

PANDIT DEENDAYAL ENERGY UNIVERSITY

Minutes of 26th meeting of the Board of Governors held on 21/11/2022.

Following were present at the meeting:

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| 1. Dr. Mukesh Ambani | * | - | Chairman - PDEU |
| 2. Dr. Hasmukh Adhia, IAS (Rtd.) | | - | Chairman Standing Committee- PDEU |
| 3. Dr. S. Sundar Manoharan | | - | Director General - PDEU |
| 5. Dr. R. A. Mashelkar | * | - | National Research Professor |
| 8. Shri Jalaj Dani | * | - | Chairman, IIM – Trichy |
| 7. Shri Jinal Mehta | | - | M. D. - Torrent Power Ltd. |
| 8. Ms. Mamta Verma-IAS | | - | Principal Secretary, Energy & Petro. Dept. GoG |
| 9. Shri Sanjeev Kumar-IAS | | - | M.D. - Gujarat State Petroleum Corporation |
| 6. Smt. Pallavi Shroff | * | - | Partner- Shardul Amarchand Mangaldas & Co. |
| 9. Dr. Dhaval Pujara | | - | Director, SoT - PDEU |
| 11. Prof. Tarun Shah | | - | Registrar - PDEU |

* Online Presence

Following were present as Special Invitees:

1. Dr. Palak Sheth, Director (P & D) – PDEU
2. Shri Abhinav Kapadia, Chief Fin. Officer - PDEU
3. Shri Ankur Pandya, Chief HR Officer – PDEU

Dr Hasmukh Adhia welcomed Dr. Mukesh Ambani as the President of the University and the Chairman of the Board of Governors.

Dr Hasmukh Adhia informed the nomination of Dr. Mukesh Ambani as the President of the University by the Board of Trustee of the Society – GERMI u/s 8(3) of the University Act for a period of three years from 10th July 2022. (Agenda item 1/26)

The Board also acknowledged and appreciated the immense contribution of Dr. Mukesh Ambani as the Founder President and the Chairman of the Governing Board that enabled the University to achieve significant milestones in short span of time.

The Board also thanked him for accepting his re-nomination as the President of the University and welcomed him.

Dr. Mukesh Ambani also expressed his sincere thanks to the Board to the Society – GERMI and the Govt. of Gujarat for reposing faith in his leadership as the President of the University.

He occupied the Chair and extended warm welcome to the Members of the Board present in the meeting. He then congratulated all the Board Members for their re-nomination on PDEU Board.

He expressed his gratitude to Shri Sudhir Mehta, Chairman Torrent Group for his services as the Board Member and also expressed his pleasure for induction of his son, Shri Jinal Mehta in the Board.

He congratulated PDEU for receiving NAAC A++ accreditation which is one of the highest in the Western Region and demonstrates the University's potential to be national institution of excellence.

He also congratulated Dr. Hasmukh Adhia for his untiring effort and leadership to lead University towards academic excellence, research and innovation orientation and global aspiration; and also the Director General, Registrar, faculties and staff of PDEU for their continuous contribution towards pursuit of excellence and achieving better accreditation and ranking for the University.

He also extended his best wishes in advance to all the 1659 students graduating at the 10th Convocation.

He recalled his journey as a Founder President of PDEU in 2007 when the University was launched in the presence of Hon'ble Prime Minister with a vision to build a world class energy university of international repute. He mentioned that PDEU always cherishes the patronage and kind support of Hon'ble Prime Minister and it is Board's collective responsibility to make PDEU as one of the university among first 25 universities of the India in the coming years.

Due to paucity of time, he took up the Agenda item 10/26 and requested Dr. Hasmukh Adhia then to take up the rest of the agenda items.

10/26: Regarding the Appointment of the Vice Chairman of the Board of Governors and declaring Chairman of Standing Committee as an Officer of the University.

I. Appointment of the Vice Chairman of the Board of Governors

It was noted that PDEU has grown substantially in the last 17 years and it now has 7,200+ students and 250 plus faculty members with Academic Programmes and Research Centres in the diverse areas of Energy, Engineering, Management and Humanities.

The Board members felt that the University now needs to augment its governance and operation management systems to manage this growth and consolidate it with focus of quality and excellence.

Keeping the larger vision of making the University as a world class Energy institute, it may now require to hold more regular discussions and deliberations for strategic and policy decisions at the Board level.

For this purpose, it was proposed to nominate one of the Board Members as the Vice Chairman of the Board who can conduct the Board Meetings on behalf of the Chairman.

The Board considered and approved the following:

- to nominate one of the Board Members as the Vice Chairman of the Board u/s 13(2)(viii) of the University Act. The PDPU Act u/s 13(2)(viii) provides: “to take such decisions and steps as are found desirable for effectively carrying out the objects of the University.”,
- the term of Vice Chairman will be for a period of three years or till the completion of his term as the Board Member or whichever is earlier; the Vice Chairman can be re-nominated,
- to nominate Dr. Hasmukh Adhia, IAS (Retd.) – the member of the Board and the Chairman – Standing Committee of the University, as the Vice Chairman of the Board.

II. Regarding declaring of the Chairman of Standing Committee as an Officer of the University

The Chairman of the Board apprised that the University has constituted the Standing Committee as Executive Council of the Governing Board which deliberates and takes decisions on the key matters for development including campus development, strategic initiatives, human resource, finance and other developmental matters, on behalf of the Board.

The Chairman - Standing Committee is nominated by the President of the University from time to time. Dr. Hasmukh Adhia is the current Chairman of the Standing Committee.

The next phase of development of the University would require substantial efforts in the areas of augmenting research and innovation facilities, collaborating with energy industries, Govt. of Gujarat, Govt. of India, expanding the campus construction and raising essential resources.



To enable these developmental efforts, it was proposed that the Chairman Standing Committee be declared and included as one of the Officer of the University as per the provision of the Act.

Chairman - Standing Committee will have executive powers being one of the Officer of the University, as defined in the Charter of Standing Committee already approved by the Board.

The Board considered and approved to include the Chairman-Standing Committee as the officer of the University u/s 10 of the University Act.

Then the Chairman entrusted Dr. Hasmukh Adhia-IAS (Retd.) to carry out the proceedings of the meeting further. Accordingly Dr. Adhia then chaired the meeting, and invited the Board members for presenting their viewpoints for the key areas important for the University, before taking up other agendas.

Accordingly,

- i) Dr. R. A. Mashelkar stated that the University shall engage in Cutting Edge research, which is also echoed as 'Reservoir of Knowledge' as mentioned in the logo of the University. While referring to Education, Research and Innovation as the pillars of a University, he emphasized on Quality Improvement. He opined that Green Hydrogen is going to be the future of energy in the world, and the carbon capture as remedy for climate change. He emphasized the need to evolve for game Changing breakthrough in energy sector and thereby for inclusive growth through optimum utilization of limited resources. He also advised to look for Assure framework for an assured success in Innovation.
- ii) Shri Jalaj Dani vouched for institutionalizing the fellowships, Research and Innovation in concerted way.
- iii) Ms. Pallavi Shroff suggested to keep the students' perspectives at the center of the initiatives. Likewise the courses be oriented towards Industry Practices, so as to create 'Future Ready' graduates with well-rounded personalities.
- iv) Ms. Mamta Verma, IAS recommended for 'Industry Ready' curriculum, to scale up the pilot projects, and to contribute for Ammonia and Hydrogen based energy generation.
- v) Shri Sanjeev Kumar, IAS suggested conducting research in emerging areas of Green and cheaper options of energy. He also advised for semester long industry internships.
- vi) Shri Jinal Mehta suggested having proper faculty student ratio, attracting the best faculty talent and the scholastic students.

The Director General-PDEU Dr. S. Sundar Manoharan apprised the Board about various Energy initiatives taken up by the University, viz. Energy Storage Batteries, Smart Grid, Hybrid Power generation- Solar & Wind, partnering with M/s Hydrogen Australia for validation of Hydrogen production, Carbon Capturing @ 1 tone/day, semiconductor mission, Carbon sequestration, Solar PV cell Product line, LTTS Centre for Energy Sustainability, and alike.

Item 2/26 Ratification of the nominations of Members of the Board of Governors.

- i) Resolved to ratify the approval granted by the Chairman – BoG, for the re-nomination of the following external members on the Board of Governors of the University for another term of three years from 18/10/2022 to 17/10/2025:

Category of nomination u/s 11(1) of the University Act	Members
Two expert academicians to be nominated by the Board (u/s 11(1)(vii))	i. Dr. R. A. Mashelkar, a renowned scientist ii. Shri Jalaj Dani, Chairman - IIM Trichi
Two experts representing other disciplines such as finance, legal, management, humanities to be nominated by the Board (u/s 11(1)(ix))	i. Dr. Parimal Nathwani – Director, Corporate Affairs, Reliance Industries Limited Legal expert ii. Mrs. Pallavi Shroff, Partner- M/s Shardul Amarchand Mangaldas
Three professionals of the oil, gas, energy and allied industries to be nominated by the Board. (u/s 11(1)(x))	i. Shri Jinal Mehta, Mg. Director - Torrent Power ii. Chairman & Mg. Director - ONGC iii. Mg. Director - GSPC

- ii) Resolved to ratify the approval granted by the Chairman – BoG, for the nomination of the following internal members on the Board of Governors of the University for a term of three years from 18/10/2022 to 17/10/2025:

Category of nomination u/s 11(1) of the University Act	Proposed nomination
One Director by rotation to be nominated by the Board (u/s 11(1)(iii))	Director –School of Technology (Dr. Dhaval Pujara)
One Dean by rotation to be nominated by the Board (u/s 11(1)(iv))	Dean – Students' Affairs (Dr. T. P. Singh)

- Item 3/26 **Confirmation of the minutes of the previous meeting of the Board of Governors held on 11th April 2022.**

The Board confirmed the minutes of its previous meeting held on 11th April 2022 as no comment were received from any member on the minutes of the previous meeting circulated to the members.

- Item 4/26 **Review Report on the decisions taken at the previous meeting held on 11th April 2022.**

The Board noted that all decisions made at its previous meeting were included in the Review Report.

- Item 5/26 **To note the NAAC Accreditation 'A++' (CGPA 3.52 out of 4) awarded to the University.**

The Board noted that NAAC Accreditation of 'A++' has been awarded to the University. The Board Members congratulated and appreciated Dr Hasmukh Adhia's stewardship to take the University to new heights. The Board also appreciated the wholehearted efforts made by the faculty and the staff members of the University, which lead it to achieve the NAAC Accreditation with the highest grade of A++.

- Item 6/26 **Consideration and approval of the degrees to the Graduating Students at the 10th Convocation.**

The Board considered and approved to confer the respective Degree/Diploma upon 1659 no. of qualified students as per the list as recommended by the Academic Council, at the 10th Convocation to be held on 22/11/2022.

- Item 7/26 **Consideration and approval of the Annual Accounts for F.Y. 2021-22.**

The Annual Account were presented before the Board and elaborated with the detail of income, expenditure, capital development, endowment fund and other important observations.

The Board appreciated the new investment policy mooted by Dr Hasmukh Adhia which will result in better return over the investments. The Board also appreciated augmentation and increase in the corpus fund. It was also apprised that Rs. 100 crores have been invested in Govt. securities to have best possible return on the funding, in accordance with the Investment Policy, as approved by the Standing Committee of the University, in the F. Y. 2022-23.

The Board was informed that from the surplus fund, Rs. 13 crores have been earmarked as "Academic and Infrastructure Development Funds" in the F. Y. 2021-22.

It was also informed about further capital development plans, including constructing new hostels, sports complex, new parking facility and further greening the campus by tree plantation and other measures.

The Board was informed that the University will be augmenting its scholarship fund to benefit more students.

The Board appreciated the efforts of Dr. Hasmukh Adhia for streamlining Financials of the University and augmenting efforts towards capital development and scholarship.

After discussion and deliberations, the Board considered and approved the Annual Accounts for the financial year 2021 - 22.

Item 8/26 Nomination on the Academic Council by the Board.

The Board nominated the following experts on the Academic Council of the University for the term of three years:

Nomination Category	Name
Two academicians/ professionals nominated by the Board (u/s 15(1)(ii) of the PDEU Act.	1. Dr. J. Ramkumar Professor in Mech. Engg., Satischandra Agarwal Chair-Professor I.I.T. – Kanpur 2. Dr. Gopal Mahapatra Prof. at IIM Bangalore.
Two academicians/ professionals in fields of Science/ Technology/ Management related to Gas/Oil/Energy nominated by the Board (u/s 15(1)(iii) of the PDEU Act.	1. Dr. Nilesh Desai Director Space Applications Centre Ahmedabad 2. Dr. Pradip K Tewari HoD (Chemical Engg.) Jal Jeevan Mission Chair Professor I.I.T. – Jodhpur

The Board also placed on record valuable contribution made by the retiring members of the Council to the University during their tenure and authorized Director General to send appreciation letter on its behalf.

Item 9/26 Renaming of the School of Petroleum Management as the School of Management.

It was apprised that with reference to the name change of the University from 'Petroleum' to 'Energy', the renaming of SPM – School of Petroleum Management has also been discussed by the Academic Council and also the Standing Committee of the University, and viewed that the new name of the School should not contain the term either Policy or Energy to avoid any misnomer, e. g. the term 'Policy' generally sounds as Public Policy, and the term Energy may sound in limited sense of Energy Conservation Energy Audit, and alike only. Further the new name of the School should reflect its entire academic spectrum. The School offers presently the MBA program also in 'Energy & Infrastructure' besides the 'General Management' – with 100% admission and placement.


In view of all the above, the Board considered and approved to rename the SPM as the School of Management, which has also been recommended by the Standing Committee of the University.

Item 11/26 Regarding the retirement age of the employees of the University.

It is necessary to specify the retirement age for the employees of the University to infuse new aspirants and also to provide opportunity for upward mobility to the in-house employees. In view of this, it was proposed to the Board to specify the retirement age for the University employees as follows:

- I. For Teachers of the University: 62 years as prescribed by the State Government. It shall be at the discretion of the University to extend it up to three years depending on the overall performance review of the teacher and the requirement, on consolidated salary on case to case basis.
- II. For Non-Teaching employees: 58 years as prescribed by the State Government.

The Board discussed and decided to consider and approve the retirement age of the employees of the University as mentioned above.



Item 12/26 **To consider the Minutes of the Meetings of Academic Council, Finance Committee and Standing Committee.**

The Board considered and noted the minutes of following meetings:

Meeting of	Held on
Academic Council	21 st meeting on 29/04/2022 22 nd meeting on 27/08/2022 23 rd meeting on 07/11/2022
Finance Committee	38 th meeting on 20/05/2022 39 th meeting on 27/07/2022
Standing Committee	17 th meeting on 10/05/2022 18 th meeting on 01/09/2022

The meeting ended with Thanks to all.

Adhi
Vice chairman

Chairman