

## **PANDIT DEENDAYAL ENERGY UNIVERSITY**

### **MINUTES OF THE 41<sup>st</sup> FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 20<sup>th</sup> JULY, 2023 AT 03:30 PM AT BOARD ROOM, 1<sup>st</sup> FLOOR, C BLOCK, PDEU CAMPUS**

#### **The following were present:**

1. Dr. S. S. Manoharan, Director General	Chairman
2. Shri Ritesh Gandhi, CA	Member
3. Shri Rajesh Sivadasan, Secretary GERM I	Member
4. Dr. Dhaval Pujara, Director SOT	Member
5. Dr. Anirbid Sircar, Director SOET	Member
6. Col. (Dr.) Rakesh Kumar, Registrar	Secretary
7. Shri Abhinav Kapadia, CFO	Invitee

Dr. S. S. Manoharan, Director General - PDEU and Chairman - Finance Committee, apprised the Committee about appointment of Col. (Dr.) Rakesh Kumar as new Registrar of the University since 01-Jun-23. The Committee welcomed Cl. (Dr.) Rakesh Kumar as Secretary of the Finance Committee. The Committee placed on record appreciation for Prof. Tarun Shah as Registrar of PDEU and Secretary of Finance Committee.

The Committee also welcomed Shri Rajesh Sivadasan, Secretary GERM I & CFO, GSPC as the new member of the Finance Committee.

#### **Item 41/1: Confirmation of Minutes of 40<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Committee**

The Committee approved the Minutes of its 40<sup>th</sup> meeting held on 30-Nov-22.

#### **Item 40/2: Review Report of 40<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Committee**

The Committee reviewed the Action Report and confirmed the same. The Committee asked to share the Action Taken report on the observations of Statutory Auditor, Internal Auditor and Pre-Auditor.



introduction of multiple Scholarship Schemes covering all Schools and courses.

The Committee advised that a Scholarship Scheme may be considered for students from 2<sup>nd</sup> year onwards based on their Academic performance i.e. some financial benefits to meritorious students of each discipline, who are not getting benefit under any other Scholarship Scheme.

The Committee was apprised regarding existing Merit Scholarship and Merit-cum-Means Scholarship which is offered from NRI Excess Fees. The Committee discussed that the Means of Finance for Scholarship Schemes should be widened so that the continuity of the scheme is assured over a long term period. The Committee noted that as on 30-Jun-23 the total Presidential Scholarship Funds available is Rs. 1,166 lakhs and the NRI Excess Fees for Merit-cum-Means Scholarship available is Rs. 2,080 lakhs.

The Committee discussed and approved the following:

- a. Assured Merit Scholarship (Full Tuition Fee Waiver) for B.Tech with revised JEE Rank and ACPC merit Rank for the scholarship scheme and total annual disbursement of Rs. 329 lakhs from the batch 2023
- b. Merit Scholarship for maximum 04 MBA students (50% Tuition Fees Waiver) from the batch 2023-25 onwards with total annual disbursement of Rs. 8.50 lakhs per batch
- c. Merit Scholarship (Half Tuition Fee Waiver) for SLS UG Students from the batch 2023 with total annual disbursement of Rs. 50 lakhs per batch from School budget
- d. Merit Scholarship for B.Sc (Hons.) Program from the batch 2023 with total annual disbursement of Rs. 30 lakhs per batch



The Committee noted that:

- Out of the fixed deposits of Rs. 3,957 lakhs with UBI maturing in FY 2024-25, Rs. 2,600 lakhs are parked at 7.50% p.a. with maturity in Jun-24.
- Hence, Rs. 8,739 lakhs (11,339 - 2,600) of fixed deposits are identified to be re-invested in 3 years GOI Securities.
- The average annualised yield of fixed deposits of Rs. 8,739 lakhs is 5.58% p.a. The lowest interest rate is 5.25% p.a. and highest interest rate is at 6.30% p.a.

The Committee reviewed the proposal of shifting fixed deposits of the Endowment Funds and recommended as follows:

- a. The Committee reviewed the rate of interest for 3 years, 5 years and 7 years GOI Securities and were of the view that rate of interest may not remain on the increasing trend for a long term period. In view of which, the Committee advised to carry out negotiations with the existing Bankers, from whom the University is withdrawing fixed deposits, for lower penalty on premature withdrawal and request for better rate of interest for 3 years fixed deposit.
- b. The Committee shared that post point # 1, an analysis should be done for each individual fixed deposits for incremental income and the same should be submitted to the Committee.

**Item 41/6: EOI for Appointment of Internal Auditors of the University for FY 2023-24**

The Committee was apprised that with an objective to have fairness of Auditing and to get a different perspective on financial statements the Auditors from time to time may be changed. Accordingly, an Expression of Interest (EOI) to invite for proposals of Statutory Auditor was issued and M/s

Sr. No.	Particulars	Marks
	having sufficient experience in the field of Internal Audit Services for more than 3 years	
3	Experience of carrying out Internal Audit of University / Academic Institutes (colleges affiliated with University / Deemed University)	10
4	Average Turnover of Fees from Audit and Assurance Services of the firm during the preceding 2 financial years (i.e. 2020-21 and 2021-22 respectively)	10
<b>C</b>	<b>Presentation Evaluation</b>	<b>20</b>
	Top 5 bidder scoring highest marks out of 40 in Technical Evaluation will be called for the presentation to the Committee of the University and the evaluation of their presentation	
<b>D</b>	<b>Commercial Evaluation</b>	<b>40</b>
	Commercial Bids of top 5 bidder called for presentation shall be opened post successful presentation to the Committee shall be evaluated	
	<b>TOTAL MARKS ( B + C + D )</b>	<b>100</b>

The Committee approved to issue the EOI for Appointment of Internal Auditors of the University for FY 2023-24.

**Item 41/7: Property Tax by Gandhinagar Municipal Corporation (GMC)**

The Committee was apprised regarding the Property Tax demand raised by Gandhinagar Municipal Corporation (GMC) of Rs 109.66 lakhs.

The Committee noted that this being a statutory compliance, PDEU has paid the same by Mar-23.

The Committee approved the same.

**Item 41/8: Development of Infrastructure at the Campus**

The Committee was apprised on updates of various on-going projects of Infrastructure and Lab set-ups at the Campus. The Committee noted the same and ratified the following:



- g. Work Order to M/s Chintech amounting to Rs. 3.28 crores (including taxes) for supply, installation and commissioning of 364 high end computer systems at various Labs at campus
- h. Work Order to M/s iValue amounting to Rs. 1.71 crores (including taxes) was awarded to setup AATCe (Apple Authorised Training Centre for Education) at campus

The Committee appreciated that University is placing tenders on (n)Procure Tender Management System. It was also advised to avail facility of "Reverse Auction" in these Tenders to get better price efficiency in a transparent manner.

**Item 41/9: Construction of New High Hostel Block**

The Committee was apprised about the recommendation of BW&C to construct one more High Rise Hostel Block to improve the diversity, increase in intake and for improvement in MDP / EDP. The Committee was apprised regarding the impact on admissions and specifically hardship faced by the students and parents due to non-allotment of hostel facilities. The Committee was briefed about the construction of new High Rise Block proposal which was approved in the 39<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Finance Committee.

The Committee unanimously agreed on the proposal for construction of another Block at High Rise Hostel at the estimated cost as follows:

(Rs. in Cr.)

Sr. No.	Title	Cost Estimate
1	Civil and Other Works	31.50
2	HVAC Works	0.92
3	Furniture	4.62
4	Elevators	0.60
5	HCP's Consult. Fees @ 2.36% (Including GST)	0.89
6	Contingency @ 5%	1.93

(Rs. in Cr.)		
Sr. No.	Particulars	Budget
<b>A</b>	<b>Cost of Project</b>	<b>14.24</b>
1	Extension of Block E (on-going)	7.12
2	Additional Extension of Block E (proposed)	7.12
<b>B</b>	<b>Means of Finance</b>	<b>14.24</b>
1	Contribution from Reliance Foundation under CSR for FY 23-24	10.00
2	Contribution from University Budget FY 2023-24 CAPEX	4.24

The Committee discussed and approved the same.

**Item 41/11: Provisional Financials of the University for FY 2022-23**

CFO apprised the Committee regarding the salient points of the Financials of the University for FY 2022-23 as follows:

- a. **Total Income** has increased from Rs. 16,873 Lakhs of FY 2021-22 to Rs. 20,502 Lakhs of FY 2022-23.
- b. **Total Expenditure** has increased from Rs. 13,516 Lakhs of FY 2021-22 to Rs. 16,906 Lakhs of FY 2022-23.
- c. **Excess of Income over Expenditure** has increased from Rs. 3,356 Lakhs of FY 2021-22 to Rs. 3,596 Lakhs in FY 2022-23.
- d. **Change in Accounting Policy** as per AS 12 wherein Treatment for Granted Research Projects the asset, at Net off grant value should be shown (Net Approach) instead of Gross Approach, from FY 2022-23 onwards

**Income & Expenditure Statement of the University for the Period 01-Apr-22 to 31-Mar-23:**

(Rs. in Lakhs)			
Particulars		FY 22-23	FY 21-22
<b>INCOME</b>			
Fees and Other Income from Long Term Academic Prog.	(1)	16,978	14,881



Particulars		FY 22-23	FY 21-22
(i) Tangible & Intangible Assets			
Gross Block		34,452	38,426
Less: Depreciation Funds		17,109	18,692
<b>Closing Balance</b>		<b>17,343</b>	<b>19,734</b>
(ii) Capital Work in Progress			
Opening Balance		1	306
Addition		315	18
Transferred to Assets		1	322
<b>Closing Balance</b>		<b>315</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Investments</b>	(11)	<b>34,164</b>	<b>30,290</b>
(a) Short Term		12,426	14,118
(b) Long Term		21,738	16,172
<b>Current Assets</b>		<b>4,279</b>	<b>3,141</b>
(a) Receivables		34	30
(b) Cash & Cash Equivalents		1,951	1,488
(c) Short Term Loan & Advances		62	33
(d) Other Current Assets		2,232	1,598
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>56,102</b>	<b>53,166</b>

The Committee reviewed and approved the Annual Accounts of the University for FY 2022-23. The Committee further advised that:

- To share the Statutory Auditors Report for FY 2022-23 with the Committee
- To make a policy for monitoring the outstanding fees and its writing off. It should be part of Internal Audit and ageing of the outstanding fees should be submitted to the Committee.

#### **Item 41/12: Budget Estimates of the University for FY 2023-24**

CFO presented the Budget Estimates of the University for FY 2023-24 along with School-wise financials to the Committee. The summary of the Overall (consolidated) and School-wise is as follows:

Sr. No.	Particulars	BE 23-24
a	Capital Renovation & Upgradation	990
b	Infrastructure Development Projects (Multi-level Parking)	2,700
	<b>Total ( 1 + 2 + 3 )</b>	<b>4,125</b>

The Committee was apprised with the salient points of the Budget Estimates (V1 85%) of the University for FY 2023-24 as follows:

- a. **Total Income from Academic Fees** are estimated at Rs. 20,882 lakhs (Rs. 20,291 lakhs)
- b. 2,400 occupancy is considered at **Hostel Fees** of Rs. 89,500/- per student (2,450 students at Hostel Fees of Rs. 85,000/- per student)
- c. Provision of Rs. 377 lakhs (Rs. 677 lakhs) for **Recruitments** of 52 Faculties & 37 Staff (67 Faculties & 22 Staff) considering attrition and recruitment cycle of FY 22-23.
- d. Provision of Rs. 498 lakhs for **Admission Expenses** (Rs. 436 lakhs) and Rs. 1,433 lakhs (Rs. 1,154 lakhs) for **Student Welfare Expenses** which includes:
  - i. Rs. 251 lakhs for **International Exposure Program** (IEP) (Rs. 206 lakhs)
  - ii. Rs. 188 lakhs for **Students Clubs & Events Expenses** (Rs. 140 lakhs)
  - iii. Rs. 176 lakhs for **Summer Rural / Urban Internship Program / Student Field Trip / Industrial Visit** (Rs. 233 lakhs)
  - iv. Rs. 122 for **Convocation Expenses** (Rs. 237 lakhs)
  - v. Rs. 110 lakhs for **Alumni Expenses** increase (Rs. 10 lakhs)



that Reliance Foundation have released Rs. 10 crores to GERMI for onward transfer to PDEU in Mar-23, aggregating their contribution to Rs. 102.50 crores. The funds are contributed under CSR by Reliance and as per the mandate, the University shall have to submit a Utilization Certificate of these funds. The University has earmark these Rs. 10 crores towards the following Academic and Infrastructure Projects (on-going / committed) by the University:

(Rs. in Cr.)

Sr. No.	Project	Earmarked Funds
1	SMRC Project	5.00
2	Computer Lab	3.29
3	Apple Lab	1.71
	<b>Total</b>	<b>10.00</b>

The Committee appreciated the gracious effort from the President of the University and noted the contribution of Rs. 10 crores received. The Committee recommended putting up this matter in the ensuing Board of Governors meeting for information.

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

Date: 26/July/23  
Place: Gandhinagar.

  
Chairman

  
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