

Subject: Approved Minutes of the 64th 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	17.12.2020 (Thursday)			
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	Rupesh Kumar, IAS	Finance Secretary, Chandigarh Administration or his nominee	Ex-officio Member
	3	Nazuk Kumar, IAS	Special Secretary Technical Education, Chandigarh Administration	Ex-officio Member
	4	Rajesh Khanna	Nominee of Director, IIT Delhi	Member
	5	Kiran Malhotra	Technologists/ Engineers/ Educationalists to be nominated by Chandigarh Administration	Member
	6	S. Anantha Ramakrishna	Director, CSIO	Member
	7	Arun K. Grover	Eminent Industrialist to be nominated by the Chandigarh Administration	Member
	8	Sanjeev Aggarwal		Member
	9	S.S. Bhadauria	Nominee of Chairman, UGC, New Delhi	Member
	10	Siby John	Professor, Civil Engineering Department	Member
	11	Sanjeev Sofat	Professor, Computer Science Engineering Department	Member
	12	Dheeraj Sanghi	Director, PEC	Member
13	Sushant Samir	Registrar (Ad-interim)	Member Secretary	
Leave of absence accorded	1	S.K. Rai, IAS	Nominee of Ministry of Home Affairs, GoI	Member
	2	Raj Kumar	Vice Chancellor, Panjab University, Chandigarh	Member
	3	S.P.S. Grewal	Nominee of Chairman CII, Northern Region	Member
	4	A.K. Taneja	Eminent Industrialist to be nominated by the Chandigarh Administration	Member
	5	Purushottam Kaushik	Eminent Alumnus of the Institute to be nominated by the Chandigarh Administration	Member

The members attended 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, Chandigarh welcomed the Chairman BoG and all other Board members. He particularly welcomes Sh. S. S. Gill, Secretary Technical Education, Chandigarh Administration; Ms. Nazuk Kumar, Special Secretary Technical Education, Chandigarh Administration and Dr. S. Anantha Ramakrishna, Director CSIO for attending their first Board meeting.

Agenda Item No.	Agenda Item	Decision
VOLUME – I : Statutory Items		
64.1	Minutes of 63 rd BoG Meeting	Confirmed & noted.
64.2	Action Taken Report of 63 rd BoG Meeting.	Noted.
64.3	Letters received from Chandigarh Administration for adoption	
64.3.1	Concurrence/ Consultation with Personnel Department	The Secretary Technical Education, Chandigarh Administration suggested that a detailed proposal may be sent to Chandigarh Administration pointing out what aspects of the letter may not apply to Punjab Engineering College, Chandigarh, it being an Autonomous institution. Adoption of the letter was put on hold till the administration takes a final decision.
64.3.2	New pay scale for the fresh recruitment/ appointment in the service of Government of Punjab or its entities thereof.	Ratified the adoption by Director.
64.3.3	Clarification regarding quarantine leave during COVID -19 epidemic.	Ratified the adoption by Director.

64.3.4	Amendment in Mobile Allowance.	It was informed that the new order was issued by Chandigarh Administration in respect of mobile allowances to different categories of employees. The same is also adopted.
64.3.5	Grant of Transport (Conveyance) allowance for Physically Handicapped, Deaf & Dumb Employees.	Ratified the adoption by Director.
64.4	Status of legal cases.	Noted.
64.5	MoU's recently signed by PEC	Board commended the Institute for being pro-active in interacting with industry. It was suggested that all MoU's should be periodically reviewed to see if the intended activities are happening. It was suggested that if possible, quarterly meeting of both the parties can be arranged. Also, all MoUs should be vetted from legal perspective, particularly regarding jurisdiction of courts in case of any disputes.
64.6	Admission details for session 2020-21	Noted. It was noted with concern that the closing ranks of various programs are not improving.
64.7	TEQIP – III expenditure detail	Noted. Board was informed that NPIU has agreed to release an additional Rs. 1.0 crore through TEQIP – III for Center of excellence that was setup through TEQIP II funds, based on excellent performance of the Institute.
64.8	Best Teacher Award	Noted. Board congratulated Dr. Uma Batra and Dr. Vasundhara Singh for receiving the awards.

64.19	99 th Foundation Day of PEC	Noted. Board conveyed its pleasure on successful organization of the 99 th Foundation Day.
64.20	PEC Centenary Lecture Series (PEC-CLS)	Board was pleased to note the initiative and liked the quality of speakers invited under this series.
64.21	Launch of first official PEC Alumni Portal, March 2020.	Board congratulated Dean of Alumni for the launch of alumni portal and hoped that this will enhance the alumni engagement.
64.22	Fundraising Activities.	Board was pleased to note that for the first time in the history, PEC has raised more than Rs. 1 crore in philanthropic funds.
64.23	Scholarship established in year 2020	Noted. Board thanked the Dean of Alumni for being pro-active in engaging with alumni and other donors during the COVID period. It also noted that scholarships have been set up not only by alumni but also by Deans and Director.
Volume – II : Items for approval		
64.9	Closure of M.Tech Industrial Design Programme.	Approved.
64.10	Awards of Degrees in Convocation 2020.	Approved.
64.13	Recruitment Rules.	Approved. They will now be sent to UT administration for their concurrence.
64.16	Minutes of 5 th Finance Committee meeting.	Approved.
64.17	Issues of staff working under CSRC	It was suggested that the since the recruitment rules of technical staff is approved so their service condition and pay scales should be at par with PEC employees

		who will be recruited under new Recruitment Rules.
64.25	Enhancement of PDA capping for computational devices and Peripherals for the Block year 01.04.18 to 31.03.2021	The board opined that the limits of expenditure for travel, equipment, and others be flexible within the overall limit of Rs. 3.0 lakh for a 3-year block period. It authorized the Director to approve the expenditure beyond Rs. 1.0 lakh for computational devices and peripherals for the current financial year.
Volume – III : Policy Matters (Deliberations)		
64.11	Re-establishment of Centre of Excellence (I&PD)	Withdrawn.
64.12	Analyzing the performance of Deans, Professors and Faculty	Item was deliberated and the annual self assessment form of faculty members shall be as per Performance Based Appraisal System (PBAS) already approved by BoG. Filling up this form is mandatory and the board was concerned that not everyone is filling this up regularly. The board decided that from the year 2021, every faculty member must be required to fill the form. The Director should review the form of each faculty member.
64.14	Promotional avenues for isolated posts.	Approved.
64.15	Promotional avenues – Lab Attendants	Approved.

64.18	Action Plan to make Siemens Centre of Excellence (CoE) Self Sustainable.	It was deliberated and suggested that the financial model should also be presented in the BoG. Also, it was suggested that Seimens CoE needs to work closely with industry.
64.26	Various complaints received from Chairman BoG.	Noted.
64.27	Relationship between PEC & PEC-CCE.	<p>Board felt that the committee report does not contain sufficient details for it to take a decision. The board should know financial details like balance sheet, any potential liabilities, assets, or any other detail that may impact board's decision on the matter.</p> <p>Prof. Sanjeev Sofat informed that the Ex-CEO Sh. Vinay Jain has not provided any document related to financial liabilities, details/ status of projects of last five years, balance sheets, etc. and because of that the report submitted by the committee does not have any reference to these aspects.</p> <p>Director informed that Sh. Vinay Jain, Ex-CEO has resigned from the post and Prof. Perminderjit Singh, Professor of Mechanical Engineering Department of the institute has been given the charge of officiating CEO. He further stated the detailed report about the financial irregularities during the tenure of earlier CEO has been submitted by the officiating CEO.</p> <p>During discussion it was pointed out that officiating CEO has submitted the matter of</p>

payment made to Marketing Consultant appointed in PEC-CCE and was discussed in the 24th meeting of Governing Council held on 24.10.2020 and the same is reproduced as under:-

"While going through financial status of Delhi projects, it has been observed that more than Rs. 1.5 crores have been given to various marketing consultants. Officiating Chief Executive Officer informed that office does not have any record of the activities of these marketing consultants. It was noted that the Governing Council in the past had authorized CEO to appoint marketing entities and he was fully empowered to negotiate the terms and conditions of the contracts. As there is no record of any activities by these marketing consultants and the payment terms appear very liberal, there is a suspicion of malafide in the way contracts have been signed there work has been supervised. The Governing Council decided that this information may be shared with BoG of PEC, Home Secretary and Secretary, Technical Education, Chandigarh Administration to suggest future course of action.

Also, the board was informed that a lot of changes have happened at PEC-CCE since the committee submitted its report and those changes may have material impact on the deliberations of the board.

		<p>It was suggested that another BoG meeting should be held at the earliest to have a detailed deliberation on the relationship between PEC and PEC-CCE and all the new facts came after the report submitted by officiating CEO.</p> <p>A decision is deferred to the next meeting.</p>
64.28	Any other Item	
64.28.1	Proposal for Centre of Excellence in Data Science.	<p>The proposal for establishing a Centre of Excellence in Data Science was presented by Dr. Sanjeev Sofat, Professor Computer Science & Engineering & Member BoG. The center is expected to start immediately with the existing personnel, but will need an initial grant for the equipment. However, members suggested that a comprehensive proposal which includes research areas, equipment, and financial requirements, etc. may be presented in the next BoG.</p>
64.28.2	Celebrating history of PEC in its centenary year	<p>Prof. Arun Grover suggested that the Institute should allocate some space for artefacts belonging to Prof. Sateesh Dhawan, one of the most illustrious alumnus of PEC from the days it was in Lahore. The institute could similarly think about having memorabilia about other alumni. He volunteered to work for the same. The board appreciated his suggestion and willingness to work on this, and asked him to work with the Director on this.</p>
64.28.3	Presentations by Departments in rotation	<p>Sh. S.S. Gill, Secretary Technical Education, Chandigarh Administration has suggested</p>

		that there should be a presentation by Heads of Departments in board meetings by rotation. The presentation should cover all aspects of a department's activities including teaching, research, outreach, etc. The board agreed with the suggestions and asked that it starts from the very next board meeting.
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Meeting ended with the vote of thanks to the Chair.

Shahane
31/12/20
Registrar
(Ad-interim)

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Dated: 31 DEC 2020

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

Shahane
31/12/20
Registrar
(Ad-interim)