

Minutes of the 38th meeting of the Board of Management of PEC University of Technology, Chandigarh, held on 1.11.2012 at 12.30 p.m. in the Conference Hall of PEC University of Technology, Chandigarh.

The following members attended the meeting:

1. Sh. Vijoy Kumar Singh, Secretary Technical Education (Co-Chairperson)
2. Prof. Manoj Datta, Director, PEC Univ. of Technology (Co-Chairperson)
3. Sh. Vijoy Kumar Singh, Finance Secretary, Chandigarh Administration
4. Ms. Gurpreet Kaur Sapra, Joint Secretary, Technical Education
5. Sh. Pawan Agarwal, Alumnus
6. Prof. Ashwani Kumar, Registrar, PEC Univ. of Technology
7. Prof. (Ms.) Uma Batra
8. Prof. Sanjeev Sofat
9. Prof. A M Kalra

In attendance (Permanent Invitee):

1. Prof. Parveen Kalra

In attendance (Special Invitees):

1. Prof. S.K. Suman, Chirman Estate & Works
2. Sh. G. Mehta, AC (F & A)
3. Prof. K. K. Garg

Leave of absence was granted to:

1. Dr. Amit Halder

Decisions taken on various Agenda items are as follows:

Item No.	Item	Decision
38.1	To confirm the minutes of 35 th , 36 th and 37 th meetings of the Board of Management held on 17.04.12, 17.05.12 & 9.8.12 respectively.	Confirmed
38.2	Follow-up action of Previous BOG Meetings.	Noted.
38.3	Items for information.	Noted.

38.4	Balance Sheet for the year 2011-12.	<p>The Balance Sheet (Annexure 38.4.1) was approved. However, arising out of the discussion on the Balance Sheet, the Board desired that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) In the next meeting, a comparative Table of tuition fees being charged by various IITs may be presented along with a proposal to peg the tuition fee to be charged at PEC with the average of the IITs of northern region. ii) The “Earn while you Learn” scheme should be made available to 10 students belonging to highly economically weaker sections. The modalities may be worked out by a committee constituted by DSW.
38.5	Allowing interest on CPS accumulation during the financial year 2011-12.	Approved as proposed (Annexure 38.5.1).
38.6	Amendment in TA/DA rules in the wake of revision of pay scales.	Approved as proposed (Annexure 38.6.1).
38.7	Visit of NBA Team for Accreditation of PG Programmes.	<p>The Board noted the points raised by the NBA team. Chairman Estate and Works of PEC was asked to take up the issue, of transfer of land and buildings to PEC Society, with the Chandigarh Administration. Possibility of maintaining the buildings by PEC through its own Engineering Wing should also be explored.</p>

38.8	Representation to MHRD, Latest Letter from UGC and Adoption of UGC Regulations 2010.	<p>Taking into consideration the developments till date, The Board decided that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) A reminder may be sent to MHRD to respond to Director's letter dated 23.08.2012. ii) UGC may be informed that MOA/ Rules shall be revised after receiving a reply from the MHRD in this regard. iii) Status quo may continue till a response is received from the MHRD.
38.9	Result of CAS-2012.	<p>The implementation of CAS results, for movement from Stage 1 to 2 and Stage 2 to 3, was noted. The Board decided that this be informed to Hon'ble High court and further action will depend on the decision of the Hon'ble High Court of Punjab & Haryana in the CWPs relating to CAS pending before it.</p>
38.10	Clarification to ambiguities in UGC Regulations.	<p>Approved for the current round of CAS and for Direct Recruitments which are in progress at the moment. However, for the future, a committee may be constituted to look into the weightages assigned to different activities for the calculation of API scores under UGC guidelines (and also include suitable weightage for TEQIP activity in API scores as per MHRD guidelines of TEQIP scheme), and recommendations for revision in the weightages, if any, may be put up for approval of the Board.</p>

38.11	Service Requirement for CAS Promotions.	It was decided to seek a clarification from UGC in regard to counting for CAS the period spent by faculty in acquiring Ph.D. degree as a full-time candidate. It may also be found out as to how other eminent technical institutes are treating this period. If a clarification is received from the UGC, it should be followed in future. Otherwise, a decision may be taken in accordance with the procedure being adopted at other technical institutes.
38.12	CAS Promotion of faculty members from Assistant Professor Stage 1 to Assistant Professor Stage 2 and from Assistant Professor Stage 2 to Assistant Professor Stage 3: Seamless Screening Process.	Approved as proposed (Annexure 38.12.1), with the 4 th para amended to read as follows: It is proposed that the screening process should be carried out seamlessly for CAS promotions from Assistant Professor Stage 1 to 2 and from Assistant Professor Stage 2 to 3, and that a candidate can present his/her credentials for reassessment by submitting in writing that he/she fulfills all qualifications/ requirements, or can apply afresh when eligible.
38.13	Pay Fixation on Movement to a Higher Stage under CAS and Incentives for Higher Qualifications.	Extract from UGC notification (Annexure 38.13.1) approved for being implemented at PEC.
38.14	Merger of IT and Computer Science Deptt. and increase of intake of BE Computer Science and Engg. to 60.	The Board decided in favour of alternative (b), that is, the faculty, staff & infrastructure of the departments of IT and Computer Science & Engg. be merged, with intake in BE (Comp. Sc. & Engg.) Programme increased to 60, w.e.f. the session 2013-14.

		It was further decided to leave it to the department of Comp. Sc. & Engg. to consider continuing with BE (IT) programme or to offer any other BE/ ME programme, in self-supported mode or whatever mode it thought to be feasible.
38.15	Update on TEQIP –II.	The progress of TEQIP-II at PEC was noted and considered to be satisfactory.
38.16	Institutional Management Capacity Enhancement under TEQIP – II.	It was decided that the details regarding the training programme to be conducted at IIM Lucknow may be ascertained. The possibility of sending senior faculty members and Board Members abroad for visit/short programme to eminent technical institutes may also be explored. The available funds may be suitably distributed among the two activities.
38.17	Self Assessment Report ACR: Dovetailing UGC Proforma with ACR Proforma approved in 35 th meeting of BoM.	Dovetailing of UGC Proforma with ACR Proforma (already approved in 35 th Meeting) was approved.
38.18	Action taken report on recent accident involving students.	The Board concurred with the measures being taken to avoid accidents on campus.
38.19	Charu Mehta Memorial Award.	Approved as proposed (Annexure 38.19.1)
38.20	Naming the new Auditorium in memory of Sh. Jaspal Bhatti.	It was noted that funds had not yet been earmarked for the proposed auditorium and it would take some years for the auditorium to be constructed. Hence the issue of naming the auditorium after Sh. Jaspal Bhatti was deferred. Further, it was proposed to make a comparative study of cost for providing

		parking space on the ground floor and that for having a basement parking, before a final decision can be taken in this regard.
38.21	Renovation of Hostels.	It was decided to revise the proposal to incorporate suggestions arising out of the visit of the hostels by Co-chairpersons of the Board, Alumnus member of the Board and other officers of PEC, alongwith officers of the Engineering Department of Chandigarh Administration.
38.22	Promotional Avenues for some categories of staff.	The Board decided that the Committee, which had made recommendations in this regard, should discuss the entire case separately with JSTE, Chandigarh Administration, and then the matter be put up again with amendments, if any, arising out of the discussion.
38.23	Pay scales and Career Progression Scheme for Computer professionals.	The Board decided that the Committee, which had made these recommendations, should examine the issue of requirement of qualifications such as M.Tech./ Ph.D. at various levels in the Research/ Scientific organizations, and discuss these with JSTE, Chandigarh Administration. The matter be put up again with amendments, if any, arising out of the discussion.
38.24	Audit Objections.	The Board took note of the four Audit Objections. It was recommended by the Board that for Audit objections 1 and 2, a suitable reply be given to AG, indicating the savings which might have accrued on account of enhancement of retirement age.

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the chair.

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