



**Maharaja Ranjit Singh
Punjab Technical University,
Bathinda-151001**

AGENDA

FOR THE

**19TH MEETING OF
BOARD OF GOVERNORS**

TO BE HELD

ON

05-06-2023 (MONDAY)

VENUE:

CONFERENCE HALL,

PUNJAB STATE BOARD OF TECHNICAL AT EDUCATION

SECTOR 36-A, CHANDIGARH-160036

MEMBERS ON BOARD OF GOVERNORS

(In accordance with Clause No. 11 (3), 13 (5 b) and (14) of Punjab Act No. 05 of 2015)

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Department of Technical Education & Industrial Training | Chairman |
| 2. Vice-Chancellor
Maharaja Ranjit Singh Punjab Technical University | Member |
| 3. Vice-Chancellor
Inder Kumar Gujral Punjab Technical University | Member |
| 4. Secretary Finance
Department of Finance, Government of Punjab | Member |
| 5. Director
Technical Education & Industrial Training, Punjab | Member |
| 6. Chairman, North West Committee
All India Council for Technical Education, Chandigarh | Member |
| 7. President or his nominee
Confederation of Indian Industries | Member |
| 8. Director
Indian Institute of Technology, Ropar | Member |
| 9. Registrar
Maharaja Ranjit Singh Punjab Technical University | Secretary |

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ITEM NO. 19.1 CONFIRMATION OF PROCEEDINGS OF THE 18th MEETING OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF THE UNIVERSITY.

The 18th meeting of Board was held on 02.03.2023 under the Chairpersonship of Smt. Seema Jain, IAS, Additional Chief Secretary, Govt. of Punjab, Department of Technical Education & Industrial Training, Punjab-cum-Chairperson, Board of Governors of Maharaja Ranjit Singh Punjab Technical University, Bathinda. The approved proceedings are placed at **Annexure-1 Page No 21 to 25.**

The proceedings were circulated to all the members vide email dated 13.03.2023. No comments have been received from any members of the Board.

Matter is placed before the Board of Governors for confirmation.

ITEM NO. 19.2 THE ACTION TAKEN REPORT OF 18th MEETING OF BOARD OF GOVERNORS HELD ON 02-03-2023.

ITEM NO. 18.1 CONFIRMATION OF PROCEEDINGS OF THE 17th MEETING OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF THE UNIVERSITY.

Decision: Confirmed.

Action Taken: No action required

ITEM NO. 18.2 THE ACTION TAKEN REPORT OF 17th MEETING OF BOARD OF GOVERNORS HELD ON 25-04-2022.

Decision: Noted.

Regarding item no. 17.18; it was decided that the O/o DTE & IT, Punjab will write a letter w.r.t employees of BHSBIET, Lehragaga to be shifted to MRSPTU, Bathinda. Thereafter, the case will be put up in the next meeting of the Board as separate agenda.

Regarding item no. 17.22; Since the Vice Chancellor, IKGPTU, Jalandhar is yet to be appointed, therefore the case regarding transfer of funds from IKGPTU, Jalandhar to MRSPTU, Bathinda will be put up in the next meeting of the Board as separate agenda.

Action Taken: Agenda items w.r.t. item no. 17.18 and 17.22 are placed as separate items vide agenda item no 19.11 and 19.4 respectively.

ITEM No. 18.3 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: The detailed case shall be put up in next meeting of BoG through Finance Committee.

Action Taken: The agenda item was placed in 13th Meeting of Finance Committee held on 20.04.2023 and approved. The proceedings of the above meeting are placed as agenda item no. 19.10 for ratification.

ITEM No. 18.4 REVISION OF PAY SCALE FOR THE POST OF PROGRAMMER.

Decision: Deferred, will be put up in the next meeting of BoG after seeking opinion from DCFA/ACFA O/o DTE & IT, Punjab.

Action Taken: In this regard letter no. Uni/Estb/770 dated 22.03.2023 has been sent for seeking Opinion from DCFA, DTE & IT Punjab. However, no decision/communication has been received from DTE&IT in this regard till date.

ITEM No. 18.5 REGARDING SANCTIONING OF VARIOUS POSTS AT PIT, ARNIWALA.

Decision: Item was deferred. As informed by the Chairperson BoG, the land and building of PIT, Arniwala is under consideration for shifting to IIT, Ropar.

Action Taken: No action is required.

ITEM No. 18.6 REGARDING SANCTIONING OF VARIOUS NON-TEACHING POSTS AT MRSPTU, BATHINDA.

Decision: The item was deferred and to be put up again after making internal audit by specifying the department-wise requirement.

Action Taken: The matter is under process.

ITEM No. 18.7 APPROVAL OF PROMOTION GRANTED UNDER THE CAREER ADVANCEMENT SCHEME (CAS).

Decision: The recommendation of the Screening-cum-Evaluation committee are approved.

Action Taken: Decision implemented vide office letter vide Uni/Estb/158/838, Uni/Estb/159/839 and Uni/Estb/160/840 dated 06-04-2023.

ITEM No. 18.8 FINAL PAYMENT OF M/S WAPCOS LIMITED REGARDING THIRD-PARTY TECHNO-FINANCIAL AUDIT OF NEW BUILDING OF THE UNIVERSITY.

Decision: Approved. The board has decided to release the remaining 10% payment to M/s Wapcos Ltd. alongwith security amount.

Action Taken: The remaining 10% payment along-with security amount has been released.

ITEM No. 18.9 REGARDING RELEASE OF SALARY W.R.T. SH. JWALA SINGH, RECORD KEEPER (DAILY WAGES).

Decision: It was decided that the pending salary will be released through the service provider as per DC rates and at par with other outsourcing employees, subject to attendance verification from Engineering College Cell, DTE & IT, Punjab, where he is working.

Action Taken: In this regard letter no. Uni/Estb/772 dated 22.03.2023 has been issued to DTE&IT Punjab, to intimate the decision of the Board. Further, DTE& IT vide memo no. 208 Dated 25.04.2023 has submitted the verified attendance reports of the concerned employee for period of the pending salary for further necessary action. The case of release of the salary of the concerned employee is being processed by the University.

ITEM No. 18.10 COMMITTEE W.R.T. CONSTRUCTION OF MULTIPURPOSE INDOOR SPORTS HALL UNDER KHELO INDIA SCHEME AT MAHARAJA RANJIT SINGH PUNJAB TECHNICAL UNIVERSITY, BATHINDA.

Decision: Approved, XEN from the Deptt. of Sports, Punjab will be an additional member of the committee.

Action Taken: In compliance to the above, a committee vide University letter no. Uni./Reg./724 dated 13.03.2023 has been constituted.

ITEM No. 18.11 PENDING CASES OF VETTING OF SERVICE RECORD OF MRSPTU EMPLOYEES.

Decision: It was decided that the O/o DTE & IT, Punjab will expedite the cases of vetting.

Action Taken: In this regard letter no. Uni/Estb/773 dated 22.03.2023 has been sent to O/o DTE&IT Punjab. However, vetting of service record of pending cases of MRSPTU employees is still not completed.

ITEM No. 18.12 REGARDING PROMOTION CHANNEL FOR SOME CATEGORIES OF POSTS.

Decision: Approved, in principle and will be implemented after seeking opinion from Mr. Manoj Kumar Jambla, Deputy Director (Admn.), Dept. of Technical Education Punjab.

Action Taken: In this regard letter no. Uni/Estb/771 dated 22.03.2023 has been sent for seeking opinion from Sh. Manoj Kumar Jambla Dy. Director (Admn.) DTE&IT Punjab. However, no communication has been received from the office of DTE&IT, till date.

ITEM No. 18.13 PLACEMENT OF GROUP-A NON-TEACHING POSTS IN THE UNIVERSITY AS PER UGC GUIDELINES.

Decision: The board has deliberated the case and decided that as it is in accordance with the latest UGC regulations, therefore will be implemented after seeking opinion from the DCFA/ACFA O/o DTE & IT, Punjab.

Action Taken: In this regard letter no. Uni/Estb/769 dated 22.03.2023 has been sent for seeking opinion from DCFA, DTE&IT Punjab. However, no communication has been received from the office of DTE&IT, till date.

ITEM No. 18.14 REGARDING STARTING OF NEW COURSE (PHARM.D) IN DEPARTMENT OF PHARMACEUTICAL SCIENCES & TECHNOLOGY (DOPST) AT THE UNIVERSITY MAIN CAMPUS AS PER PHARMACY COUNCIL OF INDIA (PCI).

Decision: Approved, subject to the approval of Academic Council.

Action Taken: The agenda item was placed in 8th Meeting of Academic Council held on 05.04.2023 and approved. The proceedings of the above meeting are placed as agenda item no. 19.9 for ratification.

ITEM No. 18.15 TRANSFER OF SERVICE BENEFITS W.R.T. EMPLOYEES WHO LEFT THE UNIVERSITY INSTITUTE.

Decision: The board has decided that Leave Encashment, Pension contribution, Service Gratuity will be released as per the opinion of the O/o DTE & IT, Punjab.

Action Taken: In this regard letter no. Uni/Estb/774 dated 22.03.2023 has been sent for seeking opinion from the O/o DTE&IT Punjab. However, no communication has been received from the office of DTE&IT, till date.

ITEM No. 18.16 RATIFICATION OF NEW APPOINTMENT OF LIBRARY ASSISTANTS.

Decision: Ratified.

Action Taken: No action required.

ITEM No. 18.17 APPOINTMENTS ON COMPASSIONATE GROUNDS.

Decision: Ratified.

Action Taken: No action required.

ITEM No. 18.18 PEER TEAM VISIT FOR NAAC ACCREDITATION.

Decision: Noted.

Action Taken: No action required.

ITEM No. 18.19 REGARDING CLOSURE OF INSTITUTIONS WITHOUT PROPER NORMS AND PENDING DUES BY MANY INSTITUTES AFFILIATED WITH THE UNIVERSITY.

Decision: The detailed case alongwith the list of colleges indicating the amount due will be put up in the next meeting of the BOG.

Action Taken: The matter was discussed in the 13th meeting of Finance Committee of the University held on 20.04.2023 vide agenda item no. 13.3 and it was decided to provide time upto 15.05.2023 to deposit undertaking and pending principal amount alongwith interest to the University, failing which applicable fine/late payment charges would be charged from default college(s).
The proceedings of the above meeting are placed for ratification from the Board vide agenda item no.19.10

ITEM No. S18.01 TO APPROVE THE DEANS OF FACULTY OF THE UNIVERSITY.

Decision: The Board has deliberated on the item and in view of the representation given by Dr. Savina Bansal, Professor, ECE and Dean (P&D) to finalize the Dean faculty of Engineering, the Board has authorized, the Chairperson BoG to take final decision and in the meantime, the existing Dean faculty of Engineering i.e., Prof. Sunder Singh will continue.
The other Deans of faculty approved. Whereas, Dr. Kamal Kinger, Professor, Deptt. of Defense & Strategic Studies, Punjabi University, Patiala approved as Dean of Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences.

Action Taken: In compliance of the same, a notification vide no. 193 dated 21.03.2023 has been issued.

ITEM No. S18.02 APPROVAL OF APPOINTMENT OF ASSISTANT PROFESSOR IN PHARMACEUTICAL SCIENCES & TECH. AND FOOD SC. & TECH. IN THIS UNIVERSITY.

Decision: The Board has authorized the Hon'ble Chairperson BoG to approve the appointments.

Action Taken: Appointment letters were issued to the selected candidates after the approval of the Chairperson BoG.
02 AP's in the Deptt. of Food Sci & Tech and 02 AP's in the Deptt. of Pharmaceutical Sci & Tech have joined the University. The complete case for ratification of their appointment is placed as separate item vide agenda item no. 19.7

ITEM No. S18.03 CONSTITUTION OF ACADEMIC COUNCIL OF MAHARAJA RANJIT SINGH PUNJAB TECHNICAL UNIVERSITY.

Decision: Approved.

Two eminent industrialists:

- 1- Sh. Rajinder Mittal, MD, BCL, Bathinda,
- 2- Mr. A.S. Basu, Chief Operating Officer, HPCL Mittal Energy Ltd. Bathinda

Two eminent technologist:

1. Prof. Rajeev Ahuja, Director, Indian Institute of Technology, Ropar
2. Dr. Gurjar Bholu Ram, Director, National Institute of Technical Teachers Training, Chandigarh.

Action Taken: In compliance of the same, a notification vide no. 191 dated 14.03.2023 has been issued.

ITEM No. S18.04 CASHLESS HEALTH INSURANCE/GROUP INSURANCE SCHEME.

Decision: Deferred.

Action Taken: No action required.

ITEM NO. 19.3 DETAILED ANALYSIS OF NAAC ASSESSMENT AND SUGGESTIVE ACTION PLAN

On the basis of the detailed Assessment Reports received from NAAC and internal assessment by IQAC, the performance of the University is categorized in three categories:

High Performance Key Indicators (HPKI)	Average Performance Key Indicators (APKI)	Low Performance Key Indicators (LPKI)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Institutional distinctiveness • Best practices • Institutional values and social responsibilities • Internal quality assurance system • Feedback system • Students diversity • Teaching learning process • Innovation ecosystem • Consultancy • Physical facilities • Student activities 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Curriculum design and development • Evaluation process and reforms • Extension activities • Library • IT infrastructure • Student support • Student progression • Financial resource mobilization 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Curriculum enrichment • Student enrolment • Teacher profile and quality • Research promotion and facilities • Resource mobilization for research • Research publications and awards • Research grants and fellows • Alumni engagement • Faculty empowerment strategies.

Based on this differentiation and various criterions of other ranking framework, the Research and Innovation Award Policy, as proposed by a committee constituted vide letter no. DAA/MRSPTU/2023/4145; dated 11.04.2023 and IQAC, suggesting various awards containing monetary benefits to the eligible faculty members, for improvement in research outcomes and instilling the motivation, is attached as **Annexure-2 Page 26 to Page 27**

The above matter is put up before the board for approval, to improve research outcomes and to authorize Vice Chancellor for taking suitable measures for upgrading overall performance of the University, in this regard.

ITEM NO.19.4 REGARDING REPATRIATION OF EMPLOYEES FROM I.K. GUJRAL PUNJAB TECHNICAL UNIVERSITY, JALANDHAR TO MRSPTU, BATHINDA.

A detailed agenda item was placed in the 17th meeting of Board of Governors vide agenda item no. 17.22 and decided that:

"The board deliberated on the matter and ratified the decision, rather appreciated the efforts of Chairman, BOG in this regard. Besides, IKGPTU, Jalandhar be asked to transfer all the service benefits of the repatriated employees along with additional Rs. 5,10,24,149/- "

However, no amount was received from IKGPTU, Jalandhar. Thereafter, in the 18th meeting vide agenda item no. 18.2 (Action Taken Report w.r.t. item no. 17.22) it was decided that:

"Since the Vice Chancellor, IKGPTU, Jalandhar is yet to be appointed, therefore the case regarding transfer of funds from IKGPTU, Jalandhar to MRSPTU, Bathinda will be put up in the next meeting of the Board as separate agenda".

It is worth to mention here that one of the repatriated faculty member (Dr. Avtar Singh Buttar) is going to superannuate on 31.08.2023. Therefore, the case requires immediate decision to avoid delay to release retirement benefits of the concerned, as these employees were conditionally allowed to join at MRSPTU, Bathinda subject to release of funds.

The matter is placed before the Board of Governors for information and appropriate decision please.

ITEM NO.19.5 PROPOSAL TO CONDUCT MRSPTU AND GZSCCET ALUMNI MEET WITH THE STUDENT SETTLED ABROAD ALONGWITH NRI MEETS

Professor Incharge, Corporate Resource Centre MRSPTU cum Head Alumni Affairs and Faculty Coordinator Alumni Affairs MRSPTU has submitted a proposal on dated 10-05-2023 w.r.t organization of Alumni meets with our worthy alumni residing/ settled at USA, Canada, UK & Australia, Germany, Singapore and at various other international locations to benefit the university for placements and internships, admission to foreign universities, raising the funds for research projects & scholarship for needy students, to impart training to the students, for expert talks, guiding & mentoring the existing students to excel in their career and in many more ways.

It has been proposed that in first phase, preferably in the month of July/August 2023, the officials from university, under the leadership of Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, MRSPTU would visit and address the alumni for stronger connect with alumni, alongside to hold the meeting with NRIs from Punjab settled abroad. Chairman BOG MRSPTU, Minister Technical Education Government of Punjab etc. may also visit to address the alumni and NRIs settled at Canada and USA as per their availability.

As per the submitted proposal, the tentative expenditure for the visit of proposed official to Canada and USA in first phase will be around Rs 30, 00,000/- (Rupees Thirty lacs Only), which may further lead to get a grant/ contribution of Rs 5 crore in one year from the alumni and NRIs for various activities e.g. for scholarship, fellowship, medals and awards, structural projects, research lab establishment etc.

Detailed Proposal in this regard is placed as **Annexure -3, Page 28 to Page 30**

The matter is placed before the Board of Governors for consideration and approval please

ITEM No. 19.6 APPROVAL OF ADDITIONAL RELIEF ON DEATH/DISABILITY OF GOVERNMENT SERVANTS COVERED BY THE NEW DEFINED CONTRIBUTION PENSION SYSTEM (NPS).

The Government of Punjab, Department of Finance (Finance Pension Policy & Coordination Branch) issued a letter regarding family pension to NPS subscribers vide no. 2/19/2016-2FPPC/257 dt. 08.10.2021 (**Annexure-4, Page 31 to Page 35**), in which it is mentioned as under:

"I have been directed to state that the Government of Punjab has decided to extend the benefit of additional relief on death/disability of Government servants covered under the New Defined Contribution Pension System vide letter no. 38/41/06/P&PW(A) dated 5th May, 2009 of GoI in the event of death/disability during service on the terms and conditions as per Rules 5.11 to 5.26, 6.17(2), 6.17-A, 6.18, 8.34(1) and 8.34(2) of Punjab Civil Services Rules Vol.-II in so far as they relate to family/invalid pension.

2. These orders shall be applicable to all those Punjab Government employees, who joined government service on or after 01.01.2004 and are covered by New Pension Scheme and shall be applicable w.e.f. 01.01.2004.

3. The pension sanctioning authority shall suo motto take up the case of deceased pensioners who have been covered under New Pension Scheme and since expired during service with Accountant General Punjab for the grant of benefit of Family Pension as the case may be after adopting due procedure as per Punjab Civil Services Rules Vol. II.

4. On death/disability of the Subscriber, benefits are payable to the family under Punjab Civil Services Rules Volume II, the Government contribution and returns thereon in the accumulated pension corpus of the subscriber shall be transferred to Government account. The remaining accumulated pension corpus shall be paid in lump sum to the person (s) in whose favour a nomination has been made under the Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (Exits and Withdrawals under Nation Pension System) Regulations, 2015. If there is no such nomination or if the nomination made does not subsist, the amount of remaining accumulated pension corpus shall be paid to the legal heir(s).....

6. All subscriber-employees of New Pension Scheme shall exercise an option in Annexure I within three months from the date of issuance of these instructions to avail this benefits. The new recruits shall submit this option at the time of joining in service".

In compliance to above, the University issued an office order vide ref no. Uni./Estb./445/3072 dt. 13.12.2021 that employee covered under NPS Scheme are required to submit their request to avail the benefit of family pension after their death, as per PCSR volume II, in specified Proforma latest by 31.12.2021 (**Annexure-5, Page 36 to Page 38**).

Consequently, all the employees covered under NPS opted for the option of family pension as per PCSR volume II, in event of discharge from service on account of disability or retirement of service on account of invalidation or death during service, by the due date specified above. Further, new employees recruited after above due date are also giving their option for the benefits under PCSR volume II at the time of their joining in the University.

Matter is placed before the Board of Governors for approval to implement the same in the University, please.

ITEM No. 19.7 INCREASE IN CONSOLIDATED SALARY OF DIRECTOR, PUBLIC RELATIONS.

Sh. Harjinder Sidhu was appointed on contract basis for a period of 03 years extendable by 02 years (depending on performance) on a consolidated salary of Rs. 75000/- PM. He joined on the above said post on 27.07.2018 (A.N.) in the University. His appointment was ratified in the 9th meeting of Board of Governors vide agenda item no. 9.26.

Thereafter, his tenure of appointment was extended for 02 years i.e. upto 26.07.2023 as per DTE/IT, Punjab letter no. TECH-ECC024(18)/8/2021-ENGINEERING COLLEGE CELL dt. 09.11.2021 (**Annexure-6 Page 39 to Page 40**).

Further, with the approval of Board of Governors vide agenda item no. 17.9, his term was extended for another 02 years i.e. upto 26.07.2025 vide letter no. Uni./Estb./2887 dt. 06.10.2022 on the same terms & conditions mentioned in the appointment letter no. 2254 dt. 25.07.2018 (**Annexure-7 Page 41**). His progress report is satisfactory.

Now, he has requested vide email dated 11.05.2023 to increase his consolidated salary to INR 1,00,000/- PM at par with Director, Training & Placement (**Annexure-8 Page 42**). It is mentioned here that both these posts were filled on contract basis in the year 2018 for a period of 3 years and their tenure was subsequently extended from time to time. Further, the educational qualification of both the posts is Master Degree.

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

ITEM No. 19.8 RATIFICATION OF NEW APPOINTMENT OF ASSISTANT PROFESSORS (PHARMACEUTICAL SCIENCES & TECHNOLOGY AND FOOD SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY).

An agenda item was placed in the 18th meeting of BOG vide agenda item no. S18.02, wherein, it was decided that:

"The Board has authorized the Hon'ble Chairperson BOG to approve the appointments and put up for ratification in next meeting of BOG".

Accordingly, the same was put up on a single file to the Chairperson BOG vide no.Uni./Estb./621 dated 09.03.2023 and the same was approved vide file no. 4839 dated 10.03.2023 (**Annexure-9, Page 43 to Page 44**).

Consequently, appointment letters were issued to the selected candidates and they have joined their duties as per following details (**Annexure-10, Page 45 to Page 57**).

S. no.	Name and Deptt.	Specialization	Pay Band Rs. 15600- 39100+ AGP 6000/-	Date of Joining	Remarks
A. Pharmaceutical Sciences & Technology					
1.	Dr. Shruti Chopra D/o. Sh. Pradeep Chopra	Pharma. Chemistry/ Analysis	Rs. 15600/- Basic Pay	--	Joining time extended for one month (i.e. upto 12.05.23) on her request dt. 10.04.23.
2.	Dr. Varinder Singh S/o. Sh. Avtar Singh	Pharmacognosy	Rs. 15600/- Basic Pay	15.03.2023 (F.N.)	--
3.	Dr. Navjot Kanwar D/o. Sh. Rakeshwar Singh Kanwar	Pharmaceutics	Rs. 15600/- Basic Pay	15.03.2023 (F.N.)	--
B. Food Science & Technology					
1.	Dr. Ankita Kataira D/o. Sh. Vinod Kumar Kataria	--	Rs. 15600/- Basic Pay	20.03.2023 (F.N.)	--
2.	Dr. Barinderjeet Singh S/o. Sh. Beant Singh Toor	--	Rs. 15600/- Basic Pay	20.03.2023 (F.N.)	--

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

ITEM NO. 19.8 TO RATIFY THE PROCEEDINGS OF 8th MEETING OF ACADEMIC COUNCIL OF THE UNIVERSITY HELD 05.04.2023

The 8th meeting of Academic Council of the University was held on 05.04.2023

As per the decision of the Board vide agenda item no 18.14, the item w.r.t starting of new course (Pharm.D) in Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences & Technology (DOPST) at the University Main campus was placed in 8th meeting of the Academic Council of the University vide agenda item no 8.3, wherein the same was approved by the council.

The proceedings of the meeting is placed as **Annexure-11, Page 58 to Page 66**).

Matter is placed before the Board for ratification please.

ITEM NO. 19.9 TO RATIFY THE PROCEEDINGS OF 13th MEETING OF FINANCE COMMITTEE OF THE UNIVERSITY.

The 13th meeting of Finance Committee was held on 20.04.2023.

Matter w.r.t closure of institutions without proper norms and pending dues affiliated with the university was discussed in the 13th meeting of Finance Committee of the University vide agenda item no. 13.3 held on 20.04.2023, where-in it was decided to provide time upto 15.05.2023 to deposit undertaking and pending principal amount alongwith interest to the University, failing which applicable fine/late payment charges would be charged from default college.

However, as per the request of the colleges and on the basis that the notification of information issued on 04-05-2023, the date of submission of undertaking and pending dues has been extended up-to 30.05.2023

Further, as per the decision of the Board vide agenda item no. 18.3, the matter w.r.t 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, was discussed in 13th Meeting of Finance Committee held on 20.04.2023 vide agenda item no. 13.4, wherein the same was approved.

Proceedings of the meeting are placed at **Annexure-12, Page 67 to 69**

Matter is placed before the Board for ratification please.

ITEM NO.19.10 REGARDING SURPLUS STAFF OF BABA HIRA SINGH BHATTAL COLLEGE TO BE ABSORBED

In the 17th meeting of Board of Governors an agenda vide item no. 17.18 was placed wherein, the board decided that:

"The nominee of DTE&IT, Punjab informed that the case is already under process with the Punjab Govt".

Thereafter, in the 18th meeting vide agenda item no. 18.2 (Action Taken Report w.r.t. item no. 17.18) it was decided that:

"It was decided that the O/o DTE&IT, Punjab will write a letter w.r.t. employees of BHSBIET, Lehragaga to be shifted to MRSPTU, Bathinda. Thereafter, the case will be put up in the next meeting of the Board as separate agenda".

A letter vide memo no. 92 ECC/2023 dated 01.03.2023 was received from the office of DTE&IT, Punjab, Chandigarh vide which the University was directed to adjust 02 faculty members (i.e. Sh. Rakesh Singla, Lecturer (IT) and Sh. Navneet Seth, Asstt. Prof. (Applied Sciences, consolidated salary) besides other 03 non-teaching staff members (**Annexure-13, Page 70**).

In its reply, the University sent a letter no. Uni./Estb.607dt. 06.03.2023 to the O/o. DTE&IT, Punjab, Chandigarh for seeking necessary clarifications in regard to service conditions upon adjustment of these staff members so that the complete case can be put up in the next meeting of BOG (**Annexure-14, Page 71 to Page 73**).

Now, a letter vide memo no. 219/E.C.C./2023 dated 08.05.2023 has been received from the office of DTE&IT, Punjab regarding adjustment of Dr. Navneet Seth, Asstt. Prof. (Consolidated Salary) on the terms and conditions of Punjab Govt. and the consent of University has been sought. (**Annexure-15, Page 74**). In his case this University has already shown its inability to adjust him (being on consolidated salary) vide letter no. Uni./Estb./607 dated 06.03.2023. However vide letter no. Uni./Estb./1150 dated 11.05.2023, DTE&IT, Punjab has been informed to provide the terms and conditions so that his case can be re-considered. The reply regarding other employees is still awaited.

As and when the terms and conditions of adjustment of these employees are received from the O/o. DTE&IT, Punjab, the cases of their adjustment in this University will be put up before the Board for consideration and approval.

The complete case is placed before the Board for information please.

ITEM NO.19.12 NAAC ACCREDITATION OF THE UNIVERSITY

The University has applied for first cycle NAAC accreditation for the period of 2016-21. The Peer Team Visit for the same was done during 15th-17th March 2023. The University is awarded B+ grade with a total score of 2.75 on a scale of 4.

As it is felt that during Data Validation and Verification process, some of the claims made by the University were not considered and furthermore, a total score of 2.76 or above will result in up gradation of grade to B++. Hence the University has submitted an appeal for revision of grade.

It is also to mention that during NAAC-Peer Team Visit, an anonymous complaint through email (mrsptufaculty@gmail.com) was sent to NAAC office. This might have made an impact on mind of the experts of PTV, which resulted in less score than expected in certain qualitative metrics and hence comparatively lesser (B+) grade. Academic Council has taken cognizance of the matter and condemned the same with suggestive action in its 8th meeting, reproduced here as under-

“Further, house requested the authorities of the University to file a complaint to Cyber Crime so that culprit may be identified and suitably punished.”

An identical anonymous email was also received from email ID: staff.mrsptubathinda@gmail.com containing unfactual information w.r.t. the University, which intends to tarnish and malign the image of the University.

The matter is put up for information of the Board.

ITEM NO.19.13 REGARDING CASE OF SH. JAGDEEP SINGH SIDHU, XEN (UNDER SUSPENSION).

In compliance to the decision of 11th BoG meeting vide agenda item no. 11.1, Sh. Jagdeep Singh Sidhu (XEN) was placed under suspension vide office order no. Uni./Estb./313/2080 dt. 09.10.2020 (**Annexure-16, Page 75**).

Thereafter, Sh. S.S. Dhillon (Retired IAS) was appointed as an inquiry officer vide O/o. no. Uni./Estb./2509 dt. 01.10.2021. During the inquiry (07 sittings), the statement of witnesses were recorded and cross examination has been completed.

It is pertinent to mention here that owing to health issues (back pain), the inquiry officer could not travel to Bathinda during the period of Sept. 2022 to April 2023. Therefore, the inquiry was conducted at the office of DTE/IT, Punjab, Chandigarh on 02.05.2023 (**Annexure-17, Page 76**). On the said date, the charged employee (Sh. Jagdeep Singh Sidhu) has been given a chance to present his witness(s) in his defence. Again, owing to the health issues of the inquiry officer (surgery of eye) and as per the availability of witness(s) of the charged employee, the next date is to be decided after 25.05.2023.

The complete case is put up for the information to the Board of Governors.



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ON

08-06-2023 (THURSDAY)

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ITEM NO. S-19.1 INFORMATION REGARDING APPOINTMENT OF OMBUDSMAN AND MODIFICATION IN THE GRIEVANCE REDRESSAL CELL OF THE UNIVERSITY AS PER LATEST UGC REGULATIONS

In supersession of the University Grants Commission (Redress of Grievances of Students) Regulations, 2019; UGC vide D.O Letter No. F.1-13/2022 (CPP-II) has notified University Grants Commission (Redressal of Grievances of Students) Regulations, 2023.

The new Regulations provide for the establishment of Students Grievances Redressal Committee(s) (SGRC) by all the Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) and for the appointment of Ombudsperson (s) at the University level.

UGC has requested all the HEIs and Universities for the establishment of Students Grievances Redressal Committee(s) (SGRC) and appointment the Ombudsperson(s), respectively, as provided in the Regulations, at the earliest, preferably within 30 days of the notification of the Regulations. Copy of these regulations is attached as **Annexure S-1 Page 07 to 13**.

In accordance with the UGC Regulations notified vide F. No. 14-4/2012(CPP-II), Joint Grievance Redressal Committee for the MRSPTU main campus and its constituent colleges was constituted vide notification no. Reg/063/585 Dated 07.02.2017 for a term of two years. The above committee was revised and subsequently notified vide ref no. Reg/195/1022 dated 28.04.2023, for a period of two years .

However, the constitution of the Students Grievances Redressal Committee(s) (SGRC), as per the University Grants Commission (Redressal of Grievances of Students) Regulations, 2023, is slightly different from the constitution as notified by the University in accordance with the UGC Regulations 2012 and is as follows:-

- a) A Professor - Chairperson
 - b) Four Professors/Senior Faculty Members of the Institution as Members.
 - c) A representative from among students to be nominated on academic merit/excellence in sports/performance in co-curricular activities-Special Invitee.
- At-least one member or the Chairperson shall be a woman and atleast one member or the Chairperson shall be from SC/ST/OBC category.

- The term of the chairperson and members shall be for a period of two years.
- The term of the special invitee shall be one year.
- The quorum for the meeting including the Chairperson, but excluding the special invitee, shall be three

Therefore, amended Students Grievances Redressal Committee(s) (SGRC) as per the latest UGC regulations has been notified by the University vide notification no. 198 dated 06-06-2023, for Compliance of the same (**Annexure S-2 Page 14**). Any modifications required in the above committee due to any change in UGC Regulations will be notified by the University from time to time.

Further, the case of appointment of Ombudsman in the University as per the UGC Regulations, 2012 was approved in 6th Meeting of Board of Governors of the University vide agenda item no. 6.36. The Office of Hon'ble Governor of Punjab was requested to provide their nominee for the same, but the appointment of Ombudsman is still pending.

In accordance with the latest UGC Regulations, 2023 an Ombudsman is required to be appointed at the University level for redressal of grievances of students of the University and colleges/institutions affiliated with the university under these regulations, from amongst the following:-

The Ombudsperson shall be a retired Vice-Chancellor or a retired Professor (who has worked as Dean/HOD) and has 10 years' experience as a Professor at State/Central Universities/Institutions of National Importance/Deemed to be Universities or a former District Judge.

Consequently, the University has notified the panel of three persons vide notification no. 199 dated 06-06-2023, as Ombudsman to deal with the grievances of the University and Colleges/Institutions affiliated with the University. (**Annexure S-3 Page 15**).

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

ITEM No. S-19.2 RATIFICATION OF CASE APPROVED BY CHAIRMAN, BOARD OF GOVERNORS ON A SINGLE FILE.

As per section 10 (8) of the University Act, 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, the following case was approved by the Chairperson, Board of Governors on a single file:

- a) Panel of subject experts for the selection committee of faculty positions (Agriculture Sciences and Aeronautical Engg.) in University and its constituent colleges.

A panel of experts was prepared from the renowned Institutes/ Universities and was sent to the Hon'ble Additional Chief Secretary, Govt. of Punjab, DTE&IT, Punjab,-cum-Chairperson, BOG vide file no. 1122 dt. 10.05.2023 for approval. The same was approved by the Chairperson BOG vide diary no. 5953 dt. 12.05.2023 (**Annexure S-4 Page 16 to 18**).

The matter is placed before the Board of Governors for ratification, please. and approval please.

ITEM No. S-19.3 REGARDING DECISION OF THE POST OF VICE CHANCELLOR.

Prof. (Dr.) Buta Singh Sidhu was appointed as the Vice Chancellor of the University for a term of 3 years vide notification endst. No. 5/2/2015/MRSSTU-2G-PRB/4948-4962 dated 01.11.2020 by Hon'ble Governors of Punjab-cum-Chancellor of Maharaja Ranjit Singh Punjab Technical University, Bathinda under Section 10(1) and (2) of Act, 2014 (Punjab Act No. 5 of 2015 (**Annexure S-5 Page 19**)). He joined the University on 02.11.2020 (F.N.). Accordingly, his three years term is going to be completed on 01.11.2023.

As per Clause 10 (2) of the University Act "*The Vice-Chancellor shall hold office for a term of three years which may be extended by the Chancellor, on the advice and recommendations of the Board for further period of three years*" (**Annexure S-6 Page 20**).

Board to decide either to extend the tenure for another term or to advertise the post of Vice Chancellor of the University.

Matter is placed before the Board of Governors for deliberations and decision.