

Subject: Minutes of the 50th meeting of the Board of Governor (BoG) of PEC University of Technology, Chandigarh.

A Brief of meeting and participants:

Date	22.08.2016 (Monday)			
Time	11:30 A.M.			
Venue	Seminar Hall – I, New Academic Block, PEC Campus, Sector-12, Chandigarh.			
In chair	Sh. Som Mittal			
List of Participants	S.No.	Name (Sh./ Mr./ Dr./ Prof.)	Constituency as per MOA	Designation in BOG
	1	S.B. Deepak Kumar, IAS	Secretary Technical Education	Member
	2	Arun Grover	Vice Chancellor	Member
	3	Rajesh Khanna	Director, IIT	Member
	4	Dinesh Dua represented by Mr. Rohit Grover, Vice Chairman	Chairman, CII, Northern Region, Sector-31, Chandigarh	Member
	5	R.K. Sinha	Director CSIO	Member
	6	N. Sathyamurthy	Director IISER, Mohali	Member
	7	A.K. Taneja	MD & CEO Shriram Pistons & Rings, New Delhi	Member
	8	Sanjeev Aggarwal	Founder & Senior Managing Director, Helion Ventures	Member
	9	Atul Sachdeva	Director & Principal, GMCH-32, Chandigarh	Member
	10	Siby John	Head, Civil Engineering	Member
	11	Sanjeev Sofat	Professor, Computer Science Department	Member
	12	Manoj K. Arora	Director, PEC	Member
13	Manish Kumar	Registrar, PEC	Member	
Leave of absence accorded	1	Sarvjit Singh, IAS	Finance Secretary	Member
	2	Rakesh Popli, PCS	Joint Secretary Technical Education	Member
	3	A.V. Dharma Reddy, IAS	Nominee of Ministry of Home Affairs	Member
	4	Pawan Agarwal, IAS	CEO, Food Safety & Standards Authority of India (FSSAI)	Member
	5	Nominee	Chairman, UGC	Member
	6	Nominee	MHRD	Member

b. The brief of proceeding is as follows:

Item No.	Item	Observations	Decision
50.1	Presentations	<p>A presentation on the progress of the institute for the period Jan. 2016 – August 2016 was made by the Director. The members applauded the progress of the institute and also made following observations.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. On the data of faculty participation in conferences and short term courses, it was observed that some targets could be fixed. Achievements vis-à-vis those targets may be indicated in future. 2. It was also observed that the motivation to participate in conference to the faculty is minimal on account of low weightage in his or her vertical career mobility. 3. It was also observed that the conference gives a forum of intellect interaction. 4. The departments and the institute must ensure participation of each and every faculty members in various faculty development programmes, workshops, 	<p>In future Director Presentation should also include Gender diversity at the institute in faculty, staff and students.</p>

		<p>conferences and short term courses.</p> <p>5.The details of faculty participation in short term courses, conferences may also be placed on institution website.</p>	
50.1 (a)	Approval of Draft Minutes of 49 th Meeting	-	Approved.
50.2	Action Taken Report	<p>On point No. 49.6, regarding duration of their tenure on the BOG, one view was to go for the remaining term of the board and the other view was to go for three years.</p>	<p>ATR of all items were noted.</p> <p>Regarding nominating women member on governing body, both the proposed names of Ms. Kanika Marwaha & Dr. Pamela Kumar were approved for co-opting as member. It was approved that 03 years terms may be offered.</p>
50.3	Court Case challenging the appointment of Director	-	Noted
50.4	Increase in seats in U.G. Programme	<p>1.Batch size for enhanced intake may be restricted to 60 as per AICTE Norms.</p> <p>2.Concept of mentors to guide students may be explored.</p> <p>3.The alternative ICT based teaching methodology may be used vigorously.</p> <p>4.It is to be ensured that quality standards are not diluted.</p> <p>5.It was informed that tentatively</p>	Ratified. Proposal for sanction of Faculty positions in light of enhanced intake may be prepared.

		<p>35% of sanctioned faculty positions are vacant in almost all the higher learning institutions.</p> <p>6.To overcome the issue of persistent faculty shortage, the research scholars & M.Tech scholars may be used effectively to assist in tutorial and laboratory classes</p>	
50.5	Up-gradation of PEC to IIT	<p>1.Merits and demerits of decisions of up-gradation to IIT may be evaluated.</p> <p>2.Possibility of up-gradation to NIT level institute may also be evaluated.</p> <p>3.Models i.e. VJTI, Mumbai, DTU may also be studied.</p> <p>4.Viability gap analysis vis-à-vis IIT/ NIT may also be undertaken.</p>	<p>Outcome of our exercise may be informed to the Board. This will be presented in the BoG in October. Irrespective of the outcome of this analysis, PEC should close the gaps with IIT/NIT in any case.</p>
50.6	Setting up of labs & workshops with Private Partnership	<p>1. In case of failure of acquiring facilities through Swiss challenge mode of tendering, ground work may be initiated to procure hardware software facilities from the open market.</p> <p>2. Assistance may be taken from newly established IITs such as IIT Ropar and IIT Hyderabad and other premier institutes of Govt. as well as private institutes like COE Pune and</p>	<p>1.After detailed deliberations, the proposal to procure the facilities was approved.</p> <p>2.Regarding mode of acquiring, Swiss challenge mode of tendering was agreed.</p> <p>3.Regarding infrastructure and up-gradation to house the proposed facilities to bring the agenda again in the next Board meeting.</p>

		<p>BITS Goa. For this purpose Director may constitute a committee with Senior Industry persons to be deputed by Sh. A.K. Taneja.</p> <p>3. It was also agreed that Sh. A.K. Taneja's office shall provide expert assistance for framing the RFP to be floated for Swiss Challenge Tendering. They will be part of the sub committee that the Director will set up.</p>	
50.7	Sports Complex	<p>1. Cost escalation after vetting is mainly on account of illumination infrastructure.</p> <p>2. The illumination infrastructure not only results in enhanced capital cost but also enhanced recurring cost.</p> <p>3. The suggestions made were that smart/intelligent lighting may be planned so that the illumination is done only as per the requirements of the given time in Sports field through control panel or otherwise.</p> <p>4. One of the suggestions made was to obtain independent views of experts/ OEMs in the area of the lighting to ensure that we are getting the most modern and updated technology</p>	Approved.

50.8	Expansion and Renovation of Community Centre	The priority for execution of awarded works by UT Engineering may be worked out by PEC. There are several projects that UT Engg is working on and we need to give the priority based on PEC needs. It was also discussed that since PEC is the ultimate user we should get whatever experts to ensure that they review UT Engg projects particularly in view of the defects/shortcomings in the new Academic Block.	Approved
50.9	Works under execution by Estate office, PEC	-	Noted
50.10	Status of civil works designed by empanelled architect and allotted to U.T. Engineering Department	-	Noted
50.11	Status of major works executed/ to be executed by U.T. Engineering	-	Noted
50.12	Status of work on hold/ consideration	-	Noted
50.13	Enhancement of financial ceiling for execution of work by Estate office, PEC	-	Not approved. Status quo. If there are specific projects that PEC estate office should execute exception approval of BoG may be taken.
50.14	Qualification for the faculty of Humanities & TQEM	1. Since the institute is aspiring for its upgradation to IIT, it would be appropriate to upgrade entry level qualification	Qualifications approved. For Humanities: Masters degree with minimum 55 % marks in English/

		<p>to the level of Ph.D.</p> <p>2.It was informed that TQM is industry oriented programme. Therefore, for TQM to have general post graduation with experience may be revised by “post graduation in <u>relevant discipline</u>” for faculty hiring in <u>this area</u>.</p> <p>3.Further, the <u>suggested qualifications for faculty recruitment</u> in Management discipline i.e. Bachelors of Engineering and MBA should be followed by Ph.D.</p> <p>4.Internal arrangements at the time of filling the vacancies may be made so as the recruitment is done for the required specialization within humanities block, otherwise it may be possible that out of different specializations in humanities there is large number from one of the specializations.</p>	<p>Business Administration/ PGDBM/ PGDMA/ Commerce/Economics/ Psychology/ Sociology followed by Ph.D/ Fellowship from IIM or equivalent in the relevant area</p> <p style="text-align: center;">OR</p> <p>First class Bachelor’s degree in Engineering and First class degree in Business Administration/ Post Graduate diploma awarded by Indian Institute of Management or its equivalent followed by Ph.D/ Fellowship from IIM or equivalent in relevant area.</p> <p>For M.E. (TQM):</p> <p>Bachelor’s degree in Engineering in any discipline followed by Masters degree in Industrial Engineering/ Production & Industrial Engineering/ TEQM/ TQM/ P.G. Diploma awarded by NITIE, Mumbai.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">OR</p> <p>Post Graduation in relevant discipline with minimum 10 years of experience as practicing Quality Professional/ Quality Manager.</p>
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50.15	Creation of Centre of Management & Humanities	-	Approved as proposed.
50.16	Change of Nomenclature of Degrees	Whether the degrees with revised nomenclature are to be awarded for the students admitted for the session 2016-17 and beyond or for batches to graduate from the year 2017 onwards.	Approved as proposed. It was also decided that from the next convocation, the degree with revised nomenclature may be distributed. However, if any registered candidate has any reservation, then he/ she may be awarded degree of B.E./ M.E. as the case may be.
50.17	Convocation date for award of degree of 2016 pass outs	-	Noted. For the 2016 convocation, the requisite space may has been booked as of now. It was suggested that we fix the date of the next years Convocation and book the Auditoriums in PU or other places within Chandigarh. This year they were not available.
50.18	Re-examining the case of wrong claim of TA bill	-	After detailed deliberations and going through the available facts on record, contents of the complaint, report of the committee, earlier decision of the board, communication received from the Administration, it was unanimously agreed that no new facts have emerged to

			<p>call for reconsideration of the decision approved by the Board.</p> <p>It was opined that matter may be put to rest and Administration may be informed accordingly.</p>
50.19	Engagement of visiting/ emeritus/ adjunct faculty	<p>It was observed that guidelines as approved by BOG may be followed. It was also observed that for these kind of positions, the organization has to persuade people to join for the position and usually the public advertisement is not the appropriate/ sufficient medium.</p> <p>It was also suggested that we fix a criteria for adjunct faculty which specifies that value that we assign to experience and practioners.</p>	Noted.
50.20	Engagement of contractual faculty	-	Noted.
50.21	Promotion under CAS from Stage V to VI	<p>1. One of the view was that it was not right kind of move as some of the high performing faculty misses on account of stagnation or due to followed decision making process.</p> <p>2. The appropriate and adequate guidelines have to be in place before implementation of this</p>	<p>It was decided that the committee may be constituted by the Director with Prof. Rajesh Khanna and Dr. R.K. Sinha, as members of BOG to look into the proposal and submit the report looking into all the observations of the Board.</p>

		<p>process.</p> <p>3.PGIMER, Chandigarh has implemented the scheme in the recent past and may be used as the reference point.</p> <p>4.The proposal was contained in the guidelines of 6th pay commission as circulated by UGC and this has come to an end as 7th Central Pay Commission is in the process. Hence the issue may be re-looked into.</p>	
50.22	Engagement of JLA	-	Approved as proposed with the rider that no further extension shall be granted after 31.12.2016.
50.23	Utilization of funds from TEQIP-II Project	-	Noted.
50.24	Additional grant of Rs. 2.5 crores under TEQIP-II Project	-	Noted.
50.25	Utilization the interest from TEQIP-II Project	-	Concurred.
50.26	Activity-2 to Key activity – 4 under TEQIP-II	-	Noted & approved.
50.27	International visits under TEQIP-II Project	-	Noted.
50.28	U.G. Admissions	-	Noted.
50.29	M.Tech Admissions	<p>1.The number of students admitted in TQM is less than 5. Therefore, its viability and feasibility may be evaluated.</p>	<p>Noted. All the PG programmes will be looked into their totality based on last 5 years data. The committee</p>

		<p>2.TQM programme was remodelled and started as a joint programme with QCI only last year. It is therefore felt that it needs to be publicized properly to attract applicants. Hence, more time may be given for the same.</p> <p>3.The industry connects of M.Tech programme needs to be reviewed. Effort is being made to send M. Tech students to industry to undertake project work as it enhances the employment opportunity.</p> <p>4.Course curriculum, employability, quality level of input joining M.Tech programme may also be revisited.</p>	<p>already constituted for the revision in curricula of all PG Programmes may be entrusted with additional responsibility of giving recommendations on continuation or discontinuation of a programme as well as proposal on new PG programmes. The committee is expected to give the recommendations in 3 months time.</p>
50.30	Nominations/ Re-nominations of Members of the Governing Council of PEC-CCE	-	Approved as proposed. It was also suggested that the PEC CCE governing council with new Chairman and members may propose a suitable model to strengthen the academia-industry relationship so as to act as business engagement center for PEC.
50.1(T)	Engagement of Adjunct faculty at PEC	-	Approved as proposed.
50.2 (T)	Budget Statement – Institute Fund	It was observed that proposal	Noted.

		presented before the Board is likely to result in lowering the reserve from Rs. 20.45 Cr. to Rs. 20.0 Cr. It was debated whether the corpus fund is required to be maintained or not. It was also debated that should be the quantum of minimum reserves to be kept by the institute so as to meet the exigencies & crises. One of the criterion may be to have the arrangements for 3-4 months essential expenditure.	<p>The audited report of FY 2015-16 accounts may be presented in the next Board meeting along with notes and management report</p> <p>Noted, ratified expenditure made till date.</p> <p>Based on the observations, an exercise for 3 years proposal may be worked out and meanwhile the routine expenditure may be carried out. The budget should have all the major heads with comparison with previous year.</p>
50.3 (T)	Budget Estimates 2016-17 – Student Service Fund	-	Noted. Proposal for 3 years period may be worked out and meanwhile the routine expenditure may be carried out. To be discussed in Oct, 2016 BoG
50.4 (T)	Budget Statement 2016-17 (Hostels)	The surplus shown needs to be stand spent on the hostel related activities otherwise the same may be treated as income and may also go through the scrutiny of Income Tax Act.	Noted. Proposal for 3 years period may be worked out and meanwhile the routine expenditure may be carried out. To be finalised in October, 2016 BoG
50.5 (T)	Constitution of committee for promotion under CAS for the post of Professor Physical Education	-	Approved as proposed.

	(Sports)		
50.6 (T)	Constitution of committee for promotion under CAS for Librarians	-	Approved as proposed.
50.7 (T)	Representation of Dr. Uma Batra, Dr. Sanjeev Sofat and Dr. Parveen Kalra	-	The appointment letters to applicants namely Dr. Uma Batra, Dr. Sanjeev Sofat and Dr. Parveen Kalra for selection against advertised post of professor in the year 2006 to be filled through Direct recruitment may be issued. However, the petition needs to be withdrawn prior to the implementation of the decision.
50.8 (T)	Implementation of Chandigarh Administration order – Dr. R.R. Singh	-	Noted and approved.
50.9 (T)	Amendment in Sponsored Project/ Consultancy norms and guidelines	-	Approved as proposed.

General observations:

1. It was observed that the time slot may be earmarked during future BOG meetings for open discussion on qualitative aspects of Governance and development of the institute. It was agreed that next meeting may be scheduled at 10:00 A.M. instead of 11:30 A.M.
2. Regarding NBA visit scheduled from 26-28 August, 2016 for 05 P.G. programmes, all BOG members were requested to participate in meeting with the visiting team on 26.08.2016 between 10:00 A.M.-10:30 A.M. Prof. Arun Grover consented for the same and Secretary Technical Education assured to send Joint Secretary (Member BOG) for the said meeting.
3. Regarding a workshop on the Good Governance being organized by NPIU on 31st August, 2016 the Director and Chairman or external BOG member as Nominee of Chairman has to participate. Prof. Rajesh Khanna consented for the same on behalf of Chairman, BOG.
4. In light of proposed infrastructure development and expansion, possibility of engaging an officer dedicated to these works may be explored.

5. Prof. Arun Grover, Vice Chancellor, Panjab University, Chandigarh was authorized to seek an appointment with Hon'ble Governor, Punjab & Administrator, Chandigarh on behalf of Board of Governors (BOG) of PEC University of Technology, Chandigarh to ensure that the UT Administration takes up strongly with appropriate legal counsels the case of the process of Appointment of PEC Director as is being heard by the Hon'ble HC .
6. We need to make a plan to ask for increased funds from UT administration. Proposals as agreed with the Advisor to be made. BoG to be briefed in October 16 BoG. We need to work with all supporters and all influencers to help get our cause through with Advisor/MHRD etc.