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**PANJAB UNIVERSITY, CHANDIGARH**

Minutes of the meeting of the **SENATE** held on **Tuesday, 5<sup>th</sup> July 2022 at 02.00 p.m.** through an online mode, at Panjab University, Chandigarh.

**PRESENT:**

1. Professor Raj Kumar ... (in the Chair)  
Vice Chancellor
2. Professor Akhtar Mahmood
3. Dr. Amit Joshi
4. Professor Arun Grover
5. Dr. Arvinder Singh Bhalla
6. Professor Ashok Kumar
7. Dr. Balbir Chand Josan
8. Shri Davesh Moudgil
9. Professor Devinder Singh
10. Dr. Dinesh Kumar
11. Professor Gaurav Gaur
12. Shri Gurjot Singh Malhi
13. Dr. Gurmeet Singh
14. Dr. Gurmit Singh
15. Dr. Harjodh Singh
16. Professor Hemant Batra
17. Shri Honey Thakur
18. Dr. Inderpal Singh Sidhu
19. Professor Jagat Bhushan
20. Shri Jagdeep Kumar
21. Dr, Jagtar Singh
22. Dr. Jagwant Singh
23. Dr. Jatinder Kaur
24. Dr. Jayanti Dutta
25. Dr. K.K. Sharma
26. Shri Kapil Sharma
27. Dr. Kirandeep Kaur
28. Dr. Krishan Gauba
29. Dr. Kuldip Kaur Dhaliwal
30. Shri Lajwant Singh Virk
31. Dr. Lakhvir Singh on behalf of DHE, Chd.
32. Dr. Latika
33. Dr. Mritunjay Kumar
34. Dr. Mukesh Kumar Arora
35. Dr. N.R. Sharma
36. Dr. Neeru Malik
37. Dr. Neetu Ohri
38. Dr. Nidhi Gautam
39. Dr. Parveen Goyal
40. Professor Prashant Gautam
41. Dr. Priyatosh Sharma
42. Professor Rajat Sandhir
43. Dr. Rajesh Kumar Mahajan
44. Shri Rajiv Kumar Gupta, IAS, DHE Punjab
45. Shri Ravinder Singh

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46. Professor Ravi Inder Singh
47. Dr. R.S. Jhanji
48. Professor Renu Vij
49. Dr. Rupinder Kaur
50. Professor S.K. Tomar
51. Dr. Sandeep Kataria
52. Shri Sandeep Singh
53. Shri Satya Pal Jain
54. Professor Savita Gupta
55. Dr. Savita Kansal
56. Dr. Shiv Kumar Dogra
57. Shri Simranjit Singh Dhillon
58. Professor Sonal Chawla
59. Professor Sukhbir Kaur
60. Professor Sushil Kansal
61. Dr. Surinder Singh Sangha
62. Professor Yojna Rawat
63. Professor Y.P. Verma ... (Secretary)  
Registrar

The following members could not attend the meeting:

1. Dr. Aruna Goel
2. S. Bhagwant Maan
3. Dr. Dayal Partap Singh Randhawa
4. Shri Dharam Pal Adviser CHD-UT
5. Shri Gurmeet Singh Meet Hayer
6. Professor Harmohinder Singh Bedi
7. Dr. Harpreet Singh Dua
8. Dr. Jagdish Chander
9. Professor Jatinder Grover
10. Smt. Kirron Kher
11. Dr. Kuldeep Agnihotri
12. Shri Manish Wayyer
13. Shri Naresh Gaur
14. Dr. Nisha Bhargava
15. Shri Prabhjit Singh
16. Mr. Justice Ravi Shanker Jha
17. Shri Sanjeev Kumar Bandlish
18. Dr. Shaminder Singh Sandhu
19. Shri Som Parkash
20. Dr. Suresh Kumar
21. Shri Varinder Singh

At the outset, the Vice Chancellor greeted the members of the House.

**I.** The Vice Chancellor said, “With a deep sense of sorrow, I may inform the honorable members of this august house about the sad demise of –

- i) Dr. Surinder Sharma, former Professor of the Department of Chemistry, who had also officiated as Director, Youth Welfare, on June 27, 2022.
- ii) Dr. R.K. Chhabra, former Professor, SSBUICT, on June 29, 2022.”

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The Senate expressed its sorrow and grief over the passing away of Dr. Surinder Sharma and Dr. R.K. Chhabra, and observed two minutes silence, to pay homage to the departed souls.

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

**II.** The Vice Chancellor said, "I am pleased to inform the honourable members of the Senate about the excellent conduct of the recent elections of the Syndicate. I look forward to the guidance of the newly elected Syndics for the smooth conduct of the day to day affairs of the University to see it touch new pinnacles".

**RESOLVED:** That the information contained in Vice Chancellor's Statements, be noted.

**III.** Considered minutes dated 10.03.2022 and 22.03.2022 (**Appendix-I**) of Joint Academic and Administrative Committees of University Business School (**Item C-1 on the agenda**), regarding the change in nomenclature from MBA (Executive) to Master of Business Administration (MBA) along with Regulations and Rules (**Appendix-I**), being offered at USOL, from the session 2022-23 onwards.

- NOTE:**
1. UGC-DEB Guidelines dated 04.09.2020 were enclosed (**Appendix-I**).
  2. The above item had been approved by the Vice Chancellor for placing before the Senate, in exercise of the powers of the Syndicate, in terms of the authorization given by the Senate in its meeting dated 13.02.2022 (Para II).

Professor Yojna Rawat stated that she would like to make submission about the MBA course being offered at University School of Open Learning since long time. In fact, there was an observation/objection from Distance Education Board/Bureau because they had mentioned the nomenclature of this course "MBA (Executive)". The objection of the Board/Bureau was that the nomenclature of the course should be same, i.e., the course which is being offered in parent Department (University Business School). Keeping in view the objection of the Board, the change in nomenclature has been brought. The entire curriculum has been got approved from the Board of Studies of University Business School. Secondly, earlier the MBA (Executive) was being offered only to the persons, who had been employed/self-employed. Now, the scope of the course has widened as the unemployed persons are also eligible to seek admission to this course. As such, now more number of persons could get admission to this course. Resultantly, the seats of MBA course at USOL would not be left vacant. If the response to this course is much better, they could request the DEB to allow them to enhance the seats. In this way, the University would generate more revenue and the students would also be benefitted as more and more students would be able to do MBA from Panjab University. She further said that the other terms and conditions of this course are same. University Business School awards MBA (Honours) degree to the successful students, whereas the USOL, P.U. Regional Centre and affiliated Colleges all are under the same banner and their curriculum is same, which had been approved by the Board of Studies of University Business School. This is a very good initiative and it would definitely widen the scope of this course. She reiterated that it would not only generate more revenue to the University but also benefit the students. This is a very popular course and the placement of the successful students is 100%.

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Dr. Parveen Goyal said that he endorsed the viewpoints expressed by Professor Yojna Rawat. He said that they are supposed to adopt the guidelines of Distance Education Bureau as well as University Grants Commission relating to this course. Under this, there are three courses namely B.Com., M.Com. and MBA. About 5,000 to 6,000 students opted for these courses and the University got an income of about Rs.8 crore. Some of the faculty members, who had been imparting instructions for these courses, had retired and some more are going to retire shortly. Hence, there is a dire need of recruitment of faculty. Presently, there is only one regular faculty member and one on *ad hoc* basis at University School of Open Learning. At least four faculty members are needed to be recruited to take care of these courses at University School of Open Learning. He suggested that the item should be approved.

Professor Prashant Gautam, endorsing the viewpoints expressed by Professor Yojna Rawat, said that this is a very good initiative as this course would now be open to more number of candidates. With this, the University would definitely get more revenue. He suggested that they should go ahead with the proposal.

Dr. Jagwant Singh stated that he had serious observation about this programme. He would like to draw their kind attention towards Regulation 10-1(iv) on Quality Assurance. If they go through this, it would become crystal clear that they have to maintain same standard of quality as in conventional mode, i.e., as is being done at University Business School. The MBA Programme falls within the jurisdiction of AICTE and not the University Grants Commission as the Regulatory Body for this course is AICTE. The entire exercise should have been referred to AICTE. If they introduced this programme in Distance Education, equating it with General degree of University Business School, without any entrance test without assuring in any manner that the same standards would be maintained, they would be making a major compromise. They are referring to UGC Regulations, whereas the Regulatory Authority for MBA is AICTE. Even if they refer to UGC Regulations, they say that they have to maintain same standard in distance mode as well. In University Business School the students take admission through an entrance test, whereas in this case they are moving from MBA (Executive) to MBA (General), because for MBA (Executive) the candidates required experience. Either they should equate MBA (Executive) course being offered at USOL with the MBA (Executive) being offered at University Business School or for MBA (General) they need to ensure that all the regulatory provisions of AICTE, including UGC, which are being referred to, the same quality assurance has to be maintained. However, he did not find that the Distance Education Programme would be able to match the same standards, which they are maintaining at University Business School. Hence, it would be a serious compromise on the academics.

Professor Jagat Bhushan said that he would like to talk in the context of the observations made by Dr. Jagwant Singh. For making admissions at University Business School, they take into consideration different examinations. MBA Programme is also being run at University Institute of Applied Management Sciences also, where they conduct separate entrance test. Similarly, for admission to MBA Programme being offered at USOL, they conduct separate entrance test. As such, parallel entrance tests are being conducted for admission to this course at different institutes, but no compromise on quality is being made at any place, although the mechanism for entry to this course is different.

Dr. Nidhi Gautam said that they have entrance test. At University Business School, the students are admitted through CAT, at University Institute of Applied Management Sciences through MET and University School of Open Learning conducted

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their own entrance test. As such, there is no problem as the admissions are always made on merit and the same are approved by the AICTE. They had never compromised on the AICTE norms.

The Vice Chancellor said that in view of the observations made by the Hon'ble members, he would like to inform them that he could quote the example of two universities, though there are many Universities, University of Delhi and Banaras Hindu University. Dozens of MBA programmes are being offered at many universities without compromising with the quality. Secondly, in the light of the NEP, 2020, there is full flexibility with the classroom teaching and they are promoting online courses keeping in view the norms laid down by the AICTE/UGC. Thirdly, though the University is an autonomous body, he is sure that these institutes would have certainly taken care of the norms laid down by the AICTE/UGC.

**RESOLVED:** That the recommendation(s) of Joint Academic and Administrative Committees of University Business School dated 10.03.2022 (**Appendix-I**), regarding the change in nomenclature from MBA (Executive) to Master of Business Administration (MBA) being offered at USOL, from the session 2022-23 onwards, be approved.

**RESOLVED FURTHER:** That the Regulations and Rules for Master of Business Administration (MBA) effective from the session 2022-23, as per **Appendix**, be approved.

**IV.**

Considered recommendations dated 10.05.2022 (**Appendix-II**) of Joint Academic and Administrative Committee (JAAC) of DCSA (**Item C-2 on the agenda**) that B.Voc. (Software Development), B.Voc. (Hardware and Networking) and B.Voc. Multimedia (Graphics and Animations) with at least 50%, be added in the eligibility criteria for Advanced Diploma in Computer Applications (being run in USOL) from the academic session 2022-23.

- NOTE:**
1. A copy of minutes dated 01.06.2022, constituted by the Vice-Chancellor, to recommend an appropriate mechanism, as an interim arrangement for smooth conduct of various academic activities in the University is enclosed (**Appendix-II**).
  2. The above item had been approved by the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor for placing before Senate, in exercise of the powers of the Syndicate, in terms of authorization given by the Senate in its meeting dated 13.02.2022 (Para II).

Professor Sonal Chawla stated that the notification of UGC came to University School of Open Learning (USOL) in September 2020 through which they had asked the parent Institution (USOL) for running this Post Graduate Diploma in Computer Applications (PGDCA) course. The UGC Regulations wanted distinction between the same course, which was being offered in the affiliated Colleges and the University Campus. So this course was given a different nomenclature as per the UGC notification and it was called as Advanced Diploma in Computer Applications (ADCA). The eligibility for PGDCA was – any graduation with 50% marks, but the eligibility for ADCA was determined by the JAAC and apart from graduates, the candidate having done B.Voc. (Software Development), B.Voc. (Hardware and Networking) and B.Voc. Multimedia (Graphics and Animations) with at least 50% were also made eligible for admission to this course, which is a great appreciative measure. They had included in it Software Development, Hardware and Networking and Graphics and Animations because at several places the candidates having done these courses were denied admissions. At the moment, the University is offering two courses, i.e., PGDCA in affiliated Colleges and ADCA at the University

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Campus. The eligibility criteria for ADCA is same, and only the above-said three courses have been added so that they could get wider coverage. In the light of this, she requested the house to approve the item and the efforts of the Department may also be lauded.

The Vice Chancellor said that since there is no other observation by any of the Hon'ble members, the item is approved.

**RESOLVED:** That B.Voc. (Software Development), B.Voc. (Hardware and Networking) and B.Voc. Multimedia (Graphics and Animations) with at least 50%, be added in the eligibility criteria for Advanced Diploma in Computer Applications (being run in USOL), from the academic session 2022-23.

**V.** Considered minutes dated 24.05.2022 (**Appendix-III**) of the Admission Facilitation Committee (**Item C-3 on the agenda**).

**NOTE:** The above item had been approved by the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor for placing before Senate, in exercise of the powers of the Syndicate, in terms of authorization given by the Senate in its meeting dated 13.02.2022 (Para II).

Professor Savita Gupta stated that, in fact, three items were discussed in these minutes and one of the important items is undergraduate programmes being offered in the University. As they all knew, the UGC has declared one Entrance Test namely Common University Entrance Test (CUET), through which they would make admissions to all the undergraduate courses with effect from the academic session 2022-23. In this context, they had got a letter from the Department of Higher Education & Languages, Government of Punjab, in April 2022, and they tried to register on CUET portal, but due to certain technical problem(s), they could not get registered this year as there were certain pre-requisites for registration on this portal. As such, they could not get registered on the portal this year and the Dean of University Instruction had apprised the members that this year, they would make admissions to their undergraduate courses through the CET to be conducted by the University itself, but from next year, they would make admissions to their undergraduate programmes through CUET. Since certain seats in the University remained vacant, they had decided in the interest of the University that, if certain seats remained vacant, they would fill them in accordance with the merit of CUET. Hence, in the interest of the University, this item should be approved.

Continuing, Professor Savita Gupta stated that the other item, which was discussed in the Committee meeting, was relating to Entrance Test for B.Ed. Special Education & Learning Disability Programme. Now the Department has proposed the admission criteria for admission to B.Ed. Special Education and for that they would also conduct the aptitude test. They had also determined the criteria for the Entrance Test, e.g., maximum marks for test = 50, duration of the test = 1 hour and pass percentage = 40% marks, weightage for the test = 50% marks and weightage to the qualifying exam would also be 50%. According to her, this a very genuine concern to ensure the quality. As such, the admission criteria should be approved. Third item, which was discussed in the meeting of the Committee, related to B.Com. programme to be offered at P.U. Rural Centre, Kauni. A few years ago, this course was discontinued. Now, the Centre has again sent the proposal to re-start the course. A Sub-Committee was constituted, which formulated all the modalities and it recommended that B.Com. course be again started at P.U. Rural Centre, Kauni, with 70 seats, and the logistic support, like repair of building, water tank, etc., could be provided before the start of the course. These three items were discussed in the Admission Facilitation Committee. She requested that the recommendation of the Admission Facilitation Committee should be approved. She further

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said that she would like to place on record a token of appreciations and gratitude for their worthy and Hon'ble Vice-President of India and Chancellor, Panjab University, Shri M. Venkaiah Naidu and Vice Chancellor, Professor Raj Kumar ji, for nominating so many women on the Senate, the apex body of Panjab University. This is for the first time that 40% of the members are women and all are very good academicians along with the other members. Now, they had changed the face of the Senate by nominating so many academicians on the apex body. Hence, now it has become purely an academic body. Earlier, people thought that it is an administrative body. Now, people would change their perception and say that these (Senate & Syndicate) are basically academic bodies and they would work in the interest of the University. She further said that it should be included in the Vice Chancellor's Statement that, this is for the first time, that a delegation of Vice Chancellors lead by Smt. Anandiben Mafatbhai Patel visited the University to study the best practices prevailing in Panjab University, which is a heritage University. They showed various centres to the delegation. In fact, it was really a learning experience for them as well as for the delegation. They had even invited them (delegation of Panjab University) as well to visit Universities in Uttar Pradesh, so that they could collaborate with them in various emerging areas. With these words, she once again congratulated the Vice Chancellor for conducting the election of the Syndicate smoothly and successfully.

Professor Prashant Gautam said that he would like to continue from where Professor Savita Gupta has left. He congratulated the Chancellor and the Vice Chancellor for making a lot of efforts to give these bodies appropriate academic shape. The Hon'ble Chancellor during his Convocation address had stressed for women education and suggested that the outreach of the University should reach the rural areas. He thought that the approval of this item would certainly help the University to work in this direction. The second recommendation of the Committee is to restart B.Com Course at P.U. Rural Centre, Kauni, which is situated in a remote area in the Border area. It has come to his notice that the majority of the students, who studied in this centre, are female. According to him, the education must reach at the door steps of the students, especially female students. Since the Centre has all the basic amenities, including building, space, etc., why B.Com. Course should not be re-started there. It is the responsibility of the University to get the education reach in rural/remotest areas, especially where majority of the students are female. As such, they must fulfil the dream of their Hon'ble Chancellor that the education should be taken to rural/remotest areas of the country. He, therefore, suggested that the item should be approved.

Professor Rajat Sandhir said that firstly he would like to congratulate all the members of the newly elected Syndicate and he is very happy to see that most of the members are from the University. He knew that the Syndicate member meant more responsibility and they all look forward towards them for their contribution to the University. Referring to re-starting of B.Com. course at P.U. Rural Centre, Kauni, he said that when he looked at the composition of Committee, there is none from the Commerce in the Committee. Moreover, there are two regular members at P.U. Rural Centre, Kauni, and he agreed with his other colleagues that this Centre needed to be strengthened. He would like the Vice Chancellor to look into the feasibility for admitting 70 students to B.Com. course at P.U. Rural Centre, Kauni. He requested the Vice Chancellor to make sure that instructions for this course are imparted to the students for which they are making the intent for re-starting this course. But nobody has highlighted as to why this course was discontinued, and if the reasons were the same, they needed to reset the reasons and not just re-start the course. So he would say that they should strengthen it by recruiting the faculty, so that the students are not deprived of right kind of faculty. He added that he did not see anybody representing the subject of Commerce in the Committee.

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Professor Latika said that recommendation 2 of the Committee is relating to B.Ed. Special Education for Learning Disabilities to which the admissions would be through the Department of Community Education and Disability Studies. They had done a very good thing by introducing the Entrance Test for general B.Ed. admission also, which would bring both the courses at par.

Professor Jagat Bhushan, referring to CUET, said that at the moment they had a very different character as they did not have any reservation for the candidates belonging to reserved categories residing in any particular part of India. Hence, CUET would definitely a good platform through which they could attract good talent. In fact, it would certainly prove to be a positive step. Although they could not meet the deadlines this time, next year their target is to meet those and get the registration done within the stipulated time and inform the candidates and the general public well in advance so that they could a good response.

Dr. Dinesh Kumar said that he is supporting this particular item as far as B.Com courses are concerned. However, his concern is that the department has also asked for the introduction of the new courses, but the Committee has only taken into consideration B.Com. Earlier, this course was there but the same was discontinued. At the same time, they also wanted to start Comparative Study of Religion at Graduation Level. However, as per his knowledge and University Calendar, no course could be started without the approval of the Board of Studies. First of all, they have to go to the Board of Studies and get the course along with the course contents approved and thereafter the course could be started with the approval of the Syndicate. As such, his humble request is that they should look into this aspect. So far as re-starting of B.Com. course at P.U. Rural Centre, Kauni, is concerned, they should approve the same. However, if they started Comparative Study of Religion at Undergraduate Level, the study would entirely base on the religion. He further said that he would like to congratulate all the members of the newly elected Syndicate.

Dr. Parveen Goyal stated that this academic platform has been made of different constituencies, which comprised of teachers, students and non-teaching staff members. After so many years, the election of the newly Syndicate has been done unanimously, for which all deserved congratulations. All this has been possible with the blessings of Chancellor, Vice Chancellor, and senior Fellows of the University. He further said that last time also they had discussed the issue of digitization. Perhaps, it has happened in the University for the first time that they had issued the e-agenda of the Senate meeting for the first time, due to which they had been able to make a saving a sum of Rs.58.67 lacs, which would have to be spent on papers, photocopying, transportation charges, etc.

The Vice Chancellor requested Dr. Goyal to confine himself to the agenda item.

Dr. Parveen Goyal said that they should try to prepone the deadline for admissions through online mode, with which they would definitely receive more response from the candidates.

Dr. Jagwant Singh pointed out that perhaps, a Committee, under the chairpersonship of Professor Yojna Rawat, has been constituted to look into a legal aspect about P.U. Rural Centre, Kauni. Two meetings of the Committee had already been held and they had sought some record from the Estate Branch, including transfer of land deed from Punjab Agricultural University (PAU), Ludhiana, because this document is missing from the record which has been provided to them. The Estate Branch could not produce this document in both the meetings that this institute had been transferred from PAU to



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Panjab University. In the original proceedings of the meeting, in which Professor K.N. Pathak, the then Vice Chancellor had disassociated himself, it has been directed that the transfer deed should be obtained/procured. The issue is that if this property has not been transferred in the name of Panjab University, it meant there are some lacunae. Secondly, if they see the faculty available at P.U. Rural, Centre, Kauni, they would find that they did not meet the laid down norms. Thirdly, he is pained to say that the guest faculty working in Regional Centres as well as in affiliated Colleges is treated like daily-wagers. He had said again and again that the injustice, which has been meted out to them, needed to be corrected. The position of the guest faculty working at PU Rural Centre, Kauni, is the same.

Dr. Mukesh Arora suggested that the Item should be approved. He said that, as stated by Professor Prashant Gautam, P.U. Rural Centre, Kauni, is a very good Centre. Earlier, B.Com. course was offered there. Whenever the Director changed, certain changes did take place. The subject of present Director is Commerce and she has put in a lot of efforts to re-start B.Com. course, for which he congratulated her. Moreover, people of that area also demanded that B.Com. course should be offered at P.U. Rural Centre, Kauni. The Hon'ble Vice Chancellor had also extended all kinds of help in this regard and, hence; he also thanked him (Vice Chancellor) for this. He further said that, as said by Dr. Jagwant Singh, some mechanism should be evolved to regularize the services of faculty members (temporary/*ad hoc*) of P.U. Regional/Rural Centres as they are serving there for the last several year. It would be a great contribution of the Hon'ble Vice Chancellor.

Dr. Priyatosh Sharma clarified that as per Panjab University policy the intake of 70 students in B.Com. course is one unit. As such, only one unit has been given. Even if less students take admission, there would not be any problem. Hence, the intake of 70 students should not be made a big issue. Secondly, Dr. Dinesh Kumar had raised the issue of introduction of Comparative Study of Religion, but it is being introduced as an elective subject at the graduation level and it is not a different degree. Thirdly, he is sure that the University would try to resolve the issue raised by Dr. Jagwant Singh and Dr. Mukesh Arora regarding the condition of faculty working at P.U. Regional/Rural Centres. But owing to those issues, the people of those areas, especially the female students could not be allowed to be deprived of education. In fact, it is a very good thing and a big contribution of the University for imparting education in those rural areas. He felt that they should take a considerate view and should appreciate the efforts put in by different persons.

Professor Sukhbir Kaur stated that the points, which she wanted to raise, had in fact already been covered. She just wanted to add that Dr. Dinesh Kumar was telling that the University has proposed to introduce a new course namely Comparative Study of Religion, whereas it is just an another elective subject at the graduation level. She pointed out that the fourth recommendation of the Committee related to UGC Regulations with regard to offer Twinning, Joint degree and Dual degree programmes with Foreign Higher Educational Institutes. This notification had been issued by the UGC, which they could adopt, in principle, and deliberate on it later on. Continuing, she congratulated the Hon'ble Vice Chancellor for taking the University to new heights so far as academics are concerned. She also appreciated the efforts made by Hon'ble Vice Chancellor for getting the Senate and Syndicate constituted. Perhaps, it is for the first time in the history of the University that the Syndicate has been elected unanimously. She also thanked all the Fellows, who participated in the Syndicate election, as they all were cordial and they helped each other in electing the Syndicate unanimously. It showed that the University is moving in a right and positive direction and they all are joining hands for upliftment of academics, which was not happening earlier. She complemented the Vice Chancellor as all this had been possible with the efforts of the Vice Chancellor and the vision of the

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Hon'ble Chancellor. Professor Savita Gupta had already said that all the members of the Syndicate are good academicians and everybody is doing a wonderful job in their respective field. She thanked the Vice Chancellor for helping the University in moving forward in academics.

Dr. Neeru Malik stated that, first of all, she would like to thank the Vice Chancellor for considering them as members of the Syndicate. Secondly, she endorsed the viewpoints expressed by Professor Yojna Rawat, Professor Savita Gupta, Professor Prashant Gautam, Dr. Jagwant Singh and Dr. Mukesh Arora. She added that they are just introducing a subject, "Comparative Study of Religion" at the graduation level, but she would like to request for introduction of certain new courses, e.g., B.A. (Yoga), B.Sc. (Yog Sciences), M.A. (Yoga), Yoga Sciences, with which they could raise the flag of victory in India because these courses are in great demand. They could also organize an orientation relating to introduction of these courses. From her side, all the items (1,2 and 3) are approved.

Dr. Nidhi Gautam suggested that this item should be approved because the University is progressing and they are considering all the rural areas with them. As said by Professor Savita Gupta and Professor Sukhbir Kaur, they are really thankful to the Vice President of India and Chancellor Panjab University as also the Vice Chancellor for considering women as 'Nari Shakti' and nominating so many women on the Senate. They have tried to take all the persons along. There are 60 to 70 per cent girl students in the University. It is for the first time that so many women are representing in the Senate and Syndicate, for which she is thankful to all. From her side, the item is approved.

The Vice Chancellor said that, in this way, the item is approved.

**RESOLVED:** That the recommendations of the Admission Facilitation Committee dated 24.05.2022, as per **Appendix**, be approved.

**VI.** Considered minutes dated 11.04.2022 (**Appendix-IV**) of the Committee (**Item C-4 on the agenda**), constituted by the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor (as per authorization given by the Syndicate vide Para-29 dated 08.03.2020) with regard to draft Roster (**Appendix-IV**) for the post of Associate Professor.

**NOTE:** The above item had been approved by the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor for placing before Senate, in exercise of the powers of the Syndicate, in terms of authorization given by the Senate in its meeting dated 13.02.2022 (Para II).

Initiating the discussion Professor Hemant Batra said that firstly he would like to thank the Chair for giving him an opportunity to speak. This item has been a long standing item and it is one of the basic items required for selection to take place in the University. It was after a long time effort which was started by the Vice-Chancellor and as per his opinion they have completed all the formalities required for the draft roster. He requested that all the new selections should be made at the earliest.

Professor Devinder Singh said while congratulating the Vice-Chancellor that he would like to express his view on the item for draft roster. This has haunted the University since the last 10 years and the University could not get through this. Presently, there is a dire need of the draft roster at the level of Associate Professor so that the experienced Faculty could be inducted in the University. With the efforts being made by the present Administration and all members under the guidance of the Vice-Chancellor, the roster has seen the light of the day which has been pending. He is in favour of this roster, this

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should immediately be passed and the process for recruitment at the Associate level be started.

Shri Davesh Moudgil said that he fully agreed to pass this Agenda item. He would like to congratulate the Vice-Chancellor for the constitution of Syndicate which remained pending due to COVID-19 pandemic. He would like to congratulate all the newly elected members of the Syndicate and it is a matter of proud that the election has been conducted in such a way as reported by media persons, which is expected from the academic institution. This unanimous election has created a history for first time. The credit for this went to Vice-Chancellor and Shri Satya Pal Jain Ji under whose guidance the election to the members of the Syndicate was held in a peaceful manner.

Professor Shiv Kumar Dogra congratulated and wished all the best to the newly elected Syndicate members. He said that it was pending from a very long time to initiate the recruitment process. The preparation of the roster, which has been approved by the Vice-Chancellor, is the first step to move forward in this direction. He stated that item C-4 should be approved.

Dr. Dinesh Kumar said that he would like to congratulate the Vice-Chancellor regarding the roster. After going through the roster, it has been observed that it is absolutely flawless and in the Court of Law also it could not be challenged. After a number of years, such a roster has been prepared by the concerned members of the Committee and they should also be congratulated for the same. He stated that now the doors are open for new recruitment.

The Vice-Chancellor said that this item is approved with a note of appreciation to the members of the concerned Committee.

**RESOLVED:** That the recommendation of the Committee dated 11.4.2022 that the roster for 289 posts of Associate Professors having reservation for Scheduled Castes (15%), Scheduled Tribes (7.5%) and Persons with Disability (4%) categories, as per **Appendix**, be approved.

**RESOLVED FURTHER:** That appreciations of the Senate be conveyed to the Committee for putting in a lot of efforts in preparing the roster.

**VII.** Considered minutes dated 29.03.2022 (**Appendix-V**) of the online meeting of College Development Council (**Item C-5 on the agenda**).

**NOTE:** The above item had been approved by the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor for placing before Senate, in exercise of the powers of the Syndicate, in terms of authorization given by the Senate in its meeting dated 13.02.2022 (Para II).

Initiating discussion, Principal S.S. Sangha said that the office of the College Development Council is doing very well. He requested that the scholarships for this academic session should be allowed to the students at the time of start of the new academic session so that the students may not face any difficulty at the later stage.

Dr. Parveen Goyal pointed out that the rules relating to grant of affiliation/extension of affiliation to the Colleges are available at page 205 of P.U. Calendar, Volume-III. Accordingly, a circular was issued from the office of Dean College Development Council vide No.29622 dated 30.09.2021. The fee and last date for receipt of application for grant of affiliation and extension of affiliation to the Colleges had clearly been

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mentioned in Rules 1 (iii)(a) & (b) at page 205 of P.U. Calendar, Volume III, 2019. There is a difference of one month for receipt of application for grant of affiliation and extension of affiliation. For the grant of affiliation Rule 1(iii)(a) is to be referred and for extension of affiliation 1(iii)(b) is to be referred. For grant of extension of affiliation, fee has to be deposited before 1<sup>st</sup> November and for grant of affiliation, the prescribed fee is to be remitted before 1<sup>st</sup> October. According to him, the Rule 1(iii)(a) should be deleted and it should be got examined by the office of the Dean College Development Council that point 1(iii)(b) should only be considered while issuing the circular in this regard. Resultantly, when the application along with the prescribed fee for the purpose is not deposited in time, the Colleges have to bear the financial loss of around Rs.1 Lac.

Professor Sonal Chawla said that firstly she would like to thank the College Development Council for disbursing scholarships and giving financial assistance to the students of the Colleges. It is very noteworthy amongst these scholarships is the scholarship introduced from the session 2022-23 onwards for the wards of both parents died due to COVID-19. It is a very appreciable gesture on the part of College Development Council that such type of scholarship has been introduced from the session 2022-23. She again congratulated the office of DCDC for beginning to disburse this scholarship and she felt that this item of C-5 may be approved without having any kind of a glitch further.

Dr. Neeru Malik thanked the Vice-Chancellor and the team of DCDC. When the meeting of the Council was held, the issue was placed before the Council if both the parents of a child died due to COVID then there should be no drop out rather the University should have to boost them. The Panjab University has taken a very good initiative in this direction and she thanked all for accepting the opinion expressed by them in the meeting of the Council. She said that from her side the item C-5 should be passed.

**RESOLVED:** That the recommendations of College Development Council dated 29.03.2022, as per **Appendix**, be approved.

**VIII.** Considered minutes dated 21.06.2022 (**Appendix-VI**) of the Committee (**Item C-6 on the agenda**), constituted by the Vice-Chancellor to allow University Institute of Applied Management Sciences to independently run the Ph.D. Course in Applied Management and Sectoral domains from the session 2022-23.

Initiating discussion, Professor Yojna Rawat stated that this matter is pending from the last many years and this is being demanded by the students and teachers since long. It was very unfortunate that although this Institute was established in 2008, yet it took more than 13-14 years to start Ph.D. independently. Earlier, the teachers were not able to supervise Ph.D. students and students were also deprived of their right to education. This had really harmed the University in a big manner as there are 14 regular Faculty members at University Institute of Applied Management Sciences. Though there was no clash between the main Department, i.e., UBS and University Institute of Applied Management Sciences, due to certain reasons of rigid frame of mind set, this has been delayed so long. Now, this has opened a new door for the teachers as well as for the students. She added that this has already harmed a lot both to the students and the teachers. This decision should be taken in a good and positive spirit. She suggested that this should be approved and she is hopeful that her other Fellow colleagues would also appreciate the decision taken by the Committee and would certainly give their consent. After the approval, this decision would also be applicable to the University Institute of Hotel & Tourism Management.

Professor Sushil Kansal said that when this decision of the Committee had come in his knowledge, he was surprised to know that why this has not been done before as this

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should have been done much earlier. It is not justified to stop the teachers for supervising research students. He came to know about this situation, when the issue was raised under the able guidance of the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor. This decision should immediately be implemented. By denying research students to these 13-14 faculty members of UIAMS and 4-5 teachers of UIHTM, the University is lagging behind and forcing the students to join neighbouring Universities for doing research leading to Ph.D. degree. He suggested that the recommendations of the Committee should be approved and implemented, so that concerned Institutes could enroll/register Ph.D. students.

Professor Latika stated that both UIAMS and UIHTM could become major Research Centres in Applied Management Research. It is the mandate of the University that the research work should be promoted. The students guided by the faculty of UIAMS and UIHTM would become a good human resource and promote the research practices in the University. She requested that the Director, Research & Development Cell should be requested to improve the quality of the research, and if need be, the guidelines to this effect should be framed at the earliest and these Departments may be encouraged to become excellent Research Centres. This decision should be implemented from the current academic session so that they could make admissions and initiate the work towards Pre-Ph.D. course work. She hoped that if this decision is approved by the House, it would definitely prove to be a big milestone to promote research and University would also gain name in the field of research.

Professor Savita Gupta stated that the main initiative of the University is research oriented teaching, especially for Post-Graduate programmes. Various Post-graduate courses are being run at UIAMS and UIHTM. In these P.G. courses, majority of programmes are research oriented and students are supposed to work on projects. Without research oriented teaching, the placements of students would be affected. Moreover, 13 faculty members of UIAMS also required to carry out research, which is also very important for their personal career growth and quality teaching. It should also be kept in mind that the University is known for research and they are also taking steps for NAAC accreditation. The minor modification(s) in the constitution of the Research Board for Commerce and Management should be made. She, therefore, requested that the constitution of the Research Board for Commerce and Management should be modified keeping in view the existence of the UIAMS and UIHTM, so that the faculty could guide the research students. More and more research scholars could be admitted because on the basis of number of research scholars, the University could earn good score from NAAC. With higher ranking, the position of the University could also be improved. She requested the Vice-Chancellor to approve and implement this item immediately, so that these Institutes could enroll/register Ph.D. students during this session itself.

Dr. Jayanti Dutta said that this decision of running Ph.D. course independently at University Institute of Applied Management & Studies is one of the forward looking and academic decision and these kinds of decisions would take their University forward. This department is interdisciplinary in nature having students from Engineering, Medicine and Applied Management background. Therefore, this item should be passed without any second thought.

Dr. Nidhi Gautam said that, first of all, she would like to thank everyone for supporting this cause as UIAMS and UIHTM were fighting for the same from the last several years. They were not fighting unnecessarily. They are in the University and University is known for its research. Their Institute is for Applied Management and they can do a lot in the area of their research, but they were restrained. She thanked the

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Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor and all the members, who supported and encouraged her that it can be done. From her side, the item is approved.

Dr. Neeru Malik said that she also endorsed the viewpoints expressed by the esteemed members of the House because the University Institute of Applied & Management Studies and University Institute of Hotel & Tourism Management can fill the grey areas in the fields of their research by providing not only the Ph.D. to their respective departments, but also carry a lot of interdisciplinary and multi-disciplinary research. They could fill the grey areas as well as enhance researchers into collaborations. Endorsing the viewpoints expressed by other Fellows from this platform, she suggested that this item should be approved. She also congratulated both the Institutes for becoming their dream come true.

Dr. Dinesh Kumar stated that he do support this particular item because the faculty members of both these Institutes had been asking for this since long. His only submission is that the subject "Applied Management & Sciences" should be added in the Research & Degree Committee to be constituted in Applied Management as there is one doctorate at UIAMS and she might be willing to guide Ph.D. in Science also as well as in Medical and Hospital Management. Therefore, the subject of Applied Management & Sciences should be added so that this could make it complete.

The Vice-Chancellor said that a lot of inputs had been received pertaining to this important agenda item. Listening to the viewpoints of the esteemed members, he was surprised to know that persons were deprived of doing research, which is not tolerable at all. Wherever P.G. courses are run, the outlines of research are underlined at the initial stage. All the departments and units of the University deserved equal treatment and it should be ensured that such type of mistakes should not be repeated in future because their country and society would move forward on the basis of research and innovation. This item is approved with a note that why the difficulties have come in way of implementation of such research oriented decisions. A report to this effect would be got prepared for fixing the responsibility of the persons, who denied these research activities in the University, so that such type of negative approach might not recur in future.

**RESOLVED:** That the recommendations of the Committee dated 21.06.2022, as per **Appendix**, be approved

**RESOLVED FURTHER:** That a report may be prepared later, as to why difficulties had come in way of allowing faculty of University Institute of Applied Management Sciences to supervise Ph.D. students, so that the responsibility of the person(s) concerned could be fixed.

**IX.** Considered minutes dated 16.05.2022 (**Appendix-VII**) of the Committee (**Item C-7 on the agenda**), constituted by the Vice-Chancellor, to streamline Fee Structure for the Academic Session 2022-23 in respect of all the affiliated colleges of Panjab University, Chandigarh.

Initiating discussion, Professor Sushil Kansal stated that this item is to streamline the fee structure for the session 2022-23 for the affiliated Colleges. A very good recommendation has been given by the Committee in which it had been mentioned that the students of the University had been allowed benefits during the COVID-19 period. The crucial period of Pandemic was spent under the leadership of the Vice-Chancellor where no fees were enhanced during that period. During the Pandemic period, the hostels remained vacant and it is the need of the hour to enhance the fees for 7% to 10%. There has been no enhancement in the tuition fees, only 10% hike is recommended in other heads. He

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said that as per his opinion this fee hike should be allowed so that the Colleges could survive.

Professor Latika said that she would like to draw the attention to the fact that a very well constituted Committee has given these recommendations comprising of Dean College Development and other esteemed members. A very well constituted Committee had thoroughly examined the case and then submits its recommendations about enhancement of fees. When they were streamlining the fee structure, as per her view it was the essential part and a progressive step by trying to consolidate the facilities for the students. This enhancement should be taken in a very positive manner. This streamlining of fee structure should be allowed through the Senate.

Professor Ashok Kumar said that the fees for Colleges was not enhanced from the last 2-3 years due to COVID-19 Pandemic. To cope up with the current situation, the fees should be allowed to be enhanced. He stated that there is no problem to enhance the genuine hike in the fees.

Professor Hemant Batra stated that after going through the recommendations of the Committee constituted by the Vice-Chancellor, it was observed, under the guidance of the Finance & Development Officer and Dean of University Instruction, that the hike was decided after taking into account all the points. The hike of 10% is only a very meagre, therefore, it should be approved while taking into account the challenges they had to face in the coming times. The University has allowed scholarships or concessions to the students who could not afford. He found that this is a very minimal amount which every member should support to approve.

Dr. Neeru Malik said that she also recommended approving this item as from the several years it had been deliberated that there should be enhancement in the fee structure. This fee hike would help in generating the resources of the Colleges as well as the fee structure of the University is very low as compared to neighbouring Universities. The fee structure of the neighbouring Universities such as Lovely Professional University, Chandigarh University and Punjabi University is four times more than the Panjab University. Therefore, there is a dire need to reform or bring modifications in the fee structure and a respectable enhancement should be approved.

Dr. Parveen Goyal stated that after going through the fee structure of the Panjab University, it has been observed that there is a major requirement to enhance the fees. Even in the fee structure of the Schools and different institutes, there has been an enhancement in the fee structure but in the University no enhancement of the fees has been allowed. This hike should be approved. Secondly, he stated that no fee is being charged for the Ph.D. course work, a specific amount of fees should be charged for the Ph.D. course work.

Dr. Kirandeep Kaur said that she fully agreed with Item 7. As stated by several members of the House that from the last three years there has been no hike in the fees, keeping this in view, this genuine enhancement of about 10% should be allowed and she fully support 7 Item.

Dr. Ravinder Dhaliwal firstly he would like to thank the Vice-Chancellor for allowing him to express his views. He said that as this item is related to the students, the representatives of the Students should also be consulted while taking decision in the enhancement of the fees. The representatives of the Students' Union should be included to avoid any type of protests at the later stage.

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Professor Rajat Sandhir said that this increase in the fee structure this time should also be agreed to by the Students' Organizations as there was no increase from the last two years. The University has to generate its revenue and for the same this is one of the ways which can be opted. The fee structure of Chandigarh group of Colleges is much higher than the Panjab University. The University has taken into account the students who could not be able to pay the fees, by allowing them scholarships. As per his opinion, the fees for Research Centres should also be enhanced as at present the University is charging Rs.5,000/- as fees for Research Centre which is just like a pea nut in today's terms. Institutes like Defence Organizations', CSIR Labs etc. are creating their Research Centres and their fees are much higher as compared to the fees of Rs.5,000/- being charged by Panjab University in the current scenario.

Dr. Mukesh Arora said that the fees of Rs.5,000/- for the Research Centre are very less. Even the fees for affiliation or extension in affiliation, which is being charged as Rs.2,000/-, should also be enhanced. The fees for both the Research Centres as well as for affiliation or extension in affiliation should be enhanced. The Colleges should be allowed to create and run Research Centres. The representation to this effect had also been submitted by Dr. Ravi Inder Singh, therefore, the UBS should be directed to allow the Research Centres of the Commerce at the College level.

Shri Simranjeet Singh Dhillon said while endorsing the viewpoint expressed by Dr. Ravinder Dhaliwal that the representatives of the Students' bodies should be incorporated with these Committees so that their opinion could also be considered. He suggested that this time only 5% hike should be allowed in the Universities as well as in the Colleges.

Principal R.S. Jhanji said that the fees should be enhanced as the same had not been enhanced from the last 2 to 3 years but some moderation in the rate of hike should be considered as the students have to face difficulty due to hike in the fees. He stated that it is right that the fees could not be enhanced from the last two years, nor the fees were collected from some places, but the difficulties of the students should also be taken into consideration. The pass percentage of the students had been increased during COVID-19 but the drop-out rate in admission for ongoing and new entry classes had also been enhanced. He requested that if possible, the moderation of 5% to 7% should be considered.

Shri Sandeep Singh said that the hike in the fees should be reconsidered. The hike of 10% should not be allowed. It should also be taken into account that all the persons are not Government employees who had been allowed revised pay scales from the Government. The students usually preferred Panjab University as they are not in a condition to afford the fee structure of the private Universities. He requested that this hike in fee structure should not be allowed, the hike in the rate of fee should be reduced.

Dr. Inder Pal Singh Sidhu said that the fees were not enhanced from the last 2-3 years due to several reasons. He also requested that the computers installed in the Examination Branches should be upgraded and the construction/renovation work in the Examination Section which had been a long pending work should be initiated/expedited. While endorsing the viewpoint expressed by Dr. Mukesh Arora, he suggested that the Research Centres in the Department of Commerce in Colleges should be created. The University can charge more fees for the creation of Research Centres. In S.G.G.S College, there are 24 aided Faculty which is very huge Department amongst all the departments of the Panjab University. They had also applied for allowing the Research Centres, which should be allowed. He said that he would like to thank the Vice-Chancellor for allowing the Ph.D. courses in the UIAMS on the initiative of Dr. Nidhi Gautam.



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Shri Rajiv Kumar Gupta, Director Higher Education, Punjab, suggested that this hike should not be implemented in the case of students belonging to economically weaker sections of the society.

Professor Devinder Singh stated that Panjab University is representing all the sections which include the persons from the Graduate constituency as well as the representatives from the affiliated Colleges. In this streamlining of fee structure, due weightage has been granted to all the representatives of the Society. The same was included in the deliberations of the Committee. The benchmark line as stated by Professor Rajat Sandhir that this is very minimal hike is also being endorsed by him, this hike is recommended after various rounds of discussions and deliberations by the members of the Committee. This is very minimal hike which had been recommended after thoroughly examining all the facts and figures. The EWS category and other disadvantaged groups of the society have been granted scholarships and the amount of scholarships has also been enhanced. The EWS category of students is kept outside this fee hike. This should also be agreed by all the members that the fees should be enhanced. The fees have been enhanced with a minimal rise. The message regarding non-enhancement of fees for EWS category students should be circulated to everyone in a right manner so that issue regarding hike in fee may not be raised by the Students' bodies. The "Earn While Learn" was not implemented due to COVID-19 and other technical reasons, the said scheme was launched before five years back but the same was not reached at its desired results, the same should be taken into account. It is the common viewpoint of the House that the fees should be enhanced, the hike is very minimal and it was also decided by the Committee that fee hike would not be implemented on the EWS category and disadvantage group. The D.S.W. being the part of the Committee interacted with the students, and this decision of fee enhancement was taken. It is the prime responsibility of each and every member of the House if students have some misconception in their minds, the same should not be grown. The students of EWS category and disadvantaged group should be identified and they should be made aware about these schemes so that they would not derol themselves from the education. The recommendations of the Committee should be approved and the efforts of members of the Committee should be appreciated in taking the decision in a very wise manner keeping in view all the aspects of the issue.

While concluding, the Vice-Chancellor said that Item 7 is approved. A lot of inputs have been received from the Hon'ble members. The queries raised by many members have already been addressed. Research and Innovation is first and foremost priority of the University and for its promotion, the Research Centres would be strengthened. A Committee would be constituted to find the ways and means to strengthen the Research Centres. The issues of enhancement of fee for recognition of Research Centre(s) and grant of affiliation or extension in affiliation to the Colleges would also be got examined through a Committee.

**RESOLVED:** That the recommendations of the Committee dated 16.05.2022 with regard to Fee Structure for the Academic Session 2022-23 in respect of all the affiliated colleges of Panjab University, Chandigarh, as per **Appendix**, be approved.

**RESOLVED FURTHER:** That a Committee be constituted by the Vice Chancellor to look into the ways and means to strengthen the Research Centre, enhancement of fees for the creation/recognition of Research Centre and grant of affiliation or extension in affiliation to the Colleges.

**X.** Considered minutes of the Committee dated 17.05.2022 (**Appendix-VIII**) (**Item C-8 on the agenda**), constituted by the Vice-Chancellor with regard to the fee structure

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(Tuition fee and other University Charges (in University Teaching Departments, and its Regional Centres/Constituent Colleges of the Panjab University for the session 2022-2023.

Dr. Dinesh Kumar said that although he is in favour of this item, he is a little bit disappointed as they did not insert a paragraph that the University did not enhance fees during the last couple of years because of Covid-19 pandemic. Moreover, the Departments had given several concessions to the students during the period of Covid-19 pandemic. Had this fact been mentioned in the minutes of the Committee, it would have been much better. Unless and until they did not reflect these things in the minutes and that they are students friendly, how they would be able to convince the students as suggested by Shri Simranjit Singh Dhillon and Shri Ravinder Kumar Dhaliwal that the students should be taken into confidence before the hike in fee is approved/effectuated. With this, they would be able to address the grievances/concerns of the students. Secondly, he is saying from years that the University had allocated more than a sum of Rs.1 crore for the fellowships, whereas the students could claim only about 30% of the amount. He requested that even the University has to put banners during the admissions as was done in the case of Sexual Harassment Committee, they have to make the students aware at the same level that they had made provisions of fee concession and fellowships for them. If they wanted to avoid students' protest, they should highlight/advertise the fee concessions and fellowships in each and every department, so that maximum number of the students could take benefits. Majority of the students did not know that the University gave so many fellowships to the students. Secondly, the fellowships should also be displayed on the University website, which would also be a positive point for the NAAC visit. They would not find the example in any of the State University that a sum of Rs.1 crore to Rs.1.5 crore has been kept for the fee concession to the students. He reiterated that the fellowships and fee concessions should be displayed on the notice boards of each and every departments as also on the University website. Thirdly, every University had prescribed fee for Ph.D. course work. In the absence of fee for Ph.D. course work, the pattern of course work and evaluation is at the hands of individual department and they have not been able to centralize the same. He suggested that the Committee should be given the mandate that the fee for Ph.D. course work be recommended. Since admission to Ph.D. could not be made before September next year, they had sufficient time to prescribe nominal fee for Ph.D. course work. He pointed out that he was a member of a Committee constituted by the Hon'ble Vice Chancellor to resolve some problems being faced by the Ph.D. students, and they had proposed a fee of Rs.5,000/- for Ph.D. course work, which is nominal and the students, who had JRF and other fellowships, this fee is very less. The income so generated could be used for the development/improvement of research.

Professor Latika said that there had not been any fee hike during the last two years for the University Teaching Departments and P.U. Regional/Rural Centres and P.U. Constituent Colleges as well. So for rationalization of fee for the session 2022-23, a very reasonable fee hike has been proposed by the duly constituted Committee, comprising members of Hoshiarpur, different Departments and other Institutions of the University. In fact, they required this enhancement for implementation of recommendations of 7<sup>th</sup> Pay Commission, especially in the self-financing courses. She added that the fee hike recommended by the Committee is commendable, especially when it is saying that for those students, who are seeking admissions in the session 2022-23, there would be enhancement of Rs.500/- per annum, and in the subsequent years, i.e., from 2023-24 onwards, the hike would be 5% only. Further, the Committee has recommended that the hike in self-financing courses would be maximum of Rs.7,500/-. As such, the hike is only to the extent of 7.5%. She further said that she also endorsed the point made by Dr. Dinesh Kumar that the University has made provisions of scholarships and fellowships. Secondly, under the restructuring of courses under the New National Education Policy, they are introducing skill enhancing courses and internships. As such, the students

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would have a good chance learning a number of skills and also benefit through internships, after entering into the courses at Panjab University. She reiterated that the fee hike is very nominal. She endorsed the recommendations of the Committee and wished that the item should be approved.

Dr. Parveen Goyal stated that under this item they are discussing the revised fee structure for the Panjab University Teaching Departments, P.U. Regional/Rural Centres and P.U. Constituent Colleges. The fee component comprised of lab fee component. He suggested that it should be ensured that the lab fee should only be used for repair and maintenance of lab equipments. Secondly, the fee for traditional and partially self-financed courses at Undergraduate level offered at Dr. S.S. Bhatnagar University Institute of Chemical Engineering & Technology and University Institute of Engineering & Technology is Rs.23,000/- and Rs.1,04,000/- respectively. The Committee has recommended enhancement in the fee structure these institutes differently. However, the fee for Postgraduate Traditional and self-financed Courses offered at Dr. S.S. Bhatnagar University Institute of Chemical Engineering & Technology and University Institute of Engineering & Technology is same, i.e., Rs.1,09,000/-. He suggested that the fee for traditional courses being offered at Dr. S.S. Bhatnagar University Institute of Chemical Engineering & Technology could be enhanced a little bit more. Referring to expenditure, he said that a few years ago, there was only one RAO and 2 SOs in the Audit Department. The staff for the Audit Department came from the U.T. Administration but the expenditure is incurred by the University itself. Now the staff in the Audit Department has increased as there are 1 RAO, 3 SOs and 18 auditors. Since the expenditure on the salaries of staff is incurred by the University, they should try to find ways and means to reduce the expenditure. Moreover, the Audit Department make different types of observations/objections at various stages, the same should also be taken care of.

Dr. Gurmeet Singh stated that for 'Earn While Learn Scheme' Professor Devinder Singh said that this scheme remained on papers and did not get implemented. He would like to bring to kind notice of the House that they had not only implemented this Scheme from 2017 to 2020 but also implemented with effect from retrospective effect and this is also known to the Hon'ble Vice Chancellor because it was done with the cooperation and blessings of the Vice Chancellor. Meaning thereby, the students, who had been working before the approval/implementation of 'Earn While Learn Scheme', were also covered under the Scheme and expenditure was in lacs of rupees. Secondly, the facilities which they provide to the students, e.g., scholarships, fellowships, etc., as said by Dr. Dinesh Kumar, should also be highlighted. During discussion, it has also come to their notice that the fee structure in the College as well as in private Universities is much higher in comparison to Panjab University. In this context, he would only like to say that they should neither follow them nor see towards them because Panjab University is a different and unique University. As such, at least they should not make this plea that the fee in private University is much higher in comparison to Panjab University. They should only ensure that one should not leave the study owing to economic reasons or due to unable to pay the fee/s. For ensuring this, they should evolve a mechanism, e.g., creating a separate provision or some portion of the additional revenue generated with the enhancement of fee, should be earmarked for providing financial assistance to students belonging to poor families, who are not in a position to pay the fees.

Continuing, Dr. Gurmeet Singh said that no fee is charged from the SC students belonging to the State of Punjab, whereas full fee is to be paid by the SC students belonging to the States of Haryana and Himachal Pradesh because this University is of the entire country. Moreover, when this University was established, Himachal Pradesh and Haryana were not separate States; rather, they were part and parcel of Punjab. He, therefore, suggested that whatever facilities are being given to the SC students belonging

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to the State of Punjab, should be given to the SC students of belonging to the States of Himachal Pradesh and Haryana. If need be, this issue should be taken up with the Governments of Himachal Pradesh and Haryana, so that they could also get the benefit and pursue their studies.

Professor Yojna Rawat stated that the Committee, which had been constituted to consider hike in fee, whether it is examination fee or tuition fee, was a large Committee. Each and every aspect relating to hike in fees was deliberated in detail in the meeting of the Committee. The suggestion given by Dr. Parveen Goyal that the fee of traditional courses could be increased a little bit more, was also discussed in the meeting of the Committee in detail and the Committee was of the view that all the students should be treated similarly and the burden of fee hike should be equal. Hence, the recommendations of the Committee are well thought off, and the same should be approved.

Shri Satya Pal Jain stated that he had listened to the viewpoints expressed by the Hon'ble members and majority of them has said that the fees have not been increased during the last 2-3 years. First of all, he would like to know under which Law/Regulation/Rule it is mandated that the fee is to be increased every year or after one year or after two year. Secondly, the reason is being advanced that the fee hike is to the minimum extent and the increased fee is nominal. This fee is nominal for only those who had income of more than Rs.1 lac per month. They should think from the point of view of those, who are poor, small farmers, clerks, malis, small shopkeepers, etc., and could not afford even this nominal fee, but their children are talented and intelligent. He fully agreed with the viewpoints expressed by Shri Simranjeet Singh Dhillon and Shri Ravinder Singh Dhaliwal that whenever the fee hike is to be decided, the representatives of students should be consulted/involved in the process. There is no doubt that the expenditure of the University and colleges is increasing day-by-day, but nobody is willing to forego his/her allowances and instead they always try to increase the fees of the students. Even the rents of shops, which had been leased out, is increased after a period of three years and not every year. He would like to make a request to the House that there should not be any adverse affect of this fee hike on the students belonging to poor families so that they are not deprived of her education owing to their economic condition.

Principal N.R. Sharma said that according to him, the item should be approved. At the same time, the Central and State Governments and other funding agencies are saying that the University and the colleges should be self-sufficient. In this context, his suggestion is that the P.U. Regional Centres and constituent Colleges should be permitted to start skill based, value added, start up courses etc., with which the number of students would definitely go up and they would be able to generate more income for the University. If need be, some financial supports should be given to these institutes. As said by Professor Devinder Singh and Dr. Dinesh Kumar the University had number of schemes for the students, e.g., scholarship, fellowship, earn while learn scheme, etc. He stressed that they should focus on these schemes and make the students aware about these schemes. Secondly, he worked in the college, which is situated in the rural and border area, where only poor students studied. It would be better if the amount of post-matric scholarship is disbursed to the SC students in time so that the students could continue their studies without any hurdle. He requested the Director Higher Education, Punjab, who was also attending the meeting, to consider his request favourably.

Continuing, Shri Satya Pal Jain said that they should not argue that the fee had not been increased during the last 2-3 years as the effected hike in fee would have a big burden on the students belonging to poor families. Although, it is true that the expenditure is increasing day-by-day, but they should explore possibility as to from what other sources this enhanced expenditure could be met. Could they make savings from

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different heads and make cuts in expenditure? Professor Devinder Singh has rightly said that the students pay much high fee in private Universities, but they should try to see as to who go to private Universities for studies. In fact, only those students go to private Universities for studies whose parents had income of lacs of Rupees. They could charge high fee from the students, who belonged to rich families having income in lacs of rupees and come to the campus in four wheelers, but the students belonging to poor families should not be burdened. He had been always suggesting that they should move towards idealism and make education free because to take education is a constitutional right of the students. The deficit of Rs.5 lacs to Rs.20 lacs could be met from the other sources. He reiterated that the students belonging to poor families should not be burdened any more. However, if they charged high fee from the students belonging to rich families, he would not have any objection.

The Vice Chancellor said that on the basis of the input given by the Hon'ble members, the Item is approved. However, they would take all the precautions, including that no student be deprived of education for non-payment of fees owing to his/her economic condition. They would certainly try to raise the facilities being provided to the students, e.g., scholarships, fellowships, etc.

**RESOLVED:** That the recommendations of the Committee dated 17.05.2022, constituted by the Vice-Chancellor with regard to the fee structure (Tuition fee and other University Charges (in University Teaching Departments, and its Regional Centres/Constituent Colleges of the Panjab University, for the session 2022-2023, as per **Appendix**, be approved.

**XI.** Considered the recommendations of the Committee dated 29.06.2022 (**Appendix-IX) (Item C-9 on the agenda)**, constituted by the Vice-Chancellor for finalization of examination fee and other related charges for the session 2022-23.

**NOTE:** The above item has been approved by the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor for placing before Senate in exercise of the powers of the Syndicate, in terms of authorization given by the Senate in its meeting dated 13.02.2022 (Para II).

Initiating the discussion, Dr. K.K. Sharma stated that it is good that both the previous items of fee hike in C-7 and C-8 have been approved, but the same would be very challenging for the Colleges. The traditional stuff of students joins the Colleges for doing the traditional courses and fee hike for them would be very challenging. He said that when there used to Annual system, then papers were conducted once in a year and 10% hike in the fee for examination were used to be proposed and approved. But in the semester system, the examinations are conducted twice in a year and students have to pay the examination fee twice, if 10% hike is recommended to be enhanced for each semester then it would be very difficult for the students. It would be matter of problem at the stage when both the admission and examination fees are enhanced. The examination fees should be enhanced @ 5% as the students have to pay the examination fees twice in a year. He humbly requested the Vice-Chancellor that 10%hike in examination fees in total (for both the semesters) should be recommended to be approved.

Professor Sushil Kansal stated that from the last three years, there has been no enhancement in fees. Moreover, an amount of Rs.200/- which is very meagre, is recommended to be enhanced by the Committee. The enhancement of only Rs.100/- for the conduct of examination of Environment studies is recommended and as per his opinion, this meager amount would not affect the pockets of the students. The minimum fee of Rs.200/- (10% of the examination fees) is recommended to be enhanced which

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should be accepted by the students. Before taking decision in the issue relating to hike in fee structure, the representations from Colleges, Universities and other platforms were taken into account. After the thorough analysis, the Committee recommended an enhancement of only Rs.200/- which according to him, should be accepted.

Principal S.S. Sangha said that the examination fee of Rs.1,500/--approximate per student (inclusive of other charges) were charged from the year 2015 and later on the semester system was introduced, and now the fees had been reached to Rs.6,000/- which is four times more than the previous one. In the past Rs.15 Lacs was used to be deposited in the University account for 1,000 students, now in the present time, an amount of Rs.60 Lacs is to be deposited in the University account which would affect the salary of 3 months. The fee collection in rural areas is on the decline as students belonging to poor families are not joining the Colleges. Therefore, the examination fee of Rs.1,575/- per semester should be enhanced to Rs.100/- or Rs.150/- as also suggested by Dr. K.K. Sharma. This hike in the fees for examinations should be reconsidered.

Dr. Jagwant Singh endorsed the viewpoint expressed by Shri Satya Pal Jain that it should be ensured that the students from poor families would not be denied the right for education, on one or the other pretext. The EWS category of students has been exempted from this fee hike. He observed this item after making calculations that this fees is not required to be paid by the students, this is to be paid by the Colleges. In non-aided Colleges, where the salaries, retiral benefits have to be managed by the Colleges themselves, then they have no restraint in it. The examination fee would be reached to 20% of the total fee paid by a student to the College and one element that the poor students of the University are subsidized with the payment of fees. But this hike should not be made equal to all the other heads of the fees. In every head of the fees, a hike of 10% should not be proposed and according to him the hike in the examination fee should be reduced for every student and no enhancement of fee for students of EWS category and SC/ST students should be considered.

Dr. Inderpal Singh Sidhu said that several views were expressed by stakeholders of the University regarding issue of hike in the examination fees. As stated by Dr. S.S. Sangha that from the year 2015 the examination fees have been increased manifold. He on behalf of all the College teachers would like to state that in the year 2016 the evaluation (marking) fee was increased as Rs.22/- for Post-Graduate courses and Rs.15/- for Under-Graduate courses. If the examination fee is to be increased then the evaluation fee for teachers should also be enhanced simultaneously.

Dr. Sandeep Kataria stated that this fee hike as also suggested by Dr. K.K. Sharma, should be divided into two parts, because from annual to semester system, the students have to pay the fees twice in a year and it would affect on the financial position of the students. He would like to bring to the notice of the Vice-Chancellor as he is representing the Colleges of Education, that in B.Ed. the third semester is for the teaching practice where no written examinations are conducted but Colleges have to pay a fee of Rs.2575/- per semester. In such Colleges, the payment of examination fees of one semester is made by the Colleges to the University even without having written examinations. He further said if the hike is to be proposed, it should be enhanced to a limited amount.

Professor Jagat Bhushan said that he would like to intimate, as stated by some of the members related to the fees to be charged from EWS students, that the fee which was charged from year 2013 is charged from the EWS students and there is no revision in fees for EWS students. The Post Matric Scholarship for SC/ST students is directly been credited to the account of the beneficiary, they pay the fees but the same is reverted back

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in their accounts from the Government. Practically, there would not be any worrisome factor for EWS or SC/ST students.

Dr. Dinesh Kumar said while referring to Annexure-V attached with this item that he agreed with the enhancement of Examination fees. But he would like to refer Annexure-V wherein it has been mentioned as "Rates of examination and other related forms". Under item No.viii where a student who applies for transcript and its verification from outside India, for example a Graduate student passed out from Panjab University wanted to get his degree verified outside India, in the laid down conditions, it has been mentioned that if a candidate applies for outside India, he would have to pay 304\$ per Detailed Marks Sheet. If he would apply from India, then he would have to pay a fee of Rs.525/- . In maximum number of cases, another person in his name is wrongly being personified and presented in India on behalf of the candidate who resides outside India to save this excess amount of dollars as transcript fee. After extraction of all the office records not more than 300 cases for payment of fees in US dollars is recovered in spite of issuance of 50 transcripts per day from the office of Controller of Examinations. If he is wrong, it should also be got verified from the office of Controller of Examinations. He further stated that this fee of Rs.525/- is for students residing in India and from outside India \$304 which comes to Rs.22,000/- in Indian currency. This is a very huge variation in Rs.525/- and Rs.22,000/-. He requested that this fee should be enhanced and there should not be variation in it. The fee should be enhanced as Rs.2500/- both for students residing in India and outside India. The fee of Rs.2500/- should be charged as huge loss is being faced by the University with the existing practice.

The Vice-Chancellor said that on the basis of the observations that have already been taken into care, he would like to repeat that the students should be made aware of all such fee concessions and scholarships so that no student is compelled to leave the studies and University. There is a provision of grant of fee concessions, which have also been granted in the previous years, and it should be taken into account that huge amount is allocated for the concession to the students. He would like to intimate the Hon'ble members of the House that no student would be deprived from education on the ground of non-payment of fees. Keeping the above points in view, this item is approved.

**RESOLVED:** That the recommendations of the Committee dated 29.06.2022, constituted by the Vice-Chancellor for finalization of examination fee and other related charges for the session 2022-23, as per **Appendix**, be approved.

**XII.** Considered recommendation of the Committee dated 21.06.2022 (**Appendix-X**) (**Item C-10 on the agenda**), constituted by the Vice-Chancellor that the eligibility conditions for M.Sc. Home Science (Clothing & Textiles), M.Sc. Home Science (Human Development), M.Sc. Home Science (Foods & Nutrition), Post Graduate Diploma in Nutrition & Dietetics and change in the nomenclature of course B.Sc. Home Science (Human Development and Family Relations) to B.Sc. Home Science (Human Development), be approved.

**NOTE:** The above item has been approved by the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor for placing before Senate in exercise of the powers of the Syndicate, in terms of authorization given by the Senate in its meeting dated 13.02.2022 (Para II).

**RESOLVED:** That the eligibility conditions for M.Sc. Home Science (Clothing & Textiles), M.Sc. Home Science (Human Development), M.Sc. Home Science (Foods & Nutrition), Post Graduate Diploma in Nutrition & Dietetics and change in the

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nomenclature of course B.Sc. Home Science (Human Development and Family Relations) to B.Sc. Home Science (Human Development), as per **Appendix**, be approved.

**XIII.** Considered minutes of the Committee dated 21.06.2022 (**Appendix-XI**) (**Item C-11 on the agenda**), constituted by the Vice-Chancellor, to review the whole issue regarding decrease in the number of seats from 68 to 40 seats for M.A. Sanskrit course.

- NOTE:**
1. The above matter was placed before the Senate in its meeting dated 27.03.2022 (Para XV) and it was resolved that the Vice-Chancellor, be authorized to review the whole issue and take appropriate decision, on behalf of the Senate.
  2. The above item has been approved by the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor for placing before Senate in exercise of the powers of the Syndicate, in terms of authorization given by the Senate in its meeting dated 13.02.2022 (Para II).

Initiating discussion, Dr. Parveen Goyal said that keeping in the current situation, they are forced to reduce the intake for M.A. Sanskrit from 68 seats to 40 seats. However, they have to take care that there are 43 Emeritus Professors in the University and 15 regular faculty members are on leave without pay for quite a long time. He would like to make a request to both the Emeritus Professors and other faculty members, who are on long leave without pay and are serving somewhere else, to vacate their room, which they are occupying in their respective Department, so that the same could be allotted to some other faculty members for carrying out their research.

The Vice Chancellor asked Dr. Parveen Goyal to not to speak on this issue as it is not on the agenda. He requested the members to be specific only to the agenda items to save time and resources.

Professor Latika said that the item in a way related to the NAAC process which is going on now. The number of seats may be reduced from 68 to 40. The rationale given by the committee is very sound and the senate may accept the recommendations of the committee.

Shri Davesh Moudgil said that he would like to draw their kind attention to the meeting of the Senate, which was held in the Golden Jubilee Hall, wherein the issue of reduction in the number of seats for M.A. (Sanskrit) was discussed. It was suggested in that meeting that since Sanskrit is a Vedic and Pranik language, they should find ways and means as to how they could work more on this language. Though after that 2-3 meetings of the Senate had been held, but they did not know whether they had started working on this aspect. They should not reduce the number of seats just to appease the NAAC team, which he strongly condemned. This issue is more important not only India but the whole world has recognized the importance of Sanskrit. In fact, Sanskrit is a language through which the whole world is working nowadays. He pleaded that the intake of seats for M.A. (Sanskrit) should not be reduced under any circumstances.

Continuing, Shri Davesh Moudgil said that a female journalist has been misbehaved in the recent meeting of General Body of PUTA. They are not living in Pakistan.

The Vice Chancellor requested Shri Davesh Moudgil and other members to stick only to the agenda.



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Professor Devinder Singh said that the intake of seats for M.A. (Sanskrit) is recommended to be reduced and the message is not good. The seats might have been recommended to be reduced due to certain administrative or other reasons. He was also a member of the Committee, which considered this issue. They discussed the issue in the meeting of the Committee in detail and made the recommendation(s). This year there would be 40 seats in M.A. (Sanskrit), but next year there would certainly be 68 seats.

Dr. Gurmeet Singh stated that this issue was discussed in the meeting of the Senate, which was held in the Golden Jubilee Hall. At that time, the idea was to bring to their kind notice the admission criteria of various courses. The admission criteria should be such that no seat should remain vacant in any course. If they did not amend the admission criteria for M.A. (Hindi), seats would remain vacant there also. In accordance with new National Education Policy, 2020, they required to give maximum flexibility to the students. Even if a student of B.Sc. wanted to take Hindi or Sanskrit, he/she should be allowed to do so. In accordance with the current eligibility criteria for admission to Hindi, only those candidates could take admission, who had studied Hindi at the graduation level, and he is sure that such type of eligibility would be there for admission to M.A. (Sanskrit). He, therefore, suggested that they should amend the eligibility criteria of various courses in accordance with the new National Education Policy. If they do this, no seat would remain vacant. He did not know whether the University had taken any initiative in this regard at the moment.

Dr. Nidhi Gautam said that Professor Devinder Singh had already elaborated on the issue. In view of the NAAC visit, they had taken this decision that this year, they would offer only 40 seats in M.A. (Sanskrit), but from next year, they would offer 68 seats. At the moment, the NAAC accreditation is pending, which is very-very important for the University. They should take the decision keeping in view all these factors. There would not be any problem if they offer only 40 seats in M.A. (Sanskrit). Since she was a member of the Committee, she knew the full facts relating to the issue. She endorsed viewpoints expressed by Professor Devinder Singh. According to her, the agenda item should be approved.

The Vice Chancellor said that the item is approved.

**RESOLVED:** That the recommendation(s) of the Committee dated 21.06.2022, as per **Appendix**, be approved.

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The information contained in **Item R-1 to R-3** on the agenda was read out, viz. –

**R-1.** The Vice-Chancellor, in anticipation of the approval of the Senate, has accepted the resignation of Dr. Rajesh Gill, Professor (Re-employed), Department of Sociology, Panjab University, Chandigarh w.e.f. 31.03.2022.

**NOTE:** The above item had been approved by the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor for placing before Senate, in exercise of the powers of the Syndicate, in terms of authorization given by the Senate in its meeting dated 13.02.2022 (Para II).

**Shifted from Information Item (I-15)**

**R-2.** The Vice-Chancellor, has accepted the resignation of Dr. Samer Singh, Assistant Professor, Department of Microbial Biotechnology, P.U., w.e.f. 09.01.2019 (A.N.) i.e. the date he has been relieved from Department, to join as Senior Research Officer at Centre of Experimental Medicine & Surgery, IMS, Banaras Hindu University (BHU), under Regulation 6 available at page 118 of P.U. Cal. Vol.-I, 2007.

**NOTE:** Regulation 6, page 118, Calendar, Volume-I, 2007, which reads as under:

“6. A permanent employee, recruited on or after January 1, 1968, shall give, at least three months notice before resigning his post, failing which he shall forfeit salary for the same period.

Provided that Syndicate may waive this requirement in part or whole for valid reasons

Provided further that in case of an employee who is on long leave and resigns his post or his post is declared vacant under Regulation 11.9, the stipulation of three months notice shall not be required.

Explanation: long leave would mean leave for one year or more.”

**R-3.** The Vice Chancellor, in pursuance of Senate decision dated 08.01.2022 and 13.02.2022, conducted the election of representatives from the various Faculties to the Syndicate 2022 on 02.07.2022.

**Referring to Sub Item R-1,** Dr. Mritunjay Kumar pointed out that the retiral benefits of Professor Rajesh Gill have not so far been released. He requested that the retiral benefits of each and every retiree (whether she is Professor Rajesh Gill or anybody else) should be released within a stipulated time.

Dr. Parveen Goyal said that several faculty members, who are on leave without pay and are working somewhere else, occupied faculty room in their respective Departments. Majority of these faculty members did not return. The faculty rooms, which they are

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occupying, should be got vacated in consultation with them, and should be allotted to those faculty members, who are waiting since long.

**Referring to Sub-Item R-3**, Professor Rajat Sandhir pointed out that since this matter is in the Court, it is *sub judice*. Whatever approval is to be given, it should be in the light of the things, which are going on in the Court. Hence, he would say that they should not embarrass the University; rather, they should make sure that the Resolution should in consonance with the things going in the Court.

Professor Devinder Singh stated that he is in favour of this Item. He is of the view that the efforts put in by the Hon'ble Vice Chancellor towards the constitution of the Senate, to which all were waiting, should be lauded. The Senate had delegated the powers of the Syndicate to the Vice Chancellor on 13.02.2022 and the Vice Chancellor sought faculties of the Fellows and got the Syndicate constituted. Professor Rajat Sandhir had pointed that the matter is *sub judice*. They are working keeping in view the fact that the matter is in the court and also in accordance with the provisions of University Calendars as well as Covid-19 situation. But the way the Vice Chancellor had shown his intelligence and administrative experience and worked keeping in view all these factors and got the Syndicate constituted, certainly deserved appreciation. They ratify and approve all the decisions taken by the Vice Chancellor. In fact, the Vice Chancellor had taken the decisions in accordance with the authority given by the Senate. Today's agenda mainly related to NAAC accreditation, admissions, eligibility conditions, etc. They could also authorize the Vice Chancellor to take any decision relating to proposed NAAC accreditation, admissions, eligibility conditions, IQAC, etc., on behalf of the Senate so that the University did not face any problem. Moreover, the Vice Chancellor convened the meetings of the Senate after almost a month. Now, the Syndicate has also got constituted, which usually met every month. Sometime certain issues of urgent and emergent nature cropped up and the Vice Chancellor had to take decision on the spot. Therefore, they should authorise the Vice Chancellor to take such decisions, because so far the Vice Chancellor has use the powers delegated to him judiciously and as per P.U. Calendar.

Dr. B.C. Josan said that he also endorsed that the emergency powers should definitely be delegated to the Vice Chancellor because certain decisions needed to be taken at the spot. So far, the Vice Chancellor had done a very good job and had also taken wise decisions. He congratulated the Vice Chancellor for uplifting the image of the University in all spheres. Citing an example, he said that now the UIAMS is being permitted to carry out a research leading to Ph.D. independently. In fact, it should have been done from the inception of this institute. Earlier, there was monopolistic attitude in certain departments, but with the efforts of the Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, they had tide over the same. Now, he hoped that the University would achieve new heights in academics.

Dr. Mukesh Arora said that earlier people used to say that the Vice Chancellor did not want to conduct the elections of the Syndicate and Senate. Now, the elections had been got conducted, and the people are saying that these should be declared *null and void*. He congratulated the Vice Chancellor for conducting the election of the Syndicate in such a nice manner and hope that the elections would be conducted in this way in future also, so that the University could function smoothly and everybody got benefitted.

Dr. Neeru Malik said that, first of all, she would like to congratulate the Vice Chancellor for conducting the election of the Syndicate in such a nice manner. The Vice Chancellor not only used the powers of the Syndicate delegated by the Senate judiciously but also handled the situation of Covid-19 emphatically. Secondly, the Committees constituted by the Vice Chancellor are also doing a wonderful job. She also endorsed the viewpoints expressed by Professor Devinder Singh and Dr. Mukesh Arora

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because sometimes they have to take decisions very swiftly. As such, they should authorise the Vice Chancellor so that he could work for the welfare of the University as well as the affiliated colleges. At the same time, she requested the Vice Chancellor to consider and take decision on the request of the Colleges, which had applied for recognition of Research Centres, as their requests are pending since long.

Shri Satya Pal Jain requested that the matter should be taken seriously as it was an extraordinary situation as the term of both the Syndicate and the Senate had expired. The Senate authorised the Vice Chancellor twice to get the election of the Syndicate conducted earliest. He sought the options from the Fellows for Faculties, assigned the Fellows to the Faculties, and thereafter, got the elections of the Syndicate conducted, in which majority of the Fellows participated. Since the Senate assigned Fellows to the Faculties, the assignment of Fellows to the Faculties, which has been approved by the Vice Chancellor, on behalf of the Syndicate, as per authorisation given by the Senate, the language of the item should be re-casted and the item should be ratified by the Senate because it is being argued that the assignment of Fellows to the Faculties had only been approved by the Vice Chancellor, on behalf of the Syndicate, and not by the Senate, which is the appropriate authority. The Senate could today ratify the decision of the Vice Chancellor.

Dr. Inderpal Singh Sidhu congratulated the Vice Chancellor to conduct the elections of the Syndicate and Senate in a fair manner under his good leadership. He also thanked Hon'ble Vice Chancellor and Shri Satya Pal Jain for getting the Syndicate members elected unanimously. He proposed that this item should be ratified. In the end, he also congratulated the members, who have been elected to the Syndicate.

Dr. Parveen Goyal said that they are very happy, the way the Fellows had been assigned to the Faculties and the way the election of the Syndicate had been conducted. He belonged to the Panjab University Teachers' Constituency and knew that the teachers of the University are very happy to know that now since the Faculties and Syndicate are in place, the Deans would be elected in the meetings of the Faculties and the process for promotion of teachers, under the CAS, which had been stalled for quite some time, would be reinitiated. For this, he thanked the Vice Chancellor on his behalf and on behalf of faculty members. He hoped that now the teachers would get promoted, under the CAS.

Concluding the discussion, the Vice Chancellor said that very good input had been given by Shri Satya Pal Jain ji for recasting of Sub-Item R-3. He directed the Registrar to recast Sub-Item R-3 as suggested by Shri Satya Pal Jain ji. A proper resolution on the input given by several other members regarding further authorising the Vice Chancellor to take appropriate decision relating to NAAC accreditation, admissions, eligibility conditions, IQAC, urgent and emergent issues, etc., would be recorded.

Principal S.S. Sangha congratulated the Vice Chancellor for getting the election of the Syndicate conducted smoothly. He suggested that proceedings should be prepared correctly as proposed by Shri Satya Pal Jain.

Principal Neetu Ohri also congratulated the Hon'ble Chancellor and Vice Chancellor for getting the election of the Syndicate conducted smoothly. It is for the first time in the history of the Panjab University that such a large number of women have been elected to the Syndicate, which shows empowerment of women.

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**RESOLVED:** That –

- (i) the information contained in **Sub-Items R-1 and R-2 on the agenda**, be ratified; and
- (ii) so far as **Sub-Item R-3 is concerned**, the assignment of Fellows to the Faculties, as per Appendix, which has been approved by the Vice Chancellor, on behalf of the Syndicate and Senate, as per authorisation given by the Senate dated 13.02.2022 and 08.01.2022 ( Para II & Para III (2)) respectively, be ratified.

**RESOLVED FURTHER:** That the Vice Chancellor be authorised to take appropriate decision relating to NAAC accreditation, admissions, eligibility conditions, IQAC, urgent and emergent issues, on behalf of the Senate.

**XV.**

The information contained in **Items I-1 to I-24** on the agenda was read out, viz. –

**I-1.** The Vice-Chancellor, on the recommendation of the Academic & Administrative Committee of the Department, has given extension to Ms. Rajni Chauhan, Assistant Professor in Commerce (purely on temporary basis), University School of Open Learning, w.e.f. 04.02.2022 till the end of the Academic session 2021-22, on the same terms and conditions, under Panjab University Regulation 5 at Page 111 of P.U. Calendar, Volume-I, 2007.

**NOTE:** The above item had been approved by the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor for placing before Senate in exercise of the powers of the Syndicate, in terms of authorization given by the Senate in its meeting dated 13.02.2022 (Para II).

**I-2.** The Vice-Chancellor, has accepted the resignation of Ms. Sarika Gupta, Assistant Professor (Part-Time), Department of Laws, w.e.f. 01.04.2022, with the condition that she will have to deposit salary equivalent to one month's honorarium, as she has tendered her resignation without giving one month notice, under Rule 2.5 at page 59 of P.U. Calendar, Volume-III, 2016.

**NOTE:** The above item had been approved by the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor for placing before Senate, in exercise of the powers of the Syndicate, in terms of authorization given by the Senate in its meeting dated 13.02.2022 (Para II).

**I-3.** In terms of Senate decision dated 14.12.2019 (Para IV), the Vice-Chancellor, has approved the promotion of Dr. Jaget Singh from Assistant Professor (Academic Level 12) to Associate Professor (Academic Level 13 A) in UIET (ECE), w.e.f. 29.12.2021, in the pay scale of Rs. 37400-67000/- +AGP of Rs.9000/-, under UGC Career Advancement Scheme (as per UGC Regulation dt. 18.07.2018) at starting pay to be fixed under the rules of the Panjab University. The post would be personal to the incumbent and he would perform the duties assigned to him.

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**NOTE:** The above item had been approved by the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor for placing before Senate, in exercise of the powers of the Syndicate, in terms of authorization given by the Senate in its meeting dated 13.02.2022 (Para II).

**I-4.** To note recommendations dated 09.03.2022 (**Appendix-XII**) of the Committee, constituted by the Vice-Chancellor, to scrutinize and suggest amendments in the draft MOUs (**Appendix-XII**) that the following MoU's, be executed between:-

- (1) Panjab University and Institute for Protein Research, Osaka University, Japan.
- (2) Department of Community Education and Disability Studies, Panjab University and Ankur Public School, Sector-14, Chandigarh.

**NOTE:** The above item had been approved by the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor for placing before Senate, in exercise of the powers of the Syndicate, in terms of authorization given by the Senate in its meeting dated 13.02.2022 (Para II).

**I-5.** To note minutes dated 30.12.2021 (Item 1) (**Appendix-XIII**) of the Committee constituted by the Vice-Chancellor, to discuss various issues related to examinations.

**NOTE:** The above item had been approved by the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor for placing before Senate, in exercise of the powers of the Syndicate, in terms of authorization given by the Senate in its meeting dated 13.02.2022 (Para II).

**I-6.** The Vice-Chancellor has approved the following policies of Panjab University, Chandigarh, recommended by the committee dated 20.05.2022:-

1. Policy document on Promotion of Research
2. IT Policy Document
3. Mobilization of Resource: Policy and procedures of the Institution
4. Policy document on Annual Gender Sensitization action plan
5. Policy document on Green Campus and sustainability
6. Policy document on E-governance
7. Consultancy Policy
8. Policy document on Development of Self Learning Material
9. Entrepreneurship Policy

**NOTE:** 1. The above Policy documents have been uploaded on the P.U. website by IQAC at link:

<https://iqac.puchd.ac.in/docs/2022/20220627165757-promotionofresearchpolicy.pdf>.

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2. The above item had been approved by the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor for placing before Senate, in exercise of the powers of the Syndicate, in terms of authorization given by the Senate in its meeting dated 13.02.2022 (Para II).

**I-7.** The Vice-Chancellor has ordered that the charge of the Registrar, Panjab University, Chandigarh, be given to Professor Yajvender Pal Verma, University Institute of Engineering & Technology, Panjab University, Chandigarh, with immediate effect till further orders.

**I-8.** The Vice-Chancellor has ordered that Professor Kashmir Singh, Department of Biotechnology, will look after the work of Secretary to Vice-Chancellor, in addition to his own duties with immediate effect, during the leave period of Dr. Muneeshwar Joshi.

**I-9.** The Vice-Chancellor, has appointed Professor Roopali Garg, UIET, as Dean of Student Welfare (Women), Panjab University, Chandigarh, w.e.f. 01.06.2022 till further orders, under Regulation 2.2 page 107 of P.U. Calendar, Volume-I, 2007.

**I-10.** The Vice-Chancellor, has given the additional charge of the post of Librarian, A.C. Joshi Library, P.U. (with administrative & financial powers) to the Director, Research and Development Cell, P.U. with immediate effect, till further orders in place of Dr. Jivesh Bansal, Officiating Librarian.

**I-11.** The Vice-Chancellor, has appointed Dr. Kamaljit Singh Rana as Part-Time Eye Specialist (Ophthalmologist), purely on contract basis at Bhai Ghanaiya Ji Institute of Health, P.U. against the vacant post in the Institute, on fixed monthly salary of Rs.27883/- p.m. for 2 hours on working days as per the needs of the BGJ Institute of Health, initially for a period of one year (w.e.f. the date he join his duty) & further extendable as per requirement of the Institute by giving one day break after every one year on satisfactory performance and good conduct as per previous practices, with the following stipulation:-

“that the above appointment is being made purely on part time basis & for the period as mentioned above. It is made clear that you will have no claim whatsoever for regular appointment after expiry of term of part time appointment & your appointment shall be terminated without any notice. Your appointment shall come to an end automatically on completion of term of part time appointment as stated above”.

**I-12.** The Vice-Chancellor, has re-appointed Md. Taukir Alam as Assistant Professor, Department of CE&DS, P.U., (purely on temporary basis) in the pay scale of Rs.15600-39100+GP Rs.6000/- for the session 2022-23 or till the posts are filled in, on regular basis, whichever is earlier, on the same terms and conditions, with one day break as usual, according to which he had worked previously during the session 2020-21, under Regulation 5 at page 111-112, P.U. Calendar, Volume-I, 2007. He will automatically stand relieved on the expiry of the semester/academic session.

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**I-13.** To note recommendation of the Survey Committee dated 25.03.2022 (**Appendix-XIV**) that Mata Sahib Kaur Girls College, Talwandi Bhai, District Ferozepur, be converted into Co-educational Institution and named as Mata Sahib Kaur Khalsa College, from the session 2022-23.

**I-14.** The Vice-Chancellor, has extended the term of the following Assistant Professors (purely on temporary basis) up to the start of summer vacation 2022, at P.U. Rural Centre, Kauni, Sri Muktsar Sahib, on the same term and conditions on which they were working earlier, for the session 2021-22:

<b>Sr. No.</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Subject</b>
1.	Dr. Gurjit Singh	Punjabi
2.	Mr. Surinder Singh	Political Science
3.	Ms. Seema	Physical Education
4.	Dr. Kamlesh Narwana	History

**I-15. Shifted to Ratification (R-2).**

**I-16.** In pursuance of orders dated 03.03.2021 & 11.05.2022 passed by the Hon'ble Punjab & Haryana High Court in CWP No. 4944 of 2021 (titled Dr. Renu Thakur Vs. State of Punjab and others), the following faculty member has been allowed to continue in service till the next date of hearing only i.e. 19.01.2023:

<b>Name of the faculty member</b>	<b>Department</b>	<b>Date of superannuation (i.e. 60 years)</b>	<b>w.e.f. the date he will continue in service as per interim orders</b>
Professor Renu Thakur	AIHC&A	31.03.2021	01.04.2021

In this regard, the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor has ordered that the above faculty member be considered to continue in service w.e.f. the date she becomes eligible for considering in service, as applicable in such other cases of teachers which is subject matter of LPA No. 1505 of 2016, CWP No.4944 of 2021 & other similar cases and salary be paid @ which she was drawing on date of attaining the age of 60 years without break in the services, excluding HRA (HRA not to be paid to any one), as an interim measure upto 19.01.2023. The payment made/amount payable to her will be adjustable against the final dues to her for which she should submit the undertaking as per Performa.

**NOTE:** The teacher(s) residing in the University Campus (who have got stay to retain residential accommodation) shall be allowed to retain the residential accommodation (s) allotted to them by the University on the same terms and conditions, subject to adjustment as per orders of the Hon'ble High Court on the next date of hearing.

**I-17.** In terms of order dated 15.01.2020 passed by Hon'ble Punjab and Haryana High Court in LPA No. 1505 of 2016 and other connected cases,



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the Vice-Chancellor has sanctioned the following retiral benefits to Dr. Vinod Kumar, Professor, P.U. Regional Centre, Sri Muktsar Sahib on account of his resignation (who had attained the age of superannuation i.e. 60 years on 30.06.2020 and was continuing working in the Panjab University service upto the age of 65 years i.e. 25.06.2025), subject to final decision of Hon'ble High Court in LPA No. 1505 of 2016 and other connected cases. However Dr. Vinod Kumar, Professor, P.U. Regional Centre, Sri Muktsar Sahib submitted his resignation w.e.f. 14.03.2022:-

- (i) Gratuity as admissible under Regulation 3.6 and 4.4 at pages 183 & 186 of P.U. Cal. Vol.-I, 2007.
- (ii) Encashment of Earned Leave as due to him but not exceeding maximum of 300 days, as admissible as per gazette notification dated 08.02.2021.

**I-18.**

The Vice-Chancellor, has:

- (i) extended the term of the following Assistant Professor (Temporary) at UIH&TM, upto 31.07.2022, on the same term and conditions, with one day break as usual :-
  1. Ms. Lipika Guliani
  2. Mr. Gaurav Kashyap
  3. Mr. Abhishek Ghai
  4. Mr. Manoj Semwal
- (ii) re-appointed the above faculty members as Assistant Professor (purely on temporary basis) in the pay scale of Rs.15600-39100+GP Rs.6000/- under Regulation 5 at page 111 of P.U. Calendar, Volume-I, 2007 for the session 2022-23 or till the posts are filled in, on regular basis, whichever is earlier, on the same term and conditions with one day break as usual according to which they have worked previously during the session 2021-22, under Regulation 5 at page 111 of P.U. Calendar, Volume-I, 2007. They will automatically stand relieved on the expiry of the semester/academic session.

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**I-19.** The Competent authority has granted temporary extension of affiliation to the following Colleges for the certain courses as mentioned against each for the session 2021-2022:

<b>Sr. No.</b>	<b>Name of the College</b>	<b>Name of the Courses/ subjects</b>
1.	G.K.S.M. Govt. College, Tanda Urmur, Distt. Hoshiarpur (Pb.)	(i) B.Sc. (Agriculture) 3 <sup>rd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> year (4 years course)-one unit each (ii). B.A./B.Sc.-I,II&III (Computer Science) (iii) PGDCA
2.	Sant Darbara Singh College for Women, Lopon, Distt. Moga (Pb.)	New course-B.A.-I-Computer Application-40 seats.
3.	DAV College Hoshiarpur (Pb.)	New course for B.B.A.-I (one unit)
4.	DIPS College of Education, Rarra Morr-Jalalpur, Urmur Tanda, Distt. Hoshiarpur (Pb.)	B.Ed. course-(two units-100 seats)
5.	J.C.D.A.V. College, Dasuya Distt. Hoshiarpur (Pb.)	(i) B.A.-I,II & III (Gandhian Studies)-40 seats (ii) M.A.-I & II (Punjabi)-one unit (iii) M.A.-II (History)-one unit (iv) Advanced Diploma in Software Development 2 <sup>nd</sup> year
6.	Guru Nanak College, Moga (Pb.)	B.A.-I, II & III (Religious Studies & Sikh Studies)-(80 seats)
7.	Guru Nanak College, Killianwali, Distt. Sri Muktsar Sahib (Pb.)	(i) PGDCA-40 seats (ii) M.Com. I & II-one unit each and Add on Course i.e. - (iii) Computer Based Accounting-40 seats.
8.	Dasmesh Girls College of Education, V.P.O. Badal, Teh. Malout, Distt. Sri Muktsar Sahib (Pb.)	M.Ed. Course (one unit-50 seats)
9.	Satyam College of Education, V.P.O.-Ghall Kalan, Distt. Moga (Pb.)	B.Ed. course (two units-100 seats)
10.	Dasmesh Girls College, Badal, Distt. Sri Muktsar Sahib (Pb.)	(i) B.Com.-I, II & III-one unit each (ii) B.A.- I, II & III-(Sociology)-one unit each (iii) B.A.-I, II & III-(Fine Arts)-one unit each (iv) B.A.-I, II & III-(Education)-one unit each (v) B.Sc.-I, II & III-(Fashion Designing)-one unit each (vi) B.A-I Music (Vocal) (vii) Post Graduate Diploma in Educational Management and Leadership.  Further, with respect to new courses the affiliation committee recommended that as per request of the College dated 29.09.2021. Since, no student was admitted in the courses (i) P.G. Diploma in Fashion Designing (ii) B.Sc.-I (Medical) in the session 2021-22, the affiliation committee has not considered their request for granting temporary extension affiliation to the (i) & (ii) in the current session.

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<b>Sr. No.</b>	<b>Name of the College</b>	<b>Name of the Courses/ subjects</b>
11.	Govt. Medical College & Hospital Sector-32 B, Chandigarh	New course/subject i.e D.M. Pulmonary Medicine course-02 seats
12.	Sri Guru Gobind Singh College, Sector-26, Chandigarh	Granted permanent affiliation for (i) B.Sc.-I, II & III Biotechnology (30 seats each) (ii) M.Sc.-I & II Biotechnology (40 seats each) (iii) M.A.- I & II Electronics (one unit each) (iv) BCA-I,II,III (one unit each) (v) M.Sc.-I & II-Zoology (one unit each) (vi) B.Com.-I,II & III (four unit each) (Vii) M.Com.-I & II (one unit each).
13.	G.H.G. Institute of law, Sidhwan Khurd, Ludhiana-142024	(i) B.A. LL.B (Hons.)-5 years Integrated Course-60 seats (ii) LL.B 3 years course-60 seats
14.	Surjeet Memorial College of Education, Malwal, Distt. Ferozepur	B.Ed. course (2 units-100 seats)
15.	GGs DAV Centenary College, Jalalabad (W), Distt. Fazilka	B.Com-I,II & III
16.	Dasmesh Girls College Chak Alla Bakash, Mukerian, Distt. Hoshiarpur (Pb.)	B.Sc.-III (Medical)-40 seats
17.	Government Rehabilitation Institute for Intellectual Disabilities (GRIID), Sector-31, Chandigarh	(i) B.Ed. Special Education (Intellectual Disability)-1 <sup>st</sup> & 2 <sup>nd</sup> Year (30 seats each) (ii) M.Ed. Special Education (Intellectual Disability)-1 <sup>st</sup> & 2 <sup>nd</sup> Year (10 seats each)
18.	Govt. College of Commerce and Management Sector-50, Chandigarh	(i) M.Com.-I, II (one unit each) (ii) B.Com.-I,II,III (two units each) (iii) B.B.A.-I,II,III (two units each) (iv) B.C.A.-I,II,III (one unit each)
19.	D.A.V. College, Malout, Distt. Sri Muktsar Sahib, (Pb.)	B.C.A.-III –one (01) unit and B.Com.-I,II & III-one (01) unit each
20.	G.T.B. Khalsa College for Women, Dasuya, Distt. Hoshiarpur (Pb.)	B.Sc.-III (Medical)-40 seats and M.A.-II (Political Science)-one unit
21.	BAM Khalsa College, Garhshankar, Distt. Hoshiarpur (Pb.)	(i) B.A. B.Ed./B.Sc. B.Ed. 1st, 2nd. 3rd & 4th year (4 years integrated courses) (ii) B.A.-III (Fine Arts) (iii) B.A./B.Sc.-I (Functional English)-E (iv) B.A./B.Sc.-I (Retail Marketing)-E. Further, the Principal of the College is advised to appoint required faculty on regular basis as per Inspection Committee report latest by 15.07.2022, failing which no admission will be allowed in 1 <sup>st</sup> year course for the session 2022-2023.
22.	Sant Majha Singh College for Women, Miani, Distt Hoshiarpur (Pb.)	(i) B.C.A.-I,II & III (one unit each) (ii) B.Com.-I,II and III (one unit each). Further, the Principal of the College is advised to appoint three Assistant Professors in Computer Science on regular basis latest by 15.07.2022, failing which no admission will be allowed in 1 <sup>st</sup> year course for the session 2022-2023.
23.	Babe Ke College of Education,	B.Ed. course (4 units-200 seats) and M.Ed.

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	Mudki, Distt. Ferozepur, Pin-142060	course (1 unit 50 seats)
24.	Kenway College of Education, Hanumangarh Road, Abohar, Pin-152116	B.Ed. course (4 units-200 seats) and M.Ed. course (1 unit 50 seats)
25.	Babe Ke College of Education, V.P.O. Daudhar, Distt. Moga (Pb.)	<p>Affiliation Committee has taken strict and serious note for not complying the conditions of the inspection committee which visited college. A regular Principal be appointed, failing which no admission will be allowed for the Session 2022-23.</p> <p>However, in the interest of students the college has been granted temporary extension of affiliation for the B.Ed. Course (Two Units-100 seats) for the session 2021-22 subject to compliance of the conditions as pointed by the Inspection Committee.</p>
26.	Sant Darbara Singh College of Education for Women, Lopon, Distt. Moga (Pb.)	M.Ed. course (one unit-50 seats), subject to appointment of one (01) Associate Professor and one (01) Assistant Professor on regular basis within three months from the date of issue of letter.
27.	Moga College of Education for Girls, Near P.S. Sadar, G.T. Road, Ghall Kalan, Distt. Moga (Pb.)	B.Ed. course (two units-100 seats) & M.Ed. course (one unit-50 seats), subject to compliance of the conditions as pointed by the Inspection Committee. The affiliation committee has taken a serious and strict note for not complying the conditions of the inspection committee which visited college. You are required to meet the compliance, failing which no admission will be allowed for the session 2022-23.
28.	Sant Sahara College of Education, Ferozepur Road, Near power Grid, Sri Muktsar Sahib (Pb.)	B.Ed. course (two units-100 seats)
29.	Muktsar Institute of Higher Education, Jalalabad Road, Srii Muktsar sahib (Pb.)	B.Ed. course (two units-100 seats), subject to compliance of the conditions as pointed by the Inspection Committee. The affiliation committee has taken a serious and strict note for not complying the conditions of the inspection committee which visited college. You are required to fill up the post of Assistant Professor before the starting of new academic session 2022-23, failing which no admission will be allowed for the session 2022-23.
30.	HKL College of Education Guruharsahai, District Ferozepur, Pin-152022	B.Ed. course (2 units-100 seats, subject to compliance of the conditions as pointed by the Inspection Committee.
31.	Lala Jagat Narayan Education College, Jalalabad-W, Distt.	B.Ed. course (2 units-100 seats) & M.Ed. course (1 unit-50 seats), subject to compliance of the

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	Fazilka, Pin-152123	conditions as pointed by the Inspection Committee.
32.	Nightingale College of Education Pakhowal Road, Ludhiana	B.Ed.-100 seats, subject to appointment of two Assistant Professors on regular basis within three months from the date of issue of letter, failing which the registration return of the students will not be accepted in first year course of B.Ed. for the session 2022-23.
33.	Tagore College of Education, Fatehgarh Korotana, Jalandhar Road, Distt. Moga (Pb.)	B.Ed. course (two units-100 seats), subject to compliance of the conditions as pointed by the Inspection Committee. The affiliation committee has taken a serious and strict note for not complying the conditions of the inspection committee which visited college. You are required to fill up two (02) posts of Assistant Professors in Education on regular basis, failing which no admission will be allowed for the session 2022-23.
34.	Guru Gobind Singh, College of Education, Gidderbaha, Distt. Muktsar Sahib (Pb.)-152101	B.Ed. course (two units-150 seats) & M.Ed. course (50 seats), subject to compliance of the conditions as pointed by the Inspection Committee. The affiliation committee has taken a serious and strict note for not complying the conditions of the inspection committee which visited college. You are required to appoint a Principal and 03 Assistant Professors and 01 Instructor on regular basis, failing which no admission will be allowed for the session 2022-23.
35.	Bajaj College, Chaukimann, Ferozepur Road, Ludhiana-142024	<p>(I) (i) BBA-I,II &amp; III (two units each) (ii) BCA-I, II &amp; III (one unit each) (iii) B.Com.-I,II &amp; III (two units each) (iv) B.Sc. (fashion Designing)-I,II &amp; III (one unit each)</p> <p>(II) The closure of college in a phased manner w.e.f. the session 2022-23 with the conditions as under:-</p> <p>(a) The college be allowed to discontinue admission in B.Com., B.B.A., B.C.A. &amp; B.Sc. Fashion Technology in 1<sup>st</sup> year w.e.f. the session 2022-23.</p> <p>(b) The management shall continue to make the salary payments to the faculty members till September 30, 2022 as per the agreed emoluments.</p> <p>(c) The management must take endeavour and assist the students for migration to nearby colleges. In case the</p>

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		students could not migrate, these students will remain on roll of the college till their batch pass out and teacher will be kept for teaching.
36.	Rayat College of Education, Railmajra, S.B.S. Nagar, Punjab	(i) B.Ed. course (two units-100 seats) (ii) M.Ed. course (one unit-50 seats), subject to appointment of one Professor, one Associate Professor, and twelve Assistant Professors on regular basis within three months from the date of issue of the letter, failing which the college will be allowed only one unit in the first year course of B.Ed. & M.Ed. for the session 2022-23.
37.	Shri Guru Ram Das College of Education, V.P.O-Halwara, Ludhiana	B.Ed. course-two units-100 seats, subject to appointment of a regular Principal and four Assistant Professors on regular basis within one month from the date of issue of the letter failing which the college will be allowed only one unit in first year course of B.Ed. & M.Ed. for the Session 2022-23.
38.	Guru Hargobind College of Education Gondwal, Raikot, District Ludhiana-141109	B.Ed. course- two units-100 seats, subject to appointment of a regular Principal. Two Assistant Professors in Education, one Assistant professor in English and a Librarian on regular basis within three months from the date of issue of the letter.
39.	G M T College of Education Jalandhar Bypass Chowk, GT Road, Ludhiana-141008	B.Ed. course (two units-100 seats)
40.	D.D. Jain College of Education Kidwai Nagar, Behind Mini Rose Garden, Ludhiana-141005	B.Ed. course-two units-100 seats, subject to appointment of one Assistant Professor on regular basis within three months from the date of issue of the letter.
41.	B.C.M. College of Education, Chandigarh Road, Ludhiana-141010	B.Ed. course Special Education-Learning Disability- (one unit-30 seats) & M.Ed.-(one unit-50 seats)
42.	Sant Baba Bhag Singh Memorial Girls College of Education, Sukhanand, Distt. Moga (Pb.)	B.Ed. course (two units-100 seats) & M.Ed. course (one unit-5- seats), subject to compliance of the conditions as pointed out by the Inspection Committee. The affiliation committee has taken a serious and strict note for not complying the conditions of the inspection committee which visited college. You are required to meet the compliance, failing which no admission will be allowed for the session 2022-23.
43.	Rayat College of Law, Railmajra, Distt. S.B.S. Nagar, Punjab	(i) B.Com. LLB (Hons.)-5 years integrated course-60 seats (ii) B.A. LLB (Hons.)-5 years integrated course 120 seats (iii) LLB-3 years course 60 seats

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44.	Lala Lajpat Rai College of Education, Dhudike, Distt. Moga (Pb.)	M.Ed. course (one unit-50 seats)
45.	J.D. College of Education, Bathinda Road, Sri Muktsar Sahib (Pb.)	B.Ed. course (two units-100 seats), subject to compliance of the conditions as pointed by the Inspection Committee. The affiliation committee has taken a serious and strict note for not complying the conditions of the inspection committee which visited college. You are required to seek the panel from the University and fill the posts before the start of next academic session i.e. 2022-23, failing which no admission will be allowed for the session 2022-23.
46.	Shukdeva Krishna College of Education for Girls, Ghall Kalan, District Moga (Pb.)	B.Ed. course (three units-150 seats)
47.	Guru Nanak College of Education, Malerkotla Road, Near Dehlon, Village Gopalpur, Ludhiana-141118	(i) B.Ed.-I & II (150 seats) (ii) M.Ed.-I & II (50 seats), subject to appointment of one Professor, one Associate Professor and two Assistant Professors for M.Ed. course and seven Assistant Professors for B.Ed. course on regular basis within three months from the date of issue of letter, failing which the registration return of the students will not be accepted in first year course of B.Ed. for the session 2022-23.
48.	Partap College of Education, Hambran Road, Ludhiana	(i) B.Ed. (100 seats) (ii) M.Ed. (50 seats), subject to fulfilment of conditions as imposed by the inspection committee in its report within three months from the date of issue of the letter, failing which the registration return of the students will not be accepted in first year course of B.Ed. for the session 2022-23.
49.	Guru Gobind Singh Khalsa College of Education for Women, Village Kamalpura, Ludhiana	B.Ed. course-I & II (50 seats)
51.	Institute of Management, C/o DAV College, Sector-10, Chandigarh	The affiliation Committee has directed to the Principal/Director, Institute of Management, C/o DAV College, Sector 10, Chandigarh that no admission be made in MBA-1st year course for the session 2022-23 as the college not full fill certain conditions mentioned in the report of Inspection Committee.
52.	Govt. Medical College & Hospital, Sector-32 B, Chandigarh.	D.M. Cardiology (02 seats)
53.	Baba Mangal Singh Institute of Education, Barnala Road,	B.Ed. course (three units- 100 seats), subject to appointment of faculty on regular basis within

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	Bughipura, Distt. Moga (Pb.)-142001	two months from the date of issue of letter, failing which registration return of the students will not be accepted in B.Ed. 1 <sup>st</sup> year course for the session 2022-23
54.	Bawa Nihal Singh B.Ed. College, Bawa Nihal Singh Street, Kotakpura Road, Sri Muktsar Sahib, Punjab-152026	B.Ed. course (three units- 150 seats), subject to appointment of faculty on regular basis within two months from the date of issue of letter, failing which registration return of the students will not be accepted in B.Ed. 1 <sup>st</sup> year course for the session 2022-23
55.	Guru Gobind Singh College of Education, Village Theeri, Tehsil-Malout, Distt. Sri Muktsar Sahib	B.Ed. course (three units- 100 seats), subject to appointment of faculty on regular basis within two months from the date of issue of letter, failing which registration return of the students will not be accepted in B.Ed. 1 <sup>st</sup> year course for the session 2022-23

**I-20.** The Vice-Chancellor has approved the extension of the term of appointment of Ms. Twinkle Bedi, Assistant Professor (purely on temporary basis) at Dr. S.S. Bhatnagar University Institute of Chemical Engineering & Technology, Panjab University, upto 29-07-2022 on the same terms and conditions, on which she was working earlier, with one day break as usual.

**NOTE:** The above item has been approved by the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor for placing before Senate in exercise of the powers of the Syndicate, in terms of authorization given by the Senate in its meeting dated 13.02.2022 (Para II).

**I-21.** In pursuance of orders dated 03.03.2021 & 11.05.2022 passed by the Hon'ble Punjab & Haryana High Court in CWP No. 4944 of 2021 (titled Dr. Renu Thakur and ANR Vs. State of Punjab and others), the following faculty member has been allowed to continue in service till the next date of hearing only i.e. 19.01.2023:

<b>Name of the faculty member</b>	<b>Department</b>	<b>Date of superannuation (i.e. 60 years)</b>	<b>w.e.f. the date he will continue in service as per interim orders</b>
Professor Naveen Chaudhri	Geology	31.03.2021	01.04.2021

In this regard, the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor has ordered that the above faculty member be considered to continue in service w.e.f. the date he becomes eligible for considering in service, as applicable in such other cases of teachers which is subject matter of LPA No. 1505 of 2016, CWP No.18822 of 2020 & other similar cases and salary be paid @ which he was drawing on date of attaining the age of 60 years without break in the services, excluding HRA (HRA not to be paid to any one), as an interim measure up to 19.01.2023. The payment made/amount payable to him will be adjustable



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against the final dues to him for which he should submit the undertaking as per Performa.

- NOTE:**
1. The teacher(s) residing in the University Campus (who have got stay to retain residential accommodation) shall be allowed to retain the residential accommodation (s) allotted to them by the University on the same terms and conditions, subject to adjustment as per orders of the Hon<sup>ble</sup> High Court on the next date of hearing.
  2. The above item has been approved by the Hon<sup>ble</sup> Vice-Chancellor for placing before Senate in exercise of the powers of the Syndicate, in terms of authorization given by the Senate in its meeting dated 13.02.2022 (Para II).

**I-22.** In pursuance of orders dated 25.11.2020 & 11.05.2022 passed by the Hon<sup>ble</sup> Punjab & Haryana High Court in CWP No. 18822 of 2020 (titled Dr. Geeta Shukla Vs. Panjab University and others), the following faculty member has been allowed to continue in service till the next date of hearing, i.e., 19.01.2023:

<b>Name of the faculty member</b>	<b>Department</b>	<b>Date of superannuation</b>	<b>w.e.f. the date he will continue in service as per interim orders</b>
Prof. Geeta Shukla	Microbiology	30.11.2020	01.12.2020

In this regard, the Vice-Chancellor has ordered that the above faculty member be considered to continue in service w.e.f. the date she has continued in P.U. service on the basis of interim orders, as applicable in such other cases of teachers which is subject matter of LPA No.1505 of 2016, CWP No.18822 of 2020 & other similar cases and salary be paid to her which she was drawing on date attaining the age of 60 years without break in the services, excluding HRA (HRA not to be paid to any one), as an interim measure up to 19.01.2023. The payment to her will be adjustable against the final dues to her for which she should submit the undertaking as per Performa.

- NOTE:**
1. The teacher(s) residing in the University Campus (who have got stay to retain residential accommodation) shall be allowed to retain the residential accommodation (s) allotted them by the University on the same terms and conditions, subject to adjustment as per orders of the Hon<sup>ble</sup> High Court on the next date of hearing.
  2. The above item has been approved by the Hon<sup>ble</sup> Vice-Chancellor for placing before Senate in exercise of the powers of the

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Syndicate, in terms of authorization given by the Senate in its meeting dated 13.02.2022 (Para II).

- I-23.** To note minutes of the Committee dated 28.05.2022 (**Appendix-XV**) with regard to discontinuation of the Courses/Subjects of M.A. (Hindi, Punjabi and History) in the Guru Nanak College, Killianwali, District Sri Muktsar Sahib (Punjab) from the academic session 2021-2022.

**NOTE:** The above item has been approved by the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor for placing before Senate in exercise of the powers of the Syndicate, in terms of authorization given by the Senate in its meeting dated 13.02.2022 (Para II).

- I-24.** To note circular No. 122/R/DS dated 28/29.04.2022 (**Appendix-XVI**) with regard to holding any kind of Dharna/Protest/Rally by all the stakeholders of the University at one designated place.

**Referring to Sub-Item I-6,** Dr. Parveen Goyal said that, first of all, he appreciated the efforts made by the Hon'ble Vice Chancellor on the 9 policies. He added that though the entire faculty is working on these, yet he would like to request the faculty members from this platform to give their data for the NAAC so that they could utilize/present the data to the maximum extent.

**Referring to Sub-Item I-3,** Dr. Parveen Goyal said that these are those promotion cases (under the CAS), which had already been approved. Normally, such cases never come to the Senate, but he did not know why these cases have been placed before the Senate. When the Pre-screening is done, the case is returned to the concerned department after the signing of the Vice Chancellor. He would like to bring to the kind notice of the Dean of University Instruction from this platform that the Pre-screening Committees of different departments follow different rules/guidelines at the time of screening. He requested the Dean of University Instruction to prepare and circulate uniform rules/guidelines for screening of applications of faculty members for promotion from Assistant Professor to Associate Professor and Associate Professor to Professor under the CAS by the Pre-screening Committees.

**Referring to Sub-Item I-24,** Shri Honey Thakur said that the office of the Registrar had issued a circular that henceforth the dharnas, protests, etc., should be staged near the Health Centre, as the said site has been earmarked for such purposes. To stage dharnas, etc., is the democratic right of the employees, students, teachers, the same should not be snatched. He added that persons like Shri Satya Pal Jain, Shri Davesh Moudgil and some other are nominated on the Senate by the Hon'ble Chancellor to ensure that they should take all the persons along and watch the interests of each and everyone. The decision of the authorities to earmark a site for protests in a corner is wrong as they never harass anyone whenever they hold rallies or stage dharnas. They also did not block the roads. If the Vice Chancellor listens to them, they would never stage any dharna. He requested the Vice Chancellor to get the aforesaid circular withdrawn. He added that the Hon'ble Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi had himself unfurled the National Flag at Lal Chowk in Srinagar on 26<sup>th</sup> January 1992. He had set an example that they could raise their voice. They should also learn a lesson from this and should never snub the voice of anyone.

**Referring to Sub-Item I-23,** Professor Prashant Gautam said that he is pained to point out that one of the affiliated colleges is discontinuing M.A. Courses, that too

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languages (Hindi, Punjabi and History). On the one hand, they always plead that the languages should be promoted, including regional languages, and on the other hand, they are allowing colleges to discontinue language courses. NEP, 2020 also stressed that regional languages should be promoted. He requested the Vice Chancellor to constitute a Committee to suggest ways and means as to how the languages could be promoted. Could they motivate the colleges, which intend to discontinue language courses, to promote languages.

The Vice Chancellor said that the suggestion put forth by Professor Prashant Gautam would be taken into cognizance and a Committee would be constituted to explore ways and means to promote languages.

**Referring to Sub-Item I-10**, Dr. Mritunjay Kumar said that the General Body of PUTA in its meeting held yesterday (4.7.2022) had authorized him to protest in the meeting of the Senate against divesting Dr. Jivesh Bansal of the charge of A.C. Joshi Library, and giving the charge to Director, Research & Development Cell. He pleaded that the charge of the A.C. Joshi Library should again be given to Dr. Jivesh Bansal because the people of library could be made the Head of libraries only. He suggested that whatever issues are there, the same should be resolved through an Internal Committee to be constituted by the Vice Chancellor.

**Referring to Sub-Item I-24**, Dr. Mritunjay Kumar said that, as pointed out by Shri Honey Thakur, President, PUSA, they never stage dharnas or protests that they are against the University Authorities or they had any anti-University stand. In fact, they stage dharnas, protests, etc. just to get the demands fulfilled by the University Authorities. However, they never compel any person to join the protests. Hence, the circular referred to by Shri Honey Thakur should be withdrawn, which is their united demand.

**Referring to Sub-Item I-6**, Professor Rajat Sandhir stated that the item is about the Policy Documents, which had been framed for NAAC. He pointed out that there is only one Policy Document, which is available in the link provided, and the document related to Promotion of Research alone. The rest of the Policy Documents are missing in the link. What would the members be able to do if half of the Policy Documents are not available on the University website? This is one of his points, which needed to be looked into. He further said that the University still is reflecting Vision 2020 on the website, especially when they knew that Vision 2025 had already been drafted and the same is waiting for the approval of the Syndicate and Senate. He did not know what that document is missing, when they are saying that they are ready for NAAC. This is something very-very serious and needed to take care of it with pro-active indulgence because they are close to reaccreditation of NAAC.

**Referring to Sub-Item I-10**, Professor Rajat Sandhir said that the Librarian has been changed, but no reason for the change has been given. So he would say that there has to be some transparency so that a right kind of message goes out. As suggested by Dr. Mritunjay Kumar, maybe they could think of some other mechanism. If he (Vice Chancellor) wanted to something else, he could constitute a Committee so that a long-term mechanism is in place for that.

**Referring to Sub-Item I-24**, Professor Rajat Sandhir said that agitation or annoyance with the Administration is sometimes part of the administrative set up. So, they are families. He requested the Vice Chancellor to take the circular back. They could put riders that they should have norms, but could not site would be designated to some other place. Moreover, it is not in the interest of the University and would give a wrong message. He hoped that some of his apprehensions would be taken care of.

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Shri Simranjit Singh Dhillon said that, in future, the meetings of the Senate should be held off-line. **Referring to Sub-Item I-24**, Shri Dhillon said that the circular under consideration should be withdrawn and he (Vice Chancellor) should think that if somebody protest, what is his/her demands and how the same could be resolved, not that they should be thrown at some other place. At majority of times, the protests are held on students' issues. He suggested that a Committee, e.g., Students' Grievance Committee should be constituted to look into the cases, which the Dean of Student Welfare, etc. are not able to resolve.

**Referring to Sub-Item I-24**, Dr. Priyatosh Sharma said that in this Item the additional charge of Librarian has been given to Director, Research and Development Cell. In the beginning, when they started to hold the meeting of the Senate, he had pointed out that there are certain issues. He thought that the charge of Librarian has been given to Director, Research and Development Cell for improving the efficiency of the Library, which is necessary for the students, teachers and NAAC visit. As such, he supports this. He further said that they had made a request that a Committee should be constituted to re-look into the decisions, which had been taken during the last 2-3 years as there were certain issues, which were pointed out by him in the earlier meetings. Their Library is at the moment lacking, whereas it used to be as asset for this University. He, therefore, reiterated that a Committee should be formed to re-look into the decisions, which had been taken during the last two-three years.

**Referring to Sub-Item I-23**, Dr. Priyatosh Sharma said that Professor Prashant Gautam had said that certain Colleges are discontinuing certain courses, especially in languages. In fact, the Colleges are facing problems in running as these are run under the self-financed posts. The Director Higher Education, Punjab, has put restriction of 75%-25% on these posts. As such, these Colleges are already under a lot of financial burden and the salaries of the teachers have gone down. These are those courses, which are not being financed by the Colleges themselves and they had also been affected by the Covid-19 Pandemic. As such, it is not easy for them to offer these courses. If the Punjab Government wished, because both Minister for Higher Education, Punjab and Director Higher Education, Punjab, are members of the Senate, they could provide some financial assistance to such Colleges. Panjab University would be happier if these courses are offered by the Colleges. He remarked that they have to take a rational decision instead of emotional one.

**Referring to Sub-Item I-24**, Dr. Priyatosh Sharma said that certain members are saying that people could stage dharnas at the place of their choice, but he would like to add that if they saw the dharnas staged during last two three years, the people involved in the dharnas were those, who did not belong to the University in any manner. The people involved in the dharnas were neither teachers nor students or employees of the University, rather, they were outsiders. If they see, they would find that the people did not use this space near the Vice Chancellor's office for the welfare of the University; rather, they used it for other things, practice like which existed in Punjab and other places. It is slowly and steadily becoming a political platform. According to him, if the reason behind the dharna is good and the same could be held at any place and the same would definitely got noticed and achieve the objectives. Although the place of dharna/rally had been shifted from Matka Chowk to Sector 25, it did not mean that the dharnas/rallies held at sector 25 did not prove successful. If the people/outsideers use the dharna place for achieving political objectives, the decision of the University is appropriate that the dharna/rally should be held at the designated place. He further said that they are not against the dharna but the place, purpose and interest of the dharna should be explicit because they all worked for academics. The example, which had been set by the University for earmarking a site for

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dharnas, etc., is being followed in the entire north India. Hence, he fully agreed with the decision of the University authority that the dharnas/rallies should be staged at the designated place only.

**Referring to Sub-item I-24**, Dr. Ravinder Dhaliwal said that as stated by Dr. Priyatosh Sharma that outside persons used to come for Dharnas/protests for their political interests. To stop these outsiders, University has its own security personnel, on this basis; they cannot deny protests outside the office of the Vice-Chancellor. Secondly, he said that for the conduct of Senate Elections, he himself sat on dharna which lasted for one month. When people sit on dharnas for one or more than one month outside the office of the Vice-Chancellor and nobody from the authorities go there to ask for their demands, then how it would be possible if they sit on other places and authorities pay heed to their demands. The basic structure of the University should be remained as intact and the circular should be withdrawn otherwise the University has to face another major dharna or protest against this decision.

**Referring to Sub-item I-23**, Dr. Ravinder Dhaliwal said that admission in M.A. in Languages (Hindi, Punjabi and Sanskrit) is at its diminishing stage. It should be found as to why the students are not opting language subjects. He opined that the study of language subjects is not serving the purpose of giving employment to the youth that is why the interests of the students are declining in choosing the language subjects. He suggested that these language departments should be linked with the technological changes/media and work in this direction should be done on priority basis.

**Referring to Sub-item I-24**, Dr. Nidhi Gautam said that in the name of democracy the dharnas/protests are being conducted at any place even outside the residences. She being the Warden of the Hostel had to face protest from the students, the dharna of the students outside her house was staged and they intimidated her and raised wrong slogans. She went outside her house and intimated them about the reality of the situation and also guided them that they were being misled. It is not correct if any Faculty member who is holding any important position in the office has to face such type of protests and unnecessary slogans. There should be a designated place for dharna, it should not be such that everyone is allowed to stage dharna or protest at any place. There must be a disciplined life for everyone as they are living in a civic society; rather they represent the most civilized society. It should not be allowed to stage dharna at any place. The place which has been identified as dharna site is nowhere at the corner place of the University, the persons who are objecting are requested to visit there and see that this place is in front of the main market near the Health Centre. The arrangement for lighting and other facilities are also being made at this place to avoid any difficulty. If a person/group would protest at Sector 25 ground then it is not correct that their voice of protest would not reach to the ears of the authorities. It is not the way that any officer is intimidated on the ground of staging such type of protests/dharnas. She strongly support the viewpoint expressed by Dr. Priyatosh Sharma.

**Referring to Sub-item I-6**, Professor Sonal Chawla in which 9 policies were brought forward, which have been duly recommended and vetted by a Committee formed and approved by the Vice-Chancellor. With the permission, she would like to apprise the House that all of these policies are not accessible through one link, they are all accessible on the IQAC link. All these policies have been uploaded on the IQAC, if any member is facing difficulty in going through these policies, then they can visit the website of IQAC and by dropping down the reports icon and under manual, all the nine policies are uploaded/listed. It is just to brief the members of the house regarding sub item I-5.

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The Vice-Chancellor stated that it is a very important input had been given by Professor Sonal Chawla. It should be ensured by the Hon'ble members of the House, before commenting on any item, that if one or another item is not listed on the main website, then it should be got connected as to under what item, the same would be associated and they can have access to it. The entire policies have been uploaded on the IQAC website; the same could be visited and consulted. The comment that such policies are not on the website shows the negative and irresponsible approach. The members should restrict them for making such type of statements.

**Referring to Sub item I-24,** Dr. Sandeep Kataria said that any person/group stages dharna only at the time when they have any kind of problem(s). Instead of giving deaf ears to their request, they should try to sort out their problems. It is the right of every citizen in a democratic country to raise his voice.

**Referring to Sub item I-10,** Professor Ashok Kumar said that it was necessary to take back the charge of Librarian from Dr. Jivesh Bansal as a lot of problems had crept in the working of library. To sort out this problem, a Committee may be constituted to examine the pros and cons of the issue. The decision of the Vice-Chancellor with regard to take back the charge of Librarian from Dr. Jivesh Bansal is very much correct.

**Referring to Sub item I-24,** Professor Ashok Kumar said that as he has been directly associated with the students and there are majority of problems that have been occurred from these protests/dharnas, therefore, it is very right decision that the dharna/protest would be held at the designated placed. From that designated place of dharna, the voice of the protestors could be reached to the Vice-Chancellor.

**Referring to Sub item I-24,** Dr. Jayanti Dutta stated that it has become the trend of the current scenario to make protests and dharnas against any type of decisions/agenda brought forward by the authorities. The designated place near Health Centre for dharna or protest is more visible and public place. She requested the Vice-Chancellor to create a beautiful and democratic platform by providing the mats to the protestors and space for pasting of posters. The newly built up place for the protest would be followed by all the Universities on the pattern of Panjab University in future. It is a very beautiful, appropriate and relevant place with more visibility being near the University gate and Health Centre. According to her there is no need of any deliberation in this designated place for staging the dharnas and protests. She observed that this could be a very good place for any democratic protest while raising their voice in a dignified way.

**Referring to Sub Item I-24,** Dr. Dinesh Kumar said that he would like to add on the matter of staging a dharna or protest at the designated place. He had been observing the dharnas and protests from the last 16 years since his joining in the University but now the shape of the dharnas had been completely changed. In the past, the dharnas were also staged but at that time the gate of the office of the Vice-Chancellor had never been closed. In the building of the office of the Vice-Chancellor, the offices of Dean of University Instruction, Director, Research & Development Cell, are located where students, teaching faculty and non-teaching staff have to visit for their day-to-day functioning. When the main gates of the office of the Vice-Chancellor are closed, there would be inconvenience for the officials who had to visit these offices for official purposes. The officials have to face lot of inconvenience due to staging of dharnas and protests outside the office of the Vice-Chancellor which is legally wrong. If a person is willing to file a complaint due to inconvenience being faced by them on this ground then he/she can file a complaint against the protests. As per his opinion the main reason behind taking the decision to hold dharnas/protests at the designated place is that a lot of inconvenience is being faced by the officials as well as the students, but they have right to close the entry doors for the

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visitors. At one point of time the gate of the Vice-Chancellor were closed for more than a month. The protestors have the right to raise their demands and stage dharnas but they have no right to make inconvenience to other visitors who have nothing to do in the matter. It should be firmly decided by the Vice-Chancellor that in near future no gate of any of the office whether it is Administrative Block and office of the Vice-Chancellor would be closed because of these dharnas and protests. The teaching and non-teaching staff also raised their voices but they never block the gates of the office of the Vice-Chancellor. The tradition of blocking the ways to the doors should be discontinued otherwise it would affect the image of the University.

**Referring to Sub item I-3,** Professor Mukesh Arora stated that as requested earlier, the case of Dr. Amandeep should be looked into. In fact, she had applied for promotion through CAS, but she was denied the promotion due to the reason that no candidate for Ph.D. is enrolled under her supervision. In some cases of Science teachers, they were allowed promotion even only on the enrolment of candidate for Ph.D. Degree. The same criteria for promotion should be followed, so that there is no discrimination amongst the teachers. The case of Dr. Amandeep Kaur should be got examined and she should also be given promotion if other teachers are being promoted on the same pattern.

**Referring to Sub item I-24,** Professor Yojna Rawat said that this decision of holding of dharnas at designated place was taken only due to the reason that the genuine demands of the students would reach to the Vice-Chancellor. The earlier place where dharnas were staged was not adequate and appropriate. A number of meetings were being conducted in the office of the Vice-Chancellor and at that place, there is no adequate space as it is located near the round about where number of vehicles are moved. The agitated students blocked the entry gates for the visitors and officials who cause the stressing situation; as a result the students become aggressive and would be distracted from their prime motive. According to her if the matters related to students needs to be addressed in a better way, they should convey their problems in a dignified way. The meaning of the word “democratic way” as used by other Fellows is only to convey the demands in a refined manner. As stated by Dr. Mritunjay Kumar that when they stage dharnas, it does not mean that they are anti-authorities. It is that they are raising their voice in favour of teachers as well as students. The staging of dharna or rising of voice against any decision is not wrong but this should not be done at this place which is very inappropriate and inadequate. At the dharnas outside the office of the Vice-Chancellor, students sit for day and night and even the media personnel joined their protests for coverage which would resultantly interrupt the meetings of the Vice-Chancellor and it would also tarnish the image of the University in front of the delegation and visitors. She observed that it gives a very wrong message, the way the dharna is carried out there; it goes in a very bad shape rather than in a democratic way. It is therefore, more appropriate that the newly allocated place should be used for the dharna or protest and it is the responsibility of the authorities to contact the protestors to meet their genuine demands. It is only the authority who can solve the matters and it is not such that if the place of dharna is earmarked at a far off place, their demands would not be met.

**Referring to Sub-item I-24,** Professor Sukhbir Kaur said that she would like to endorse the viewpoint expressed by Dr. Dinesh Kumar. When she was D.S.W. at that time the protest was held in the Library and she herself and Professor S.K. Tomar were made hostages in the Department, they blocked their way and restricted them to exit from the library. When they tried to exit from the Library and reached at their vehicles at the parking area, they sat on the mats in the parking area where their vehicles were parked. When they started walking, hundreds of students stalked them and the teachers and Warden were in the fear that they might hurt even without any fault. Where were the persons at that time, who are now talking about the democracy, when the representatives

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of the authorities become hostages by the protestors? The people, who are now talking of democracy, where were they at that time when the students took Dean of Student Welfare (Women) and other faculty members as hostages? The police authorities and the security personnel were present at the site, but they did not even utter a single word to the protestor students. Finally she herself snubbed those students and warned them if they would take even one more step towards her, she would lodge a complaint against them. Thereafter, hundreds of students gathered outside the Warden House of Hostel No.4 and shouted at the doors of her residence to open the door on the issue related to mess. Do the students behave in a democratic manner? This type of treatment is not acceptable that students behave in such an undemocratic way. The site of dharna should be located at an appropriate place. There should be a separate code of conduct for the students. From the last many years, the dharna site was outside the office of the Vice-Chancellor but keeping in view such type of problems faced in the recent past, the site of dharna had to be changed. The need for changing the dharna site occurred due to the reason that students behaved in an unruly manner which cannot be accepted as it gives such a wrong signal to the society that 50-60 students of the University are harassing the Faculty members and even threatened them to stage dharnas/protests outside their houses. She herself saw that students were protesting outside the house of Dr. Nidhi Gautam. It should be stopped by framing code of conduct for the students. As suggested by the other colleagues, that there should be a separate cell to listen to the grievances of the students, but she would like to ask whether 3 D.S.W.s are not sufficient for the students to address their grievances and even the Vice-Chancellor usually directed the Chairpersons to coordinate with the students. Every teacher tried their best to sort out their grievances but the students did not listen to teachers. In this situation what the authorities could do? While endorsing the viewpoints expressed by Dr. Yojna Rawat, she said that it is very important that dharna site should be shifted to another place as a number of visitors, Faculty and officials visits the office of the Vice-Chancellor for attending 30-40 meetings a day and they have been harassed when the gates of the office of the Vice-Chancellor were closed. It is not good for the academic interest of the University. The University is there for the benefit of the students as the existence of the University is only because of the students. She, therefore, requested all the Fellow members to help them to shift the dharna site from this place to the designated place.

The Vice-Chancellor while concluding stated that it is all about the inputs of the members about the information items.

**RESOLVED:** That the information contained in **Sub-Items I-1 to I-14 and I-16 to I-24** on the agenda, be noted.

**RESOLVED FURTHER:** That a Committee be constituted by the Vice Chancellor in explore ways and means to promote languages, so that the Colleges do not discontinue language courses.

**XVI.****ZERO HOUR**

1. Dr. Dinesh Kumar taking up the issue of House Renovation in the University stated that its file is pending since long with some official. According to him, a very little budget is allocated for this purpose and if the budget is not approved soon, the University will not be able to float tender for it and the financial year will come to an end. He was of the view that this case should be taken on priority.



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2. Dr. Dinesh Kumar stated that he had raised the issue of a teacher namely Dr. Bhupinder Singh Pali in the last meeting of Senate. He had urged in the meeting that if his file is not traceable than a copy of the application be sought from him. But, today, Dr. Pali has received a letter from the University asking him to apply afresh stating that his score under Category-I was not up to the mark. He asked that if his score was not up to the mark than why his interview was conducted. He was of the view that for it pre-screening and screening committees are responsible and the then DUI and Vice-Chancellor had conducted the interview. Further, he stated that his version in the last meeting was not taken in its proper spirit and interpreting it otherwise, Dr. Pali is being asked to apply afresh. According to him, if Dr. Pali applies afresh it will consume the same time again, as the application will pass through the whole process again. His concern is to save the precious time of the University and accordingly the file of Dr. Pali should be processed immediately.
3. Shri Ravinder Singh Dhaliwal stated that students are facing lot of hardship in the library, as the number of seats/chairs are very less and during these days of examination the number of students in the library remains on the higher side. According to him, Associate Dean of Student Welfare, Dr. Ashok Kumar, had also visited the library few days back for checking. He urged that some other hall/alternative facility should be opened for the students.
4. Shri Ravinder Singh said that he has noted that Punjabi language is not being used on the new signboards, put up outside the University hostels. However, Hindi language is being used. He urged that Punjabi language must be used on signboards, wherever installed, as students from Punjab study in the University.
5. Professor Mukesh Arora endorsing the viewpoint of Professor Sukhbir Kaur, about code of conduct, stated that he has got the opportunity to work with Vice Chancellors and while expressing respect towards the Vice Chancellor and the Senators he said earlier there used to be great respect for Senators and they used to get their task done while sitting in Guest House. But, now-a-days it is not so, the Senators have to tell that they are Senate Members and only then they are attended. He asked that why this downfall is coming. He has tried to analyze it by talking with employees and seniors. Earlier the Vice Chancellor used to respect the Senators and vice versa. But, now-a-days, due to freedom of expression, any Senator can say 'anything' to the Vice Chancellor and without quoting it (anything) he stated that it also comes in the newspapers now-a-days. And at times the Vice Chancellor also say 'anything' to the Senators, which he does not want to quote, and the Vice Chancellor should see while using it (anything) that whether it is acceptable to him for himself. Keeping all this in mind, he said there should be some code of conduct for Senators as well, like in the case of teachers and students, so that we all don't cross our limits and the Vice Chancellor does not have to leave the meeting in between by adjourning it due to utterance of something by a Senator, which is not acceptable. It not only results in wastage of time of Senators but also in money of the University. Hence, a Committee should be constituted to devise Code of Conduct for the Senators too. He quoted the example of Vidhan Sabha/Lok Sabha, wherein the Speaker of the House, has the right to stop anybody crossing his/her limits.

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6. Dr. Mukesh Arora said that in the last meeting of Senate, held in Golden Jubilee, he had raised the matter of appointment of Junior Technicians in the Department of Biophysics. He said that written test for the post was conducted in July, 2021, result was declared and interviews were also held. But, till date appointment letters have not been issued to the selected candidates. He has also messaged to the Registrar today in this regard. He might not have seen it due to his busy schedule. He urged that appointment letters be issued to all concerned.
7. Professor Yojna Rawat stated that many people in the University are appointed on ex-cadre posts and there is no promotion policy for employees holding such ex-cadre posts. These employees are very much frustrated as they don't get any promotion, even after working for 25-35 years, and retire as such. According to her, it is very unfair and there should be some policy for such employees so that they can also get avenues for promotion. To support her version, she quoted the example of Programming Assistants in UIET, Lab Instructors, Technical Officers and Sr. Scientific Officers in the Science Departments of the University. She also stated that there is a post of Technical Officer in USOL too. She desired that a Committee be constituted to examine the matter in depth so that promotions can also be granted to such employees during their career may be at 10<sup>th</sup> or 15<sup>th</sup> year of their service.
8. Professor Yojna Rawat said about the election of Ordinary Fellows by the Faculties, that it is written in the University Calendar that Six Fellows shall be elected by the Faculties. Of these, one shall be elected by each of the Faculty of Arts, Languages, Science, Medical Sciences and Law and one shall be elected by the remaining Faculties (combined). The Fellows to be elected by the Faculties of Arts, Languages and Science shall be persons, working as Teachers in the University Teaching Departments or Institutions affiliated to the University. According to her, in the Faculties of Laws and Medical Sciences, the contestants can come from any domain. As a result, the persons, not belonging to Law and Medical Sciences, but having influence, get elected and the persons belonging to Law and Medical Sciences professions, having rich experience in these fields, get deprived from election. The contestants, so elected, do nothing and only promote politics & they all have seen this for decades. As a result, our academics have suffered a great loss. Accordingly, she urged that a Committee should be constituted to bring an amendment in this regard in the Calendar so that only contestants from relevant fields, i.e., Faculty members from Law and Medical Sciences, having rich experience, could come forward and contest the elections. Further, she added, however, there is a provision that persons from relevant fields having prescribed experience could come forward and contest the elections. But, at times, persons from relevant fields not having relevant experience do contest the elections and win the same on vote bank basis too. The University has remained under the capture of such persons for decades together. She was of the view that this tradition should go and if the required change is not brought in, the problem will keep on persisting & the concerned persons will get encouraged.
9. Professor Yojna Rawat said about 'No Vehicle Zone,' that the University is contemplating to not to allow new students, i.e., hostellers and

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day scholars, to use four wheelers from the coming academic session. And, if this is allowed, gradually, in three-four years, the students will stop coming on four wheelers. The students would be allowed to come on their two wheelers and if needed the University would be required to provide transport facility to them to go from one department to another. For this purpose, the University has the transport facilities. In addition to it, the CRIKC buses, lying idle can also be pressed into this service. She urged that this issue be got looked into, otherwise the University campus would become a Campus of Cars/four wheelers only and there would be no space for pedestrians. And, if this measure is implemented, it would also help us in achieving the target of 'Green Campus' too.

10. Dr. Neeru Malik urged the Vice Chancellor to get the e-access of University Library to college teachers as well. In this regard, she stated that she had requested the Vice-Chancellor earlier also and the Vice Chancellor had noted this too. According to her, this will not only enhance the research but also the academic parameters amongst the college teachers.

The Vice-Chancellor asked the Registrar to note this and get the access to college teachers.

11. Dr. Neeru Malik said that for CAS promotions, University teachers are required to guide Ph.D. students. According to her, some University teachers are eligible to guide Ph.D. students and their cases are submitted with the competent authorities too, but, the same are not being processed. She urged that their cases be got processed at the earliest and necessary approval to concerned teachers to guide Ph.D. students be accorded. Likewise, many cases of Education College Teachers are pending with Department of Education since 2014 or 2016. She pleaded that their cases be also got processed on priority. She also urged the Vice Chancellor to coordinate with the Director, Higher Education, Union Territory, Chandigarh, so as to get the CAS promotion cases of her college processed.

12. Dr. Parveen Goyal lauded the efforts of the Vice-Chancellor for getting the agenda of the present Senate meeting distributed first time through E-mode and resultant cut on expenditure. He was of the opinion that in this way, under the able leadership of the Vice-Chancellor, the University is able to save a sum of around Rs.50 lacs. He said that he was trying for distribution of agenda through e-mode since December, 2016.

13. Dr. Parveen Goyal said that he had submitted a proposal regarding paper setting in January, 2019. On his proposal, the Vice Chancellor had constituted a Committee. The minutes/recommendations of the said Committee were implemented through a Circular. When the present incumbent of the post of Controller of Examinations, i.e., Professor Jagat Bhushan, joined, he showed him that Circular. But, till date the said Circular has not been implemented. According to him, lacs of rupees of University, spent on paper setting, can be saved if that Circular is implemented. Further, he was of the opinion that the money so saved can be utilized for meeting out other expenditure.

14. Dr. Praveen Goyal said that the ENACTUS Scheme running under the able guidance of Professor Seema Kapoor, Dr. S.S. Bhatnagar University Institute of Chemical Engineering & Technology, is doing a very exemplary

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social work and has won various national awards. According to him, it should be kept in mind.

15. Dr. Praveen Goyal said that in view of the forthcoming accreditation of the University by NAAC, the budget for Improvement of Education should be made available at the earliest, as it will be very useful for the teachers for the purpose of registration and the different tour and travel subsidies they avail.
16. Dr. Praveen Goyal said that maximum efforts should be put in for getting the 7<sup>th</sup> Pay Commission for the teachers so that maximum teachers can get benefitted.
17. Professor Latika Sharma, continuing from where Professor Yojna Rawat left, i.e., 'Vehicle Free Zone', stated that there is dire need of footpaths on certain roads, especially the ones connecting the residential areas of the Campus with the Departments. There are very good roads, very good green covers, but, not the footpaths to walk to the Departments. So, this may be looked into.
18. Professor Latika Sharma stated while drawing attention of the Vice Chancellor towards research output of the University, that it gives visibility to the University and improves its perception. When we talk of quantitative expansion of our research base, it is equally important to develop some ordinances, by RDC, for quality of research. She was of the view that quality of research should not bring down our place in the ranking.
19. Professor Latika Sharma stated about opening of canteens that large number of students have come back as courses are running offline. Examinations are also being conducted offline. But, many canteens are yet to be opened. Sometimes, students have to travel to the University from far off places by early morning buses and they really don't have any place to get any refreshment in their respective Departments. So, canteens should be opened at the earliest.
20. Professor Latika Sharma appreciated the work of XEN and Horticulture Office for removing the mess after the first rain. They have really done a commendable job in cleaning up all the muck, which was collected after the heavy rain, when the monsoons just started. She wished that they will continue their good work.
21. Professor Latika Sharma stated that Centre for Academic Leadership and Educational Management (CALEM), was sanctioned to the Department of Education in August, 2018. Initially, Advisory, Academic and Technical Committees were constituted and they held their meetings in 2018 and 2019. Only one or two meetings were held and after that all the programs, which were conducted, were held as per the proposal, but, no meeting of the Committee was held. So, some kind of core structure is required for smooth functioning of CALEM. Also the programs have to be self-supported. So, she has absolutely no idea what work has been done for making CALEM self-supporting. As far as non-recurring budget is concerned, the same has been utilized. Now, funds are not there to run CALEM further. So, perhaps a cue can be taken from the way Inter-disciplinary Centre for Swami Vivekananda Studies was initially sanctioned and afterwards University

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gave some budget for its running expenses. Accordingly, some kind of mechanism needs to be worked out for CALEM too.

22. Professor Latika Sharma stated that some decisions are taken in a very undemocratic way with regard to JAAC Committees of various departments, she stated that it is important.....
23. Prof. Jagat Bhushan referring to the statement of Dr. Parveen Goyal about paper setting stated that some security issues are there in it. Accordingly, we are trying to sort out the same by upgrading our systems, i.e., by having a portal/software. However, at present the concerned file is missing. A discussion was had with Dr. Parveen Goyal. Somewhat change is required in the system and once that is done, the same will be implemented.
24. Professor Jagat Bhushan said that a letter has been received from NTA to provide space of about 6500 Sq. Ft. This space is required to set up a computer lab for Examination Branch. And if the same is set up it will prove to be an asset for the Examination Branch. So, the University should work on it.
25. Professor Sushil Kansal while raising the issue of Traffic Management, stated that volume of traffic has become so enormous in the Campus, especially in Sector-14, that vehicles have to move at a very slow pace and it appears that a cascade is going on. And at times he gets disturbed that how he will reach the Department in time. Hence, traffic management within the campus is of utmost importance.
26. Professor Sushil Kansal said that the process for filling up the posts of regular Faculty should be started immediately as the shortage of Faculty in all departments of the University is increasing because of retirements, etc.
27. Professor Sushil Kansal said that the fellowship amount given to PhD students, who come after clearing the entrance test, needs to be enhanced to attract good students and to strengthen our research component.
28. Professor Sushil Kansal said that for the upcoming accreditation by NAAC they are depending upon the data provided by the IQAC Cell of the University. Hence, the Chairpersons of all the departments should be made responsible so as to get their respective data uploaded and processed timely.
29. Professor Sonal Chawla stated that this era of artificial intelligence has the potential to contribute significantly towards research, teaching and learning. Accordingly, she strongly recommends the creation of a Centre for Artificial Intelligence and Data Sciences at Panjab University Campus. This Centre can act as a catalyst not only for knowledge dissemination but also in the area of academic research, industry connect, consulting services, skill enhancement and even data driven policies, which can be supported by the trends and market opportunities for various courses i.e. which course is in more demand or more viable in the market. With this it will become easier for us to make all these predictions. Setting up such a Centre for Artificial Intelligence and Data Sciences is a vision and mission of Ministry of

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Electronics and IT, wherein it has been looking for collaborations with industry and academia. Additionally, the University can get the financial support of DST for setting up this technology innovation hub via the scheme started under the national mission. If such a Centre is planned and started it will prove to be a great asset not only for the Faculty and Students but also for the University by large. She urged the Vice Chancellor to look at it in a positive light and think over creation of this Centre for Artificial Intelligence and Data Sciences.

30. Dr. R.K. Mahajan stated that a circular has been issued by the Department after getting it passed in its Board of Studies that practical for swimming of 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> semesters of B.P.Ed. students will be held in the University. Earlier, the colleges were allowed to conduct said practicals in the facility available locally. This practice was in vogue for the last 14-15 years. All the B.P.Ed. colleges have this facility locally and students practice over there. Now, the students are being asked to travel long distances of about 300-350 kms. to come to University for half an hour practical. Date was fixed for practical, however, the same was got postponed with the kind intervention of the Vice Chancellor. Students and parents are agitated and they are protesting for conduct of swimming practical in facilities available locally. He requested the Vice Chancellor that colleges should be allowed to conduct the practical in locally available facility, as per the earlier practice.
31. Dr. R.K. Mahajan said that he has written three-four emails to the Vice Chancellor, the Registrar and the DCDC in the last about two years regarding the termination of Dr. Mukesh, Principal of a Ludhiana College. He was terminated in 2020 without any notice. In this regard, a meeting was convened in which the representative of the college and the concerned Principal was also called. The proceedings of the meeting have not been finalized till date i.e. even after lapse of about 2 years. Accordingly, he requested the Vice Chancellor to make the proceedings of the said meeting available.
32. Professor Sukhbir Kaur said the most important issue, which the University is facing, at present, is of NAAC. Yesterday also a meeting was convened in this regard to deliberate on the issue of zero data of about 15-16 departments. A hue and cry has been made that why NAAC team is not visiting the University for Accreditation. But, nobody understands that in the absence of submission of data by the teachers, neither the SSR can be prepared nor the NAAC team can visit the University. Accordingly, as per her opinion, a mechanism should be developed by the University, wherein, data should be uploaded every month by the concerned teachers. In neighbouring Universities, the teachers are required to upload the data every month. In the event of failure to do so, action is taken against them.
33. Professor Sukhbir Kaur said that with regard to the issue of merger/consolidation, the resistance is there from Faculty's side. The perception of Faculty members has become such, as told earlier in the day by one or two members, whatever the authorities want to do for the benefit and upliftment of the University, resistance is there. So, a mechanism for this too needs to be developed. The major reason for this is the rotation in the teaching departments. In the Institutes rotation is allowed amongst the Professors only. However, in teaching departments rotation is allowed

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amongst Professors, Associate Professors and Assistant Professors. But in small-small Centres, in Emerging Areas, only one or two Faculty members are there. As a result, for years together they are Head of Department. Actually they were made coordinators. It is not known at what level this co-ordinatorship was changed into the Chairpersonship. She was of the opinion that the problem started from there on, as only one Faculty member is the Chairperson of the Centre for the last about 8-10 years, i.e., when these Centres were created. Hence, it is very important to develop a mechanism for Centres to have rotationship. According to her, growth is possible only when there is rotation in Departments. Every individual, who comes, help in the growth as he/she has a different vision. It is the reason why every position has a tenure of three or five years, i.e., a new person comes with new ideas and resultantly improvement happens.

34. Professor Sukhbir Kaur said that Dr. Deepak Solanki has written a letter to the Vice Chancellor to start collaborative Ph.D. Programme with the industries, as so many people are approaching for it. According to her, it would not only greatly benefit the students but would also be financially viable for the University. It is already going on in Andhra University. Hence, this matter should be looked into to frame the modalities of the collaborative Ph.D. programme.

The Vice Chancellor said, "Okay".

35. Professor Prashant Gautam stated that recruitments are going to start in the University soon. According to him, top performing 10-15 departments of the University, which are generating good income, needed to be strengthened. So, recruitment in those departments should be carried out on priority basis. A High Powered Committee should also be constituted to give suggestions to the University as to how the revenue could be increased with the existing infrastructure. For example, in 1995, the Himachal Pradesh University increased its revenue by adding some non-subsidized seats, say 05 seats, which can be adjusted easily, to the existing number without upgrading its existing infrastructure in any manner.
36. Professor Rajat Sandhir stated that the House under the leadership of the Vice Chancellor has taken two landmark decisions today, i.e., starting of Ph.D. in UIAMS and UIHTM. The University is known for its research. However, when a Supervisor sends a list of Ph.D. Examiners, the University asks for a list of six examiners, three within the distance of 250 kms and three beyond the distance of 500 kms. Now, what is happening is, a letter comes from Secrecy Branch to send more names without elaborating the reasons. Had there been clarity on this, the Supervisors would have sent the list of 10-12 Ph.D. Examiners. In this way, about 01-02 months of students got wasted. So, they need to do something on this as the clarity is missing.
37. Professor Rajat Sandhir said that a certificate from the Faculty going overseas for academic work should be taken by the Establishment Branch that who shall take care of their research work in their absence, as is the case with academic leave wherein alternative arrangements are being made, so that precious time, to be wasted in their absence, can be saved.

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38. Professor Rajat Sandhir said that the University is making preparations for the forthcoming visit of NAAC. In this regard, he stated, the South Campus is lacking in many respects when compared to North Campus, viz., cleanliness, opening of gates up to 8 p.m., etc. At present the DUI, the DSW as well as the Registrar are from South Campus. Hence, efforts should be made on priority to make it a look alike of North Campus in all respects.

Continuing, Professor Rajat Sandhir clarified that only Policy Document on Promotion of Research was showing against the link, given in the Agenda, as pointed out by him earlier in the day. At that time, the Vice Chancellor had stated that you have not gone through the link properly, as all policies are available against the given link. In addition to it, the document pertaining to NAAC, showing online, is still of 2020. Hence, if online meetings are to be conducted, all these things should be taken care of, so that members don't have to face any inconvenience.

39. Shri Sandeep Singh pointed out that there is lack of infrastructure in Examination Branch. He keeps on visiting the Branch and there is requirement of Computers as the ones being in operation are very old and in dilapidated condition. Hence, this thing should be looked into.

40. Shri Sandeep Singh said that evaluation of exams is going on and they are lagging behind Punjabi University, Patiala and Guru Nanak Dev University, Amritsar, in respect of declaration of results. The Chairpersons have cut down the names of some of the evaluators, citing the reason that they are not eligible, whereas, they have been working in Government Colleges for the last about 20-22 years. He urged the Vice Chancellor to take this power under his control and to make all those evaluators eligible so that results can be declared at the earliest.

41. Shri Sandeep Singh said that the hostel facility should also be provided to the Research Scholars. He also urged the Vice Chancellor to conduct offline meetings due to network issues.

42. Dr. Harjodh Singh congratulated the Vice Chancellor for the constitution of the Syndicate. Talking about PU Regional Centre Sri Muktsar Sahib he stated that it is in a very dilapidated condition and can collapse at any time. So, due attention should be given to this matter and a solution be found out before any untoward incident may happen.

43. Dr. Harjodh Singh said that Examination Centre is not being set up at Guru Nanak Govt College, Gurusar Sadhar, near Moga, situated in a village, having 307 students, including one student who is 100% blind and one handicapped student. It is totally a rural College having 01 Principal and 08 Professors. He had requested the Controller of Examinations to set up an Examination Centre in this College itself for the convenience of the students. But, their Examination Centre is being set up in DM College, Moga, which is about 40 km away from their College. He further said that eighty percent students of this College belong to Scheduled Caste category. He pleaded that, in future, the Examination Centre should be set up in the College itself so that the poor students can be saved from the hardship of travelling about 40 km and the expenses to be incurred for travelling.



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44. Shri Honey Thakur said while inviting the attention of the House towards the audit fee being paid by the University to the Audit Department for audit. A fee of Rs.1,62,00,000 and Rs. 2,14,00,000 crores was paid to the Audit department in the year 2019-20 and 2020-21 respectively. Now, Rs.2,50,00,000 have been earmarked for audit fee for the year 2022-23. Twenty auditors have been made to sit in the University but they do nothing. The University do not require so many auditors. Earlier there used to be six auditors. If the Syndicate and Senate, using their powers, can appoint CAs for the audit of different projects, sanctioned to the University, then why can't the University dispense with the services of these auditors? He pointed out that when the Vice Chancellor allows any file, the audit rejects it citing the reason that the power to sanction such files vests with the Senate and not with the Vice Chancellor. And if Senate approves such files, even then, these are rejected again and again by citing different reasons. He asked why the University can't crack down on the Audit Department when all sort of facilities, such as AC, are being provided to it by the University.

The Vice Chancellor asked Shri Honey Thakur to raise another issue, if any.

45. Continuing, Shri Honey Thakur said that over time fixed for Security Guards and Helpers is Rs.30/- per hour. He pointed out that examination days are there and accordingly helpers work till 11 p.m. in the night. It can be verified from the Controller of Examinations too. Overtime is being given for 3 hours only. He urged the Vice Chancellor to enhance it by Rs 20 or 30 in anticipation of the approval of the Board of Finance.
46. Shri Honey Thakur said that the promotion of Library Assistants is held up for the last about one and a half year and only dates are being given. This issue was raised when Professor Sinha was the DUI. Professor Sinha has left, but, the file has not been cleared till date.
47. Shri Honey Thakur said that you had marked the pension case to the Syndicate. But, it will be put up to the Syndicate only with your kind intervention. Accordingly, he urged the Vice Chancellor to get the pension case put up to the Syndicate at the earliest.
48. Professor Devinder Singh while drawing the attention of the Vice Chancellor towards digitization said that it is the need of the hour if they keep the students interest in mind. A student takes admission in the Department, but, his/her documents are dealt with not only in the Department concerned but also in R&S Branch, Examination Branch, etc. In the absence of digitization/computerization, a student has to visit all these branches in connection with different works. In this way, the University is lagging behind. If digitization is done, a department will be able to provide all facilities to its students, be it issuance of Migration Certificate, Detailed Marks Card or Result, etc., at its own level, thus saving the students from the hassle of running from one office to another. As the students have to run from pillar to post to get their tasks done, their gross enrolment is declining year after year. The other Universities have digitized all students' related works and students have become friendly with the same too. Students don't want to get their works done by running from pillar to post. They want all their tasks to be done online. According to

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him, professional advice should be taken in respect of digitization from professionals in the field and all the students' related work should be made online. All the work related to students should be dealt with at Department level.

49. Professor Devinder Singh endorsed the viewpoints of Shri Honey Thakur regarding the promotion of Library Assistants and stated that there might be a technical issue concerning their promotion. According to him, there are two things in service law. First is, the service conditions can't be changed to the adversity of an employee. When these Library Assistants joined the University services, the promotion to the post of Assistant Librarian used to be there. So, it was their legitimate expectation to get promoted to the post of Assistant Librarian as there was no Statute at that time denying the promotion. But, later on, a Statute comes into force denying the promotion. Hence, these Library Assistants should not be deprived of their legitimate right of promotion. According to him, the Library Assistants, who joined the University services, prior to the coming into force of UGC guidelines, in this regard, should be promoted.
50. Professor Hemant Batra while endorsing the viewpoint of Professor Devinder Singh regarding digitization said that it should be there. The University is already working on it as its need is also there in today's era. According to him, fibre optic cables have been laid down upto UIET in Sector 25, but, beyond that, i.e., upto Dental College nothing has been done. As a result, they are facing lot of hardship to operate computer system in the absence of uninterrupted *wifi* connections. He made a humble request to the Vice Chancellor to take up the matter with Computer Science Department for an early redressal of the problem so as to make working conditions of the Dental College conducive.
51. Professor Savita Gupta endorsed the viewpoints expressed by Dr. Mukesh Arora as far as code of conduct for Faculty Members as well as higher authorities of the University is concerned.
52. Professor Savita Gupta said that the working of the Construction Office needs to be streamlined. Although, the Vice Chancellor, under his leadership, has constituted a Facilitation Committee and it is working very well but there is need to examine more in that direction so that construction work is more efficient.
53. Professor Savita Gupta appreciated the conduct of meetings in a structured manner through the online mode. In this way, a lot of time, money and resources are saved, as in the present meeting for the first time the members are using the online agenda for the conduct of the meeting. No hard copy of the agenda was used. This is a very good step in the direction of digitization. She also endorsed the viewpoint of Professor Devinder Singh and Professor Hemant Batra that there is a need to strengthen the network and if the fibre optic cable is up to UIET, it should be extended to all the other departments in South Campus.
54. Professor Savita Gupta said that there is another issue which is related to strengthen the research work. The University should increase the fellowship of Ph.D. students, but, at the same time the departments should

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work to bring in more QIP Centres so that more fellowships can be given by the MHRD/UGC.

55. Professor Savita Gupta said that there is another important issue at present, which is of NAAC. Not only NAAC but other ranking frameworks are equally important. In these IQAC has a very important role to play. But IQAC alone can't do everything, as expressed by Professor Sukhbir Kaur, the University is pleading to all departments for submission of data. As teachers, it should be the duty of all of them rather than an obligation to give the data and to update the data well in time. Accordingly, a mechanism in this regard, as other Universities are having, can be developed by the University too. According to her, when a teacher fills the data for his/her CAS promotion, the same can be routed by the Department through the mini IQAC Cell. In this way, all the data will get updated. On the similar lines they can also develop some mechanism, which can be linked with the monthly status quo report or something so that every time their data is updated and they can participate in any ranking framework. At last, she urged the Vice Chancellor to look into the issues raised by her and take some steps.
56. Professor Jagat Bhushan speaking on the issue of setting up of Examination Centre at Guru Nanak Govt College, Guruhar Sadhar, near Moga, raised by Dr. Harjodh Singh, stated that the selection/rejection of an Examination Centre is not based on their reading. In this regard, a statement is received from College Branch of the University and Examination Centres are set up accordingly.

Concluding the meeting, the Vice Chancellor said that he hoped that nobody is left to raise any issue. He thanked all the members, who attended this online meeting for making it a successful and fruitful one. He has been apprised that all the members, who attended the meeting, received the agenda through online mode. He urged the members to come with more and more inputs and focus on NAAC, IQAC and NEP. He solicited full cooperation from teaching, non-teaching staff as well as from students to take the University to greater heights.

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