

Central University of Punjab Bathinda

MINUTES



29th Meeting of the FINANCE COMMITTEE

07th June 2023



Minutes of 29TH MEETING OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE (through online/physical mode)

The 29th Meeting of the Finance Committee was held on 07th June 2023 at 03:30 P.M. (through online mode) in the Conference Room, Aryabhata Academic Block, Central University of Punjab, Ghudda, Distt.Bathinda.

The following members were present:

1. Prof. R.P. Tiwari, Vice Chancellor: **Chairperson**
2. Prof. Annpurna Nautiyal, Vice Chancellor, HNB Garhwal University, Srinagar, Uttarakhand
3. Prof. T.V. Kattimani, Vice Chancellor, Central Tribal University of Andhra Pradesh, Amarkantak
4. Prof. Sushma Yadav, Former Vice-Chancellor, BPS Mahila Vishwavidyalaya, Sonipat, Haryana
5. Sh Vijay Kumar: Nominee, Joint Secretary (CU), MoE, New Delhi
6. Dr. Mriganka Sekhar Sarma, Nominee of Joint Secretary (CU), UGC, New Delhi
7. Ms. Kiran Arora: Nominee of Joint Secretary & Financial Advisor, MoE, New Delhi
8. Prof. P.K. Mishra, Finance Officer (O), Secretary

Special Invitees:

9. Dr. B.P. Garg, Registrar (i/c)
10. Er. Saurabh Gupta, Executive Engineer
11. Dr. Gaurav Tandon, Assistant Registrar (F)

The Chairperson formally welcomed the members of the Finance Committee and thanked them for sparing their valuable time from their busy schedule to attend the 29th meeting of the Finance Committee.

The Chairperson in his opening remarks, shared details about the progress of University since 28th Finance committee meeting. A brief is placed below:-

- The University has been accredited with 'A+' grade (3.30) by NAAC in 2nd cycle of accreditation
- The University secured 100th Rank in University Category and 19th Rank in Pharmacy Category in NIRF – 2023. Consistently maintained its position amongst top 100 Universities, since 2019 in NIRF.
- The University secured 7th rank in the Indian Institutional Ranking Framework (IIRF).
- Eight faculty members of University featured in 'Stanford's top International 2% scientists of respective fields 2022'
- Two Patents have been granted and 19 are Filed
- RTI Management system of the university has got 'A' grade in RTI Transparency Audit during the 2021-22.
- Department of Computer Science and Technology got an approval of 03 Ph.D seats under Visvesvaraya Ph.D. Scheme funded by Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (Rs. 1 Crore)
- Six new MOOCs have been approved whereas 03 MOOCs are being offered.
- Under the Prime Minister's flagship programme of Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat, the 'Yuva Sangam' programme was launched which envisages to strengthen the cultural connect between youth of North Eastern States and various States of India.



- A group of 30 youth and 3 faculty/staff from Manipur University came for an exposure trip of Punjab from 7th to 11th March, 2023. Similarly, 50 participants (UG/PG/Research students and Off-Campus) were selected by the Central University of Punjab for trip to Manipur during 23rd to 29th March 2023.
- In the year 2022-23, a total of 125 students cleared such competitive examinations.
- 90 students from 12 Departments qualified GATE in 2023.
- Overall, 127 students got Placement in different sectors.
- The cultural diversity in the university is evident from the fact that we have students from 27 states and 7 UTs. We also have 42 International Students from 16 Countries.
- During 8th Convocation (12th April, 2023), 854 students received PG degree and 38 doctoral degree in the august presence of the renowned scientist Padma Bhushan Prof. P. Balaram ji.
- Extramural research grants (215 Projects) to the tune of Rs. 79 Cr. sanctioned by various funding agencies.
- University has 9 (nine) DST-FIST supported departments.
- Research articles published by the faculty members till date in Scopus Journals is 2266. Scopus *h*-index is 74. Citations are more than 35928 times (as on 22.5.2023) and as per Web of Science as our *h*-index is 69, and total paper 1875 (as on 22.5.2023) and citations are 28010.
- The University bagged consultancy projects amounting to Rs. 108.04 Lakhs.
- Consortium of HEIs of Bathinda for Academic Collaboration has been set-up by the university with the aim to empower youth with the necessary skill-sets to enable them to contribute meaningfully to the intellectual, social and economic imperatives of the nation. The mandate of such a collaboration is sharing of resources, both physical as well as instructional; joint efforts for skilling, upskilling and reskilling; joint campus recruitment drives, joint research and consultancy; and joint degree programmes.

Status of Recruitments:

- The faculty strength as on date is 173.
- The vacant teaching/non-teaching positions were advertised and Selection Committee Meetings were conducted for 27 teaching positions, 3 Non-teaching positions namely Finance Officer, Deputy Librarian and Medical Officer (Male) and Chair Professor, Dr. B R Ambedkar Chair.

Initiative towards Internal Revenue Generation

- Near about 12-acre area is being used for creation of Kinnow garden. In the first phase, 6-acre area is used for planation of Kinnow orchard. The rest of area, (except area of buildings) will also be used for plantation of Kinnow orchard in Aug/Sep 2023.
- Approx. 28 Acres is being prepared for planting Kinnows in August/Sep 2023.

After detailed discussions on the agenda item listed for this meeting, the unanimous resolutions of the Finance Committee are as follows:

<u>Item.No:FC:29:2023:I</u>	<i>Items for Confirmation</i>
<u>Item.No:FC:29:2023:I(i)</u> To confirm the minutes of the 28th meeting of the Finance Committee held on 29th June 2022	NOTE: The 28 th Meeting of the Finance Committee was held on 29 th June 2022 through online/physical mode. The draft minutes were circulated to the members. Members have conveyed their consent for approval of



	<p>the minutes. Subsequently, the minutes were circulated.</p> <p>The Minutes of 28th Meeting of the Finance Committee is placed for confirmation.</p>
<u>RESOLVE:</u>	The Finance Committee discussed the item and unanimously resolved to confirm the minutes of the 28th meeting of the Finance Committee held on 29th June 2022.
<u>Item.No:FC:29:2023:I(ii)</u> To note the Action Taken Report (ATR) on decisions of the 28th meeting of the Finance Committee held on 29th June 2022	NOTE: The 28 th meeting of Finance Committee was held on 29 th June 2022. Subsequent to the circulation of approved minutes, the concerned departments/offices implemented the decision taken by the Finance Committee in its 28 th meeting. The details of the actions taken are placed at Annexure-29.1. The ATR on the resolutions of 28 th Meeting of the Finance Committee is placed for confirmation.
<u>RESOLVE:</u>	The Finance Committee discussed the item and unanimously resolved to note the Action Taken Report (ATR) on the decisions taken in its 28th meeting held on 29th June 2022.
<u>Item.No:FC:29:2023:I(iii)</u> To confirm the minutes of Special Meeting of the Finance Committee held on 14th November 2022.	NOTE: The Special Meeting of the Finance Committee was held on 14 th November 2022, through online mode. The draft minutes were circulated to the members. Members have conveyed their consent for approval of the minutes. Subsequently, the minutes were circulated. The Minutes of Special Meeting of the Finance Committee is placed for confirmation.
<u>RESOLVE:</u>	The Finance Committee discussed the item and unanimously resolved to confirm the minutes of the Special meeting of the Finance Committee held on 14th November 2022, through online mode.
<u>Item.No:FC:29:2023:I(iv)</u> To confirm the minutes of Special Meeting of the Finance Committee held on 10th April 2023.	NOTE: The Special Meeting of the Finance Committee was held on 10 th April 2023, through online mode. The draft minutes were circulated to the members. Members have conveyed their consent for approval of the minutes. Subsequently, the minutes were circulated. The Minutes of Special Meeting of the Finance Committee is placed for confirmation.



<u>RESOLVE:</u>	The Finance Committee discussed the item and unanimously resolved to confirm the minutes of the Special meeting of the Finance Committee held on 10th April 2023 through online mode.
<u>Item.No:FC:29:2023:I(v)</u> To note the status of Pending Audit Para(s)	NOTE: The efforts are made every year to settle the outstanding para(s) with the visiting Audit Team. The replies to the audit Para(s) have been submitted to CAG. The report of transaction Audit conducted in year 2022 is still awaited. The last updated status of para(s) is placed at <i>Annexure-29.2.</i> The Finance Committee may like to note the status of pending Audit Paras.
<u>RESOLVE:</u>	The Finance Committee after detailed deliberations unanimously resolved to note the status of pending Audit Paras. The Committee advised the University to make efforts to settle pending audit paras at the earliest.
<u>Item.No:FC:29:2023:II</u>	<i>Item for Ratification</i>
<u>Item.No:FC:29:2023:II(i)</u> To ratify the recurring budget allocation made to departments of the University for FY 2023-24	NOTE: The University is in receipt of approval for Budget Estimates for the FY 2023-24 under Recurring head. Accordingly, annual allocation of Recurring budget to departments of the University was done for FY 23-24 (<i>Annexure-29.3.</i>) The Annual allocation of the Recurring Budget to University Departments is placed before the Finance Committee for ratification.
<u>RESOLVE:</u>	The Finance Committee unanimously resolved to ratify the annual allocation of the Recurring Budget to University Departments for FY-2023-24.
<u>Item.No:FC:29:2023:III</u>	<i>Items for Consideration</i>
<u>Item.No:FC:29:2023:III(i)</u> To consider and approve the Minutes of Meeting of 55th Building Committee held on 20.04.2023.	NOTE: 55 th Meeting of the Building Committee was held on 20.04.2023 at Central University of Punjab, Ghudda, Bathinda. The draft minutes were circulated to the members. The minutes of 55 th Meeting of the Building Committee were approved by the Chairman after receiving approval of the draft minutes from the members of the Building Committee. The minutes of 55 th meeting of the Building Committee are placed before the Finance Committee



	for consideration and approval.
<u>RESOLVE:</u>	The Finance Committee discussed the item in detail and unanimously resolved to approve the minutes of 55th Meeting of the Building Committee held on 20.04.2023.
<u>Item.No:FC:29:2023:III(ii)</u> To consider the Annual Statement of Accounts of the University for the Financial Year 2022-2023.	NOTE: The Annual Statement of Accounts for the year 2022-23 have been prepared and placed at (Annexure-29.4) for approval of the Finance Committee. After approval of the Finance Committee, the Annual Statement of Accounts will be placed before the Executive Council for further approval and for its onward submission to Comptroller Auditor General of India (CAG), Accountant General, Punjab. The matter is placed before the Finance Committee to consider the Annual Statement of Accounts of the University for the Financial Year 2022-2023 & recommend it to Executive Council for approval and its onward submission to Comptroller Auditor General of India (CAG), Accountant General, Punjab.
<u>RESOLVE:</u>	The Finance Committee discussed the item in detail and unanimously resolved to recommend the Annual Statement of Accounts of the University for the Financial Year 2022-2023 to the Executive Council for approval and for its onward submission to the Comptroller Auditor General of India (CAG), Accountant General, Punjab.
<u>Item.No:FC:29:2023:III(iii)</u> To consider and approve the preliminary estimate of Main Entrance gate with two no. Security Guard Room as submitted by CPWD.	NOTE: The detailed proposal for obtaining funds from HEFA as per Government policy amounting to Rs. 108.06 Crore was submitted to HEFA in which 72.06 Crore was approved for ongoing works and Rs. 36 Crore was approved for the construction of new buildings. The HEFA has allotted Rs. 108.06 Crores, out of which Rs. 2.30 Crores was allotted under Campus Development & external services. The matter was placed before Building Committee in its 51 st meeting and it was resolved as under: <i>“The Committee deliberated the details of above grant of 108.06 crore from HEFA for completion of ongoing work & new building projects. The Committee resolved the works detailed in proposal be executed following the GFR rules. Further, the Committee decided that the works upto an amount of Rs. 50 lakh be executed by the University directly. The new building projects amounting to Rs. 36 crore</i>



and furnishing of smart classroom & seminar halls amounting to Rs. 2.1 crore and campus development work of Rs. 2.3 crore be got executed through CPWD as a deposit work. Further, the completion of ongoing works already entrusted to M/s EIL shall be got completed. Other Additional works related to furnishing and furniture be got executed at the level of Engineering Wing of the University”.

The above decision of Building Committee was considered by the Finance Committee in its 27th meeting held on 01.11.2021, vide agenda item No. Item. No:FC:27:2021:III(iii) and Finance Committee resolved as under:-

“The Finance Committee discussed the item in detail and unanimously RESOLVED to approve the utilization plan of Rs. 108.06 Cr under HEFA loan as per approval of Building Committee subject to condition that there should be no deviation from the approval under HEFA. It was further resolved that the projects should be executed as per CVC, GFR and other relevant GoI guidelines”.

The matter was also taken up in meeting of Executive Council held on 30.12.2021 vide agenda Item:No:EC:SM:2021:IV and resolved as under:-

“The Executive Council after detailed discussions unanimously resolved to note the status of approval of funds of Rs. 108.06 Crore as term loan under HEFA to Central University of Punjab and approved the decision of Building Committee (vide agenda item no. BC:51:2020:25 of 51st Meeting) and Finance Committee (vide agenda item no. Item.No:FC:27:2021:III(iii) of 27th meeting) that the works upto an amount of Rs. 50 lakh be executed by the University directly.

The Council also unanimously approved that recommendations of Building Committee and Finance Committee that the new building projects amounting to Rs. 36 crore and furnishing of smart classroom & seminar halls amounting to Rs. 2.1 crore and campus development work of Rs. 2.3 crore be got executed through CPWD as a deposit work. Further, the completion of ongoing works already entrusted to M/s EIL shall be got completed. Other additional works related to furnishing and furniture be got executed at the level of Engineering Wing of the University. As per recommendations of Finance Committee, the projects should be executed as per CVC, GFR and other GOI guidelines.”



Accordingly, CPWD was requested to submit the design and estimate for the Main Gate of the University. CPWD awarded the work for preparation of design of Main Gate to MRSPTU. Ar. Bhupinder Singh Dhot, Head Dept. of Architecture, MRS-PTU, Bathinda, prepared three options for the Main Gate of the University. The various options of Main Gate were discussed in the Joint Meeting of Project Monitoring Committee and the Committee constituted to finalize the drawings of Main Gate, Administrative Block and Library Building.

The Architectural department of MRSPTU revised the designs per the observations of the committee and submitted the same to the University. The revised designs were considered in the 10th meeting of the Committees held on 24.07.2023. The Committee finalized the Option no. 3. **Annexure-29.5**

Accordingly, CPWD vide letter no. 24(22)/CU/LD/JC/2023/504 dated 04.05.2023 submitted the estimate of Main Entrance Gate of Rs.2,35,13,800/- (**Annexure-29.6**), which includes two no. Security Guard room. The Engineering Office checked the submitted estimates and observed that CPWD has provided the estimate for Main Gate with two no. Security Guard Room and also provided waiting hall & toilet block. The matter was discussed with SE, Jalandhar Circle, CPWD and he informed that the Waiting Room and Toilet is essential requirement as the main gate is 1 to 1.5 kms away from the buildings of the University.

HEFA has approved the budget of Rs. 2.30 Crores under Campus Development head from which the Main Gate has to be constructed, however, CPWD has submitted Preliminary Estimates of Rs. 2.35 Crores. Therefore, it is submitted that the Preliminary Estimates may be approved for Rs. 2.30 Crores only as per the funds approved by HEFA.

The matter was submitted to Building Committee in circulation for its consideration, comments and approval of Preliminary Estimates. Building Committee has approved through circulation the preliminary estimate for construction of Main Entrance gate with two No. security guard rooms as submitted by CPWD for Rs. 2.30 crore only as per the funds approved by HEFA.

The matter is placed before the Finance Committee for consideration and approval of preliminary



	<p>estimate for construction of Main Entrance gate with two no. security guard rooms as submitted by CPWD for Rs. 2.30 cr only, as per the funds approved by HEFA and also approved by Building Committee.</p>
<u>RESOLVE:</u>	The Finance Committee discussed the item in detail and unanimously resolved to approve the preliminary estimates for construction of Main Entrance gate of the University with two (2) security guard rooms, as submitted by CPWD, for Rs. 2.30 Cr. only, as per the funds approved by HEFA and also approved by Building Committee.
<u>Item.No:FC:29:2023:III(iv)</u> To consider and approve the Preliminary Estimate for construction of Hindi Bhawan as submitted by CPWD.	NOTE: <p>The UGC vide its letter No. 43/12/2017 dated 29th March 2018 allocated the grant of Rs. 1,00,00,000/- for the construction of Hindi Bhawan Building at Central University of Punjab.</p> <p>The DPR of Hindi Bhawan was approved by Executive Council in its 35th meeting held on 11.01.2020 vide agenda item no. EC:35:2019:88.</p> <p>The University vide letter no. CUPB/CC/ES/22-23/425 dated 05.01.2023 requested CPWD to provide the estimates for the construction of Hindi Bhawan for University.</p> <p>The Executive Engineer, CPWD, Ludhiana vide letter No. 20(185)/EE-ludhiana/2022-23/587 dated 21.03.2023 (Annexure-29.7), submitted the preliminary estimate of Rs 98,69,300/- for the construction of Hindi Bhawan with the Built-up area of 300 sqm.</p> <p>The matter was considered by Building Committee in its 55th Building Committee held on 20.04.2023 and resolved to approve the Preliminary Estimate of Rs.98,69,300/- for the construction of Hindi Bhawan as submitted by CPWD and directed that A/A & E/s be conveyed to CPWD.</p> <p>The matter is placed before the Finance Committee for consideration and approval of preliminary estimate of Rs 98,69,300/- for the construction of Hindi Bhawan with the Built-up area of 300 sqm as approved by Building Committee. It is also submitted that the work may be allowed to be executed from the CPWD as per existing MoU between Central University of Punjab and CPWD.</p>



<u>RESOLVE:</u>	The Finance Committee discussed the item in detail and unanimously resolved that the University may submit a proposal to the UGC for extension of the grant allocated for establishment of Hindi Bhawan at the University.																					
<u>Item.No:FC:29:2023:IV</u>	<i>Item for Information</i>																					
<u>Item.No:FC:29:2023:IV(i)</u> To note the Annual allocation of Rs. 5 Crore allocated by UGC under Capital Assets-35 for the year 2023-24	<p>NOTE: The University vide letter Ref. No D.O.No. F.1-3/2023(CU) dated 1st June 2023 (Annexure-), received a grant of Rs. 5 Crore allocated by UGC under Capital Assets head of the University for the year 2023-24.</p> <p>The details of the breakup of grant is as under:</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Rs. (in lakhs)</p> <table border="1" style="margin-left: auto; margin-right: auto;"> <thead> <tr> <th>S. No.</th> <th>Name of item</th> <th>Annual Allocation for the year 2023-24 under Capital Assets, approved by UGC</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>1.</td> <td>Books/Journals</td> <td>50.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2.</td> <td>ICT enabled infrastructure for online learning and content development and procurement of e-resource [perpetual]</td> <td>125.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>3.</td> <td>Small Equipment/laboratories</td> <td>125.0</td> </tr> <tr> <td>4.</td> <td>Campus Development</td> <td>100.0</td> </tr> <tr> <td>5.</td> <td>Others infrastructure including furniture & fixture</td> <td>100.0</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>Total</td> <td>500.00</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>The matter is place before the Finance Committee for information.</p>	S. No.	Name of item	Annual Allocation for the year 2023-24 under Capital Assets, approved by UGC	1.	Books/Journals	50.00	2.	ICT enabled infrastructure for online learning and content development and procurement of e-resource [perpetual]	125.00	3.	Small Equipment/laboratories	125.0	4.	Campus Development	100.0	5.	Others infrastructure including furniture & fixture	100.0		Total	500.00
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<u>RESOLVE:</u>	The Finance Committee unanimously resolved to note Annual allocation of Rs. 5 Crore allocated by UGC under Capital Assets-35 for the year 2023-24.																					
<u>Item.No:FC:29:2023:V</u> To fix the date of the next meeting of the Finance Committee.	<p>The Finance Committee authorized the Vice Chancellor as Chairman to fix the next meeting of the Finance Committee as per need.</p> <p>The next meeting of the Finance Committee has been fixed for 28th July 2023 in physical mode at the Central University of Punjab, Bathinda.</p>																					

NOTE: While discussing the agenda, the Comments received from IFD (MoE) and CU Bureau of MoE were considered by the Finance Committee.

The meeting of the Finance Committee concluded with vote of thanks from & to the Chair.

Sd/-
Prof. P.K. Mishra
Finance Officer (i/c) &
Secretary, Finance Committee

Minutes Approved

Sd/-
(Prof. Raghavendra P. Tiwari)
Vice-Chancellor &
Chairperson, Finance Committee