

Central University of Punjab Bathinda

Minutes
of
the first meeting
of the
Academic Council

**held on
November 15, 2009**

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Central University of Punjab, Bathinda

Minutes of Academic Council Meeting held at City Campus on 15th November 2009 at 11:30 am

The following members were present in the meeting:

1. Prof. Jai Rup Singh (Chairperson)
2. Prof. N. K. Ganguly
3. Prof. K. N. Pathak
4. Prof. D. S. Rathore
5. Prof. N. Sathyamurthy
6. Prof. Harjit Singh
7. Prof. Gurjeet Singh
8. Prof. Mushahid Hussain
9. Prof. Indu Banga
10. Prof. R. K. Bedi

Item No. 1:
Progress about
university
appreciated.

I. Progress made by university discussed and appreciated

Prof. Dr. Jai Rup Singh, Vice Chancellor (Chairperson) welcomed the hon'ble members to the first meeting of the Academic Council. He thanked them for taking out valuable time from their busy schedules and for travelling all the way to Bathinda to participate in the meeting.

The Chairperson briefed the members about the progress made by the university since his joining as Vice Chancellor on 28th February 2009. A power point presentation (**Annexure II**) about the evolution of the university was shown to the members. The members were informed that:

- (i) The Punjab Govt. has acquired over 500 acres for the university at Village Ghudha, near Bathinda, out of which university would be getting 500 acres.
- (ii) The State Govt. is acquiring additional land to provide an independent access road to university site, which was not there earlier. It is also shifting the road, that was bifurcating the university, towards the outside boundary of university.
- (iii) The Transit (City) Campus has been set up at the place that has been taken on lease for 5 years.
- (iv) The Executive Council meeting was held on 20th October 2009 at the City Campus.

The members of the Academic Council were informed that CPWD is undertaking repair and renovations the Transit (City) Campus which did not complete the work as per schedule. This has resulted in the delay of the academic program. The members of the Academic Council greatly appreciated and complemented the VC over the progress made by the university in spite of severe handicaps and limitations.

Item No. 2 :
Formulation and
recommendation of
the proposed
Statute to Executive
Council

II. Discussed and RESOLVED to recommend the proposed Statute to the Executive Council as per Annexure I

The members discussed in detail the various Schools and Centres and appreciated the efforts that had gone into planning these. After discussions, it was RESOLVED that the proposed Statute be accepted and referred to Executive Council with the recommendation that the Statute be sent for Visitor's consent. Some amendments were incorporated into the initially proposed list of Schools and

Centres. It was further RESOLVED that Vice Chancellor be authorised to incorporate alterations as may be deemed necessary.

Item No. 3:
Drafting of Ordinances of the University

- III. **Discussed the drafting of Ordinances and RESOLVED that:**
The Vice Chancellor be authorized to nominate one member from AC to the Committee constituted by the EC, under the Chairmanship of Dr. K.B. Powar, for finalizing Statutes and Ordinances.

Item No. 4:
Nominations to various bodies/ committees approved.

- IV. **Discussed the nominations to be made for various committees and RESOLVED that:**
VC be authorised to nominate the following members on behalf of AC
- i) Three persons, not in the service of the University, for selecting the Professors in various Schools/subjects.
 - ii) Two persons, not in service of the University, for selecting Associate/Assistant Professors in various Schools/subjects.

Item No. 5 :
Open application system be adopted for filling the positions

- V. The members discussed the type of response being received for various contractual and regular positions. It was RESOLVED that on the pattern being followed by some IITs, the University should also adopt an open application pattern whereby the applicants can submit applications at any time i.e., a rolling advertisement for the posts be published. It would facilitate to attract a wider range of suitable candidates. The members were also of the opinion that the new guidelines of Govt. be looked into wherein probably the Indian citizenship is no longer an essential criteria for appointments.

The members further RESOLVED that facilities like sports, recreation, free furnished accommodation, higher initial pay scales, Laptops and other incentives should be provided to newcomers so as to attract better and experienced faculty. In addition as the university is evolving at a remote area, good research facilities be created. For offering better pay packages to faculty on contractual basis, the guidelines of the Government of India may be consulted. The members further suggested that Visiting Professors/ Adjunct Professors / Honorary Professors / Advisors may also be appointed, after approval of EC, in addition to the regular faculty and also in case regular/full time faculty is not available.

The members suggested that initially the faculty may be invited from other universities for one, two or more months till the university is able to appoint its own faculty.

Item No. 6:
Other decisions

- VI. **After discussions, the Academic Council took the following decisions:**
- a. Prominent national and international researchers be identified who agree to act as Mentors for the students being admitted in the university.
 - b. List of the identified Mentors for M.Phil./Ph.D. students be placed on the website of the university. The area of Mentor's specialization may also be mentioned at the website.

- c. The university should enter into MoU with Indian and International universities/institutes so that good Ph.D. Guides/Mentors and other academicians may be available and collaborations can be initiated.
- d. The university should contact other Government, Semi Govt., National Agencies like RITES, EPI, etc., as well as the renowned Private Construction Companies for the development of main campus of university and should not entirely depend on CPWD. At the main campus of university, very specialized structures are to be built up keeping in view the latest scientific requirements, hence the best architects must be engaged.

Item No. 7:
Next meeting
may be at
Delhi /
Chandigarh.

VII. **In view of the difficulties being faced by the members to reach Bathinda** it was decided that possibilities be explored to hold the next meeting of AC either at Delhi or Chandigarh.

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

Sd/-
Assistant Registrar

Confirmed

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Vice Chancellor