Chandigarh.

The following attended the meeting:

 Sh. Sarvesh Kaushal, IAS Chairman, Board of Governors, IKGPTU 	Chairman
2. Sh. M. P. Singh, IAS Vice Chairman BOG, IKGPTU	Vice- Chairman
 Sh. Rakesh Kumar Verma, IAS Vice Chancellor, IKGPTU 	Member
Dr. Mohan Paul Singh Ishar Vice Chancellor, MRSSTU Bathinda	Member
 Sh. Parveen Thind Nominee of Secretary to Govt., Finance 	Member
6. Sh. Dharam Pal Gupta Director Technical Education& Industrial Training	Member
7. Dr. Dharider Tayal Director, Anovus Institute of Clinical Research	Member
8. Ms. Kamna Raj Aggarwala President, CII, Punjab Region, Chandigarh	Member
 Sh. Sachit Jain JMD, Vardhman Textile & MD, Vardhman Special Steels, LDH 	Member
10. Dr. R.S. Kaler Nominee of Director, Thapar University, Patiala	Member
11. Dr. Ravi Kumar Principal BCET, Gurdaspur	Member
12. Dr. A. P. Singh Dean (RIC), I.K. Gujral PTU	Member
13. Prof. Sarit Kumar Das Director, IIT, Ropar	Member
14. Dr. M.P. Poonia Director, NITTTR, Chandigarh	Member
15. Dr. Amanpreet Singh Registrar, I.K. Gujral PTU	Secretary

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

Sh. Anil Kumar Shukla, Chairman, AICTE, North-West Regional Office

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Item No 60.1 To confirm the proceedings of 59th meeting of Board of Governors

The Board confirmed the proceedings of 59th meeting of Board of Governors.

Item No 60.2 Action Taken Report on the proceedings of the 59th meeting of the Board of Governors, IK Gujral Punjab Technical University

The Board discussed the action taken report on various decision taken in the 59th meeting of Board of Governors held on 06.11.2015 and decided as under:

(i) ITEM No 58.2 (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 discussed the matter and noted that early finalisation of regulations is extremely important for the proper functioning of the University.

VC, MRRSTU informed the Board that the Committee has submitted draft regulations on some of the aspects, however, the final draft regulations covering all aspects are still to be submitted by the Committee.

The Board desired that the matter be pursued with Committee members for early finalisation and both the VCs can have a joint meeting with members in this regard at the earliest.

(ii) ITEM No. 58.2 (xix):Approval for launch of Distance Education Program for session 2015-16.

Prof (Dr.) M.P. Poonia apprised the Board that he alongwith Dean (Academic) IKGPTU had visited UGC and discussed various aspects of Distance Education being carried out by IKGPTU namely PCP Programme, SLM, Admissions, examination and the draft Distance Education Policy. UGC was

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in agreement with the same. He, however, informed that UGC will not give anything in writing or vet these processes as these are internal matters of the University. A detailed agenda will be placed before the Board in the next meeting.

During deliberations, the matter regarding admissions by the Colleges up to the last date of examination also came up for discussion. The Board took note of the same and constituted a committee of Dr. Ravi Kumar and Prof. (Dr.) M.P.Poonia to be assisted by Dean (Academic) and COE (in-charge) to look into the same. The Committee will also recommend measures and safeguards for ensuring the genuineness and eligibility check of the students.

(iii) ITEM No. 58.2 (xx):To ratify the Interim Budget (2015-16) of IKG PTU.

The Board desired that the SOPs should be formulated within seven days and must be circulated to all members of Board before next meeting. It was also decided that University shall explore the options for Financial Audit preferably from AG, Punjab. In case of refusal from AG, it could seek the services of Association of Retired Auditors of AG Office or one of the top four leading multinational auditor firms.

The Board also desired that the matter may be discussed by Principal Secretary Technical Education & Industrial Training, Punjab-cum-Vice Chairman, BOG, IKGPTU with the University towards recommending the appropriate way forward in the case.

Accordingly, the matter may be brought before the Board in its next meeting.

(iv) ITEM No. 58.2 (xxvi): To approve the promotions of faculty under CAS.

The Board desired that Director (UGC Cell), IKGPTU should visit University Grant Commission Office, New Delhi at the

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earliest to get the CAS proforma vetted from UGC so that promotion cases could be processed expeditiously.

(v) ITEM No 58.2 (xxxi): To review the position of available funds and liabilities of I.K. Gujral Punjab Technical University before taking decision on Transfer of further funds from I.K. Gujral Punjab Technical University to Maharaja Ranjit Singh State Technical University, Bathinda.

The Board desired that the decision on application for vacation of stay shall be taken after court hearing on 17/12/2015.

(vi) ITEM No 59.2 (xxiii-b):To review follow-up action regarding anonymous e-mails and forging of University Documents.

The Board was informed that the matter has been followed up with SSP, Kapurthala regarding expeditious action in the matter. The Board desired that the matter shall be taken up with Cyber Crime Cell for follow up action in the matter.

(vii) ITEM No. 59.3: Approval of Decisions Taken by Vice-Chancellors of IKGPTU and MRSSTU on transfer and Various Issues

The matter was discussed and it was felt that UGC may not give any further clarification in the matter and the University will have to evolve its own guidelines. It was decided that apart from the current practices followed by the University, the norms being followed by Thapar University, Patiala may also be obtained and both the Universities can then adopt the best norms based on that in conformity with UGC guidelines.

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(viii) Item No. 59.4: To consider the proposal for establishment of various Centres of Excellence in Sports in Affiliated Colleges of University

The Board desired that Assistant Director (Sports) should visit both the Institutes to finalise the modalities regarding MoU expeditiously and the Board shall be apprised in next meeting to take final decision on the matter.

(ix) Item No. 59.5: To involve Students in community and social work

Dr. A.P. Singh, Dean (RIC) apprised the Board and it was decided that Dean (RIC) to act in a more persuasive manner to meet with NGOs, to co-ordinate with CII, Chandigarh Office for SOPs, along with proposals through Finance Officer IKGPTU, with the industry on corporate social responsibility (CSR).

(x) Item No 59.10: To consider the recruitment cases of Administrative and Teaching Position

The Board was informed that appointment letters have been issued to 11 selected candidates as decided by the Board in its last meeting. The appointment letters have not been issued in case of two posts namely Assistant Professor (Chemistry) which was advertised by IIT norms. Out of 11 posts, 06 were already sanctioned and 05 were deemed to have been sanctioned in view of the approval of the Board in its last meeting.

The Board also discussed the matter regarding selection and appointment of faculty and staff in the affiliated college. It was noted that currently University does not send any nominee for these selections in the affiliated colleges. It was decided that UGC regulations in this regard may be referred to and if required University should make its own policy to ensure University nominee in selection and appointment of

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faculty and staff in the affiliated colleges to ensure merit and quality in the selection.

The Board also deliberated on the need to ensure that all affiliated colleges pay full salary as per AICTE/UGC norms to the faculty and staff. One of the ways to ensure is making it compulsory to pay the salaries through bank. University could make the annual renewal of affiliation of the colleges subject to the mandatory payment of full salary to faculty and staff, in order to improve the quality of technical education in the State.

Suitable proposal in line with the UGC regulations and additional policy guidelines of the University, if required should be brought before the Board in its next meeting.

The Board also desired that University must develop faculty development program by formulating training calendar for the faculty of affiliated colleges. The Board constituted a committee comprising of Sh. Sachit Jain, Ms.Kamna Raj Aggarwala and Prof. (Dr.) M.P. Poonia for preparation of detailed proposal on training to the faculty.

(xi) Item No 59.12: Preparation of DPR and Academic Program in University Campus

The Board noted the action taken in the matter.

(xii) Item No 59.15: To Consider the Grant of Prosecution sanction of Dr. R.P.S. Bedi as per report of Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI)

The Board noted the action taken in the matter.

(xiii) Item No. 59.16: Appointment of Registrar, IKGPTU.

The Board was informed that the meeting of the Selection Committee was held on 27.11.2015 and some of the issues came up during the scrutiny of the applications were

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discussed in the meeting as per the draft proceedings attached with the agenda. In addition the Board was also informed about shortlisting of candidates having crossed the age of 59 or 60 years as there was no such bar in the advertisement. Further quorum of four has been fixed for the meeting of the Selection Committee.

The Board desired that the process of selection shall be completed at the earliest and the nominees of the Board who were present in the meeting gave their consent for meeting on 22.12.2015 for the interview.

(xiv) Item No 59.17: Information regarding expenditure liabilities incurred and agreement made with NetIIT

Board desired that Vice Chancellor, IKGPTU should take up the matter with the advocate and put up the details in the next Board meeting.

Item No 60.3 To inform about HR Audit and Review Report prepared by Mahatma Gandhi State Institute of Public Administration, Punjab

A brief presentation was given by Dr. Sanjeev Chadha, Head, MDC, MGSIPA regarding the key recommendations of the HR Audit and Review Report. The Board was broadly in agreement with the thrust given in the report and appreciated the same. It was felt that this exercise needs to be taken to logical conclusion.

It was decided that MGSIPA will incorporate the feedback of the university, if not already done, and the report should thereafter be circulated to all the members of the Board and to the University.

It was also decided that the services of MGSIPA may be engaged for a further period of 6 months to one year for hand holding and assisting in the implementation of the recommendations. MGSIPA will accordingly prepare an action plan for the implementation of the recommendations in a phased manner. Entire plan may be divided into 6 phases. MGSIPA

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will accordingly work out the consultancy fee for implementation phase in accordance with the proposed action plan for implementation.

It was also decided that this will be a regular agenda for the Board for review and monitoring the progress.

Item No 60.4 To Consider Media Policy in the University

The agenda item was deferred for consideration in the next meeting of the Board.

Item No 60.5 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

The Board desired that the matter be re-examined by the University regarding the requirement of passing Punjabi upto Middle/Matric level and the conditions of the advertisement for recruitment for the post. The case may accordingly be put up again before the Board.

Item No. 60.6 Disciplinary action against Dr. N.P. Singh, Dean (under suspension)

The Board had already discussed the charges under article I,II,III, IV and V and had found them baseless in the previous Board meeting. The Board also took note that the enquiry officer appointed earlier had already exonerated Dr. N.P.Singh, Dean (under suspension) from the charges under article I, III, IV & V.

The Board noted that Dr. N.P.Singh was singled out for disciplinary action while no action was taken against the other two members of the committee.

Principal Secretary, Technical Education briefed the Board regarding the position of record related to charge under article VI, in view of the two meetings held by him on 18/11/2015 and 03/12/2015 in presence of VC, IKGPTU, Registrar, IKGPTU, Dr. H.S. Bains, the then Registrar and Presenting Officer and other officers of the University.

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The Board deliberated on the matter and decided to reinstate Dr. N.P. Singh to the post of Dean. The Board further decided that there was no merit in the charge sheet issued to Dr. N.P.Singh and he was exonerated from all the charges, keeping in view the record of the case and detailed deliberations held by the Board. It was also decided that his period under suspension and removal shall be treated as duty period and he is entitled for all consequential benefits.

Item No. 60.7 To approve proceedings of 43rd, 44th, 45th, 46th and 47th meeting of Standing Building Construction Committee

The Board considered the agenda and decided that the recommendations of the Standing Building Construction Committee to the extent that they involve expenditure, should be placed before the Authority competent to approve the expenditure. Thereafter if the approval of the Board is required, the same shall be put up before the Board in the next meeting.

Item No. 60.8 To plan and construct residences for Vice Chancellor, Registrar, Deans and other employees of the University at main campus, Kapurthala.

The Board approved the proposal in principle and directed that the matter be dealt expeditiously as it is essential for developing the University as academic campus. The detailed design and estimates shall be framed expeditiously and approval of the Competent Authority be taken.

Item No 60.9 To brief about the factual position on the complaint received from Anti Corruption Society, Jalandhar

The matter was considered by the Board and it was decided that Principal Secretary, Technical Education-cum-Vice Chairman shall examine the factual report with the assistance from VC, IKGPTU and the report shall then be placed before the Board.

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Item No 60.10

To consider the Representation of Dr. R.P.S. Bedi, Joint Registrar on Charge Sheet issued by the then Vice Chancellor

The agenda item was deferred for consideration in the next meeting of the Board.

Meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the chair.

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