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PROCEEDINGS OF THE 10th PLANNING BOARD COMMITTEE MEETING, ETERNAL UNIVERSITY BARU SAHIB HELD ON MARCH 06, 2020 AT 10.30 AM

The following members were present:-

Dr. H. S. Dhaliwal, (Vice Chancellor)	- Chairman
Dr. Davinder Singh	- Member
Dr. Neelam Kaur	- Member
Dr. DK Sharma	- Member
Dr. BS Boparai	- Member
Dr. SK Chauhan	- Member
Dr. SK Sharma	- Special Invitee
Dr. BS Sohal	- Special Invitee
Dr. Jai Kumar Sharma	- Special Invitee
Mr. Amar Singh	- Special Invitee

Dr. H.S. Dhaliwal, Vice Chancellor welcomed and thanked all the Hon'ble members present in the meeting. On confirmation of the quorum of the meeting, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor asked Dr. SK Chauhan, Additional Registrar to go ahead with the agenda slated for the meeting.

Dr. SK Chauhan after getting directions of the Vice Chancellor presented the agenda item wise as under:

Item No 01: Ratification of the proceedings of 9th Planning Board meeting held on 20th February 2019

Dr. SK Chauhan informed the house that the proceedings were circulated along with the notice of the meeting to the Hon'ble members of the Planning Board.

Dr. SK Chauhan informed the house that in the last Planning Board Meeting, the matter of accreditation of the Akal College of Agriculture was discussed in detail. Dr. SK Chauhan told that based on our Self Study Report (SSR) submitted to ICAR on 23 May 2019, the Peer Review Team appointed by ICAR visited Dr. Khem Singh Gill Akal College of Agriculture on 30 & 31 August, 2019. Dr. SK Chauhan said that the college could not get accreditation certificate due to non-fulfillment of some of the criteria laid down in ICAR guidelines especially the shortage of regular Faculty and the other one was not having a



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separate Agriculture College Building. Dr. SK Sharma told the house that he had personally met DDG; ICAR regarding the justification of points raised by the Peer Review Team but the DDG did not disclose anything.

Hon'ble Vice Chancellor told that in the 9th Planning Board Meeting held on 20th February 2019, he had suggested to speed up the construction work of the Akal College of Agriculture building which was running very slow and that too its construction was not taken up till the visit of ICAR Peer Review Team.

Dr. Davinder Singh suggested to get a copy of the assessment report submitted by the Peer Review Team may be through RTI Act 2005 so that the week points may be taken up on priority for improvement. Most of the members suggested to avoid the RTI approach as the University has to apply a fresh for its accreditation and that too through online process.

Dr. Neelam Kaur enquired about the accreditation of other private colleges in Punjab. Dr. SK Chauhan replied that two private colleges in Punjab have been already accredited by ICAR. He further told that in addition to these there are other six private agriculture colleges in India which have so far been accredited.

Dr. Neelam Kaur also asked as to how many institutions in Himachal Pradesh are eligible for the ICAR accreditation. Hon'ble Vice Chancellor replied that only two institutions i.e. Agriculture College of Abhilashi University and DKSG Akal College of Agriculture of our University are eligible as their first batch of B. Sc. (Hons) Agriculture has already passed out.

Dr. Neelam Kaur further asked about the benefits of ICAR accreditation. Dr. SK Chauhan replied that 15% of the seats in UG courses and 25% of seats in PG programmes are being allotted by ICAR with scholarship and in addition the ICAR also provides reasonable financial support to students allotted against ICAR quota as well as developmental funds for infrastructure and laboratory equipment.

Dr. SK Chauhan requested Dr. BS Boparai to brief the latest status of the college building. Dr. BS Boparai told that the construction of the Agriculture College building has been recently taken up. Dr. BS Boparai further clarified some of the points raised by members and replied that as per ICAR laid down guidelines, 12 laboratories having dimension of 60'x30' are required in addition to the college building for classrooms, cabins for faculty, etc. Dr. SK Chauhan said that these laboratories are essential for the colleges having 60 seats in B. Sc. (Hons) Agriculture and seeking accreditation.

Dr. Davinder Singh asked whether the ICAR accreditation is must. Dr. SK Chauhan replied that it is mandatory for each agriculture college/university. Dr. SK Chauhan also said that there are some of the benefits of the accreditation such as Government grant, Jobs



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through ARS for pass out students and admission facilities to the students for their higher studies in SAUs and Government institutions.

Dr. Davinder Singh asked whether our students have any problem for getting admission in their higher studies. Dr. S K Chauhan replied that presently CSK HPAU, Palampur & UHF, Solan have been admitting our B. Sc (Hons.) Agriculture pass out students for their higher studies.

Dr. Davinder Singh also asked about the accreditation of PG Courses. Dr. SK Chauhan replied that we have been admitting students in some of the PG programmes for the last two/three years, therefore, now the time has come to apply for their accreditation also.

Mr. DK Sharma said that the regularization of the faculty/staff is a serious issue for the private institutions as most of the appointments in Governments organizations are made on contractual basis. Hon'ble Vice Chancellor said that some of the faculty/staff members have already been regularized in the past and some way has to be found out to regularize more to meet the ICAR conditions for accreditation.

Dr. Davinder Singh asked about the internal assessment of the SSR before its submission. Dr. SK Chauhan replied that he had himself assessed the college and degree programme during Vice Chancellor's mock visits in the college prior to the PRT visit and had awarded 2.6 score whereas the ICAR Peer Review Team assessed less than 2.5 the minimum score for accreditation. Dr. Davinder Singh agreed with the comments of Dr. SK Chauhan.

The Peer Team of the ICAR observed it that there should be only one entrance test. Dr. SK Sharma told that there was a provision of admission in B. Sc. (Hons) Agriculture on the basis of Entrance Test of CSKHPAU, Palampur as well as our own entrance test. Dr. BS Boparai told that the contact details of students who had appeared in the Entrance test were received too late from CSK HPAU Palampur resulting which the admission status gets affected adversely. Hon'ble Vice Chancellor said that we will have our own entrance test for admission for the academic session 2020-21.

Mr. DK Sharma urged the house to take care of the deficiencies and soon try to re-apply for the accreditation. Mr DK Sharma also appraised the house that at present we have two colleges viz the Akal College of Nursing and the DKSG Akal College of Agriculture which are providing ample revenue to financially support the other colleges of the university on sustainable basis. Thereafter, Dr. Neelam Kaur said that the SSR must be submitted once all the criteria are fulfilled by the college. Dr. Davinder Singh also said that the SSR to be sent second time should not have any lapse and it should be prepared strictly in accordance with the guidelines of the ICAR. Dr. SK Sharma agreed with the advice given by Dr. Neelam Kaur and Dr. Davinder Singh.



As there was no other clarification sought by any of the Hon'ble member, the proceedings were ratified.

Item No 02: Approval Annual Budget for the Financial Year 2020-21

Dr. SK Chauhan told that the proposed budget for the financial year 2020-21 was also circulated among the Hon'ble members. Dr. Jai Kumar Sharma, Chief Finance & Account Officer of Eternal University was requested to present the budget for the next financial year 2020-21 in the house.

Dr. Jai Kumar Sharma informed the house that the Annual Budget for the next financial year i.e. 2020-21 has been prepared depicting a comparative statement of the last three years. The Annual income and expenditure for the financial year 2017-18 and 2018-19 have been placed as per actual and the income & expenditure for the current financial year (2019-20) have been revised which include the estimated income & expenditure for the month of March, 2020. The budgeted income for the financial year 2020-21 has been planned on the basis of estimated income from students' fee, various grants (Projects), Boarding & Lodging collection from the faculty and staff, interest on FDRs and return from dairy complex etc. whereas the expenditure has been proposed under 33 different heads. Dr. Jai Kumar Sharma presented the budget head wise and concluded that the realized budget surplus over the expenditure if any will be transferred to the Kalgidhar Trust i.e. parental body of the University for completing the construction of Agriculture College and other infrastructure in the University. Dr. Jai Kumar Sharma requested the Hon'ble members to give some valuable suggestions/comments on the budget proposed for FY 2020-21.

Some of the following clarifications/suggestions came forward from the Hon'ble members:

1. Dr. Davinder Singh enquired about the decrease of estimated student's revenue from Rs. 2555.56 lac to Rs. 2170.26 lacs in comparison to the last year estimate. Mr. Amar Singh clarified that the approved intake of the student has been reduced to 2035 from 2395 as per the last year. Dr. Davinder Singh agreed to the clarification.
2. Dr. DK Sharma pointed out that the interest on FDR be charged less for the year 2020-21 as the rates of interest are decreasing continuously and there is likelihood to decrease it further. Dr. BS Sohal replied that the rate for the time bound FDRS once fixed are not decreased. But Mr. DK Sharma clarified that it may be ensured, if the FDRs are made for a short term period then the interest be estimated accordingly. At last it was decided to reduce interest to Rs.70.00 lacs instead of Rs. 80.00 lacs for the next financial year.

3. Dr. DK Sharma also enquired about the decrease of the salary of faculty/staff to Rs. 809.64 lac during FY 2019-20 as it was Rs. 845.88 lacs in 2018-19 whereas the university had also paid some dearness allowance. Dr. Jai Kumar Sharma replied that in the existing faculty strength, four Professors and three Assistant Professors were less during the financial year 2019-20 in comparison to the faculty strength of financial year 2018-19 which resulted in reducing amount of salary proposed for the financial year 2019-20.
4. Mr. DK Sharma also observed that in the expenditure head of Educational Trip/Clinical Posting (Nursing), Rs 45.84 lacs have been proposed which is too high. Dr. Jai Kumar replied that it also includes expenditure for other colleges. Mr. DK Sharma suggested to split this head in two parts i.e. one especially for Nursing College as before and the rest for other colleges. Dr. Jai Kumar agreed to do the needful before placing it in the Governing Body for final approval.
5. Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, Dr H S Dhaliwal also clarified the reduced estimated income of dairy complex to Rs. 5.00 lacs from Rs. 10.00 lacs as some of the cows have been transferred to Chunni Kalan dairy. The house agreed with the suggestion.
6. Dr. SK Chauhan also observed that the revenue collection from faculty/staff on account of Boarding/lodging has been reduced by Rs. 20.00 lacs from the estimated projection i.e. from Rs. 85.00 lacs to Rs. 65.00 lacs. Hon'ble Vice Chancellor intervened and clarified that some of the faculty/staff has opted to prepare their own food and some have given their consent to have single room/shared accommodation instead of getting two room set/independent room/Machher Flats for which the room rents are high. The house got satisfied.
7. Dr. BS Boparai also shared other incomes from Agriculture College such as sale of honey, vegetables, fruits etc as Dr. Neelam Kaur had asked in the 17th Finance Committee meeting to include these items in the budget income also. Dr. BS Boparai told that this amount is very nominal, anyhow the actual sale proceeds from 01 April 2020 will be taken into account and will also be shown in the estimated budget for the financial year 2020-21. Mr. DK Sharma asked about the maintenance of dairy income & expenditure. Dr. Jai Kumar replied that it has been reflected in the budget income/expenditure head. Accordingly, Mr. DK Sharma suggested taking the other agriculture items revenue as income and all the expenses for the production of these items is counted for in the expenditure head of the budget.



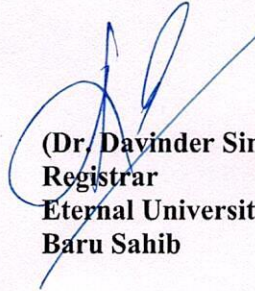
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The house agreed with these suggestions/observations raised by the Hon'ble members of Planning Board. The Annual Estimated Budget 2020-21 was approved subject to its modification in accordance with the implementation/rectification of suggestions/observations put forward.

As there was no other item for discussion, the meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the chair and the members by Dr. SK Chauhan, Additional Registrar.



(Dr. Davinder Singh)
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