

Subject: Approved Minutes of the 65th meeting of the Board of Governors (BoG) of Punjab Engineering College (Deemed to be University), Chandigarh.

A. Brief of the meeting and participants:-

Date/ Day	08.01.2021 (Friday)			
Time	10:30 A.M.			
Venue	Board Room, 2 nd floor, Administrative Block, Punjab Engineering College (Deemed to be University), Sector-12, Chandigarh.			
In chair	Sh. Rajinder Gupta; Chairman, Board of Governors			
List of Participants	S.No	Name (Sh./ Mr./ Prof.)	Constituency as per MOA	Capacity
	1.	S.S. Gill, IAS	Secretary Technical Education, Chandigarh Administration	Vice-Chairman
	2	Nazuk Kumar	Special Secretary Technical Education, Chandigarh Administration	Ex-officio Member
	3	Raj Kumar	Vice Chancellor, Panjab University, Chandigarh	Member
	4	S. Anantha Ramakrishna	Director, CSIO	Member
	5	S.S. Bhadauria	Nominee of Chairman, UGC, New Delhi	Member
	6	Kiran Malhotra	Technologists/ Engineers/ Educationalists to be nominated by Chandigarh Administration	Member
	7	Arun K. Grover	Eminent Industrialist to be nominated by the Chandigarh Administration	Member
	8	Purushottam Kaushik	Eminent Alumnus of the Institute to be nominated by the Chandigarh Administration	Member
	9	Siby John	Professor, Civil Engineering Department	Member
	10	Sanjeev Sofat	Professor, Computer Science Engineering Department	Member
	11	Dheeraj Sanghi	Director, PEC	Member
12	Sushant Samir	Registrar (Ad-interim)	Member Secretary	
Leave of absence accorded	1	Arun Kumar Gupta	Finance Secretary, Chandigarh Administration or his nominee	Ex-officio Member
	2	S.K. Rai, IAS	Nominee of Ministry of Home Affairs, GoI	Member
	3	Rajesh Khanna	Nominee of Director, IIT Delhi	Member
	4	A.K. Taneja	Eminent Industrialist to be nominated by the Chandigarh Administration	Member
	5	Nikhil Sawhney	Nominee of Chairman CII, Northern Region	Member
	6	Sanjeev Aggarwal	Eminent Industrialist to be nominated by the Chandigarh Administration	Member

The members attending the meeting through ONLINE MODE were introduced themselves and place from where they attended the meeting.

B. The brief of proceedings is as follows:

At the outset, Director, Punjab Engineering College (Deemed to be University), Chandigarh welcomed the Chairman BoG and all the members of the Board.

Agenda Item No.	Agenda Item	Decision
65.1	Minutes of 64 th BoG Meeting	Confirmed & noted.
65.2	Action Taken Report of 64 th BoG Meeting.	Confirmed & noted.
65.3	Relationship between PEC & PEC-CCE	<p>A presentation was made by Prof. Perminderjit Singh, officiating CEO, PEC-CCE about the status of PEC-CCE. Members appreciated the efforts made by officiating CEO in digging out the irregularities in PEC-CCE in such a short span of time.</p> <p>The complete matter was brought to BoG. Officiating CEO, PEC-CCE has informed that the Ex-CEO Sh. Vinay Jain has served the legal notice to the CEO, PEC-CCE; The Chairman, BoG-PEC; Vice Chairman PEC-CCE-cum-Director, PEC and the Secretary Technical Education-cum-Member, BoG-PEC. After detailed deliberations, it was suggested that all the legal actions including criminal cases against the Ex-CEO will be explored by PEC-CCE. An assurance was given by the officiating CEO that CCE will be closed for business by 31.03.2021. Even in this period only a few ongoing projects will continue and no new project will be taken up. After 31st March, a skeleton staff for only regulatory compliance like filing income tax return will be kept for minimal period of time. Attempt will be made to settle all court cases by 31st March. It was further suggested that Governing Council of</p>

		<p>PEC-CCE should follow up on these assurances. It was also suggested that the officiating CEO should find out the process of closing the PEC-CCE Society under the Societies Act.</p>
65.4	<p>Proposal for Centre of Excellence in Data Science.</p>	<p>The proposal for setting up a "Centre of Excellence in Data Science" presented by Dr. Sanjeev Sofat was approved. The Board opined that Data Science is a very important area and a separate Centre would give a push to increase activities in this area. The Centre should start functioning immediately within the current resources, and should consider offering electives for all programs, a minor program, and in due course, a new B.Tech and an M.Tech program should be considered. The academic details will need to be worked out by Senate.</p> <p>Chairman BoG suggested that the Centre should take up the Industrial problems as consultancy assignments. Prof. Grover suggested that the Centre should collaborate with other institutions like Maths department of Panjab University.</p> <p>The Board also suggested that the Centre should submit proposals for funding to the UT administration for creating a Data Centre, a cloud infrastructure with substantial computing power. Secretary, Technical Education pointed out that it may be too late to fund it in this financial year, but the administration will consider the proposal in the next financial year, and could provide funding over 2 years. It was also suggested that funding should also be explored through other means like DST, MEITY, and even private companies.</p>

65.6	Presentation by Head, Production & Industrial Engineering Department.	Presentation was made by Prof. R.S. Walia, Head Production & Industrial Engineering Department. Members suggested that the Department Faculty/ Research Scholars should publish their research papers in SCI Indexed Journal/ High Impact Factor Journal. Also, the board expressed disappointment at the closing ranks during admission, and asked the department to upgrade its program and make it more modern and attractive to students. Emphasis should also be put on improving not just the number of students being placed but also the quality of placement.
Any other items with the permission to the Chair		
65.7	Nominations of two members for Senate.	It was suggested that the tenure of Sh. Kunal Nandwani, Co-founder & CEO uTrade Solutions and Prof. M. Rajiv Lochan, Department of History, Panjab University, Chandigarh be extended further for period of two (02) years.
65.8	Increase in retirement age of faculty of the institute from 62 years to 65 years.	After deliberations, a sub-committee of the following is constituted to make a comprehensive proposal for the same. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Prof. Siby John Member 2. Prof. Arun K. Grover Member 3. Prof. Sanjeev Sofat Convener Agenda was deferred for the next BoG meeting.

Meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair.

Endst. No. PEC/RG/21/ 1092

A copy of the above is forwarded to **BoG Members** for information and necessary action.

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 Registrar 19/11/24
 (Ad-interim)

Dated: 19.1.21

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