

PANJAB UNIVERSITY, CHANDIGARH

Minutes of the meeting of the Chairpersons/Directors/ Coordinators of all Teaching Departments Deans and officers of the Panjab University held on 12.04.2018 at 03.00 p.m. in the Senate Hall Panjab University, Chandigarh.

AGENDA

1. Briefing of PU Presentation for IOE
2. Preliminary analysis of NIRF
3. To give responsibility to a member of RPC to look after endowments fund; to remain in contact with Foreign Universities and Corporate Sector
4. The MHRD had launched Pandit Madan Mohan Malviya National Mission for teachers and teaching. Summary of the Scheme to be presented by Chairperson, Department of Education
5. To celebrate PU Honours School Centenary Year on completion of 100 years of Honors School Education in Panjab University
6. Regarding appointment of DST-Inspire Faculty in the Department of Chemistry
7. Presentation by Professor Archana R.Singh and Professor Sanjeev Sharma on undertaking internships/projects for UT administration and Punjab Government

PRESENT:

1. Vice Chancellor ...(In Chair)
2. Dean of University Instruction
3. Chairpersons/Directors/Coordinators/Deans and Administrative Officers (attendance attached).

Professor Arun K. Grover, Vice Chancellor welcoming all the members present in the meeting apprised that the meeting for the month of March could not be held as many things happened besides Convocation in the month of March, 2018. The last meeting of the academic session would be held before the session closes. He stated that as many academic activities happened since the last meeting, therefore, the agenda of today's meeting was heavier.

1. BRIEFING OF PU PRESENTATION FOR INSTITUTE OF EMINENCE:

Taking up the first agenda item, the Vice Chancellor informed that Panjab University had submitted the application for award of Institute of Eminence (IOE) in the month of December, 2017 and the presentation was made in first week of April, 2018.

He informed that in case PU is awarded IOE, it would help improve ranking of Panjab University at national as well as international level and also help overcome present shortcoming of PU in terms of student-teacher ratio, quantity and quality of research publications and citation index. He emphasized that University must have full faculty to improve student-teacher ratio and to improve quality of the research by writing quality

papers. Teachers must write research proposals and do some consultancy which would help enhancing the income and the visibility of the University.

Vice Chancellor further apprised that Government of India had desired that PU must have adjunct faculty from the industry or may invite faculty from abroad to come and participate in teaching and to engage in collaborative research. If the University is selected as Institute of Eminence (IoE), it would get an amount of Rs. 100 crore each year for a total period of five years.

Vice Chancellor gave a detailed presentation on the IOE (copy enclosed).

2. NATIONAL INSTITUTION RANKING FRAMEWORK (NIRF)-2018 PRESENTATION

A presentation entitled, "NIRF 2018: making sense of ranking scores" was made by Professor M. Rajivlochan, Director Internal Quality Assurance Cell (copy enclosed). He presented through graphics a comparative view of the scores of HEIs: score along a specific parameter as well as the overall score and rank. Essentially these scores include:

- Neck to neck competition among the top 40 HEIs;
- Perception score falls drastically as the HEI's rank falls;
- Teaching and Learning scores fall if the faculty is fewer, younger, less experienced and without PhD;
- Graduate Outcome scores, dealing with student placement, going for higher studies, seem to be a device to nudge HEIs to track their old students routinely.

He further stated that Jawaharlal Nehru University reports an unbelievable score of 100, Banaras Hindu University, Jadavpur, Aligarh, Calcutta are close to 100 in terms of placement and passing out students opting for higher education. IISc, IIT B and IIT D claim more realistic and possibly more truthful scores of about 80. However, Panjab University suffered in the National Institution Ranking Framework (NIRF) – 2018 due to its poor placement record and tracking of students after they pass out and a substantial number of teachers not having Ph.D.

3. TO GIVE RESPONSIBILITY TO A MEMBER OF RPC TO LOOK AFTER ENDOWMENT FUNDS, TO REMAIN IN CONTACT WITH FOREIGN UNIVERSITIES AND CORPORATE SECTOR.

Vice Chancellor elaborated that there is a need for developing close liaison with the corporate sector as well as other institutions of higher learning. In addition, PU must tap various sources of endowment funds so as to enhance its income. Vice Chancellor proposed that the Research promotion cell (RPC) be assigned the responsibility to take up these tasks. Prof Sanjeev Sharma, UIAMS was asked to work under the overall supervision of Director, RPC to develop a framework for developing a liaison with the industry and other academic institutions.

4. SUMMARY OF THE MHRD SCHEME “PANDIT MADAN MOHAN MALVIYA NATIONAL MISSION FOR TEACHERS AND TEACHING” (PMMVNMTT).

Professor Meenakshi Malhotra apprised the House that MHRD has launched “Pandit Madan Mohan Malviya National Mission For Teachers And Teaching” (PMMVNMTT). Professor Latika Sharma, Chairperson, Deptt of Education has submitted their proposal to the MHRD under the said scheme. She requested Professor Latika to share the information with the members regarding the scheme so that other departments may also participate and reap out the benefits of the scheme.

Giving a presentation on the scheme, Professor Latika Sharma, said that the scheme was initially started in 2015 mainly for Central Universities and this year State Universities including Panjab University have been invited to attend the workshop for the scheme and join the scheme in mid stream. The Scheme has an outlay of around Rs. 2 crore. According to the MHRD, the Mission is envisaged to address comprehensively all issues related to teachers, teaching, teacher preparation, and professional development. The Mission will address, on the one hand, current and urgent issues such as supply of qualified teachers, attracting talent into teaching profession and raising the quality of teaching in schools and colleges. It will involve training, refresher, and orientation programmes in generic skills, pedagogic skills, discipline specific content up gradation, technology-enabled training for which the Department of Education will coordinate (copy of the PPT enclosed).

5. TO CELEBRATE PU HONOURS SCHOOL CENTENARY YEAR ON COMPLETION OF 100 YEARS OF HONORS SCHOOL EDUCATION IN PANJAB UNIVERSITY

The Vice Chancellor apprised the House that University has planned to commemorate “Panjab University Hons.School Centenary” during 2018-2019 on completion of its hundred years of honours school education.

He said that in the year 1918-1919, the Governing Bodies of the Panjab University at Lahore approved the introduction of the Honours School System in the discipline like Languages, Science and Humanities. Honours School System actually commenced in the year 1918-1919 and the students were admitted only in 1920.

It would be a good idea to commemorate the “Panjab University Hons. School Centenary” on completion of its hundred years in 2018-2019 to introduce some major academic changes in the University. Vice Chancellor further apprised that the Government has agreed to release a stamp on the Centenary of Professor R.C. Paul who served the Panjab University as Vice Chancellor for the longest term. It would be a National event and can be interconnected with the Centenary of PU and next year as centenary of PU-Campus. Efforts should be made to invite Prime Minister of India on the inaugural function of the Centenary celebrations. This occasion can be used to showcase the strengths of the University. He proposed to organize a three event and to hold fifteen five each day i.e. total fifteen colloquia lectures. He said that iconic speakers of National/International/global eminence who are leader in

their respective fields may be invited. Preference must be given to PU alumnus. To make it a three day academic festival, some evening lectures or cultural program may be added to it.

The Vice Chancellor proposed to constitute a fund of rupees one crore to organize the event and suggested to form a committee comprising members from IQAC/RPC/UIAMS to evaluate the proposal.

6. REGARDING APPOINTMENT OF DST-INSPIRE FACULTY IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMISTRY

Taking up the next agenda item, the Vice Chancellor told that the Government of India has a scheme of selecting good academicians below the age of forty years as Inspire Faculty. They are given salary and research grants by the UGC. In view of the shortage of faculty in almost every department, PU should not hesitate to induct Inspire Faculty. Such faculty may be given half of the teaching load and can contribute a long way in promotion of research agenda of the PU.

The Vice Chancellor further apprised that if the Panjab University is gets IOE grant, it has been envisaged that transit accommodation would be provided attract more inspire faculty. University have enough space to construct four/five hostels in Sector-25. University Government is already agree to create Self sustaining hostels to accommodate students doing self financing courses like MBA who are paying more than rupees one lac fees. Some project proposal may be made initially. The Vice Chancellor suggested Professor Sanjeev Sharma to work with PURVA in this regard. He assured that UT administration would certainly cooperate in matters regarding necessary approvals, etc.

7. PRESENTATION BY PROFESSOR SANJEEV SHARMA AND PROFESSOR ARCHANA R.SINGH

The Vice Chancellor informed the House that on April 10, 2018, the Secretary to the Governor of Punjab met the representatives of Panjab University including Professor A.S.Ahluwalia, Secretary to Vice Chancellor, Professor Archana R. Singh, Chairperson, School of Communication Studies, Professor R.P.Tiwari, Coordinator, DST Centre, Professor Sukhwinder Singh, Director Computer Centre, Professor Sanjeev Sharma, UIAMS, to understand the feasibility that whether the resources of the Panjab University in terms of intellect, consultancy that the University teachers can provide or participation of University teachers can be used in the development agenda of UT administration as well as Punjab. This was first of the series of the meetings where certain decisions were concretized. Summary of the meeting has been prepared by Professor Archana R.Singh and would be circulated amongst all the departments.

On the idea of Sh. V.P. Singh Badnore, Governor of Punjab and Chandigarh Administrator to use resources of Panjab University to improve the governance, the

University has prepared a plan for starting internship programmes and joint projects with the Chandigarh Administration and the Punjab Government. The idea behind it is to harness resources of the University such as its faculty, alumni experts, students and researchers in the development agenda of the Panjab Government and the Chandigarh Administration. The prospects of collaborative efforts of PU and Government of UT and Panjab may make for better outreach activities, dissemination of vital developmental messages and building a government-academia interface. The collaborative efforts would help each other through extension of PU facilities viz. alumni, faculty and students in the inclusive growth oriented plan.

Through a presentation, Professor Archana R. Singh and Professor Sanjeev Sharma apprised the members about the follow up actions to be taken by the University in this regard. In their presentation, they highlighted that basically Panjab University is expected to be actively involved in improving governance of the UT administration and to make administration citizen centric. Panjab University Think Tank can also be involved in decision making.

It was decided that the Research Promotion Cell (RPC) of Panjab University will be the nodal office and will liaison with the Punjab Government and the Chandigarh Administration for internships. Chairperson of University departments will coordinate wherein one or two faculty members will be designated as mentors. The mentors will identify government departments where students can go for internships. The mentors will also find out the thrust areas and plan internship programmes accordingly. The PU departments will submit short-duration projects, involving visits to government departments or boards or corporations along with deliverables. The duration of a project may be four to six weeks. It may be undertaken during summer vacations or on part time basis after the regular classroom studies. After the completion of a project, the RPC will issue commendation certificates on the recommendation of the Chairperson of the department concerned. Besides the internships, feedback will also be generated for government schemes. The government departments will tell about their needs and the PU will articulate its own interests. The prospectus of collaborative efforts would promote better outreach activities, dissemination of vital developmental messages and building a government-academia interface. Chairpersons were requested to intimate the RPC office on type of the projects they would like to offer to their students. RPC office will collate and liaison with the Punjab Government or UT administration to work out the modalities of executing these projects.

Vice Chancellor said that UT administration would extend the support of Gyan-Setu through which lectures and talks by eminent personalities could be held. In this the CRIKC institutions could invite leading intellectual minds for interaction with the students and civic society.

Other Issues:

- The Vice Chancellor emphasized the need to improve the PU website. It was suggested that PU website must be interactive and should be updated regularly. He asked Professor Sukhwinder Singh, Director Computer Centre to submit a project proposal in terms of hardware and software requirements to make the PU website interactive. He suggested to hire the necessary staff on contractual basis or some Ph.D. Research Scholars may be engaged in this work on incentive basis.

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(Professor Meenakshi Malhotra)
Dean of University Instruction

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(Professor Arun K. Grover)
Vice Chancellor
Chairman