

Subject: Minutes of the 52nd meeting of the Board of Governor (BoG) of PEC University of Technology, Chandigarh.

A Brief of meeting and participants:

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| Date | 29.03.2017 (Wednesday) | | | |
| Time | 10:00 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 | Anurag Agarwal, IAS | Finance Secretary * | Member |
| | | Jatinder Yadav, IAS | Special Secretary Finance | Member |
| | 3 | Rakesh Popli, PCS | Joint Secretary Technical Education | Member |
| | 4 | Sanjay Kaushik | Nominee of Vice Chancellor | Member |
| | 5 | Rajesh Khanna | Director, IIT | Member |
| | 6 | R.K. Sinha | Director CSIO | Member |
| | 7 | A.K. Taneja | MD & CEO Shriram Pistons & Rings, New Delhi | Member |
| | 8 | Sanjeev Aggarwal | Founder & Senior Managing Director, Helion Ventures | Member |
| | 9 | Pamela Kumar | Director General, TSDSI | Member |
| | 10 | Kanika Marwaha | Director, University Options | Member |
| | 11 | Manoj K. Arora | Director, PEC | Member |
| 12 | Manish Kumar | Registrar, PEC | Member Secretary | |
| Leave of absence accorded | 1 | -- | Chairman CII, Northern Region | Member |
| | 2 | Prof. N. Sathyamurthy | Director, IISER Mohali | 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 | Atul Sachdeva | Director Principal, GMCH – 32 | Member |
| | 6 | Prof. Siby John | HOD, Civil Engineering Deptt. | Member |
| | 7 | Prof. Sanjeev Sofat | Head, Computer Science | Member |
| | 8 | Nominee | Chairman UGC | Member |
| | 9 | Nominee | Department of Secondary Education, MHRD, Gol | Member |

**Finance Secretary left after the presentation of Director and Sh. Jatinder Yadav, Special Secretary Finance represented Finance Secretary in the meeting.*

b. The brief of proceeding is as follows:

| Agenda Item No. | Agenda Item | Minutes |
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| 52.1 | Approval of Draft Minutes of 51 st Meeting | Approved |
| 52.2 | Action taken report on decisions of 52 nd Meeting | Noted |
| 52.3 | Presentation by Director | The presentation made by Director was highly appreciated and it was recorded that Institution is definitely on the path of progress. The following observations were made: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. For all the sponsored research, the tangible outcome needs to be recorded. 2. Certain Outcome parameters may be identified/ benchmarked & institution can evaluate progress made accordingly to have an objective assessment. |
| 52.4 | ATR on Director's previous presentations | Noted |
| 52.5 | One/ two semesters by UG/PG Students in University(s) of Taiwan | Noted. Tie up with reputed Universities across the globe may also be explored. |
| 52.6 | Participation in Central Counseling for MTech (CCMT) 2017 | Noted |
| 52.7 | Direct admission(s) of B.E./ B.Tech. candidates to Ph.D programme | Noted. The issue of recovery of fellowships in case of non-completion of Ph.D may be looked into as per the Government guidelines/ prevailing practices in other institutions. In case, a candidate wants to leave in between with a Masters degree, an exit policy may also be framed. |
| 52.8 | Ratification of CAS and update | Ratified. It was informed to the house that members have received representations from some of the non-selected candidates. One of them has approached Hon'ble Court and another has approached National Commission for SC and ST, Chandigarh. Some have also filed their representations to Chandigarh Administration. After |

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| | | <p>detailed deliberations, it was opined that the experts participated in the selection committees were from reputed and prestigious institutions. The process is fair and transparent and due diligence was done by the expert committees formed for the purpose. The candidates who were not selected this year in any case have an opportunity to apply again for the next cycle of the CAS process.</p> <p>Prof. Rajesh Khanna, IIT Delhi, requested to review the process followed and suggest any refinements in the process.</p> |
| 52.9 | Amendment in Memorandum Of Association (MOA) | Withdrawn |
| 52.10 | Implementation of Provisions of Apprentices Act 1961 in the institute | Noted |
| 52.11 | Deputation of Prof. Sandeep Salodkar, Assistant Professor, Mechanical Engineering Department as Vice Chancellor in Dr. A.P.J. Abdullah Kalam University, Indore | Proposed condonation agreed, subject to legal opinion on deputation from PEC to Dr. A.P.J. Abdullah Kalam University Indore (Pvt. University). Further, given the past history, this may be the last deputation of the faculty concerned. |
| 52.12 | Increase in retirement age from 62 years to 65 years | The issue may be looked whenever the PEC attains the status of IIT. |
| 52.13 | Ratification of item: Furniture for Director's Secretariat | Ratified |
| 52.14 | Short term Housing for Contractual Faculty | Ratified |
| 52.15 | Engagement of Chartered Accountant | Noted. Special Secretary Finance assured that a fast action will be initiated on providing local auditors to PEC. |
| 52.16 | Enhancement of remuneration of Guest Faculty | Approved |
| 52.17 | Development of Modules of Academic system for PEC University of | Noted. Issue was deliberated at length. In general success and failure stories of various institutions on ERP |

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| | Technology | were shared. It was recorded that a regular monitoring and a close interaction between the executing team of CDAC and the internal team of PEC is to be done. |
| 52.18 | 7 th Building Works Committee (Agenda + Minutes) | Noted |
| 52.19 | Update on Establishment of COE in PPP Mode (Siemens) | <p>At the outset, the Director presented a chronological summary of events from onset project to this stage (Annexure 1). It was also informed to the house that Siemens undertakes this activity in their CSR (Corporate Social Responsibility) and supports developing and under developed Nations. One of their objectives to train the human resource during their educational life so that in their professional life they are comfortable with working on Siemens products.</p> <p>It was also opined that the establishment of Siemens Centre shall transform the status of laboratories exponentially, will be a game changer and will have parity with most of the top ranking institutions in the country. After detailed deliberations, the Board approved the establishment of COE in PPP mode with Siemens.</p> <p>Board directed the institute to appoint a Program Director and a Programme Execution Committee.</p> <p>Regarding space, it was informed to the house that previously existing workshop building with major repair and renovation was proposed to be housed and cost estimation was also done for the same. However, there may be difficulties, in making the site ready in 06 months period as required by Siemens to deliver & install the requisite machinery and equipment. Director informed that alternative site like Canteen block and partly New Academic Block may be considered to house this center. However, details may have to be worked out.</p> <p>Regarding funding, the Director informed that there is likelihood of a support from the U.S.A. based Alumni. Thus, funding from alumni, student funds and plan grant of the institute may be pooled to execute this project.</p> <p>Board also acknowledged the efforts and contribution of Sh. A.K. Taneja and his team and the Chairman BOG, Sh. Som Mittal for evaluating and negotiating the proposed project.</p> |
| 52.20 | Additional grant from U.T. Chandigarh for laboratory up-gradation in 2017-18 | Noted |
| 52.21 | Additional grant for special repairs and maintenance of the campus | Noted. Further, Worthy Finance Secretary explained the concept during presentation made by Director and |

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| | | <p>assured providing of Rs. 100.0 crores grant spread over 05 years starting from 2017-18 onwards for upkeep the present infrastructure and to create new infrastructure. The Finance Secretary emphasised that the institute should prioritize its projects and distribution be spread over 05 financial years so that works are completed in rightful manner. It was informed to the Board that the needful has been done and submitted to Finance Secretary Office for further action. Meanwhile, the architect is working on development of concept/ drawings for the major renovations/rejuvenation of the campus. The drawings for the new infrastructure, have been submitted to the Competent Authority.</p> <p>The Board thanked the Finance Secretary for the very positive and forward looking approach taken by the Administration.</p> |
| 52.22 | Revised estimate of extension block of Kalpana Chawla Hostel | Approved |
| 52.23 | Creation of command and control facility under Smart City Innovation | Noted |
| 52.24 | Establishment of Alumni Cell Abroad | Noted. It was opined that the alumni in a region should liaison directly with the Dean Alumni Office for any financial and intellectual support, and that as an institute there is not need to form formal alumni cells in different parts of the country and abroad. The alumni association may have its chapters in different parts. Also, These Alumni groups should not have too many administrative structures which are difficult to manage in the long run. |
| 52.25 | Institute Membership in International Association of Universities | Noted |
| 52.26 | Global Alumni Meet | Noted |
| 52.27 | Status of MOU | Noted. The board observed that while signing of MOU |

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| | | <p>with any organization, the rating/ ranking/ performance/ reputation of industry/ institute needs to be ascertained. Based upon this, and the progress on the activities, the renewals of the MOU may be recommended in future. There should be clear responsibilities assigned for each MOU with defined outcomes.</p> <p>Further, quarterly review of activities undertaken in MOUs be reviewed by the Director.</p> |
| 52.28 | Change of Nomenclature | <p>After detailed deliberations, it was observed that an effort may be made for acceptance of new name by UGC and MHRD. If required, the possibility of appending the word Deemed university (e.g. PEC University of Technology (A Deemed to be University)) be also explored.</p> |
| 52.1 (S) | Proposal for Up-gradation of PEC to IIT | <p>The Director made a detailed presentation informing the SWOT analysis and proposed rationale for upgradation of PEC to IIT. The board after detailed deliberations approved the proposal and requested all members to do their bit to make it happen. The Director was also requested to continue to focus on the development and fill the gaps between PEC and an IIT.</p> <p>Few of the gap parameters have already been identified by the institute. Board opined that the exhaustive identification of other parameters may also be done with IITs that PEC wants to use as benchmark.</p> |
| 52.2 (S) | Enhancement of maximum age limit for entry to Government Service | <p>It was agreed that 37 years may be notified as the maximum age for entry into PEC University for the position up to Assistant Professor.</p> |
| 52.3 (S) | Visit to the other institutes | <p>The Director briefed about the visit to the three institutes (i.e., COE Pune, IIT Hyderabad, BITS Pilani, Goa Campus). The good practices, laboratory status and teaching learning processes followed in these institutes was also narrated. The Director informed that these will be</p> |

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| | | shared with HODs and Deans, and efforts shall be made to adopt and adapt good practices. |
| 52.4 (S) | Status of MOU | Noted |
| 52.5 (S) | Budget 2015-16 & 2016-17 and proposal for next 03 financial years | <p>Approved for 2016-17. The audited statement shall be submitted for approval of BOG members by circulation.</p> <p>For approval of Budget for 2017-18 Chairman (BOG) was empowered. However, the proposed expenditure for 1st quarter of 2017-18 was approved.</p> <p>Board raised certain queries like provision of Rs. 11.0 crores for arrears on account of 7th Pay Commission. AC (F&A) informed that the arrangement is likely to be made by U.T. Administration for all the Departments as it has not been provisioned yet in the budget of U.T. Administration. The reasons for less income were also explained i.e. on account of fall of interest rates offered by banks. Further, on perusal of the data, it was seen that 17.0 crores was reported as lying in Saving account. It was observed that same may be put up in F.D. for better return.</p> <p>The Board also advised to engage investment consultant for the purpose and Hon'ble Chairman took the responsibility of suggesting some practicing Finance and Accounts personnel to serve the purpose.</p> <p>The effort made by AC (F&A) and his team in casting the budget on requisite lines was appreciated.</p> |
| 52.6 (S) | Utilization of funds under TEQIP – II Project | <p>(a) Noted</p> <p>(b) Ratified</p> <p>(c) Approved</p> |
| 52.7 (S) | Submission of Institutional Development proposal for participation in TEQIP Phase – III for sub component 1.3 | Noted |

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| 52.8 (S) | Items for General Information: | Noted |
| | (a) Expansion of Wireless Network | |
| | (b) Replacement of Core Switch, departmental Switches | |
| | (c) Establishing Data Centre | |
| | (d) Establish CCTV network | |
| | (e) Establishing Local Area Network, Wireless Network | |
| | (f) 40 KVA online UPS | |
| 52.1 (T) | Payment of assistantship to Ph.D scholars/ SRF receiving assistantship from TEQIP – II and COE funds | Approved |
| 52.2 (T) | Centre of Excellence in Industrial & Product Design Update | Noted |
| 52.3 (T) | Career Progression | After detailed deliberations, it was agreed that the Director may constitute the committee to look into the issue and the recommendations of the committee to be circulated to BOG members for their concurrence or otherwise. |
| 52.4 (T) | Revision of pay scales of Draftsman Cadre | The clarification may be obtained from U.T. Administration. |

General Observations:

There were very rich discussions and deliberations and many good suggestions came up, which are as follows. We must monitor the progress and report in future meetings. Some of these are programs that will be running over several years and the Director was requested to share his plans.

1. Feasibility of extension center for offering short term courses, organizing seminars, workshops, placement interviews in NCR region may be explored.
2. In light of scenario of jobless growth the requisite skill set/ knowledge domain with which enrolled students needs to be equipped, required to be worked out so as the placement is not adversely affected.
3. Efforts may be made to reach top notch companies for their recruitment to PEC Students.

4. On issue of Internationalization, globalization, collaboration with institutions of higher learning, research, academia, industry and labs, Ms. Kanika Marwaha, Co-opted Member BOG was requested to submit a concept note.
5. It was suggested that sunrise sectors like Solar Park, Wind Energy may be identified and programs offered be modified/ amended. New programs may be initiated to cater to the requirements of these sectors.
6. It was informed that specialization at the level of under graduate and offering of dual degree at U.G. Level is not well accepted proposition.
7. Administration agreed to offer the land within Chandigarh city for development of Satellite Campus and/ or creation of new facilities. We must request the land to be allotted irrespective of when we get IIT status as we need to start making progress on our expansions.
8. It was observed that more engagement with staff and faculty is required for involving them in building of the institute. A specific program needs to be launched and external expertise sought if required.
9. The progress of all the major development projects needs to be reported irrespective of progress made or not, and the issues plaguing the PEC needs to be identified and addressed at all levels. We need to get PEC projects on priority from the Engg. department.
10. The proposal for creation of new faculty positions needs to be worked out and infusion of fresh blood at all levels of faculty needs to be done. We must ensure that the current impasse with the case being deliberated in the Honorable Courts is expedited.
11. The next BOG meeting is decided to be schedule on 17.08.2017 (Thursday).

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