

PANDIT DEENDAYAL ENERGY UNIVERSITY

Minutes of 27th meeting of the Board of Governors held on 02/12/2023.

1. Following were present at the meeting.

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| (a) Dr. Hasmukh Adhia, IAS (Rtd.) | - Vice Chairman – BoG, PDEU |
| (b) Dr. S. Sundar Manoharan | - Director General, PDEU |
| (c) Col (Dr) Rakesh Kumar | - Registrar, PDEU |
| (d) Dr. R. A. Mashelkar * | - National Research Professor |
| (e) Shri Jalaj Dani * | - Chairman - IIM, Trichy |
| (f) Smt. Anita Karwal, IAS (Retd) | - Chairman - RERA, GoG |
| (g) Smt. Mamta Verma-IAS | - Principal Secretary - Energy & Petro. Dept. GoG |
| (h) Mr. Mukesh Kumar, IAS | - Principal Secretary - Education Dept, GoG |
| (i) Shri Milind Torawane -IAS | - .D. - Gujarat State Petroleum Corporation |
| (j) Dr. Dhaval Pujara | - Director - SoT, PDEU |
| (k) Dr. T. P. Singh | - Dean - Students' Affairs, PDEU |

* Online Presence

2. Following were present as Special Invitees.

- (a) Dr. Palak Sheth, Director (P & D), PDEU
- (b) Shri Abhinav Kapadia, Chief Finance Officer, PDEU
- (c) Shri Ankur Pandya, CHRO, PDEU
- (d) Shri Deven Prajapati, CCM, PDEU

3. Dr Hasmukh Adhia, IAS (Retd.), Vice Chairman of the Board welcomed the Members of the Board of Governors of the University.

4. Item 1/27 Consideration for nomination of Smt. Anita Karwal as Member of BoG under the University Act 15(1) (ix).

- (a) The Board of Governors placed on record their deep appreciation to Smt. Pallavi Shroff, Partner, Shardul Amarchand Mangaldas & Co. for her immense contribution to PDEU growth and progress. She has been member of Board of Governors since 2007 under the category representing 'experts in disciplines such as Finance / Legal / Management / Humanity under University Act 15(1)(ix).

(b) The Board considered and welcomed Smt. Anita Karwal, IAS (Retd.) as the Member of the Board of Governors of the University.

(c) Smt. Anita Karwal, IAS (Retd.), the Chairman, Real Estate Regulatory Authority (RERA), Govt. of Gujarat. She has held some of the important post in both Gujarat Government and Govt. of India to include Secretary - Primary Education, Govt. of Gujarat, Chief Electoral Officer – Gujarat, Additional Secretary - Ministry of HRD, Govt. of India, Chairperson - CBSE and Secretary - Dept. of School Education & Literacy, Govt. of India. She has authored three books, published many articles and has been awarded many times for her exemplary work and contribution.

5. Item 2/26 Confirmation of the minutes of the previous meeting of the Board of Governors held on 22nd November 2022.

The Board confirmed the minutes of its previous meeting held on 22/11/2022 as no comment were received from any member on the minutes of the previous meeting circulated to the members.

6. Item 3/26 Review Report on the decisions taken at the previous meeting held on 22nd November 2022.

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

7. Item 4/27 Consideration and approval of the Degrees to the Graduating Students at the 11th Convocation.

The Board considered and approved to confer the respective Degree/Diploma upon 1715 no. of qualified students as per the list as recommended by the Academic Council, at the 11th Convocation to be held on 02/12/2023.

8. Item 5/27 University Update.

Dr. S. Sundar Manoharan, Director General shared the University Update with the Members.

9. Item 6/27 Consideration and approval of the Annual Accounts for F.Y. 2022-23.

The Board appreciated the efforts of Dr. Hasmukh Adhia for streamlining Financials of the University.

After discussion and deliberations, the Board considered and approved the Annual Accounts for the financial year 2022 - 23.

10. Item 7/27 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	24 th meeting on 06/03/2023 25 th meeting on 31/10/2023
Finance Committee	40 th meeting on 30/11/2022 41 st meeting on 20/07/2023
Standing Committee	19 th meeting on 03/01/2023 20 th meeting on 31/05/2023 21 st meeting on 29/08/2023

11. On completion of discussion on Agenda Points, the Vice Chairman, Board of Governors asked comments from all members. The remarks of the members and points given by them are as under:

(a) Dr. R. A. Mashelkar.

(i) He was impressed with the progress of the University since inception and also in recent few years and complimented everyone for this. He said, he still remember the first Convocation where Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam, Former President of India and Mr. Narendra Modi the then Chief Minister of Gujarat State graced the occasion.

(ii) He suggested that the University must apply for Confederation of Indian Industry, Intellectual Property Rights (CII, IPR) Awards, where he is at an important position.

(iii) He emphasized on quality of Patents and further taking the Patents to design and production level.

(iv) He said Industry – Academia partnership must improve and he complimented everyone on inauguration of 45 MW SOPAL manufacturing unit at PDEU.

(v) He finally mentioned that due to the fast pace of technological development, students as well as faculty must be prepared and groomed to take up new challenges.

(b) Shri Jalaj Dani.

(i) He suggested improvement in the quality of Ph. D. students.

(ii) He said about laying emphasis on startups and mentioned students must be encourage for the same.

(iii) He said that though the JEE Mains ranks have improved in admissions, however, the topper is of lower ranking. This needs to be looked into.

(iv) Finally he complimented everyone for the good standard of PDEU and said that in last two years, a lot of ground has been covered. He also said he will plan a visit to the University whenever he is next at Ahmedabad.

(c) **Shri Mukesh Kumar, IAS.**

(i) He said that the Education Dept. Govt. of Gujarat was very closely monitoring the module of admissions of PDEU through JEE & GUJCET and following the module they could increase the admissions in Govt. Engineering colleges & Polytechnic Colleges.

(ii) He thanked PDEU for excellent hosting of Hackathon 2023 and recommended PDEU should become permanent partners with the Education Dept. of Gujarat Government for conduct of Hackathon in future. This will also help in branding of PDEU.

(iii) He said that Government is inaugurating I-Hub next week and would like to work with PDEU further on this.

(d) **Smt. Mamta Verma, IAS.**

(i) She mentioned that she was very happy to see PDEU progress in Energy Field and would like to compliment on technological innovations at PDEU.

(ii) She suggested that if possible PDEU may add another assembly line of Solar PV manufacturing at SOPAL with modern technologies under consideration in world today.

(e) **Smt. Anita Karwal, IAS (Retd.).** She mentioned that she would like to see RERA & PDEU working together in some fields.

(f) **Shri Milind Torawane, IAS.** He complimented PDEU on the inauguration of SOPAL and new Sports Complex.

12. The meeting ended with Thanks to all.


Chairman