

# PANDIT DEENDAYAL ENERGY UNIVERSITY

**Minutes of 20<sup>th</sup> meeting of Standing Committee held on 31<sup>st</sup> May 2023 at 12 noon.**

Following members were present in the meeting:

1. Dr. Hasmukh Adhia – IAS (Retd.), Chairman
2. Dr. S. Sundar Manoharan, Director General – PDEU
3. Shri Jinal Mehta, Managing Director - Torrent Power Ltd.
4. Dr. Palak Sheth, Director (P&D) - PDEU
5. Prof. Tarun Shah, Registrar – PDEU
6. Col. (Dr.) Rakesh Kumar, OSD - PDEU

Following were invited in the meeting:

1. Dr. Nigam Dave, Director - SLS, PDEU
2. Dr. Anirbid Sircar, Director - SoET, PDEU
3. Dr. Dhaval Pujara, Director - SoT, PDEU
4. Dr. Shubhasheesh Bhattacharya, Director - SoM, PDEU
5. Shri Abhinav Kapadia, Chief Finance Officer - PDEU
6. Shri Ankur Pandya, Chief HR Officer - PDEU
7. Shri Deven Prajapati, Chief Campus Manager - PDEU

Dr. Hasmukh Adhia – IAS (Retd.), the Chairman of the Committee welcomed the members.

Thereafter, the Agenda items were taken up for discussion in seriatim. The Chairman – Standing Committee introduced the newly joined Registrar Col. (Dr.) Rakesh Kumar to the Members and the Committee greeted the new Registrar of the University.

**Agenda-1: Confirmation of the minutes of the previous meetings of the Committee held on 03/01/2023.**

*No comments have received for the minutes of the previous meeting circulated to the Members. The Committee confirmed the minutes of the meeting held on 03/01/2023.*

**Agenda-2: Review report on the decisions taken at the previous meeting held on 03/01/2023.**

*1. The Committee noted the Review Report on the decisions taken at the previous meeting. The Chairman directed that in future the Review Report should also talk about the points given by the Members and action taken on those points.*

*2. The Chairman pointed out that he is still not very sure about certain appointment rules related to 'Prof. of Practice', Adjunct Faculty and Visiting Faculty and how the University is employing them. The Chairman asked CHRO to provide clear distinction among the category and tabulate the same. He*

*suggested that we must do proper codification of the appointments to include Role, workload, remuneration, Selection procedure, Committee to select etc. The Standing Committee authorized the Chairman to approve codification.*

3. The CFO apprised to the Committee on procedure followed for the fee revision. The Committee agreed to the upward fee revision. However the Chairman gave following observation:

- This fee revision was carried out after three years which must be noted.
- In future the fee revision should be reviewed and approved by the Standing Committee and not only by the Chairman – Standing Committee.
- To keep the fee structure at par with neighboring Universities, comparative fee with similarly placed Universities may be analyzed and put up in future. He further directed that any change in numbers of seats must be brought to the Standing Committee. Finally the Committee approved the fee revision.

4. Dr. Palak Sheth recommended short Digital Programming/capsule courses and also Executive Training Program which will help in greater visibility of the University and will also generate additional income.

5. Standing Committee was also briefed on Media Visibility and Admission Promotion initiative by the University.

### **Agenda-3: Major Updates**

#### **Admissions:**

The Director – SLS briefed about the progress of the admissions. The Committee was very pleased with the progress and complemented the Admission Team for a good job done. The Chairman suggested to speed up the process.

#### **Students' Achievements**

The Director – SoT briefed about the students' achievements in the last quarters. The Chairman pointed out that we must publicize the GATE achievements.

#### **Faculty Contributions:**

The Director – SoET briefed about the publications and Projects (R&D) including Trend Analysis. The Chairman pointed out that credit must go to the Director General on improvement in R & D at the University. The Director General apprised that during the last year, the University has performed better in R & D as compared to IIT – Gandhinagar. The Chairman again said that this also must be published in a better way. However, the Chairman also said to emphasize on Teaching and Learning.



Mr. Jinal Mehta asked to compile and keep a record of citations done by the Faculty outside the University.

#### MoUs:

The Director – SoT briefed about the MoUs undertaken during the last quarter. The Chairman pointed out that there should be one Nodal Agency to monitor and review the MoUs activities.

#### Placements:

The Director – SLS briefed on the placements scenario of all Schools.

The Chairman suggested that we must jump to average CTC of Rs. 10 Lakhs for Engg. students and up to Rs.12 Lakhs for MBA students in next 2-3 years. He also suggested to try and bring good companies during placements. In case of any help required, he would be happy to chip in.

Dr. Palak Sheth suggested to identify new companies who can offer higher CTC to the students for improving the average CTC. He also suggested that such companies must get involved during Internship process.

#### Infrastructure Development

The Registrar briefed the Committee and updated on the Infra Development at the University.

The Committee noted the Infra Development at the University.

#### **Agenda-4: Review of the progress of SMRC**

The Director General briefed the Committee on the development of the SMRC. The Chairman of the Committee raised the query on formation of the Section – 8 company, where the CFO explained about the taxation issues. After long deliberation in the meeting, it was directed to name and promote the SMRC as a Training Centre and not a manufacturing company and thereby not to formulate the Section-8 Company.

#### **Agenda-5: Review of the internships being offered to the students.**

The Director – SoET briefed on the Internships being offered at the Schools of the University.

The Committee noted the review of the internships being offered, placed before it.

The Committee directed to introduce new companies for the Internships. The Chairman suggested to bring Industry Practitioners to the University to teach. The Director General apprised the Committee that adequate industry persons are involved in teaching-learning process.

**Agenda-6: Review of present status of Industry Linkages**

The Director – SoT briefed on Industry Linkages to the Committee.

The Committee noted the status of the Industry Linkages placed before it.

**Agenda-7 Approval to the construction of Multi-Level Parking**

All issues related to the proposed Multi Level Parking were briefed to the Committee including the cost and architectural drawings. The Chairman pointed out that the cost is high and the project requires further study and analysis. Dr. Palak Sheth suggested to analyze the footfall and also see the feasibility of pay and park facility. The Director General suggested to circulate the Google form to all faculty, staff and students in order to have correct analysis.

The Committee authorized the Chairman to approve the final plan for Multi-Level Parking.

**Agenda-8 Review of the Regulations regarding authority to approve the appointments and to its qualifying criteria.**

The Committee was briefed on the same. The Committee decided that it should remain unchanged i.e. remain as per the changes already made in the last meeting.

**Agenda-9 Update on faculty recruitment**

The CHRO apprised the Committee on the Faculty recruitment status, and explained to the Committee about the challenges which they are facing in recruiting the Faculty in the branches of Computer Sci. Engg./ ICT.

The Chairman directed CHRO to bring complete proposal on the table. The Committee authorized the Chairman to approve the proposal.

The Chairman further directed to the CHRO to prepare the status of the Asst. Professors who are due for the promotion to Associate Professors and out of them how many have appeared in the selection process but did not get promoted.

**Agenda-10 To consider Minutes of meeting of the Academic Council**

The Chairman directed to inform the important information like increase/decrease in Intake or starting/closure of the programs etc. to the Committee prior to placing it before it the Academic Council.

The Chairman said that with increase in seats, the quality of teaching must not be compromised and ensure that there is enough capacity in Labs to accommodate the increased strength.

The Chairman also said to work towards diversity in students profile and plan to get more students outside the State and also the Country. He said that we must try to bring more International Students.

In addition, the Chairman also suggested the following:

- i) To introduce AI Executive Development Program of a week duration and also of a month duration. These must run as paid programme.
- ii) Make a Committee to study impact of chatgpt in research/ teaching and learning.
- iii) Master programs should also attract GATE qualified students.

*The Committee considered and approved the Minutes of the Academic Council meeting held on 06/3/2023.*

In the end, the Committee thanked outgoing Registrar Prof. Tarun Shah for his excellent contribution to the University and wished him all the success in future.

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

Registrar

*Tarun Shah*  
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Chairman - Standing Committee  
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