

ITEM NO. 14.1 CONFIRMATION OF PROCEEDINGS OF THE 10th, 11th, 12th AND 13th MEETING OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF THE UNIVERSITY.

The 10th, 11th, 12th and 13th meetings of Board were held under the Chairmanship of Sh. Anurag Verma IAS, Principal Secretary, Govt. of Punjab, Department of Technical Education & Industrial Training, Punjab-cum-Chairman, Board of Governors of Maharaja Ranjit Singh Punjab Technical University, Bathinda.

- i) The proceedings of 10th Board meeting held on 19.02.2020 are placed at **Annexure-I (From Page 28 to 43)**
- ii) The proceedings of 11th special Board meeting held on 08.10.2020 are placed at **Annexure-II (From Page 44 to 45)**
- iii) 12th special Board meeting held on 31-10-2020 to recommend a panel of names for the post of Vice Chancellor as recommended by search committee. Consequently, Prof. Buta Singh Sidhu was selected for the same and he joined as Vice Chancellor, Maharaja Ranjit Singh Punjab Technical University, Bathinda on 02-11-2020 (**Annexure-III, From Page 46 to 47**). All the record pertaining to this is lying with the Department of Technical Education & Industrial Training, Punjab.
- iv) The proceedings of 13th Board meeting through circulation held on 19-11-2020 is placed at **Annexure-IV (Page 48)**

Proceedings of the 10th, 11th and 13th meetings were circulated to all the members. No comments have been received from the members of the Board.

Matter is placed before the Board of Governors for confirmation please.

ITEM NO. 14.2 THE ACTION TAKEN REPORT OF 10th MEETING OF THE BOARD ON 19-02-2020

Item No.	Item	Decision	Action Taken												
10.1	CONFIRMATION OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF 9th MEETING OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS, MRSPTU, BATHINDA.	Confirmed	No Action Required												
10.2	THE ACTION TAKEN REPORT OF 9TH MEETING OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS FOR CONFIRMATION.	<p><u>Item No. 9.16:</u></p> <p>C. Registrar gave his detailed report, which is placed at Annexure 1. The Board considered this report and decided that the Registrar should examine this case in light of the notified guidelines of CoA relating to CAS at the time of grant of CAS.</p> <p>D. Registrar informed that he is still checking the reports for the following two candidates and will put the agenda in the next meeting: -</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Dr. Veerpal Kaur, University Business School 2. Ms. Mamta Kansal, Department of Mathematics 	Implemented												
10.3	ADDITION OF EXPERTS OF SEARCH COMMITTEE MEMBERS FOR APPOINTMENT OF VICE CHANCELLOR.	<p>In its 8th meeting, the Board of Governors had decided to constitute the following Search Committee for recommending a panel of suitable candidates for the post of Vice Chancellor, MRSPTU, Bathinda:</p> <table border="0" style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td>1. Chief Secretary, Punjab</td> <td style="text-align: right;">: Chairman</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2. Principal Secretary, Finance Govt. of Punjab</td> <td style="text-align: right;">: Member</td> </tr> <tr> <td>3. Secretary, Technical Education & Industrial Training, Punjab.</td> <td style="text-align: right;">: Member</td> </tr> <tr> <td>4. Mr. Chander Mohan, Ex-Managing Director and Vice-Chairman of Punjab Tractor Ltd. and Swaraj Majda Ltd.</td> <td style="text-align: right;">: Expert</td> </tr> </table> <p>In its meeting held on 19.12.2019, the Search Committee headed by the Chief Secretary felt that it should also have 2-3 members who are academicians /have expertise in the field of technical education. So, Principal Secretary, Technical Education, was asked to take up the matter with the competent authority in this regard.</p> <p>Further, Mr. Chander Mohan, Ex-Managing Director and Vice Chairman of Punjab, Tractor Ltd. and Swaraj Majda Ltd. has unfortunately expired.</p> <p>In light of this, the Board of Governors decided to reconstitute the following Search Committee for recommending a panel of suitable candidates for the post of Vice Chancellor, Maharaja Ranjit Singh Punjab Technical University, Bathinda:</p> <table border="0" style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td>1. Chief Secretary, Punjab</td> <td style="text-align: right;">: Chairman</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2. Principal Secretary, Finance Govt. of Punjab</td> <td style="text-align: right;">: Member</td> </tr> </table>	1. Chief Secretary, Punjab	: Chairman	2. Principal Secretary, Finance Govt. of Punjab	: Member	3. Secretary, Technical Education & Industrial Training, Punjab.	: Member	4. Mr. Chander Mohan, Ex-Managing Director and Vice-Chairman of Punjab Tractor Ltd. and Swaraj Majda Ltd.	: Expert	1. Chief Secretary, Punjab	: Chairman	2. Principal Secretary, Finance Govt. of Punjab	: Member	No action required
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		<p>3. Secretary, Technical Education & Industrial Training, Punjab. : Member 4. Director, IIT, Ropar : Expert Member 5. Director, NITTTR, Chandigarh : Expert Member 6. Vice Chancellor, GNDU, Amritsar : Expert Member</p>	
<p>10.4</p>	<p>REGARDING UPGRADATION OF CURRICULUM AS DECIDED IN THE PREVIOUS MEETING.</p>	<p>A. Vice Chancellor informed that as per the decision in the last BoG meeting, they have already written to IIT Ropar but the response of IIT Ropar is not very encouraging. Representative of Chairman of North-West Committee, All India Council for Technical Education, AICTE North Western Regional Office, Chandigarh, Dr. RK Soni, Director and RO, AICTE, Chandigarh said that AICTE has already circulated model curriculum for popular trades. Further this model curriculum leaves 20% flexibility for the Universities. In light of this, following decisions have been made: 1. University will adopt the model curriculum provided by AICTE. 2. University shall compare the model curriculum with the course curriculum of IIT Ropar. Wherever better features are there in the course curriculum of IIT Ropar, those will be adopted by the University within the 20% component. After this exercise is done, a meeting will be held by the University with IIT Ropar with representative of Industry to get their inputs to finalize the course curriculum. 3. Efforts will be made to finalize the course curriculum for the odd semester by 31st May, 2020. B. Vice Chancellor said that just like course curriculum, the teaching/pedagogy skills of teachers are equally important. Dr. RK Soni, Director and RO, AICTE, Chandigarh said that in this regard, AICTE has recently circulated AICTE Training and Learning (ATAL) Academy Faculty Development Programme (FOP) 2020-2021 and have made it mandatory for all the Institutes to train the trainers. It was decided that University will implement these guidelines strictly in its letter and spirit in its own institutes and all its affiliated institutes. A clear-cut action plan will be prepared in this regard and will be submitted to the Chairman within 15 days. Simultaneously all the affiliated institutes will be informed that in case they do not implement these guidelines the University will be constrained to initiate action against them. C. Registrar also said that placements are poor because students are from rural background and their English speaking/communication skills are very poor. It was felt that University should take necessary steps to improve the skills of the students. So the following decisions were taken: 1. An IELTS training type centre will be setup in the University.</p>	<p>Implemented.</p>

		<p>2. The students enrolled for Dual Degree courses will be given training there.</p> <p>3. Capacity permitting, other students (including outside Students will also be given training there.</p> <p>4. A course Communication already a part Curriculum for regarding Skills is of the affiliated colleges. However, the way it is designed and tested leaves much to be desired. The Centre will work on that too.</p> <p>5. A special team will be constituted to run this Centre. In order to save expenses, efforts will be made to run this Centre by taking staff from various Departments/Constituent colleges.</p> <p>6. An IELTS training model centre will also be setup at PIT Nandgarh.</p>	
10.05 to 10.21		It is informed that these agenda items were not discussed in the meeting	These pending agenda items from 10.5 to 10.21 are placed as separate item no. 14.5
10 T	<p>TABLE AGENDA ITEM</p> <p>Regarding approval of Non-recurring expenditure for the FY 2019-20</p>	<p>As stated by Vice Chancellor, the Finance Committee of the University did not approve the non-recurring budget for the Financial Year 2019-20 in its 6th meeting. It was decided that "<i>Non-recurring expenditures of all ongoing works under contractual obligations is approved. Rest of the budget shall be put up in the next meeting after General Elections</i>". As the even semester of Academic year, 2019-20 has been started and accordingly a demand to procure non-recurring items has been prepared. Registrar said that majority of these items should be taken up in the budget of financial year 2020-21 .Vice Chancellor said that inspections from Pharmacy Council of India for ongoing Pharmacy courses, , Council of Architecture for ongoing Architecture courses and some of the urgent requirements, following items are considered to be procure at earliest as deficiencies of these items may result in non-extension of approvals of the said courses by respective councils:</p>	Implemented

Equipments			
S.N.	Department	Required Items	Amount in Rupees
1	Pharmaceutical	Equipments	23,71,729/-
2	School of Architecture and planning	Software	11,02,100/-
3	PIT, Rajpura	Setting up the Chemistry Lab	60,000/-
Books			
S.N	Name of Departments	Required Items	Amount in Rupees
1	Pharmaceutical	Books	2,14,662/-
2	School of Architecture and planning	Books	3,38,975/-
3	PIT GTB Garh, Moga	Library Books and Racks	4,25,000/-
4	PIT, Rajpura	Books	2,48,261/-
5	PIT, Nandgarh	Library Books	26,501/-
6	PSAEC, Patiala	Library Books	48,239/-

In light of this, it was decided to approve above mentioned items/books as a special case. For this procurement, the guidelines issued by Department of Finance regarding GeM Portal shall be implemented.

Matter is Placed before the BOG for information please.

ITEM NO. 14.3 THE ACTION TAKEN REPORT OF 11th SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD HELD ON 08-10-2020

ITEM NO. 11.1 Decision on the representation of M/s ASC Builders Pvt. Ltd., Bathinda submitted to the Chairman, BOG-cum-PSTE&IT Govt. of Punjab on the direction of Hon'ble High Court vide CWP No. 12127 of 2020.	
Decision Taken	
Action Taken	
1	Proposal contained in Point VIII of Agenda was approved. Registrar was authorized to issue a detailed letter communicating the decision of the University on the representation dated 24-7-20 of the Contractor. Sh Saurav Verma Advocate on the Panel of the University was asked to assist the Registrar in this regard.
	Implemented. Letter vide ref no. 2081 dated 11-10-2020 had been issued to M/s ASC Builders Pvt. Ltd., Bathinda, in consultation with Sh. Saurav Verma, Advocate. (Annexure-V, From Page 49 to 51)
2	It was decided to initiate proceedings for Major Punishment against Sh Jagdeep Singh Sidhu, XEN of the University. a) It was decided to place him under suspension with immediate effect. b) Registrar was asked to give charge of Estate Office to suitable Officer of the University.
	Implemented. a) Sh. Jagdeep Sidhu, XEN has been suspended vide letter no. Uni/Estb./313/2080 dated 09-10-2020. The Charge Sheet, has been issued to the XEN vide Letter Ref No. 018 Dated 05-01-2021 (Annexure-VI , From Page 52 to 56) Further Sh. Surjit Singh Dhillon, Retd. IAS has been appointed as enquiry officer in this case. (Annexure-VII, Page 57) b) Ar. Ripu Daman Singh was given additional charge of Estate Officer, vide Letter No. Uni/Estb./315/2102 Dated 12-10-2020. (Annexure-VIII , Page 58)
3	It was decided that action should be taken against the previous XEN Sh. Tek Singh. Registrar will initiate action in this regard.
	Implemented Letter vide Ref No. 2529 Dated 10-12-2020, issued to previous XEN is placed at Annexure-IX (From Page 59 to 60)

4	<p>The Committee already constituted by the Chairman be directed to report regarding the following:</p> <p>A. How payment was released to the Contractor over and above the Contract amount of Rs. 98.35 crores without taking the approval of the Board of Governors.</p> <p>B. Quality of Work</p> <p>C. How payments were released to the Contractor despite poor quality of work. Chairman was authorized to take action against the Officers found responsible.</p>	<p>The Committee has been directed to submit the report vide letter no. Uni/Estb/314/2086 dated 12-10-2020 (Annexure-X, Page 61). The report of committee was sent to the Chairman, Board of Governors vide letter no. Reg/09 dated 11.01.2021. The same is placed under the item no.14.6</p>
5	<p>Third Party audit of the entire Project be got done.</p>	<p>The audit work was allotted to M/s Wapcos Ltd, Panchkula and agreement signed on 02-03-2021 (Annexure-XI, From Page 62 to 66). The final third party techno financial report is placed under the item no.14.6</p>
6	<p>Following changes be made in the Building Works Committee:</p> <p>A. PSTE&IT, Punjab or his nominee to be a member</p> <p>B. Director, DTE&IT, Punjab to be a member</p> <p>C. Registrar of the University to be Member- Secretary</p>	<p>Implemented. Building Works Committee has been re-constituted as per the directions of the Board of the Governors, vide notification no. 125/2087 dated 12-10-2020 (Annexure-XII, Page 67)</p>
7	<p>Sh Saurav Verma was asked to immediately file caveat before the Honble High Court.</p>	<p>Implemented. The Caveat has been filed, in Hon'ble High Court of Punjab and Haryana, Chandigarh, by Sh. Saurav Verma vide dairy no. 4403504 and Registration no. 201930 dated 13-10-2020. (Annexure-XIII, Page 68)</p>

Matter is placed before the Board for information.

ITEM NO. 14.4 ACTION TAKEN REPORT OF 13th MEETING OF THE BOARD ADOPTED BY CIRCULATION

ITEM NO. 13.1 REGARDING ESTABLISHMENT OF CHAIR IN THE NAME OF GURU NANAK DEV JI	
Decision Taken	Action Taken
Approved	The Chair has been established and its Advisory Board has also been constituted. Further, a consultant for this chair has already been hired. (Annexure-XIV, From Page 69 to 73)

Matter is placed before the Board for information please.

ITEM NO. 14.5 PENDING AGENDA ITEMS OF 10TH MEETING OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS, WHICH WERE NOT DISCUSSED IN THE MEETING

The 10th meeting of Board of Governors of the University held on 19-02-2020, wherein item No 10.1 - 10.4 were discussed and decided in the meeting. Item no. 10.15 was adopted by circulation and approved in the 13th meeting of Board held on 19-11-2020. The following items were not discussed, in the meeting:

ITEM No	SUB. ITEM NO	AGENDA ITEM DESCRIPTION
14.5	10.5	APPROVAL OF PROCEEDINGS OF 8 TH MEETING OF BUILDING WORKS COMMITTEE AND DETAILS OF CONSTRUCTION OF NEW BUILDINGS OF THE UNIVERSITY
	10.6	RATIFICATION OF APPOINTMENT AND REQUEST FOR REGULARIZATION OF APPOINTMENT OF DIRECTOR, TRAINING & PLACEMENT
	10.7	REGARDING INSPECTION OF ELECTRICAL WORK OF UNDER CONSTRUCTION BUILDINGS OF MRSPTU MAIN CAMPUS, BATHINDA.
	10.8	SENIORITY LIST OF FACULTY MEMBERS OF GZSCCET, BATHINDA.
	10.9	TERMINATION OF THE SERVICES OF EMPLOYEE ON EX-INDIA LEAVE AND NOT RETURNED ON DUTY AFTER GIVEN PERIOD OF LEAVE.
	10.10	REGARDING REPATRIATION OF DR. PRABHJOT KAUR, PROFESSOR FROM I. K. GUJRAL PUNJAB TECHNICAL UNIVERSITY, JALANDHAR TO MRSPTU, BATHINDA
	10.11	DISPOSING-OFF THE OLD AFFILIATION RECORD OF THE COLLEGE DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL, MRSPTU, BATHINDA.
	10.12	MEMORANDUM OF ASSOCIATION SIGNED BY THE UNIVERSITY WITH OTHER INSTITUTES
	10.13	CREATION OF TECHNICAL EDUCATION & INDUSTRIAL TRAINING DEVELOPMENT FUND
	10.14	REGARDING CLOSURE OF INSTITUTIONS WITHOUT PROPER NORMS AND PENDING DUES BY MANY INSTITUTES AFFILIATED WITH THE UNIVERSITY
	10.16	TO RATIFY THE EXPENSES INCURRED FOR PRINTING OF CITATION BOOKLET AS DESIRED BY GOVT. OF PUNJAB.
	10.17	IRREGULAR PAYMENT OF SECRETARIAT PAY TO UNIVERSITY EMPLOYEES.
	10.18	RATIFICATION OF STAFF SELECTED FOR THE POSTS OF CLERK-CUM-DATA ENTRY OPERATOR ON REGULAR BASIS.
10.19	RATIFICATION OF APPOINTMENT OF SDO (E) IN THE UNIVERSITY.	
10.20	RATIFICATION OF NEW APPOINTMENT OF SENIOR ASSISTANT (LEGAL), OF THE UNIVERSITY	
10.21	REGARDING REMUNERATION FOR THE INCOME TAX CASES OF THE UNIVERSITY.	

Agenda of the above said items has already been sent to the members of the Board of Governors of the University is attached as **Annexure-XV (From Page 74 to 127)**.

The above items which were not discussed in the 10th meeting of the Board of Governors are placed before the Board for deliberation and decision.

ITEM No. 14.6

PAY PROTECTION OF PROF. BUTA SINGH SIDHU, VICE CHANCELLOR OF MAHARAJA RANJIT SINGH PUNJAB TECHNICAL UNIVERSITY, BATHINDA.

IKGPTU, Jalandhar vide letter no. IKGPTU/REG/2642 dated 22.08.2016 forwarded the consent of Dr. Buta Singh Sidhu, Dean, Academics to join as Dean, at MRSPTU, Bathinda (**Annexure-XVI, Page 128**). He joined as a Dean on dated 28.10.2016 (F.N) vide letter no MRSPTU /ESTB/212 dated 03.11.2016 (**Annexure-XVII, Page 129**). As per the LPC, his pay was protected and he was allowed to draw basic pay 57160/- in the pay band of 37400-67000+ AGP10000. In the month of July 2020, he has drawn basic pay 65840+10000= 75840/-.

Thereafter, Chancellor of the University H.E Governor of Punjab issued a notification vide no Endst.No.5/2/2015–MRSSTU-2G- PRB/4948-4962 dated 01.11.2020 and he was appointed as Vice-Chancellor of MRSPTU, Bathinda in pay scale of 75000+5000 (Special Allowance). He submitted his joining on dated 02.11.2020 (**Annexure-XVIII, From Page 130 to 131**).

His annual increment was due in the month of July 2021. However, as per terms of the appointment, the annual Increment on said post was not granted in July 2021 to the concerned official. Since he has applied the post of Vice- Chancellor through proper channel, therefore his pay has to be protected in the new appointment. The concerned official was already drawing basic pay Rs.65840+10000=75840/- at the time of his appointment to the post of Vice-Chancellor, MRSPTU, Bathinda. In view of this, it is proposed to protect and fix his basic pay as Rs 75840/-in the new appointment.

Submitted for the consideration and approval of the BOG please.

ITEM NO 14.7 THIRD-PARTY TECHNO-FINANCIAL AUDIT REPORT OF THE BUILDINGS OF THE UNIVERSITY AND FINAL BILL OF THE CONTRACTOR.

A note regarding the Third-party Techno-Financial Audit Report of the new buildings of the university and final bill of the contractor was sent to the Hon'ble Chairman, Board of Governors of the University for Information and decision. The case is attached as **Annexure-XIX (From Page 132 to 639)**.

As per the directions of the Hon'ble Chairman vide their office file no. 325 Date 03-02-2022, the matter is placed before the members of the Board of Governors of the University for deliberation on the matter.

Sequence of Events in the matter pertaining to New Buildings of University is as follows: -

- (i) ASC Builders Pvt Ltd requested Hon'ble Principal Secretary, Department of Technical Education & Industrial Training, Punjab, vide his letter dated 24-07-2020, for the release of the pending payment to the extent more than 25 Crores.
- (ii) Meanwhile, the contractor also approached the Hon'ble Punjab and Haryana High Court through the CWP No 12127 of 2020, ASC Builders Pvt Ltd Versus State of Punjab, through Principal Secretary, Department of Technical Education & Industrial Training, Punjab and others. The Hon'ble Punjab and Haryana High Court, disposed of the above petition on 18-08-2020, with direction to respondent no. 2 (MRSPTU), *to consider the representation dated 24-07-2020, in accordance with the rules and law and in the light of the recommendations made by the officials of respondent no. 2 and to take appropriate action thereupon within a period of 8 weeks , from the date of receipt of certified copy of this order. In case, an amount id found payable, the same shall be released within further period of two weeks.*
- (iii) Various meeting were organized to discuss the above said issues and a committee was constituted as per the directions of Hon'ble Chairman, Board of Governors, MRSPTU vide letter no. 337/ECC dated 25-09-2020, to report how the contractor is demanding approximately 140 Crores against the work allotment of Rs 98.35 Crores.
- (iv) As per the report of the committee, it was pointed out that the contractor has already been paid an amount more than the permissible increase in the project cost over the contract price. The

report is placed at **Annexure – 3** under **Annexure – XIX (From Page 146 to 265)**

(v) Based on the report of committee a 11th special meeting of the Board of Governors of the University was held on 08-10-2020

(vi) As per the decision taken in 11th meeting of the Board, it was **decided** that:-

a) **Proposal contained in Point VIII of Agenda was approved. Registrar was authorized to issue a detailed letter communicating the decision of the University on the representation dated 24-7-20 of the Contractor. Sh Saurav Verma Advocate on the Panel of the University was asked to assist the Registrar in this regard.**

Consequently, a Letter vide ref no. 2081 dated 11-10-2020 had been issued to M/s ASC Builders Pvt. Ltd., Bathinda, in consultation with Sh. Saurav Verma, Advocate (**Annexure – V, From Page 49 to 51**)

b) **It was decided to initiate proceedings for Major Punishment against Sh Jagdeep Singh Sidhu, XEN of the University. It was decided to place him under suspension with immediate effect. Registrar was asked to give charge of Estate Office to suitable Officer of the University.**

Consequently, Sh. Jagdeep Sidhu, XEN was suspended vide letter no. Uni/Estb./313/2080 dated 09-10-2020. The Charge Sheet, has been issued to the XEN vide Letter Ref No. 018 Dated 05-01-2021. Further Sh. Surjit Singh Dhillon, Retd. IAS has been appointed as enquiry officer in this case (**Annexure – VII, Page 57**).

Further, Ar. Ripu Daman Singh was given additional charge of Estate Officer, vide Letter No. Uni/Estb./315/2102 Dated 12-10-2020 (**Annexure – VIII, Page 58**)

c) **It was decided that action should be taken against the previous XEN Sh. Tek Singh. Registrar will initiate action in this regard.**

Therefore, Letter vide Ref No. 2529 Dated 10-12-2020, was issued to previous XEN. The matter is in process and University has to reply the comments as asked by PWD (B&R) (**Annexure – XX, From Page 640 to 662**).

d) **The Committee already constituted by the Chairman be directed to report regarding the following:**

(i) **How payment was released to the Contractor over and above the Contract amount of Rs. 98.35 crores without taking the approval of the Board of Governors.**

(ii) **Quality of Work**

(iii) **How payments were released to the Contractor despite poor quality of work.**

Chairman was authorized to take action against the Officers found responsible.

Consequently, the Committee was directed to submit the report vide letter no. Uni/Estb/314/2086 dated 12-10-2020. The above Committee submitted its report on 07-01-2021 and the same was sent to Hon'ble Chairman, Board of Governors vide Letter Ref no. Reg/09 Dated 11-01-2021 and is attached as **Annexure – 5 under Annexure – XIX (From Page 267 to 428)**

The major findings of report of the above committee are:-

- A perusal of above facts indicates that no regulatory or any cost control mechanism was in place during the entire execution of the project. No regulatory evaluation mechanism was adopted to check the milestones in such a big project. As a result, payments beyond 98.35 cr were recommended and released to the contractor without any official pointing out the fact that the work was allotted for 98.35 cr and approval from FC/BoG would be required for any enhancement above the contract amount. The officials were aware of the approval to be taken for Animal House amounting to 0.41 cr from FC and BoG but didn't intimate/sought approval from FC/BoG for the escalated cost (to the tune of crores) of University building works.
- Initially, as per e-communication on record dt 11-11-2017 when about 112.14 cr had already been paid to the contractor, the **GNDU consultant** had objected to escalations in project cost and did not approve escalations regarding Steel, Tile facework, plaster thickness etc. However, later on GNDU consultant's electronic consent to the revised BoQ prepared by University Estate branch for **142.77 crore**, is quite sceptical and reflects a quite casual and unprofessional approach of the consultant too. Most of the cost escalations have been approved at local University level and few at BWC level, but none at FC/BoG level.
- Paying taxes in the form of GST, when DNIT was inclusive of all taxes tantamount to **denying level playing field to other competing firms at the time of project bidding. At no time, these financial matters were taken to FC or BOG.**
- The Advisor (Tech) Punjab Govt. was approached by University officials with the request for vetting the revised cost of 142.77 crore so as to regularize already made payments and the future payments to be made to the contractor but was not agreed upon by the Advisor.
- Executive Engineer cum Engineer-in-charge has conveyed to Registrar/employer vide letter no 920 dated 17.11.17 “... *the variation in quantities has been observed due to ambiguities in BoQ, and that the Architect consultant has not revised the BoQ. It was informed that the execution of ornamental tile face work would result in substantial increase in cost of project.*” It was also informed that “...*the construction of the project will be stopped till revised BoQ is received from the consultant.*” No penalty was ever recommended by the execution /supervisory committee against consultant, for not adhering to the agreement conditions and providing ambiguous BOQ etc. Further, to ensure compliance of Agreement conditions, no action taken on the part of employer/Registrar, against Consultant, is on record.
- A retired Superintending Engineer, Sh Achhar Singh Mann (who had worked in Irrigation department) was appointed as SE for the University building works. He was appointed Chairman of

Supervision & Execution team for the construction of University buildings, as well as Chairman of Inspection committee, thereby indicating conflict of interest. In addition, he was responsible for recommending release of payments thereby becoming a judge in his own cause. Similarly, Head, Civil Engineering Department, was hired as a Consultant for Vetting of structural design by the Design team of GNDU, Amritsar. He also as Dean (Consultancy), MRSPTU provided payment based consultancy for testing of materials and samples and concrete mix design to the Contractor ASC Builders Pvt. Ltd. In addition, HoD (Civil Engg) was also a Member Inspection committee and member BWC. Hence, possibility of ‘Conflict of Interest’ cannot be ruled out.

- Repeatedly made inspection committee objections, assurances of rectification, acceptance of such recommendations and actual payments, indicate that the poor quality work was not liable for any penalty as the advance payments were already released before the inspection committee would come into picture, thereby rendering the quality control inspections toothless.
- Going by the above summary of facts, it is gathered that the payments over and above the tender allotment price of 98.35 cr were mainly recommended by XEN/SE, processed by Accounts branch and approved by the Registrar (majority of times) and/or VC without objecting/pointing out, at any stage, that the payments were being made beyond the allotted contract amount and without any formal approval from the competent governing bodies like FC / BoG. Further, as per item 6.3 in 6th Finance Committee, the budget for non-recurring items for FY 2019-20 was approved only for the on-going works under contractual obligations, reflecting that the payments beyond 98.35 cr also did not have FC approval. The billed amount of NS/AOR/CSR items is around 28.78 cr (Annexure) and the un-billed amount is not on records yet, and possibility of this amount running much higher than this cannot be ruled out.

e) Third Party audit of the entire Project be got done.

Consequently, the work of third party techno-financial audit was allotted to M/s Wapcos Ltd, Panchkula as per the agreement dated 02-03-2021. As per the reply received from M/s WAPCOS Ltd (**Annexure – 6 & 7 under Annexure – XIX (From Page 429 to 630)**) and scrutiny report submitted by the Accounts Department (**Annexure – 8 under Annexure – XIX (From Page 631 to 634)**) following are the details of amount recoverable from M/s ASC Builders Pvt Ltd, Bathinda.

Sr. no.	Head	Discription	Amount (in Rs.)	Total (in Rs.)
A.	Payments made to M/s ASC Builder Pvt. Ltd.	Running bills (Civil work 1 to 17 bill) (Electrical 1 to 6 bill) (Escalation 1 to 3 bill)	1163034003	1229721966
		Advance	25000000	
		GST	41678963	
		Secured Advance	9000	
B.	Final Bill payment (Submitted by Estate Deptt.)		1103039157	1103039157
C.	Total Amount recoverable from firm. (Including GST to be recovered as per WAPCOS report) (A-B)			126682809

Further, as per the approval from the Chairman, BoG of the University, the contractor was asked to renew the Performance Security But, contractor did not renew the Bank Guarantee. Therefore, the same was en-cashed by the University.

D.	Bank Guarantee encashment by the University	Rs. 5,75,00000/-
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Furthermore, one another contract was also entered with M/S ASC Builders Pvt Ltd, Bathinda for the installation and commissioning of elevators in the new building of the University and GZSCCET, Bathinda.

The details of the net amount payable to the contractor is specified below:

E.	Amount payable for the elevators to the contractor comes, after deductions	Rs. 1155420/-
F	DLP Amount to be paid as per T&C	Rs 1073751/-
G	Net Amount payable	Rs 22,29,171/-

Therefore, the net amount recoverable is as given below: -

Sr No.	Description	Amount(in Rs) +/-
1	Amount recoverable from firm for the construction of the new buildings of the University Campus (As per C above)	Rs.12,66,82,809 (+)
2	Bank Guarantee encashment lying with the University (As per D above)	Rs. 5,75,00000/- (-)
3	Net amount payable for the elevators to the contractor (As per G above)	Rs. 22,29,171 (-)
Net Amount recoverable from the Contractor/ firm		Rs. 6,69,53,658/-

The above matter is of very serious nature and needs to be deliberated as it involves huge financial concerns and the contractor has already approached the Hon'ble Court w.r.t the above matter. Therefore, the decision against the following points is required: -

1. To accept the techno-financial report submitted by WAPCOS & permission to release the balance payment, part-payment of the same has already been released, in accordance with the terms and conditions of the contract agreement signed with WAPCOS Ltd.
2. To approve the final bill of the contractor M/s ASC Builders Pvt. Ltd, amounting to **Rs 110,30,39,157/-**, as verified by M/s WAPCOS Ltd.
3. To initiate recovery proceedings, amounting to **Rs. 6,69,53,658/-**, against the contractor.
4. The board has to decide and deliberate upon the report submitted by the committee constituted by the BoG of the University, which has already been sent to the Chairman BoG for decision.

Matter is placed before the board for deliberation and decision please

ITEM No.14.8 REGARDING HONORARIUM @ 10% PAID TO FACULTY AND STAFF MEMBERS OF THE UNIVERSITY.

As per the decision taken in the 2nd meeting of BOG of the University vide item no. 2.8 (ii), held on 07-09-2015, it was decided that no honorarium will be paid to any officer/officials for additional responsibility of University works. Consequently, the honorarium granted to the Registrar was withdrawn.

The matter regarding the payment of honorarium was again taken up in 4th meeting of the Finance Committee of the University, without mentioning about the earlier decision of the Board in its 2nd meeting, in this regard. Subsequently, the matter was approved by the Finance Committee of the University and its proceedings were further approved in the 6th meeting of the BoG of the University, held on 25-07-2017. The decision was implemented and honorarium was released from the back date i.e 25-06-2015, even before the date of 2nd meeting of the BoG, wherein it was decided that no honorarium will be paid to any officer/officials for additional responsibility of University works. The payment of the Honorarium to the Faculty and Staff members was stopped w.e.f April 2020.

When, some of the Faculty members submitted their request for the release of their Honorarium, a committee was formulated to look into the matter and submit its recommendations.

Major recommendations of the committee are-

1. As the staff members of the University are entrusted upon various extra responsibilities of the University, irrespective of being faculty or other staff, the policy of honorarium (if opted by the University) should also be uniformly applicable to all the regular Staff members of the University.
2. Dual benefit (i.e Payment of 10% honorarium and relaxation in teaching load) does not seem justified, therefore, it should not be allowed at any level.
3. The denial of honorarium in the 2nd BOG meeting was presented in the 4th FC meeting as “Discussed”. Facts regarding the denial of honorarium should have been reported to FC/BOG. Concealing/providing incomplete information, regarding denial of honorarium to FC/BOG, is a matter of serious concern and should be dealt with accordingly.
4. No record regarding the approval of the retrospective payment of honorarium has been found. Therefore, matter regarding the retrospective payment of honorarium is also required to be looked into separately.

The detailed report along with the recommendations of the committee is placed at **Annexure-XXI (From Page 663 to 687).**

The matter is placed to the board for discussion and decision

ITEM NO. 14.9 ADDITIONAL CHARGE/APPOINTMENT OF DEANS AND DIRECTORS

As per the decision of the Board of Governors in regard to the appointment of Deans and the Directors of PITs taken in the second meeting held on 07-09-2015 vide item no. 2.23, it was decided that:

“The Board decided that the officiating charges of various Dean/Directors of PIT(s) will be given to the faculty members as per their seniority.”

Consequently, Deans/Directors were appointed as per their seniority amongst faculty members. Further, the matter regarding officers/officials of Giani Zail Singh Campus College of Engg. & Technology, Maharaja Ranjit Singh Punjab Technical University, Bathinda who's term was ending shortly, was discussed in detail with Hon'ble Chairman, Board of Governors and he decided that the present incumbents may be given an extension for 03 (three) months or till the new Board of Governors is constituted and new appointments are made, whichever is earlier. The matter regarding extension in term was again discussed with Hon'ble Chairman, Board of Governors and it was decided that the present incumbents shall continue to work till fresh appointments are made. Therefore, it is inform that Deans/Directors/Prof. Incharges/CoE are working under temporary arrangement.

In this regard, in order to ensure that the appointed Dean/Directors get the portfolio as per their expertise/interest, it is proposed that the Deans/Directors of the University should be appointed on the basis of personal interaction/interview with them amongst the senior faculty of the University/Constituent Colleges of the University. A committee, may be headed by Hon'ble Chairman, Board of Governors, be constituted to conduct personal interaction amongst the senior faculty of the University to give them additional charge of Deans/Directors, for a period of three years.

Further, in order to improve the Quality of Education, and to kick start Online Education in the University, it may also be allowed to appoint **Dean Academic Affairs** through deputation, for a period of three years, further extendable to one more term of three years, amongst the top Educationists from the other Universities/Departments of the Government including the interested one from the university also. Further some of the extra facilities and responsibilities might be entrusted upon Dean Academic Affairs in view of the establishing phase of the university.

Matter is placed before the Board of Governors for consideration and approval.

ITEM NO. 14.10 TO RATIFY THE PROCEEDINGS OF 7th, 8th AND 9th, MEETINGS OF FINANCE COMMITTEE OF THE UNIVERSITY.

The 7th meeting of Finance Committee was held on 31.03.2021. The copy of the minutes is placed at **Annexure- XXII (From Page 688 to 702).**

The 8th meeting of Finance Committee was held on 17.08.2021. The copy of the minutes is placed at **Annexure- XXIII (From Page 703 to 713).**

The 9th meeting of Finance Committee was held on 22.10.2021. The copy of the minutes is placed at **Annexure-XXIV (From Page 714 to 718).**

Matter is placed before the Board of Governors for ratification.

ITEM NO. 14.11 TO RATIFY THE PROCEEDINGS OF 4th AND 5th MEETINGS OF ACADEMIC COUNCIL OF THE UNIVERSITY.

The 4th meeting of Academic Council of the University was held on 10.06.2021. The minutes of the meeting is placed as **Annexure-XXV (From Page 719 to 726)**.

The 5th meeting of Academic Council of the University was 22.10.2021. The minutes of the meeting is placed as **Annexure-XXVI (From Page 727 to 731)**.

Matter is placed before the Board of Governors for ratification.

ITEM No. 14.12 RATIFICATION 9th MEETING OF BUILDING WORKS COMMITTEE

The 9th meeting of Building Works Committee was held in the committee room of Hon'ble Vice Chancellor on 4 September 2020.

The major highlights of the meeting are:-

- 1) **Item No 9.6:** Time Extension for construction of the new buildings of the University
Decision The Registrar pleaded that the time extension and actual completion date requires to be decided as per contract clause provisions, date of Commissioning of all Electrical, Fire Fighting System, Networking and all other accessories.
- 2) **Item No 9.7:** Enhancement of project cost to Rs. 142.77 Crores
Decision: It was pointed out by Registrar that since matter is in consideration of BOG, any decision in this regard shall be taken after directions of BOG are obtained. So Committee decided to wait for decision of BOG
- 3) **Item 9.11:** Supply, Installation, Testing & Commissioning of hard Disks for NVR, LED for Camera views and UPS 1 kVA in different locations of new buildings of MRSPTU, Bathinda
Decision: Approved subject to the availability of funds. The case be referred to Finance Committee. However, the work tor UPS system be processed, keeping in view the safety of networking switches as pointed out by J.E (Electrical) and agreed by the Professor In-charge (Finance & Purchase), MRSPTU, Bathinda. Cost tor Hard disks tier NVR and LED be referred to Finance Committee
- 4) **Item 9.13** Regarding approval for post construction activities.
Decision: The detailed report regarding post construction problems be submitted to identify the responsibility of said problem and a Committee shall be constituted for this purpose.
- 5) **Item 9.14A** Regarding revised claim of quantities beyond 125% and escalation of structural steel.
Decision: It was pointed out by Registrar that since matter is in consideration of BOG, any decision in this regard shall be taken after directions of BOG are obtained. So Committee decided to wait tor decision of BOG

The minutes were circulated vide email dated 15.10.2020 for the information and comments from the members (**Annexure-XXVII, From Page 732 to 752**).

Comments were received from the various members of the committee. Some of the Comments by the Registrar and Prof. Incharge (Finance & Purchase) are as given below: -

Registrar, MRSPTU, Bathinda: - *With reference to above email dated 15/10/2020 vide which minutes of 9th meeting of Building Works Committee (BWC) were circulated, this meeting was held on 04/09/2020, almost one and a half month earlier. The minutes seems to be approved by the Chairman on 22/09/2020.*

Further, these minutes are circulated after 11th Special meeting of Board of Governors (BOG) of the University, which was held on 08/10/2020, wherein many of the issues related to the construction of the new buildings were discussed. Even the BOG in its 11th special meeting has directed to re-constitute the BWC, which has been reconstituted vide notification no. 125 dated 12-10-2020.

Many of the issues were discussed /decisions were taken in the meeting, but are not been covered in the minutes of the meeting, as circulated. Some of the above said issues that are recalled, till now, are mentioned below for your kind attention: -

- 1) At the start of the meeting, it was discussed that agenda of the meeting was provided only one day prior to the date of the meeting, on which Chairman of the committee assured that the same will be taken care of in the future.*
- 2) It was unanimously decided by the house regarding agenda item No. 9.13 of the meeting that the responsibility regarding problem of seepage in the brick masonry wall of the multipurpose Hall, Auditorium, Food & Processing Lab, should be fixed, which was not recorded in the minutes.*

Prof. Incharge (Finance & Purchase), MRSPTU, Bathinda:- *MOM are received via email on 15-10-2020 first time. it could have been better if the draft of MOM was shown and got approved from the committee members and then finalized with the consent of all.*

I have few observations regarding the same as many points raised and discussed in the meeting have not been incorporated. It won't be possible to elaborate here all, still I shall try to mention few points:

- 1) Regarding agenda item 9.2, it was requested that for all kinds of work started, work in progress, work completed the details may kindly be provided and mentioned in the agenda regarding start date, completed date, cost of tender, actual cost, any increase decrease etc, time factor etc.*
- 2) In case work is not started, the action taken regarding performance security/ bank guarantee as per terms and conditions be informed.*
- 3) Item 9.11, second para regarding proposal for execution of work was not approved.*

Further, as per the decision of the 11th Special meeting of the Board of Governors of the University, vide Para no.6, the BWC was reconstituted vide notification no. 125/2087 dated 12-10-2020. The same has also been reported in the ATR of the 11th special meeting of the Board, placed under Item No. 14.4

The matter is placed before the members of the Board of Governors for deliberation and ratification.

ITEM NO. 14.13 TO RATIFY 6th MEETING OF CULTURAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE UNIVERSITY.

The 6th Meeting of Cultural Executive Committee, Maharaja Ranjit Singh Punjab Technical University, Bathinda was held on 08.09.2021. The proceedings of the same are placed at **Annexure- XXVIII (From Page 753 to 756).**

Matter is placed before the Board of Governors for ratification.

ITEM NO. 14.14 TO RATIFY THE ESTABLISHMENT OF CORPORATE RESOURCE CENTRE (CRC).

In today's competitive environment, Career Development is one of the major thrust area, that needs to be taken care of, in order to inculcate basic skills amongst students to make them industry ready. Therefore, in order to strengthen the Career Development in the University, a Corporate Resource Centre has been established and the responsibility to establish the CRC has been entrusted upon Dr. Rajesh Gupta, Professor Department of Mechanical Engineering as Professor Incharge CRC (**Annexure-XXIX, Page 757**). The motive of establishment of CRC includes:

- Serves as the primary liaison between the university, its students and alumni, and potential employers on a state, regional, national, and international Level.
- Responsible for fiscal planning and management for career services, including all operations and staffing matters.
- Serves as adviser and interfaces with representatives of industrial, governmental, and educational employers to assist in the most effective use of career services' efforts.
- Develops new contacts with external organizations for the purpose of expanding employment opportunities for students and alumni.
- Reviews and supervises the on-campus recruitment and interviewing processes as well as resume referral and job-listing services for current students as well as alumni. Coordinates and supervises staff professional development activities and training, to include travel for professional development workshops, seminars, and conferences.
- Closely coordinates communication with deans, departments, and other faculty to ensure that the career services department is meeting the needs and desires of the academic colleges and departments, within the limitations imposed by the size of the staff and financial support provided by the university.
- Constantly monitor, analyzes and evaluates current scope of services offered through career services and plans, implements, and directs new programs under the supervision of the dean of student development and services and in coordination with other directors of student services and student activities efforts.
- Provides career advising expertise to students and alumni regarding the job-search process, interviewing, resume, and letter writing, and all other facets of career planning. Conducts workshops, seminars, and other presentations to student, faculty, employer, and alumni groups.

Matter is placed before the Board of Governors for ratification.

ITEM NO. 14.15 RATIFICATION OF CASES APPROVED BY CHAIRMAN, BOG ON A SINGLE FILE(S).

As per section 10 (8) of the University Act, in certain emergent cases which requires immediate action, the Vice-Chancellor is authorized to take such action as he deems necessary with the approval of Chairman, Board of Governors and shall report the same for confirmation at the next meeting to the authority, which in ordinary course, would have dealt with the matter. On the recommendations of Vice Chancellor, a few cases were approved by the Chairman, Board of Governors on a single file(s) as per following detail:

- a) A note vide no. 2409 dated 21.09.2021 was put up to the Hon'ble PSTE&IT, Punjab-cum-Chairman, Board of Governors for extension of contractual services w.r.t. Sh. Harjinder Singh Sidhu, Director, Public Relations and Sh. Harjot Singh Sidhu, Director, Training & Placement for 02 years each. Approval was accorded vide letter file no. TECH-ECC024(18)/8/2021-ENGINEERING COLLEGE CELL dated 09.11.2021. In its compliance vide letter no. Uni./Estb./2847 dated 12.11.2021 and letter no. Uni./Estb./2848 dated 12.11.2021, the contractual services of Sh. Harjot Singh Sidhu, Director, Training & Placement and Sh. Harjinder Singh Director, Public Relations were extended for a period of 2 years respectively (**Annexure-XXX, From Page 758 to 762**).
- b) A note no. 141 dated 17.01.2022 regarding ratification of appointment and termination of the services of Dr. Bhupinder Singh, Director, IT Enabled Services (under probation) was sent to the Hon'ble PSTE&IT, Punjab. Approval was accorded by the Chairman, BOG vide file no. 218 dated 18.01.2022. In its compliance, his services were terminated vide letter no. 241 dated 31.01.2022 (**Annexure-XXXI, From Page 763 to 765**).

Matter is placed before the Board of Governors for ratification

ITEM NO. 14.16 RATIFICATION OF NEW APPOINTMENTS.

- a) A Post of Director, PSAEC, Patiala was advertised in the leading newspapers vide advt. no. MRSPTU/ESTB./2019/DPR/301. Interview for the said post was held on 11.11.2020. Proceedings of the interview were sent to the Hon'ble PSTE&IT, Punjab-cum-Chairman, BOG for approval in anticipation of approval of Board of Governors so that appointment letter can be issued. In this regard approval was accorded via email dated 24.11.2020. Consequently, appointment letter was issued to the selected candidate (Dr. Balraj Singh Sidhu) for a term of 5 years vide no. 2413 dated 25.11.2020 and he joined his duty on the said date (**Annexure-XXXII, From Page 766 to 775**).
- b) An approval was sought vide note no. 157 dated 15.01.2021 from Hon'ble PSTE&IT, Punjab-cum-Chairman, BOG for engaging two retired govt. officers as consultants in the University as per the guidelines issued by Ministry of Labour and Employment, Govt. of India. Approval in this regard was accorded via email dated 15.01.2021 by the Hon'ble Chairman, BOG. Wherein Vice Chancellor was authorized to make two such appointments, in a year. Thereafter, an advertisement was floated vide no. 862 dated 17.03.2021 on the official website of the University for engaging two Consultants (01- Guru Nanak Chair and 01-Planning & Development) retired from State/Centre Govt./ Autonomous Bodies/ Corporations initially for a period of one year @ Rs. 75000/- p.m. and @Rs. 60000/- p.m.+ conveyance allowance @Rs. 5000/-. Interview for the said posts were held on 16.04.2021 through video conferencing. Proceedings of the interview was approved by Hon'ble Vice Chancellor and the appointment letters were issued to the selected candidates i.e. Dr. Charanjeet Kaur, (Consultant, Guru Nanak Chair) and Dr. Nachhattar Singh, (Consultant, Planning & Development) for a period of one year vide letter no. 1119 dated 19.04.2021 and 1120 dated 19.04.2021 and they joined their duties on 22.04.2021 and 01.06.2021 respectively (**Annexure-XXXIII, From Page 776 to 786**).
- c) Various posts (on regular basis) along with 03 posts of Assistant Registrar were advertised in the leading newspapers vide advt. no. MRSPTU/Estb./2017/78. Interview for the said post was held on 18.07.2020. Proceedings of the interview are placed in annexures. Two candidates (Mrs. Amanpreet Kaur and Sh. Jagseer Singh) were recommended

by the selection committee for the said post (on regular basis). After getting approval from Hon'ble PSTE/IT Punjab-cum-Chairman, Board of Governors, the appointment letters were issued to the selected candidates vide letter no. 1858 dated 03.09.2020 and 2596 dated 23.12.2020 and they joined their duties 07.09.2020 and 23.12.2020 respectively (**Annexure-XXXIV, From Page 787 to 796**).

- d) After the sudden demise of Sh. Nand Lal, Lab Attendant, GZSCCET, Bathinda, his wife Smt. Machhi requested to appoint her son Sh. Manohar Lal (a diploma holder in Electrical Engg.) on compassionate ground in the institute. In view of the policy issued by Govt. of Punjab, Deptt. of Personnel vide letter no. 11/105/98-4PPII/14420 dated 21.11.2002 regarding grant of employment in the State services on compassionate grounds and as per the qualification approved in the 14th meeting of BOG, GZSCCET, Bathinda, after getting approval from Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, the post of Lab Attendant was offered (on regular basis) to him vide letter no. 2140 dated 19.10.2020 and he joined his duty on dated 21.10.2020 (**Annexure-XXXV, From Page 797 to 805**).
- e) After the sudden demise of Ms. Jyoti, Clerk-cum-Data Entry Operator, MRSPTU, Bathinda, her mother Smt. Chameli requested to appoint her son Sh. Sonu (a B.Tech. degree holder in Electrical Engg.) on compassionate ground in the institute. In view of the policy issued by Govt. of Punjab, Deptt. of Personnel vide letter no. 11/105/98-4PPII/14420 dated 21.11.2002 regarding grant of employment in the State services on compassionate grounds and after getting the approval from Hon'ble Vice Chancellor dated 30.12.2020 and as per the qualification approved in the 14th meeting of BOG, GZSCCET, Bathinda the post of Jr. Technician (Electrical Engg.) was offered to him vide letter no. 2666 dated 31.12.2020 and he joined his duty on dated 04.01.2021 (**Annexure-XXXVI, From Page 806 to 825**).

Matter is placed before the Board of Governors for ratification.

ANY OTHER ITEM WITH PERMISSION OF CHAIR.

SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA ITEMS:

ITEM S. 01 APPROVAL OF THE LIST OF SUBJECT EXPERTS FOR PROMOTIONS/ NEW FACULTY APPOINTMENTS.

It was decided vide agenda item no. 2.7 in the 2nd meeting of Board of Governors of the University held on 07.09.2015 that the educational qualifications and constitution of selection committee for all faculty positions will be as per the UGC norms. Besides, the panel of experts for recruitment/promotions was also approved for a period of 2 academic sessions.

As per the UGC notification no. F.1-2/2017(EC/PS) dated 18.07.2018, the constitution of selection committee for the various teaching posts requires three experts in the subject/field concerned to be nominated by the Vice-Chancellor out of the panel of names approved by the relevant statutory body of the university concerned

In view of this, it is requested to approve the list of subject/field experts for nomination on the selection committee for promotion/selection of faculty members in their respective disciplines for a period of 02 (two) academic years. The list of experts is attached at **(Annexure – S1)**

Matter is placed before the Board of Governors for approval please.

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ITEM S. 02 REGARDING ESTABLISHMENT OF SCHOOL OF AGRICULTURE SCIENCES AND ENGINEERING IN THE UNIVERSITY MAIN CAMPUS.

As per the approval accorded in the meeting of the Academic Council of the University, a course in the field of Agriculture Sciences has been commenced by the University in the Last Academic Session.

To cater to the needs of aspirants in the field of Agriculture Education and in a step towards the excellence in the field of the Agriculture Sciences, University intends to establish a **School of Agriculture Sciences and Engineering**. The focus of the School will be the up-liftment of the Agriculture Education in the region and boost the research in field of Agriculture, which will help the farmers/people directly linked with this profession.

Punjab Government has notified Punjab State Council for Agriculture Education vide Act No 1 of 2018, to provide for the establishment of a State Council for Agricultural Education for promotion and coordination of agricultural education in various colleges and institutes in the State of Punjab and to provide for matters connected therewith or incidental thereto (**Annexure – S2**).

Further, the council has notified the minimum Faculty and infrastructure requirement for the B.Sc Agriculture Program in the region and is attached as (**Annexure – S3**)

The school is proposed to be established in the already available buildings of the main campus of the University. Further, it is also proposed that the minimum Faculty and infrastructure requirement, as notified by the Punjab State Council for Agriculture Education may be followed by the University. In accordance to the above, the following positions of Faculty/Staff may be sanctioned:-

Sr. No	Description			
1	<u>Faculty Requirements</u>			
	Prof.	Asso.Prof.	Asstt Prof	Total
	4	8	20	32
2	<u>Administrative, field and Laboratory Staff</u>			
	Assistant	Lab Asstt.	Field Asstt.	Total
	6	11	11	28

Matter is placed before the Board of Governors of the University for deliberation and approval.

ITEM S. 03

TO RATIFY THE PROCEEDINGS OF 10th, MEETINGS OF FINANCE COMMITTEE OF THE UNIVERSITY.

The 10th meeting of Finance Committee#was held on 17.02.2022. The copy of the minutes is placed at **Annexure- S4**

Matter is placed before the Board of Governors for deliberation and ratification.