

Minutes of 15th (Online) meeting of Standing Committee held on 5th March 2021

Following were present:

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| 1. Shri D. Rajagopalan, IAS (Retd.) | : Chairman |
| 2. Dr. S. Sundar Manoharan | : Member |
| 3. Shri Nitin Shukla | : Member |
| 4. Shri Palak Sheth | : Member |
| 5. Shri V.C. Shah | : Special Invitee |
| 6. Dr. Sunil Khanna | : Special Invitee |
| 7. Dr. R. K. Vij | : Special Invitee |
| 8. Dr. Nigam Dave | : Special Invitee |
| 9. Shri Abhinav Kapadia | : Special Invitee |
| 10. Shri Ankur Pandya | : Special Invitee |
| 11. Shri Deven Prajapati | : Special Invitee |
| 12. Prof. Tarun Shah | : Secretary |

The Director General of the University welcomed the members and invitees.

Thereafter, the Agenda items were taken up for discussion in seriatim.

Agenda-1: Confirmation of the minutes of the previous meetings of the Committee held on 20th June 2020.

The Committee approved the minutes of its previous meetings.

Agenda-2: Review report on the decisions taken at the previous meeting held on 20th June 2020.

The Committee noted the Review Report on the decisions taken at the previous meeting.

Agenda-3: To introduce a new program in branch of Petro Chemical Engg. in B. Tech. program, with an intake of 60 seats from the next academic year.

The Chairman directed that the requirement of infrastructure and faculty should be adequately ensured, while proposing a new admission branch or increase of intake. The committee understands that the due diligence is done for the same.

The Director-SPT confirmed that both these aspects have been studied while proposing this new program.

Approved as proposed.



Agenda-4 To increase admission intake in Computer Engg. (B. Tech.) program by 60 seats.

The Director – SoT confirmed that the requirement of infrastructure and faculty has been studied while proposing to increase the admission-intake.

Approved as proposed.

Agenda-5 Update on CoE – GoG Scheme.

The Committee noted the following updates on the CoE Scheme:

The Scrutiny Committee appointed by the Govt. of Gujarat visited the University on 5th & 6th Aug. 2020 to verify various submissions mentioned in the application of PDPU for the CoE recognition.

Based on the evaluation report submitted by the Scrutiny Committee, the High Level Committee, constituted by GoG and comprised of the two senior professors of IIM-A, one industry professional and the Commissioner – Technical Education, Gujarat State, held an online meeting with the Director General, Directors and Deans on 15/01/2021 and discussed the prescribed 10 points criteria. The final decision is awaited

Agenda-6 Renaming of the University.

The Committee noted the renaming of the University as Pandit Deendayal Energy University (PDEU), as notified by the Govt. of Gujarat in its Ordinance dated 18/01/2021.

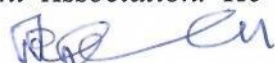
Agenda-7 GUDA Land Lease rent issue.

Dr. Palak Sheth informed that we have submitted our concern regarding rent of the lease when entire value of the land is paid. This has also been substantiated by the conditions under which the land is allotted to neighboring institutions. The matter is also taken up with the appropriate officials of GoG and GUDA. Further it is reliably known that the provision of doubling of the lease rent every five years, will be withdrawn by GUDA.

The CCM apprised that the representation of the University for the waiver of lease rent is under consideration of Governing Board of the GUDA.

Agenda-8 Approval to the draft of constitution of Alumni Association.

While taking up this agenda item, Shri Nitin Shukla expressed his readiness to review the proposed draft for Constitution of Alumni Association. He also desired a



standard practice to mention the following things while placing a draft policy for approval:

Draft Developed by:

Reviewed by:

Approved by to propose:

Owner of the draft:

Next date of review:

Dr. Palak Sheth mentioned that the perspective of dealing with Alumni should be changed in particular reference of ever changing world and hence of the need of continuing education for every one throughout the life. They should be perceived as lifelong learners.

The Chairman advised to review the direction given earlier with regard to exploring Alumni support for placement activities of the University. He also sought the listing of graduate students along with the details of where they are placed presently, and also to explore Alumni support to the placement and fund raising for the University. There should be annual plan of deliverables through the Alumni.

The Director General apprised on involvement of Alumni in the Board of Studies, admission and placement activities.

Shri Nitin Shukla suggested that the score card for Alumni Connect should be prepared, mentioning how many alumni contacted, how many of them responded, along with specific concerns raised if any by them.

Any other items:

1. Scholarships:

Shri Nitin Shukla suggested the following:

- i) to leverage the scholarship fund to support students who go for the bank loans.*
- ii) to revise scholarship scheme for the coming year, to see more students benefit from it.*
- iii) Those can't afford hostel fees may also be considered the fee concession of the same.*
- iv) The status of present scheme of the scholarships should be provided within few days.*
- v) Scholarship norms should be made liberal.*
- vi) The students who could not afford the repayment of education loans, may be supported with the scholarship from the University to recoup.*



Dr. Palak Sheth suggested for increasing the extent of scholarships.

CFO apprised on loan facilitation tied up with the banks for the students. He also mentioned that the University issues recommendation letter also to the students to facilitate them in getting education loans.

The Chairman directed to think of giving the Bank Guarantee for the students taking the education loans. Scholarship schemes should be aimed at attracting meritorious students with poor or average economic condition. Percentage of scholarship beneficiaries should be reviewed.

It was decided that a 'White paper' detailing the present schemes of various scholarships and proposed scheme may be submitted for deliberation.

2. Employability and Deployability:

Shri Nitin Shukla suggested a white paper be developed in consultation with industry, for the offer of six months certificate program or one year PG Diploma on vocational skills for making our graduates employable and deployable, while identifying the needs of the society, industry and country.

The Director General briefed that 17 short term modular courses have been designed in consultation with iACE officials for skill development in Automotive Systems and Auto manufacturing sector, for diploma and graduate engineers.

CHRO briefed on objectives of the capsule courses offered by the University. CFO apprised about a workshop getting held for developing the startups at PDEU IIC.

The meeting ended with vote of thanks to the Chair and Members.


Registrar