

MINUTES OF THE THIRD MEETING OF BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF SHAHEED BHAGAT SINGH COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING & TECHNOLOGY, FEROZEPUR HELD ON JUNE 21, 1997 AT 11.00 A.M. IN THE COMMITTEE ROOM OF DIRECTORATE OF TECHNICAL EDUCATION & INDUSTRIAL TRAINING PUNJAB, CHANDIGARH UNDER THE CHAIRPERSONSHIP OF DR. UPINDERJIT KAUR, TECHNICAL EDUCATION, TOURISM & CULTURAL AFFAIRS MINISTER, PUNJAB AND CHAIRPERSON, BOARD OF GOVERNORS, SBSCET, FEROZEPUR.

The following were present :

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| 1. | Sh. M.S. Chahal, IAS,
Principal Secretary to the
Govt. of Punjab, 929, Sec 39-A
Chandigarh. | MEMBER |
| 2. | Mr. P.D.Vashisth, IAS
Principal Secretary to the Government of
Punjab, Deptt. of Technical Education &
Industrial Training. | EX-OFFICIO
MEMBER |
| 3. | Mr. N.S. Kalsi, IAS
Director, Technical Education
& Industrial Training, Pb. | EX-OFFICIO
MEMBER |
| 4. | Sh. Isher Singh, Ex MLA.
45-A, Sector 10,
Chandigarh. | MEMBER |
| 5. | Sh. S.K. Bijlani
Former Chairman CII (NR) and
President, Magnos Engineers
18/Sector 2, Chandigarh. | MEMBER |
| 6. | Dr. R.B. Lall Bedi
O.S.D.,
Punjab Technical University,
P.O. R.E.C., Jalandhar. | MEMBER |
| 7. | Dr. R.P.Gakkhar
Professor in Mechanical Engg.
SBSCET, Ferozepur | MEMBER |
| 8. | Dr. Lalit Sharma
Lecturer in Applied Chemistry
SBSCET, Ferozepur | MEMBER |
| 9. | Dr. R.C. Bahl
Principal
SBSCET, Ferozepur | Ex-officio
Member-Secretary |

Mr. B.B. Bhasin, Deputy Registrar (Colleges) and Mr. G.D. Juneja, Supdt. were also present.

With the permission of the Chair, Dr. Bahl, Principal & Member - Secretary welcomed the members to the third meeting of Board of Governors. The agenda was discussed and following decisions were taken :

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3.1 Confirmation of the proceedings of the second meeting of the Board of Governors.

It was resolved to confirm the proceedings of the second meeting of Board of Governors S.B.S.C.E.T., Ferozepur held on 24.9.96.

3.2 To report action taken on the decisions of the second meeting of the Board of Governors.

The Board approved the actions taken on the decisions of the second meeting of Board of Governors.

3.3 To report progress of works & academic activities of the College.

A detailed account of the progress of the college was given by the Principal. The Board took note of non release of additional funds of Rs.329 lacs in 1996-97 resulting in great financial hardship & disruption of construction work. This caused delay in timely completion of various buildings and development works and the purchase of library books, equipment and machinery for the laboratories, workshop and offices. Further it was pointed out that non-availability of adequate funds for creating the requisite infrastructure is likely to invite adverse observations from AICTE and the affiliating university.

Following points/suggestions were discussed and decided:-

Mr. P.D. Vashist, PSTE/IT suggested that the progress of work should be reported to the Board of Governors once in a quarter. Mr. S.K. Bijlani suggested that the gap between two successive meetings should not be more than 90 days. The ^{two} suggestions were accepted by the Board.

PSTE/IT drew pointed attention of the Chairperson to the fact that P.S.F. or his representative is generally not available in the BOG meetings. He further suggested that Secretary, Planning Deptt. also need to be taken as member or special invitee of BOG to strengthen the Board.

PSTE/IT and the Principal suggested that the Board may consider appointing some expert group/agency on payment basis, preferably a neutral one to inspect the quality of work of the buildings and other development works undertaken by NBCC. It will also carry out measurements as per M.Bs and verify bills to facilitate payment against final bills preferred by NBCC on completion of work of each building/works. This will also help in taking over of buildings from NBCC. The Board approved the suggestion and decided

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that the proposal be moved on file to the Government for decision by the Chairperson.

The Board also took note of the likely delay in the completion of the civil construction and development works owing to paucity of funds and the resulting escalation of the cost of the project by at least 20-25 percent.

3.4 To report the proceedings of the third meeting of the Finance Committee.

Principal, while giving account of the fund position, stated that the Finance Committee in its meeting held on 18.4.97 had approved the Budget Estimates for 1997-98 for this collage as under :-

S.N	S.O.E	Proposed expenditure	Additional demand, 1997-98
1.	Land	10.00	—
2.	Building & Development	787.00	329.42
3.	Machinery & Equipment	230.00	15.00
4.	Vehicle	10.00	—
5.	Other facilities	34.03	—
6.	Inter-com facility/ EFBX	20.00	—
7.	V.SAT connectivity	—	—
		<u>1081.03</u>	<u>304.42</u>

The College has anticipated an additional grant of Rs. 329.29 lacs during 1996-97 which was not received till March 31, 1997. Therefore, the liability of Rs. 304.42 (299.42 lacs on account of building and 15 lacs on equipment) was spilled over to 1997-98.

However, the College had anticipated a grant of Rs. 1250 Lacs during 1997-98 whereas only a sum of Rs. 544.93 lacs has been allocated in the annual plan for 1997-98 for this college. Thus at present only a sum of Rs. 544.93 lacs would be available with the college.

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Principal stated that a sum of Rs.304.42 lacs would be needed to clear the pending liabilities in the first place. Considering the recurring expenditure of Rs.213.90 lacs for 1997-98, the College will be left with a balance of Rs.26.61 lacs to meet its construction, development and other infrastructure needs against the anticipated requirement of Rs.1081.03 lacs.

Principal, therefore, strongly pleaded that grant-in-aid for 1997 needs to be increased substantially.

PSFE/IF observed that a frequent review of the fund position and progress of the college work, by holding meeting of the Finance Committee at least once in three months could help in better fund management by taking timely action. The suggestion was accepted.

The proceedings of the third meeting of the Finance Committee of SBSCET, Ferozepur held on 8.4.97 were taken on record.

3.5 To report the appointment of staff (teaching & other staff):

The Board ratified the approvals granted by the Chairperson, Board of Governors for the appointments of Assistant professors and Professors. Appointments of lecturers were taken on record.

3.6. Confirmation of staff who successfully completed their probation period.

The Board approved the confirmations of staff as per details of the agenda item.

3.7. Grant of incentive increments to faculty members on their acquiring higher qualifications:

After a detailed discussion it was agreed that individual cases be examined in the light of the judgement of the Punjab and Haryana High Court and decision taken accordingly.

3.8. Renewal of contract of appointment of Prof. R.C. Bahl, Principal SBSCET, Ferozepure.

After detailed discussion, the members unanimously took the decision to allow extension in the existing contract upto the age of 60 years i.e. upto 30.11.2000.

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3.9 Any other item with the permission of the Chair.

Following suggestions were made by members for improving the quality of education in the college :

Use of modern teaching aids and methodologies for imparting instructions.

To establish institute - industry interaction.

To prepare and circulate awareness programmes about the engineering courses run at the college and strengths of passing out graduates to attract employers for campus recruitments.

To organise short entrepreneurship development programmes for the students and others.

To start paid coaching classes for weak students desirous of seeking admission to engineering colleges.

To offer continuing education programme to in-service personnel.

To offer paid coaching for entrance tests.

Principal assured the members that all possible will be done to impart quality education to the students and to build healthy academic environment on the college.

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