

**PANJAB UNIVERSITY, CHANDIGARH**

Minutes of meeting of the **SENATE** held on **Sunday, 8<sup>th</sup> July 2018** at **10.00 a.m.** in the Senate Hall, Panjab University, Chandigarh.

**PRESENT:**

1. Professor Arun Kumar Grover ... (in the chair)  
Vice Chancellor
2. Dr. Ameer Sultana
3. Professor Chaman Lal
4. Dr. Dalip Kumar
5. Dr. Emanuel Nahar
6. Dr. Gurmit Singh
7. Dr. Hardiljit Singh Gosal
8. Ambassador I.S. Chadha
9. Shri Jarnail Singh
10. Professor Manoj K. Sharma
11. Dr. Narinder Singh Sidhu
12. Dr. Neeru Malik
13. Professor Pam Rajput
14. Professor R.P. Bambah
15. Professor Ronki Ram
16. Dr. Rabinder Nath Sharma
17. Shri V.K. Sibal
18. Col. G.S. Chadha (Retd.) ... (Secretary)  
Registrar

Dr. H.S. Bhalla, Dy. DPI  
(on behalf of Shri Harjit Singh, DPI (Colleges), Punjab)

The following members could not attend the meeting:

1. Capt. Amarinder Singh, Chief Minister
2. Smt. Razia Sultana, Education Minister, Punjab
3. Dr. Amar Singh
4. Shri Amanpreet Singh
5. Ms. Anu Chatrath
6. Shri Ashok Goyal
7. Dr. Amit Joshi
8. Dr. Akhtar Mahmood
9. Dr. Ajay Ranga
10. Dr. Amod Gupta
11. Professor Anita Kaushal
12. Shri Bharat Bhushan Ashu
13. Dr. B.C. Josan
14. Dr. Baljinder Singh
15. Professor B.S. Ghuman
16. Dr. D.V.S. Jain
17. Professor Deepak Pental
18. Dr. Dayal Partap Singh Randhawa
19. Shri Deepak Kaushik
20. Dr. Gurmeet Singh
21. Shri Gurjot Singh Malhi

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22. Dr. Gurdip Kumar Sharma
23. Justice Harbans Lal
24. Shri H.S. Dua
25. Dr. Harsh Batra
26. Dr. Harjodh Singh
27. Dr. Inderjit Kaur
28. Dr. Inderpal Singh Sidhu
29. Dr. I.S. Sandhu
30. Professor J.K. Goswamy
31. Dr. Jagdish Chander
32. Shri Jagdeep Kumar
33. Smt. Kirron Kher
34. Dr. Keshav Malhotra
35. Dr. K.K. Sharma
36. Dr. Mukesh K. Arora
37. Principal N.R. Sharma
38. Dr. Nisha Bhargava
39. Shri Naresh Gaur
40. Professor Navdeep Goyal
41. Shri Parimal Rai
42. Dr. Parmod Kumar
43. Shri Pawan Kumar Bansal
44. Shri Punam Suri
45. Dr. Parveen Goyal
46. Shri Prabhjit Singh
47. Shri Rashpal Malhotra
48. Professor Rajat Sandhir
49. Dr.(Mrs.) Rajesh Gill
50. Dr. R.S. Jhanji
51. Shri Raghbir Dyal
52. Dr. Raj Kumar Mahajan
53. Dr. Rajesh Kumar Mahajan
54. Dr. Raj Kumar Chabbewal
55. Shri Rubinderjit Singh Brar, D.H.E., U.T., Chandigarh
56. Dr. Suresh Chandra Sharma
57. Justice Krishna Murari
58. Professor Shelley Walia
59. Shri Sandeep Kumar
60. Shri Sanjay Tandon
61. Shri Sanjeev Bandlish
62. Dr. Satish Kumar
63. Dr. Sarabjit Kaur
64. Dr. S.K. Sharma
65. Dr. Surinder Kaur
66. Shri Satya Pal Jain
67. Dr. S.S. Sangha
68. Shri Sandeep Singh
69. Dr. Subhash Sharma
70. Dr. Shaminder Singh Sandhu
71. Professor Shankarji Jha
72. Dr. Tarlochan Singh
73. Shri Varinder Singh
74. Dr. Vipul Kumar Narang

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The Vice Chancellor said, "With a deep sense of sorrow, I may inform the members about the sad demise of:

- i) Mr. Justice J.S. Narang (Retd.), distinguished alumnus, PU and former Judge, Punjab & Haryana High Court, on May 27, 2018. He also chaired recent very important committees and provided a valuable service to the University.
- ii) Dr. Kuldeep Kumar of the Department of Physics, PU, on June 10, 2018
- (iii) Shri Amarjit Singh Ahluwalia father of Prof. V.K. Walia, Department of Zoology, PU, on June 26, 2018.

The Senate expressed its sorrow and grief over the passing away of Mr. Justice J.S. Narang (Retd.), Dr. Kuldeep Kumar and Shri Amarjit Singh Ahluwalia and observed two minutes silence, all standing, to pay homage to the departed soul.

**RESOLVED:** That a copy of the above Resolution be sent to the members of the bereaved families.

**I.** The Vice Chancellor said, "I feel immense pleasure in informing the Hon'ble members of the Senate that –

- i) Panjab University, Chandigarh has been ranked No.2 in India amongst the top 1250 universities globally as per the US News Ranking 2018. Apart from this, Department of Physics, PU, has been ranked No.1 in India. In this ranking the Indian Institute of Science is at No.1 position. Last year there was a little difference, so this is a ranking which is based on a criteria which is little different from the many other surveys.
- ii) Professor M. Rajivlochan has been made a member of the five-member Content Review Committee set up to create a Museum of Prime Ministers by the Ministry of Culture, Government of India, in the Teen Murti Estate, New Delhi.
- iii) Hon'ble Governor of Punjab and Administrator, UT, Chandigarh, Shri V.P. Singh Badnore honoured 3 Professors of Panjab University with 'Award of Recognition', viz., Prof. Shankarji Jha, Dean University Instruction (For outstanding contribution to Sanskrit Literature/Language), Prof. Shelley Walia, Fellow, PU (For outstanding contribution to English Literature/Language) and Prof. Madhukar Arya (For outstanding contribution to Urdu Literature/Language) at 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Award ceremony of the Chandigarh Sahitya Akademi (CSA) on May 28, 2018.
- iv) Panjab University is one of the eleven Indian research collaborators in a Global Challenges Research Fund (GCRF) grant from Research Councils UK-India for the project titled "Transforming India's Green Revolution by Research and Empowerment for Sustainable Food Supplies (TIGR<sup>2</sup>ESS)". The project TIGR<sup>2</sup>ESS, comprising 20 participating institutions, has

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been awarded £6.9m funding for a 4 year period. The share awarded to PU is £154,226/- The principal institution is the University of Cambridge, U.K. Prof. Arun Kumar Grover, Vice Chancellor, Panjab University and Prof. Ramanjit Kaur Johal, Professor of Public Administration and Director, Research Promotion Cell (RPC) are the designated co-investigators from Panjab University. On behalf of this project a Post-Doctoral Research Associate will be recruited by PU under the project.

- v) Panjab University alumnus Prof. Kamaljit S. Bawa, FRS, has become the first Indian to receive the 'Linnean Medal 2018' in Botany for his research on the biodiversity of the forests in Western Ghats and Eastern Himalayas, on May 24, 2018.
- vi) Prof. P.C. Dandiya, Distinguished Emeritus Professor, SMS Medical College, Jaipur, will deliver 'Panjab University Pharmaceutical Sciences Oration 2018' on November 26, 2018 to commemorate the 90<sup>th</sup> birthday of iconic Professor Harkishan Singh ji.
- vii) Dr Kewal Krishan, Associate Professor and Chairperson, Dept of Anthropology, has been awarded as 'Outstanding Research Faculty Award' by Careers360. The selection was based on a composite score generated by evaluating the academic output in SCOPUS indexed journals for the year 2015-17, the citation count and the h-index.
- viii) Ms Ripandeep Kaur, Research Scholar working under the supervision of Prof. B.S. Bhoop and Prof. O.P. Katare in the University Instt. of Pharmaceutical Sciences, has been selected for the highly prestigious "Commonwealth Split Site Scholarship", tenable at University of Salford for studies in Nanobiomedicine by the Commonwealth Scholarship Commission, UK.
- ix) Ms Shelja Sharma, Research Scholar in the Department of Chemistry, PU, has been awarded with Newton Bhabha Ph.D. Placement (2017-18) by the British Council and the Department of Biotechnology (DBT), Government of India, this is tenable at the University of Hull, UK.
- x) Ms Shivanshi Vashist, Research Scholar, Department of Microbial Biotechnology, has received 'Biotechnology Ignition Grant (BIG) of Rs. 50 lacs from Biotechnology Industry Research Assistance Council (BIRAC), Government of India, to carry out a project to develop enzyme sachet, 'Novice Zyme001-A closer look into enzymatic biotransformations.
- xi) PU Directorate of Sports is continuing to perform well in the various sports events at International, National and Inter-University level Tournaments /games for award of MAKATROPHY during the last three years. An update on the performance in the last three years, as made available by the Directorate of Sports is as follows:

Sr.No.	Session	Points
1.	2014-15	20495
2.	2015-16	43880
3.	2016-17	66495

In view of the excellent performance of PU players, hard work of faculty, coaches and staff of Directorate of Sports, 15% increase in score is expected over the last year during the Session 2017-18. The PU got placed at the second position for MAKATROPHY in 2015-16 and 2016-17.

- xii) Ministry of Communications, Department of Posts, Government of India, has accepted the proposal of Panjab University, Chandigarh, for issue of Commemorative Postage Stamp to commemorate centenary year of Professor Ram Chand Paul (former Vice Chancellor, PU, Chandigarh). The stamp will be released on 20/10/2018, the start of Centenary year. The Minister of Communication has sent a message that he would himself come for the release of stamp. We need to deposit some money. We are doing it via the next meeting of the Board of Finance. So, this centenary year of Professor R.C. Paul would coincide with the centenary of the start of the appointment of Professors at the start of University at Lahore and commencement of Hons. School System at Lahore on behalf of this University.

**RESOLVED:** That:

- (1) felicitations of the Senate be conveyed to –
- (i) Professor M Rajivlochan on having been made a member of the five-member Content Review Committee set up to create a Museum of Prime Ministers by the Ministry of Culture, Government of India, in the Teen Murti Estate, New Delhi.
- (ii) (a) Prof. Shankarji Jha, Dean University Instruction (For outstanding contribution to Sanskrit Literature/Language);
- (b) Prof. Shelley Walia, Fellow, PU (For outstanding contribution to English Literature/Language); and
- (c) Prof. Madhukar Arya (For outstanding contribution to Urdu Literature/Language)
- on being conferred with the 'Award of Recognition' by Chandigarh Sahitya Akademi (CSA).

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- (2) the information contained in Vice Chancellor's Statement at Sr. Nos. (i), (iv), (vi), (xi) and (xii) be noted and approved.

After reading out his statement, the Vice Chancellor said, let Professor R.P. Bambah address the members, as was desired by him.

Professor R.P. Bambah said that through the Vice Chancellor he would like to request the Senate to put on record his appreciation and gratitude to the Vice Chancellor for the untiring efforts that he made to get the finances released for the University. This was acknowledged by the members by thumping of their tables. Now it is sure that there is a minimum financial support (for Panjab University) in the years to come to allow the University to do its work. Let him also share and acknowledge the personal efforts the Vice Chancellor made to encourage the research and academic programmes and collaboration with other Institutions. They are also aware that he has created relationship with other Universities and eminent scholars and persons in the country, like, Dr. Manmohan Singh, Professor A.K. Sood, Professor Ashoke Sen, Shri Gulzar, Dr. Ila Bhat, Dr. Kailash Satyarthi, among others. They are also aware that the Vice Chancellor has been actively involved in the creation of CRIKC which has contributed substantially in research in this region. He thanked the Vice Chancellor for all his efforts.

Ambassador I.S. Chadha said that he fully endorsed what Professor R.P. Bambah has said. He would just take a couple of minutes more of his (Vice Chancellor) time and that of the Senate and add his voice to all that he (Professor R.P. Bambah) has just stated, he (Vice-Chancellor) has many accomplishments to his credit and he would like to highlight just three of them. First the missionary zeal with which he personally

went with the governance reforms, he did not waiver in his pursuit despite the hurdles he has faced. These were not ordinary hurdles. These included baseless charges of financial irregularities, even allegations of sexual harassment, which remained unsubstantiated all these years. The extraordinary and totally unjustified step of withdrawing of financial powers, last but not the least, developments of yesterday on which he does not wish to comment. Admittedly, they still have a long way to go before they reach the long cherished goal of governance reforms. But thanks to his relentless efforts, a momentum has been generated and hopefully they would get the desired results sooner than later. Secondly, the success he managed to achieve in dealing with the unprecedented crises that the University had to face and which in his view was entirely avoidable. As a result of which, the Vice Chancellor had to spend more time in the offices of the numerous, so called stakeholders, not to mention the chambers of the High Court and the Supreme Court. Persuading them to discharge their obligation, than in the University, attending to his normal functions. Here, again the success he attained is only partial because a long term solution that provides a guarantee, that they (would) never face the severe crises ever again, this has to be worked out. However, the contours of such a solution are now being emerged for which the University owes him its gratitude. Finally, he wishes to echo what Professor Bambah has said about his (Vice Chancellor) passion for research. His pursuit and cherished goal of what he has repeatedly described has exhorted the University to do, namely to advance the frontiers of knowledge. The establishment of CRIKC, about which Professor R.P. Bambah has referred, (they) will be fortunate to have the benefit of his association even after his retirement and the additional responsibility which he has been entrusted to establish similar clusters all over the region bear testimony to his success. He concluded, by sharing with his colleagues the good news that (the outgoing Vice-Chancellor) has chosen the city beautiful to settle down, which means that they can look forward to seek him in the campus in the years to come. He has given vent to some of his post retirement plans in his public statements, but he is sure that there might be others with he has not revealed and still in the process of culmination, but he will conclude with the couplet of Ghalib, "*koi din gar zindgani aur hai, apne jee mein hamne thani aur hai*". He wished the Vice Chancellor well, in whatever he does and he hoped that the Panjab University will continue to figure in whatever post-retirement plans he has.

Shri V.K. Sibal said he does not have a big speech but he endorses every word said by Professor R.P. Bambah and Ambassador I.S. Chadha. He (Vice Chancellor) is an academic person, relentless pursuit of academics and the condition of his merit and the way he has steered this ship through turbulent waters, some intervals have come and stalled by various adverse factors. It has been a very good experience, he has. He thinks that in spite of the difficulties he has been facing, the Vice Chancellor has tackled, with total dedication, and everyone, he thinks, has been with him for his inning in the University and with deep sense in the University he would be remembered in the years to come. He endorsed what Professor R.P. Bambah and Ambassador I.S. Chadha has said.

Professor Ronki Ram said that he wanted to put on record all, the earlier three eminent Fellows have said that brought this University at the time when mostly many of them were not known the great past heritage. He retrieved the heritage. He brought forth the great past as to how this University was conceived, how this University was functioning and how this University faced, at different intervals, situations both adverse and congenial and kept on going, so that the heritage which he brought to them through lectures, through meetings and a booklet he prepared and the stamps he got released, this has added to the heritage of the University. Alongwith science, he did a lot. To promote the social sciences, he brought Colloquia to Panjab University which became a regular academic feature in the University. He started celebrating

Foundation day of the University which is a must for every institution to remember and to get inspired by those who have contributed in the University's great heritage. Many of them started believing that they are a great institution. He made efforts to bring a new school in the University which at the time when there were School of Physics, School of Mathematics, School of Chemistry, that could not be conceived at that time, before independence, but there was a wish of the forefathers of the University. He made that vision to come to a reality. He is talking about Panjab University Institute of Social Sciences Education and Research (PUIISER). All these efforts are academic. At the administrative level, they know that there are certain times, certain stages, difference of opinions do come. Even their former Prime Minister, their own Professor Manmohan Singh used to say that difference of opinion and the dissent is the beauty of the democracy. Until and unless there is a dialogue and difference of opinion, the democracy is not that deep. They know that all the people who have differences with him, at personal level, they admire his transparency. They feel that he is at the heart of all these things. His commitment is academics, his sincere efforts for the University, spending lot of time, all made the University an institution where they can rate the University and for this he congratulated the Vice Chancellor and wished that the time to come would be much more productive and he would continue to help the University achieve new heights.

Professor Manoj Kumar said that when the Vice Chancellor joined the Panjab University in his first term he made some statement in the beginning that ranking is very crucial. He is from the field of business economics and management, and he has seen the University growing across the world. He had shared with his close friends that there could be some trouble with the Vice Chancellor in the coming years because ranking is such an issue that calls for lot of difference of opinion and different agencies will give different ranking. With that background he would like to say the final word in his (Vice-Chancellor) tenure, he has made all the efforts to improve the ranking. He was in Germany few months back and also in America, where everybody talks about Panjab University, and this has been recently validated by the US Surveys that has placed the University at the 2<sup>nd</sup> rank in India. That has been very credible. He is proud of being a faculty of Panjab University, and especially for his efforts.

Professor Pam Rajput said that all Fellows said what they felt from their emotions. She would like to say on behalf of all groups, a deep appreciation on the leadership that he (Vice Chancellor) provided, whatever be the circumstances, the interest of the University was first and foremost in his mind. They might not feel it today, but in the times to come, it would be more validated, as to what he has done for this University. She recalled that as and when, she went to him, she never went there with any documents, but in the two minutes interaction, he was able to give her so many ideas. So, he is a man with ideas and a man who would like to translate those ideas into action. So, she thinks that the Panjab University has been very fortunate and they all record their deep appreciation for the work done by him.

Shri Jarnail Singh said that before they take up the agenda today, everybody is aware of very unfortunate circumstances under which the Syndicate could not help the University. Even today most of the members are not present in the House. He requested the Vice Chancellor to postpone the agenda items because there could be a controversy in a family also and the solution always exists. If a meeting is postponed to a suitable day and date so that the views of other honourable members can also be had. This was also endorsed by Principal Hardiljit Singh Gosal.

Ambassador I.S. Chadha said that he strongly opposed this. They have rules and regulations under which they are working. These cannot be flouted. The rules and regulations provide for a Senate meeting to be validated to be perfectly valid within



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its rights to discuss all substantive issues on the agenda, as long as there is a quorum which has been prescribed and is complete. If they start putting off meetings because some people feel that this meeting should not take place, they are free to stay away but for them to frustrate the efforts of the Senate to get on its business, they already have a large agenda, unfinished agenda and they keep postponing things. The Syndicate has failed to discharge its own duties repeatedly, the agenda items are pushed up to the Senate without any decision. They have abandoned their responsibilities and he did not want to comment upon that, but still since the point has come up, according to him it is totally wrong and if they do not continue with discussion on the substantive agenda items now, they may simply be playing into their hands and they will only be furthering their agenda which, he is afraid, is not in the interest of the University.

Principal Hardiljit Singh Gosal said that he does not want that a blot is put on them in this last meeting, which rather he cannot call the last, that they have imposed something on them by completing a simple quorum. They don't claim to be more wise, there are more sane persons outside. He said that it should not be such that they, with a handful of members, take a decision and in the times to come, the Vice-Chancellor might be accused that by calling some of his sycophants took the decisions and imposed on them. He requested that the meeting should be postponed.

Principal Jarnail Singh said that there are conflicts in every family also. But the issue is that if they decide the things as they are sitting today, some legitimate things will look like as if these are illegitimate. So if the meeting is postponed to a suitable date, it can be any date and according to him, the thing could be resolved in a nice manner and it is a request to the Chair.

Principal Hardiljit Singh Gosal said that if the next meeting is scheduled, all the members would join.

Professor Ronki Ram said that whatever has been said by his colleagues, Principal Jarnail Singh, Ambassador Chadha, Professor R.P. Bambah and Shri V.K. Sibal who are the senior Fellows, it is natural that in the life of a person, the life of the University institutions, some situations come, and situations come, sometimes they just grow up and there comes a real acumen how to take further the institutions. He said that as many others have said that if there is a difference of opinion with the priest of the temple (Vice-Chancellor in this case) that can be with him and not with other members. He said that all of them have come here to save the institution and to run the institution in a proper way. So keeping that spirit in mind, they see that there is difference of opinion and that difference of opinion is among the Fellows. So this is not opinion of difference with somebody else, it is with their own family. He said that here they have come as they have a faith in the institution, in the similar, same spirit that today, if many of them are not here, just quorum is completed, they could just wait for some time. Hence, some more time be given and meeting can be further put into so that there may be more people, they should come, they should try to tell the society that although the quorum was complete and the Senate took a view that the sense will prevail, the other members will come, the only thing is that some money will be spent to call a new meeting, that is for there, but what can be done. So keeping in view the institution, the spirit they would make further attempt that they all come to discuss the matter because all matters are their own. He requested that the meeting be postponed.

Shri Jarnail Singh said that as far as extra money is concerned, they would not claim any TA/DA.

Professor Chaman Lal said that he thinks that they are holding Senate meetings so frequently. He has completed only one and a half year of his being a Senator and he

was given an impression that there would be just three meetings of the Senate, but he has attended 10 meetings in just one and a half year. Whenever a meeting is held on the issue of financial crisis and all those things, then the meeting itself contributes to more financial crisis. Spending so much money and when these meetings do not produce any results, it means they are not doing justice to the public money and they cannot spend public money on their internal kind of purposes. What he would suggest is that at least and moreover, the way it has been said that it should be boycotted or be not attended, not many Senators have been consulted about this. What he sees from the Senate group letter, there are large number of Syndics and few members of Senate who attended and then said that Senate meeting should not be attended. Let him say that whatever the problems or whatever objections and whatever resentment, they have against the Chairperson, the Vice Chancellor, they have been expressing these resentments in the media itself. The Syndics did not attend the Syndicate meeting objecting to certain reports in the media. He said that his view is that they should have said all those things in the Syndicate and what he wanted to say is that whatever they say in the Syndicate and the Senate, that is an official record. What they say outside, it is the public record but it does not come on official record of the governing bodies and as part of the governing bodies, whatever they say, they should say inside. Both sides are responsible, the Chairperson is also responsible in the House. So they should not go with the irrational attitude for certain things and they should not fall that if few people say that they would not attend the meeting, that would not be a very rational thing. To his view what he could understand that on agenda larger items are waiting for their promotions, etc. to be confirmed and that has also to be confirmed by the government bodies. These are the things where there is no controversy also. There are some such items which are generally passed without any discussion. He thinks they must attend to the issues regarding promotion, admissions, etc. These should be discussed and passed. If there is any objection, they could consider that. What they can try to accommodate whichever issues demand more participation, like Governance Reforms or some such things, those may be postponed in which more people would like to participate. Many of the members of the Governance Reforms Committee are not present today. Those issues might be postponed. Lot of money has been spent whatever functional administrative methods are, these should be discussed and the issues of teachers, staff, students are on the agenda, they should not suffer because of that they are not able to perform. He said that his suggestion is that only those agendas may not be taken up which need a wider kind of discussion otherwise it would also be a wrong precedent of making a formality that they have taken a decision. It is not question of sycophancy or non-sycophancy. Calling someone as a sycophant is as bad as the Vice-Chancellor calls the Senators. He said that nobody should use such words. What they should do is that the sanctity of the meeting must be preserved and sanctity of the meeting will be preserved only if they do not give in to that kind of pressure that without some members nothing could done. What they can appreciate is that some items which need more participation, those issues could be postponed. They could drop some items requiring long discussion. In the meantime, if there are two three people, who can talk to those people who may agree for a further meeting of Syndicate as well as of Senate, then it may be held. But at the same time, what he sees in the practical sense, the practical sense is that the Vice Chancellor's last day is of 22<sup>nd</sup> July. He did not think that any other meeting even of Syndicate or Senate is practically feasible. It is no way that they should adopt this method. Whatever agenda they are having, leaving aside the items which have wider discussion, rest of the items could be taken up for discussion.

Professor Emanuel Nahar said that he is a little bit late due to some family circumstances. He endorses the every word of eminent Professors and Fellows and also appreciated every effort of the Vice-Chancellor. He said that the Vice Chancellor did a

lot of things for the University with his commitment, dedication and honesty and he did a lot for the welfare of the students. He appreciated the Vice-Chancellor for his efforts. Secondly, so far as the agenda is concerned, there are important issues concerning hostels also. It must be passed today otherwise they will face a lot of problems. He said that his request is that important issues on the agenda should be considered first.

Dr. Ameer Sultana said that she endorses all whatever has been said by the members for the Vice Chancellor and the autonomy which has been given to the teaching departments to carry on their activities independently is appreciable. She said that this meeting should be postponed for at least two days and after adjournment, the meeting should be called after two days as there is a provision also in this regard when more members could participate and it would keep the sanctity of the Senate also.

Principal Narinder Singh Sidhu said that he appreciates the efforts of the Vice Chancellor for promoting the Colleges and he is sure that during his tenure, the institutions especially the Colleges, had a very congenial type of system. He endorses whatever Principal Jarnail Singh, Professor Ronki Ram and Dr. H.S. Gosal had said. Just to keep the spirit of democracy, he would request the Chair to postpone the meeting for few days. It may be for 2-3 days and hold the meeting and again.

Dr. Dalip Kumar said that first of all, they would like to appreciate as Principal Narinder Singh Sidhu said that the colleges achieved new academic dimensions in academics and particularly in research. He knows when the Vice Chancellor attended the first meeting in December 2012, there were lot of issues pertaining to research dimensions and after two and a half years, the Colleges not only have been able to have research centres. In Chandigarh, they are having 18 research centres. These research centres provide a new outlook to the College teachers, in terms of their promotions, in terms of their participation in various academic forums. It is a matter of great concern for the Colleges that whatever the Colleges have achieved in different ways, it is all due to the untiring efforts of the Vice Chancellor. He said that it is a passion for the Colleges also that he has provided and they grow in terms of their NAAC grade, in terms of their other facilities. They have improved quite a lot in these three and a half years since the implementation of research programme. As far as today's meeting is concerned, he said that he is of the opinion that it should be adjourned for two-three days so that they can have more deliberations and discussions on the issues.

Shri V.K. Sibal said that he cannot agree with idea of adjournment of meeting. It is a valid meeting. The quorum is there. They can take view of the agenda. Whatever they want to postpone in the agenda, it could be postponed. Whatever is to be decided, should be decided. He said that in the family there comes difference, but the family is to behave like a family, they have to sit together but not sit outside and send a message that they would not like to talk. They could come inside and raise the points and could be heard also. They also want to discuss the points. They should be made to come here so that they could sit here and he is sure that some valid points could be raised. They dictate the members that they should not work, this is a very funny kind of situation. He asked as to if this is a democratic way to sit outside and make a demand that meeting should be adjourned. They are as responsible a member as many of them here and all wish that the University must grow higher and by creating this type of situation, they are making it lower. So, he is totally against the idea of adjournment. The people are talking about adjournment of the meeting, they must rather talk of bringing them inside and they would be very happy to adjust them, they miss them but it is misfortune that the decision they have taken is undemocratic. So, they have to see the importance and spirit of the democracy to proceed with the agenda.

Professor Ronki Ram said that they all appreciate the views of Shri Sibal. But they should be, at this moment, rather more magnanimous by saying that if they have faulted they should give them an opportunity, they could wait for them. But keeping the spirit of the institution, they did wait for this with heavy weight on heart, that they waited for this, give them two three day and let the society also know it that they did wait and did not go further because they value things because elders always show more magnanimity to the others. They should show magnanimity keeping this in view that they would come again here after two days and will appeal to them that they should come and do the necessary things because the society is looking towards them. They want that no further controversy should be there and in the times to come such controversy should not be raised, go above the controversy and say the things properly. They are saying that magnanimity should be shown to them and say to them, come after two days, they can call meeting even in the evening, those members should come in the evening, they would wait for this or tomorrow or day after this. This very spirit on the part of this Vice Chancellor would send a message to the society that they tried to mend the fences, they tried to cross over the borders and tried to do the new things in new spirit and they are ready for this. This way because of being open hearted, that for them conflict is not the way, consensus is the way. Today they go for consensus. They should go for consensus by not taking any item instead all the items and that they waited for others to come and do the things. So, due to them, the society should not suffer, this is his ideology.

Professor Chaman Lal said that public institutions should not be run by emotions. He himself felt guilty of being emotional. He always criticised his own emotional attitude. Public institutions must be run by reason and whatever the procedures are. Now still have to accommodate certain rules as he has suggested, Professor Ronki Ram had sent him a message that for him (Professor Ronki Ram) the sanctity of the governing body, Senate and Syndicate is more important than anything else. If sanctity of Senate or Syndicate is more important, than it is all the more necessary that whatever meeting is held, that must be held. He said that he did not want to use the word magnanimity. There is no question of magnanimity. Nobody was magnanimous. It becomes a hypocrisy if one starts using these words. The better thing would be to take up all the promotion items. As Professor Emanuel Nahar said that if some hostel matters or such things, which are very urgently needed to be discussed, those items must be taken up today itself otherwise what is the sanctity of this meeting. He said that as Mr. Sibal had said that if the meeting once has been called, then to say no, what was the fun behind it. They had called the meeting and then adjourned the meeting. What was the fun of it, that should have been done prior to the holding of the meeting. So some items must be taken urgently and only then the sanctity of the meeting could be maintained. Otherwise there is no validity of the Senate meeting. He would also suggest, although it has been discussed off the record, the issue of Arya College, Ludhiana and the issue of Aurobindo College, Ludhiana might be taken on record. He appeals, if some other members have come late, they need to be briefed and that may be taken on record and some committees etc, must be made to attend to those College issues. So, this is his suggestion and he would appeal to his friends that those who were appealing for magnanimity, they should be magnanimous to the members of the Senate who are present over here. They have come here for meeting and some items must be taken up, only then the meeting has some meaning otherwise it has no meaning.

Professor Ronki Ram said that his name has been referred by Dr. Chaman Lal and he still wanted to say that it is not certain as to whether the meeting was going to be held tomorrow, or not, but he would be here in the meeting whenever it is called and for him Senate is important. This is the institution where certain differences have come. So, those who are not attending the Senate meeting, all the issues are equally

important for them. It was not the question that only Professor Chaman Lal or some others are bothered for it. No item is unimportant, every item is important. So at this stage, the very idea of having a unanimity on such issues is important one. So, he is saying that they are at the crucial turn. As Professor Chaman Lal is saying that they have held so many Senate meetings whereas only 3-4 meetings are to be held in a year. Keeping that in mind, he is saying that heaven is not going to fall if a chance is given, all of them would come together. If they still do not come, they would take up the agenda. Then not only this agenda, but the entire agenda would be taken up. Why they say that a few items should be taken up. It would be an adhocism. In this seat of justice, nothing is important, everything is important. They cannot single out any item. They cannot say, this item is important or that item is important. It would be adhocism if they just chose six items out of the sixty items. Someone could ask whether his item was not important. Was the Senate is in such a hurry, why Professor Ronki Ram or Professor Chaman Lal were in such a hurry. Why they have taken only some items, why they did not take up all the items as there are items of crucial concern. He means to say that there is no hypocrisy rather using the word 'hypocrisy' becomes hypocrite. He does not want to have debate on this issue. He requested that they should meet day after tomorrow and take up all the issues. He said that he respects Shri V.K. Sibal as he is their senior and they learn from him and look forward to him and have all appreciation for his views.

Principal Hardiljit Singh Gosal said that if they have to take up the agenda, the entire agenda items would be taken up and there should be no pick and choose. It would not happen that only some items would be taken up for consideration.

Principal Narinder Singh Sidhu requested the Vice Chancellor that it would be appropriate if the meeting is postponed for two days.

Dr. Rabinder Nath Sharma said that he is in the Senate since 1992. In the span of 25 years he did not miss any meeting of the Syndicate and Senate. He remained in the Syndicate for 5-6 times. They have always admired and appreciated the importance and significance of this democratic institution. He is one of them who have opposed the grant of Central Status to the University because he was of the opinion that the grant of Central Status would have ruined the democratic structure and it would totally become like that of other universities. In this democratic structure, there is need to come to this House and express ones opinion. They do resort to walkout, express their dissent, all this things are right, but they should put their views before the Syndicate and the Senate in this House. There might be disagreements and there might be decisions with majority, it is a democratic process. The duty of the members is to highlight the issues of the people and to solve them. While agreeing to Professor Chaman Lal, he said that everything which a member wants to say, he should say this in the House. It is not correct to have a decision by sitting outside for not attending the meeting. This is not the proper way. They should come here and say whatever they want to say. He requested that the sanctity and importance of this institution should be maintained and such a thing should not happen which has happened. He has got the opportunity to work with five Vice Chancellors, he would like to say it very honestly that he (present Vice Chancellor) is a very very efficient and honest Vice Chancellor. He would also say that he fought bravely and single handedly to overcome the financial crisis. For this, he went to the concerned offices and argued with IAS Officers and other administrators. This is not a small thing. Earlier, there was Dr. Manmohan Singh, Prime Minister, Shri Kapil Sibal and Shri Pawan Bansal, it was under their patronage that the University did not face any financial problem in spite of so many things. But whatever problems they have faced today, he saluted the Vice-Chancellor the way he has handled the situation. Secondly, so many things have been discussed and keeping aside the same, as the members are asking for the postponement of the meeting, he sees no guarantee whether

the members would be able to come or not. As the students of Arya College, Ludhiana who are standing outside the administrative block have some issues and some other like issues in which there is no controversy, if they do not consider such issues, then what the students standing outside would think that due to shortage of members, they have no option but to postpone the meeting. What message they are conveying to the society? So, they should at least discuss some issues. If a consensus of postponing and a chance to the members who did not attend the meeting, could be given. Otherwise it is not a good thing.

Principal Hardiljit Singh Gosal said that a chance should be given.

Dr. Rabinder Nath Sharma said that if anyone has any difference of opinion with the priest of this temple (Vice-Chancellor of the University in this case) that is a separate issue but the sanctity of this temple (University) is primary for them. They consider the Syndicate and Senate of the University as a temple. Therefore, they all should perform their duty in that manner. He again said that whatever the Vice-Chancellor has done for the University during the last 6 years, has done in a bold manner, with courage and honesty.

The Vice-Chancellor said that whatever they do, they have to keep the interest of the University in mind and also keep in their mind the continuation of the University. He suggested that the minimal item in which there could be no second opinion as said by Professor Emanuel Nahar, those items due to which could affect the continuation of the University, should be taken up. If they do not ratify the promotions, that is okay as the promotions have already been effected, these are just to be ratified only. They could also ratify the promotions also in which there is no discussion and the minimal issues about which the Dean Student Welfare has appealed which are things in the interest of the students, things which are necessary for minimally running of the University. He has been presiding over this meeting on behalf of the Chancellor of the University, he shall report to the Chancellor of the University whatever is happening today or whatever happened yesterday. He would seek his guidance (Chancellor) whether he should convene any more meetings of the Senate. He is performing this duty on behalf of the Chancellor of the University. He would seek his guidance as it is his duty to seek the guidance when they face unprecedented situations which are not envisaged in the Panjab University Calendar. So, it is his bounden duty to inform the Chancellor after today's proceedings of the meeting that he has presided. Prima facie, he has no more time to convene more meetings. Day after tomorrow there is a Court hearing. He has already committed to host the Principal Scientific Advisor to Government of India on Saturday, 14<sup>th</sup> July. He has also committed to host another meeting of personal kind and could not hold the meeting of 15<sup>th</sup> July. He is left with only last two days, i.e., 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> July. He would go as early as he can go to the Chancellor's office and tell him the outcome of today's meeting. So, it is his proposal that they do minimal items as proposed by Professor Chaman Lal and Professor Emanuel Nahar. But whether they should proceed towards that, he would put this to voting to all of the members. If the majority of the people present say that they should not take up anything and would postpone/adjourn the meeting, he would respect that. He would not impose anything on the members.

Professor R.P. Bambah said that let they continue the meeting and discuss the urgent agenda.

The Vice-Chancellor said that Professor R.P. Bambah is of the opinion that they should continue the meeting.

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Ambassador I.S. Chadha supported it.

Professor Emanuel Nahar said that they should continue.

Dr. Manoj Sharma also favoured continuation.

Shri V.K. Sibal favoured the continuation of the meeting.

Ambassador I.S. Chadha favoured continuation.

Dr. Ameer Sultana said that she is for adjournment.

Professor Pam Rajput requested that this issue should not be voted for.

The Vice-Chancellor said that he has to report to the Chancellor.

Professor Pam Rajput and Dr. Ameer Sultana said that they understand the problem.

The Vice-Chancellor said that he would neither give the voting nor tell the numbers.

Dr. Ameer Sultana said that it would be reported in the press as the press is sitting here and it would go indirectly that there was a voting on this.

The Vice-Chancellor said that what he could do as they are all talking of democracy.

Dr. Ameer Sultana said that she was not present here yesterday but today she is present and requested the Vice-Chancellor to honour it. She understands the problem of the Vice-Chancellor and he should also understand their problems.

Professor Pam Rajput said that she is neutral.

Professor Chaman Lal favoured continuation of the meeting.

Principal Hardiljit Singh Gosal favoured postponement.

Principal Narinder Singh Sidhu favoured postponement.

Shri Jarnail Singh favoured postponement.

Dr. Dalip Kumar favoured postponement.

Professor Ronki Ram said that he is not saying 'yes' or 'no' but saying that they wanted to hold the meeting with a consensus, they all wanted to take up the matter and hold a meeting immediately and bring the remaining members and send a good message. His point is to bring more members and wait for them because today only 14 or 15 members have come. The entire Senate is outside. If the differences have occurred, they have to make efforts to resolve the differences. The hell is not going to fall if they hold the meeting tomorrow or day after tomorrow. They could tell the Chancellor about this also that they waited for the members to find a consensus. Therefore, he is in favour that they should wait and call a meeting and then take a decision.

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Dr. Neeru Malik favoured the postponement of the meeting.

Dr. H.S. Bhalla, representative of the DPI (Colleges), Punjab favoured the continuation of the meeting.

The Vice-Chancellor counted the numbers and said that the result is 7:7:2 (continuation, postponement, neutral). He did not want to vote in this and just report the matter to the Chancellor. Otherwise if he has to vote, he would say that they have to continue and it is 8:7:2.

Ambassador I.S. Chadha said that Vice-Chancellor has a casting vote.

Principal Hardiljit Singh Gosal pointed out that the vote of the representative of the DPI (Colleges), Punjab would not be counted. If the DPI comes himself only then the vote could be counted.

Dr. Dalip Kumar said that then the voting is 7:6.

The Vice-Chancellor said that the voting is 6:7:2 and he would report the matter to the Chancellor. The DPI could not attend the meeting and in his place, the representative has come.

Professor Chaman Lal said that there is one way out that if all people agree, this meeting might be adjourned for two hours.

The Vice-Chancellor said, sorry.

Shri Jarnail Singh said that they could hold the meeting after two days.

The Vice-Chancellor said that he is not going to convene the meeting after two days on his own. He is very firm about it, he is not going to conduct the meeting after two days.

Professor Chaman Lal said that the meeting could be held either in the afternoon or tomorrow.

The Vice-Chancellor said no to it.

Professor R.P. Bambah suggested that the meeting could be held after two hours.

The Vice-Chancellor said that nothing could be done within two hours, nothing is going to happen after two hours.

Shri V.K. Sibal said that some members agree that they would withdraw the objection and if within two hours it happens that there is no objection, then they could meet again.

The Vice-Chancellor said, okay, that is fine with him. He gives two hours time to the members and they come after two hours and then they would take a call. Whether the members wished to change the opinion of the other members, then they could come to the agenda after two hours. He is ready to adjourn the meeting to 2.00 p.m. If at 2.00 p.m., the members are able to convince and there are more people to discuss, then fine.



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Professor Ronki Ram said that they have to think over it and find a viable solution. Otherwise this would not go for good.

Principal Hardiljit Singh Gosal said that Dr. Gurmit Singh has also gone outside while asking for the postponement.

Professor Ronki Ram said that it could also be that after two hours, the present members might also not be able to come and there might only about 5 members.

The Vice-Chancellor said that it is alright and he has to go and tell the Chancellor that the Senate is not able to give any further directions to the agenda put forward to the Senate. He has to go and tell the Chancellor. The Syndicate is not able to discharge its duty and the Senate as a body is unable to discharge the agenda forwarded to it.

Professor Ronki Ram intervened and said that this be sent along with the minutes of today's meeting.

The Vice-Chancellor said that let the Chancellor give him any guidance. If the Chancellor wants him to wait for the next Vice-Chancellor to come, this is a call that he has to take.

Shri Jarnail Singh requested to just keep an option open that the meeting would happen. Only this meeting should be postponed. If the Vice-Chancellor reconvenes the meeting, then there might be some legal minimum time to be given to members.

The Vice-Chancellor said that it is fine with him and would just tell that the meeting is adjourned and seek his (Chancellor) guidance.

Shri Jarnail Singh said that it is right, they would come.

Professor R.P. Bambah said that they could authorise the Vice-Chancellor to take decisions on urgent matters.

Professor Ronki Ram said that they could do so.

The Vice-Chancellor said that then it would be treated as a meeting which has been held. He asked whether the members give him authorisation to take decision on the items which Professor Emanuel Nahar has proposed.

Principal Hardiljit Singh Gosal said that they authorise the Vice-Chancellor.

Dr. Rabinder Nath Sharma suggested that the Vice-Chancellor be authorised to take decision on the hostel issues and the issue of Arya College, Ludhiana.

The Vice-Chancellor said that the issue of Arya College, Ludhiana is not an agenda item.

Professor R.P. Bambah suggested that the authorisation could also be given for promotions.

The Vice-Chancellor said that the appointments have already been made and there is no issue of confirmation getting delayed.

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Shri Jarnail Singh said that they authorise the Vice-Chancellor to take the decision on the issues to be pointed out by Professor Emanuel Nahar.

The Vice-Chancellor said that there could be some issues in the Ratification items to which the members said okay, the same could be taken up later on. He said, okay, let him reiterate that the Senate has given him a direction and authorisation. It is a valid meeting of the Senate which has given him the authorisation to attend to some such specific matters which the Dean Student Welfare would tell him to take a call which could affect the functioning of the University as the academic session has commenced.

Professor Chaman Lal said that such matters should not involve financial matters such as raising the fee, etc. But the authorisation is only for the administrative matters.

The Vice-Chancellor said that he has no idea of these matters, they could either give the authorisation or not.

Professor Chaman Lal pointed out that in the agenda there is a proposal to raise the fee of hostels and that should not be raised.

Professor Ronki Ram said that whatever has transpired be sent to the Chancellor.

Professor R.P. Bambah said that they authorise the Vice-Chancellor to take the decisions on behalf of the Senate.

The Vice-Chancellor said that authorisation is must for the continuity of the session.

Professor Chaman Lal said that the Vice-Chancellor could read the items to identify the items for authorisation.

The Vice-Chancellor said that he is not going to read the agenda items. That is what he (Professor Chaman Lal) is preventing him from doing.

Professor Chaman Lal said that it could be for particular items.

Principal Hardiljit Singh Gosal said that if they want to go through the agenda, they could do so for all the agenda items. There could be no pick and choose. He requested that the meeting be adjourned.

Shri Jarnail Singh suggested that the Vice-Chancellor should convene an adjourned meeting according to his convenience.

Principal Hardiljit Singh Gosal requested the Vice-Chancellor to hold the meeting during his tenure only.

The Vice-Chancellor said that he would go and report the matter to the Chancellor as early as he could. He would preferably go to the Chancellor on 11<sup>th</sup> July after the Court hearing on 10<sup>th</sup> July. He would send a communication today itself to the Chancellor's office seeking a meeting in the Chancellor's office on 11<sup>th</sup> July. If he concedes, fine, he would tell the members and if the Chancellor refuses because of

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being busy in the Parliament session, then he would try to communicate to him via e-mail. Let him see what is the response.

Professor Ronki Ram said that there should be no difficulty for the Vice-Chancellor if he could hold a meeting. If without asking the Chancellor, the Vice-Chancellor could hold a meeting after two days, then nothing would happen.

The Vice-Chancellor said that he is not going to do it. Communications from the members have been sent to him that they would not attend the meeting under the Chairmanship of this Vice-Chancellor.

Principal Narinder Singh Sidhu and Professor Ronki Ram said that they are attending the meeting.

The Vice-Chancellor said that they (Principal Sidhu and Professor Ronki Ram) are not the signatory to the communication that has been sent to him.

Dr. Ameer Sultana said that she is also attending the meeting.

Professor Pam Rajput asked as to how many members have signed that communication.

Professor Ronki Ram requested the Vice-Chancellor to show the magnanimity and invite the members.

The Vice-Chancellor said that there is no question of magnanimity at this point of time.

Dr. Ameer Sultana said that it is not that all the Senators have signed that communication.

The Vice-Chancellor said that he is not saying that all the members have signed the communication.

Principal Hardiljit Singh Gosal said that 20 members have signed it.

Shri Jarnail Singh said that since now they have taken a decision, such things should not be referred.

The Vice-Chancellor said that he shall inform the Chancellor's office as early as he could.

Shri V.K. Sibal said that this information be sent along with full details.

Professor R.P. Bambah suggested that in the meantime the Vice-Chancellor could take some decisions in anticipation of Senate.

The Vice-Chancellor said that such things are not mentioned in the Panjab University Calendar, it is limited only to the Syndicate where the Vice-Chancellor could take decisions and inform the Syndicate. But he could not take decision on behalf of the Senate and report the same to the Senate. Regarding giving the authorisation, Professor Chaman Lal is having objection that there should be no financial involvement in such decisions.

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Shri V.K. Sibal said that they unanimously authorise the Vice-Chancellor.

The Vice-Chancellor said that he would take the decisions on the issues pointed out by Professor Emanuel Nahar, Dean Student Welfare. Whatever decisions would be taken on which Professor Emanuel Nahar would tell him, all that would be communicated to the members by e-mail. He would not do any such thing which is not reported to the Senate.

Professor R.P. Bambah requested the Vice-Chancellor to take up some other matters which needed to be taken up urgently.

The Vice-Chancellor said that he would do whatever he could.

Professor R.P. Bambah suggested that some persons who have been found guilty, at least they should be placed under suspension.

The Vice-Chancellor said that such matters require a lot of discussion and he is not going to do that.

Professor R.P. Bambah said that if such persons could not be placed under suspension, then they would continue in service.

The Vice-Chancellor said that what he could do. This is the construct and limitation of functioning of the University.

Professor Ronki Ram said that these things could be made known to the Chancellor.

Dr. Ameer Sultana said that keeping that issue in mind, they are again requesting the Vice-Chancellor to kindly adjourn the meeting and hold it again after two days.

The Vice-Chancellor said that after two days, he could just go to meet the Chancellor.

Dr. Ameer Sultana pointed out that the issue related with the Dental College is a very serious one.

The Vice-Chancellor reiterated the resolved part that the Senate today has given him an authorisation that he would attend to some matters of importance for continuity of the current academic session. Professor Emanuel Nahar, Dean Student Welfare point out on which he would take a call. Whatever call he takes, he shall communicate the same to all the members. He shall seek an appointment with the Chancellor on 11<sup>th</sup> July. If the Chancellor does not give him an appointment, then he would seek an appointment with the Secretary to the Chancellor and communicate with him today itself as to why he needed an appointment very-very urgently. He shall report to him and seek his guidance as to what he should do before 22<sup>nd</sup> July.

Professor R.P. Bambah said that they authorise the Vice-Chancellor if there is any other urgent matter.

The Vice-Chancellor clarified that Professor R.P. Bambah has proposed that if there is any other matter which requires urgency on which the Vice-Chancellor ought to

take a call, Professor R.P. Bambah asks the Vice-Chancellor to continue to take that decision.

Professor Ronki Ram said that Professor Pam Rajput has said that the Vice-Chancellor could take the decision on the issues related with the students. But what Professor Pam Rajput is saying that the item related with the persons who have been accused, if they could take up about four such items, then that issue should not be placed before the Senate today. As Professor R.P. Bambah is asking for punishing the guilty persons, that item could not have been taken up today even if they had agreed to the proposal of Professor R.P. Bambah or the Vice-Chancellor and for that a meeting could have again been convened. The issue would have remained as it is. On the suggestion of Professor R.P. Bambah, the Vice-Chancellor has accepted to take up 4 issues related with the students. As Ambassador I.S. Chadha is saying that there are important issues, out of which there are some important issues which Professor Pam Rajput, Shri V.K. Sibal and Professor R.P. Bambah have pointed out. Even if the meeting could have been held smoothly and take up the agenda items, those items would not have been taken up because that item is for consideration and required lot of discussion for which they need the whole Senate. Whatever be situation, they must call the Senate meeting at least for once.

Shri V.K. Sibal said that if the quorum is not complete, then the meeting of the Senate could not be held. But now since the Senate is sitting, this meeting could be held.

Professor Ronki Ram said that they could try to convince the members and hold the meeting after two hours.

Dr. Ameer Sultana said that in the case of Dental College, they need the 2/3<sup>rd</sup> majority of the Senate.

Professor R.P. Bambah said that they authorise the Vice-Chancellor to take action in matters of urgency. The Governance Reforms could not be discussed as it has not come through the Syndicate. The other matters which have not come through the Syndicate, could not be taken up. But the matters of urgency relating to the functioning of the University, where a lot of things have to be done, the Vice-Chancellor has a responsibility to see that the work is not stopped. So, they have faith in the Vice-Chancellor that he could take action in urgent matters.

Shri V.K. Sibal said that he has read in the newspapers that the Syndicate meeting was not held, it means that the Syndicate is abdicating its responsibility. Therefore, they could not wait for the recommendation of the Syndicate on the issues. Now the Senate could do its duty.

The Vice-Chancellor said that the Syndicate had abdicated its responsibility, let the Chancellor take a call.

Professor Pam Rajput said that the Senate has met. The quorum of the meeting is complete and all the members present in the House request the Vice-Chancellor, though she remained neutral, what is the need for the Vice-Chancellor to go to the Chancellor within two days. She wanted an answer to it.

Ambassador I.S. Chadha said that he does not agree with it.

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Continuing, Professor Pam Rajput said that after two days, it would have been okay because all the Senate members have not given in writing that they are boycotting the meeting to be chaired by the Vice-Chancellor. Only 20 members out of a total of 93 have given in writing.

Ambassador I.S. Chadha said that he respects Professor Pam Rajput, but the question is, why to go to the Chancellor. He will address. The Vice Chancellor has rightly pointed out that he (Vice Chancellor) has received in writing from a number of Senators that they would not attend the meeting.

The Vice Chancellor intervened to say that they have posted a communication on the social site.

Ambassador I.S. Chadha said that he takes it as signed by them.

The Vice Chancellor said that he does not take it as signed by them.

Ambassador I.S. Chadha said that unless he (Vice Chancellor) receives anything contrary to it, he should assume that the position they have taken that they will not attend any meeting under his Chairmanship. What is the point in convening the meeting after days. If they are prepared to attend the meeting under his Chairmanship, let them come now. They could wait for them upto 2.00 p.m. If they want to come, let them come. The question is, it is futile for him to convene "another meeting" of the Senate during his tenure when he has no assurance whatsoever that the people who have absented themselves, will they be present, if they are prepared to come for the meeting under his Chairmanship, let them come now, give them time of two hours. If they are prepared to attend the meeting under his Chairmanship, let them come. This meeting is on, it is not adjourned.

The Vice Chancellor said, let they should adjourn it for two hours and meet after lunch.

Shri Jarnail Singh and Principal Hardiljit Singh Gosal said that till that time even the present members would go.

Ambassador I.S. Chadha said, bring them in.

Professor Ronki Ram said that they (members) will not come. If they are a bit adamant, then they should not be more adamant than them. If they have given in writing that they will not attend Senate meeting under the Chairmanship of the Vice Chancellor, but even then the Vice Chancellor said that he would convene another meeting. If they come to attend the meeting, it would be a good thing. It is not the question of prestige.

The Vice Chancellor said that he would not call the meeting, he has only said he will only seek guidance from the Chancellor.

Shri Jarnail Singh, Professor Ronki Ram and Dr. Dalip Kumar said, it is okay.

The Vice Chancellor said that if the Chancellor asks him to convene the meeting, he would convene. He will not say to the Chancellor that he will not convene the meeting because he is convening these meeting in his (Chancellor) absence. He himself presides over a very complicated duty as Rajya Sabha Chairman. He is a very experienced Parliamentarian. He would give an advice which he (Vice Chancellor) cannot conceive on the basis of his experience in academic life but the Chancellor is a public man and he will give him sane advice which would be in the best interest of the

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society and the institution. On being asked by some members whether the meeting could be held again, the Vice Chancellor said that it is the Chancellor only who could decide about it. He has his own personal opinion, he is also a person. He is presiding over this office as continuity to the 11<sup>th</sup> Vice Chancellor of this University. Why he should do something which amounts to lowering the dignity of the office of the Vice Chancellor of this University. He does not want to set any precedent which lowers the dignity of the office of the Vice Chancellor, the Chief Executive Officer of this University. He requested the members to go back and think why has this crisis got nucleated.

The Vice Chancellor thanked the members and the meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair.

**RESOLVED:** That the meeting be adjourned and in the meanwhile the Vice-Chancellor be authorized on behalf of the Senate to take decision on administrative matters which are of immense urgency in the interest of the students and academics of the University and also take call on the matters to be pointed out by Professor Emanuel Nahar, Dean Students Welfare.

( G.S. Chadha )  
Registrar

Confirmed

( Arun Kumar Grover )  
VICE CHANCELLOR