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17/10/2023

PANJAB UNIVERSITY, CHANDIGARH  
(Established Under the Punjab University Act VII of 1947)

**IMPORTANT:** Please send the Report regarding the Action Taken on the following items on the enclosed proforma, which must reach Deputy Registrar (General) within **SEVEN DAYS** from the date of despatch. This may be treated as **MOST URGENT** as the Vice-Chancellor has taken a serious view on the non-availability of the Action Taken Report.

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Copy of the Paragraph 14(R-9) from the minutes of the SYNDICATE/SENATE held on 23.09.2023.

14. Information contained in Items R-1 to R-17 was read out, viz. -

R-1 to R-8      xxx - xxx - xxx

R-9. The Vice-Chancellor, in anticipation of approval of the Syndicate/Senate, has approved that the admission to Ph.D. Programme be made at least thrice a year instead of twice a year and Clause 5.2 of Ph.D. Guidelines, 2023, be amended accordingly

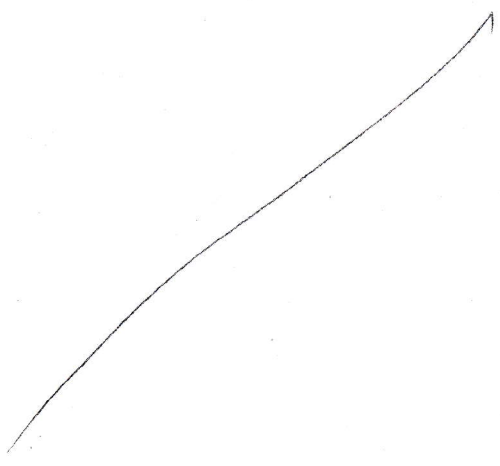
**NOTE:** The Senate in its meeting dated 03.06.2023 (Para XX) has approved the recommendations of the Syndicate dated 25.03.2023 (Para 29) that the admissions to Ph.D. Programme be made twice a year instead of thrice a year.

R-10 to R-17      xxx      xxx      xxx

Referring to R-9, Dr. Parveen Goyal said that registration to Ph.D. Programme has been made crystal clear under Clause 5.2 at page 309 of the Appendix. Since in the Engineering Courses, the strength of the Ph.D. students is less; hence, in Engineering also, the registration should also be made throughout the year and in other departments, it seems to be okay.

Dr. Dinesh Kumar said that previously the entrance test was used to be conducted thrice in a year. As per the latest rules, the scholar having the JRF scholarship is allowed admission in Ph.D. throughout the year.

To this, Professor Devinder Singh and Dr. Parveen Goyal said that in accordance with the latest Ph.D. guidelines, 2023, the JRF students have been refrained. Why a JRF should have to wait for 3 months?



Several members endorsed the viewpoint expressed by Professor Devinder Singh and Dr. Parveen Goyal and stated that JRF students should be allowed admission to Ph.D. as and when they applied for the same.

Dr. Dinesh Kumar said that they could create an exception and that for other students, the enrolment of Ph.D. would be made twice a year, who applied after clearing the entrance, but the JRF students are allowed to enrol throughout the year.

The Vice Chancellor said that it should not be made mandatory, if any Department wished to enrol the students thrice in year, it should be allowed.

Dr. Parveen Goyal said that for engineering Courses, the enrolment of Ph.D. should be allowed throughout the year. Secondly, at page 312, it has been written that "the entrance test syllabus shall consist of 50% of research methodology and 50% shall be subject specific". Research methodology is taught after enrolment in Ph.D. in majority of the courses. It should not be so, the syllabus of entrance test should be 100% from the syllabus of the subject.

Professor Jatinder Grover said that this clause could vary from discipline to discipline. He further clarified that all over India, the paper of Research Methodology has been taken.

It was informed that in NET Examination, the Research Methodology is the major component, which the students sometimes studied during M.A. 3<sup>rd</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup> Semester and sometimes immediately after M.A.

The Vice Chancellor said that University should meet National standards.

To this, Dr. Parveen Goyal said that it might be possible that Research Methodology is taught in other courses at the P.G. level, but in the Engineering Courses, the subject of Research Methodology is not taught.

The Vice Chancellor said that in Engineering courses, the syllabus of Research Methodology should not be included.

Dr. Harpreet Singh Dua said that whatever is to be done, should be done uniformly.

The Vice Chancellor said that the syllabus of entrance test should be decided as per the recommendations of the Chairperson and Dean of the concerned Faculty.

Dr. Dinesh Kumar said that in other Universities, the course work fee is being charged from the students. He suggested that course work fee for students in Panjab University should also be charged as from the last several years, the same was not charged and it becomes difficult at the time of evaluation of papers of course work.

Professor Jatinder Grover said that the University has to face difficulty in getting the papers of the course work, checked from the teachers as no remuneration is being paid to them.

Professor Devinder Singh said that in his Department, papers of course work were not checked by any teacher and he has to check the same.

Dr. Dinesh Kumar said that the nominal fee of at least Rs.10,000/- should be charged as course work fee.

Professor Jatinder Grover said that the proposed fee of Rs.10,000/- should be for duration of 6 months.

Shri Sandeep Singh objected to introduce the course work fee to be charged from the students.

Dr. Parveen Goyal said that persons from reputed Industries and Public Institutes should be accorded permission to pursue Ph.D. with the exemption of entrance test either by constituting the Committee or otherwise.

The Vice Chancellor said that this matter would be taken up separately.

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**RESOLVED:** That the information contained in Item 14 (R-1 to R-17) on the agenda, be ratified with the modification that a fee of Rs.10,000/-, be charged from the Ph.D. Scholars for the Course Work for a duration of 6 months (Sub-Item R-9).

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Dated: 16/10/2023

Copy forwarded to the following for information and necessary action and to inform all concerned:

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