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PROCEEDINGS OF THE 24th GOVERNING BODY MEETING HELD ON
22nd NOVEMBER 2019 AT 17.30 PM IN VIP GUEST HOUSE,
ETERNAL UNIVERSITY, BARU SAHIB

The following members were present:

Sant Baba Iqbal Singh Ji (Chancellor)	- Chairman
Dr. H.S. Dhaliwal (Vice Chancellor)	- Member
Dr. Davinder Singh	- Member
Dr. Neelam Kaur	- Member
Dr. Gurmail Singh	- Member
Dr. Manmohal Singh Atwal	- Special Invitee
Sh. DK Sharma	- Special Invitee
Dr. Jagmohan Singh Chauhan	- Special Invitee
Dr. BS Boparai	- Special Invitee
Dr. SK Chauhan	- Special Invitee
Dr. Jai Kumar Sharma	- Special Invitee

After the arrival of Hon'ble Baba Iqbal Singh Ji, Chancellor, Eternal University Baru Sahib, Dr. H.S. Dhaliwal, Vice Chancellor, welcomed the Hon'ble Baba Ji and the other members.

Dr. HS Dhaliwal informed the house that the Government of Himachal had nominated one MP and one MLA as a member for the Governing Body of our University from the state of Himachal Pradesh but they have expressed their inability to attend the meeting. Dr. HS Dhaliwal also said that two more members (Especially educationist) have not yet been nominated by the State Government inspite of our repeated requests. Dr. HS Dhaliwal also informed the house that one of our newly appointed member namely Mr. Onkar Singh Pasricha is unable to attend the meeting due to his previous commitment schedule.

On confirming the quorum of the meeting, Dr. H.S. Dhaliwal sought the permission from Hon'ble Chancellor, Chairing the meeting of the Governing Body, Eternal University to start the meeting as per the circulated agenda. Dr. SK Chauhan, Additional Registrar was directed to start the agenda as scheduled for the meeting.

With the expression of thanks to the Chair, Dr. S.K. Chauhan placed the agenda enlisted for the meeting.



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24/01/2019 Ratification of the Proceedings of the 23rd Governing Body Meeting held on March 20th, 2019

Dr. SK Chauhan said that the proceedings of the last meeting were circulated to all the Hon'ble members through email, hard copy of the same was also supplied to the Hon'ble members and requested to go through it and give valuable suggestions.

As there was no other comment/suggestion from any of the Hon'ble member, the proceedings of last meeting were **ratified**.

24/2/2019 Approval for the 7th Convocation

Dr. SK Chauhan informed the house that in the pursuance of the provision under clause 13(4) of the Eternal University regulation Act No 3 of 2009 and clause 5 (10) of the First Statue, the Eternal University is going to hold 7th Convocation on November 23, 2019 and Dr. Parvinder Kausal, Vice Chancellor, Dr. YS Parmar University of Horticulture & Forestry, Nauni, Dist Solan (HP) had accepted University's invitation for gracing the occasion as "Chief Guest".

Dr. SK Chauhan said that this agenda item was also placed in the Academic Council Meeting as well as in the Board of Management meetings held today prior this meeting and got unanimous approval of the house. Dr. SK Chauhan further requested the house to give any valuable suggestion.

There was no comment from any of the Hon'ble member, hence house approved it unanimously.

24/3/2019 Approval for Establishment of a Chair for Research and dissemination of Guru Nanak's teaching

Dr. SK Chauhan informed the house that the University had received a letter from Mr. Charanjit Singh Channi, Minister for Tourism and Culture Affairs, Government of Punjab requesting Hon'able Vice Chancellor for establishing a Chair in the name of "Guru Nanak Dev Ji" on the special occasion of 550th Anniversary.

Dr. SK Chauhan said that this agenda item was also placed in the Academic Council Meeting and Board of Management Meeting held today before this meeting and was discussed in detail.

Dr. SK Chauhan told that a decision was taken in the Academic Council meeting as well as in the Board of Management for the establishment of the Chair. The house of these boodies expressed that there should a Chair subject to having some financial assistance/aid from any outside volunteer donor for a minimum amount of Rs 25 Lakhs annually as the Hon'ble Minister has declined to provide any financial assistance. Dr. SK Chauhan further informed that the task was assigned by Hon'ble Vice Chancellor to Dr. PS Cheema to further explore a donor.



Dr. Gurmail Singh, further added that there are two types of Chairs i.e. one is Special Chair and the second one is Chair Stand Alone.

Mr. DK Sharma also suggested that the University may approach the Ministry of Human Resources for providing a grant/fund especially on the occasion of "550th Anniversary of Shri Guru Nanak Dev Ji". Mr. DK Sharma suggested that a proposal may be sent by the University which may be accepted by the Ministry of HRD. Hon'ble members agreed with this suggestion.

Dr. Manmohan Singh Atwal said that any financial grant/aid received for the Chair would have to be utilized especially for the purpose likewise salary of the Chair Professor appointed/expenditure related to the research of Guru's preachings. Dr. MS Atwal told that university has to appoint one full time professor for the Chair who will only work on the research of Guru's ji preaching.

Dr. Manmohan Singh Atwal further told that under the spiritual guidance of Hon'ble Baba Iqbal Singh Ji, **Kirtan/recital of holy "Sahib Sri Guru Granth Sahib Ji"** was performed by the students of B Block in **31 Ragas with the Tanti Sajs** which was a live telecast and appreciated by all the communities.

Dr. Neelam Kaur further added that the provision of this Chair already exists in the sister University i.e. Akal University Talwandi Saboo. As there was no other comment/suggestion from any of the member, the item was **approved subject** to having some volunteer for donating a sum of Rs. 25 lakhs annually.

24/4/2019 Membership with Association of Universities of Asia and the Pacific (AUAP)

Dr. SK Chauhan said that Hon'ble Vice Chancellor received an email invitation for becoming a member of Association of Universities of Asia and the Pacific (AUAP). Dr. SK Chauhan informed the house that membership fee for one year is USD 800 i.e. equal to INR 70,000/- (Approx.) and membership fee for a period of three year is USD 2400 i.e. equal to INR 2,10,000/- (Approx.).

Dr. SK Chauhan told that this agenda item was also placed in the Academic Council Meeting and Board of Management meeting held today before this meeting and the views/comments of all Hon'ble members were sought for having the membership with AUAP.

Dr. SK Chauhan told that almost all the members in both the houses suggested that this membership may not derive any benefit to the University.

Dr. SK Chauhan again requested the Hon'ble members for their views on this issue.

No favourable comments/suggestion from any of the member came forward, thus, the item was **not approved**.



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24/5/2019 Approval of Annual Report for the Academic Session 2018-19

Dr. SK Chauhan said that under the provision of Rule No 38 of Eternal University Act No 03 of 2009, the Annual Report for the Academic Session 2018-19 has been prepared keeping in view fulfilling its objects. Dr. SK Chauhan told that the copies of this report are also required to be submitted to the Government of Himachal Pradesh once it is approved by the Governing Body.

Dr. SK Chauhan said that this agenda items was also placed in the 66th Academic Council Meeting and Board of Management meeting held today and was approved by both the Houses.

Dr. SK Chauhan said that the copies of the Annual Report for the Academic Session 2018-19 are placed on the table for its approval. Dr. SK Chauhan also requested Hon'ble members for their constructive comments and suggestions for improving the quality of report in future.

Hon'ble Chancellor checked the report, page by page and asked some clarification from Dr. Jai Kumar Sharma, Chief Finance & Account Officer on the annual expenditure mentioned under various heads for the financial year 2018-19. Hon'ble Vice Chancellor and Chief Finance & Account Officer attended all the queries to the full satisfaction of the Hon'ble Chancellor. Hon'ble Chancellor also asked about the annual income and budget surplus over the annual expenditure. Dr. Jai Kumar Sharma told to Hon'ble Chancellor that Excess of income over expenditure is Rs. 163.16 Lakhs for the financial year 2018-19.

Dr. Jai Kumar Sharma further said that Annual Income Statement for the financial year 2018-19 has not been placed in this report; however, in the future complete Income Statement will be published in the Annual Reports being prepared from the Academic Session 2019-20 onwards.

Hon'ble Vice Chancellor told to Hon'ble Chancellor that the present status of student's accommodation is not sufficient as the University has accommodated four students in rooms against the capacity of three students.

Mr. DK Sharma told that the strength of Himachali students is more as compared to other states. He appreciated that the students from the Akal College of Nursing have got commission in Indian Army as a "Lieutenant".

Dr. Davinder Singh also informed and expressed happiness that the maximum teachers employed in various Nursing Educational Institution are from the Akal College of Nursing, Baru Sahib.

Hon'ble Vice Chancellor told to Hon'ble Baba Ji that 28 student's have taken admission in B. Sc. (Hons) Agriculture from Telangana.

Hon'ble Chancellor expressed his desire that all possible efforts should be made to bring this girls university on very high standing and acquiring the status of temple for education. Hon'ble



Baba ji said that no hesitation will be made for managing financial resources but the education to the girls imbibing good values will be provided on priority by the Kalgidhar Trust Education Institutions.

As there was no other suggestion from any of the Hon'ble Member, house appreciated & **approved** it.

24/6/2019 Policy for Academic Breaks/Vacations from the Academic Session 2019-20 onward: Approval thereof

Dr. SK Chauhan said that a policy matter regarding the grant of various breaks/vacation to the faculty/staff has been framed and was also placed in the Academic Council Meeting and Board of Management meeting held today before this meeting. Dr. SK Chauhan told that the item was approved in both the houses

Dr. SK Chauhan requested the Hon'ble members present in the house for further suggestion if any.

Mr. DK Sharma raised a general point that there is tendency among some students to miss classes even if they are in the campus. Dr. DK Sharma said that the University is fully residential thus there should be no case of shortage of attendance. Mr. DK Sharma said that the provision of supplementary exam provide an opportunity to the students for re-appearing in the subject where there is shortage of attendance. Therefore, he suggested that the provision of supplementary exam should be discontinued resulting which the student will not miss their lecture and there will be no shortage of attendance.

Dr. MS Atwal also emphasized to make a rule for 100% attendance and getting it passed in the next Academic Council Meeting.

Dr. Davinder Singh informed the house that the rule for 100% attendance is already being followed by the Akal College of Nursing; therefore, it can be replicated for the rest of the colleges/departments.

Mr. DK Sharma suggested in the Board of Management meeting that the Academic Calendar once approved should be followed strictly. If any changes therein, must get approved from the Academic Council/Board of Management.

Hon'ble members agreed with the suggestions given by Dr. MS Atwal and Mr. DK Sharma.

As there was no other suggestion from any of the Hon'ble member, the agenda item **approved**.

(Action: Dr. BS Sohal)

24/7/2019 Revision of Ph. D. Rules for Faculty/staff

Dr. SK Chauhan informed the house that Eternal University is providing a facility to the serving faculty member to pursue their study against an approved seat for a Ph. D. Course. The rules



were approved by the Academic Council meeting and circulated vide Registrar office letter No EU/RO/Adm/05 dated 21st July, 2018.

Dr. SK Chauhan told that Registrar Office facing difficulties in the execution of above approved ruling. Hence, these rules are required to be revised due to following shortcomings:

- (a) Rules only applicable for the Faculty and not for the non-teaching staff.
- (b) Minimum service of three years is too much.
- (c) Bond Amount of Rs 10, 00, 000/- is also too much.
- (d) No leave entitlement is laid down.
- (e) No clarification whether these rules will be applicable for the faculty/staff of Kalgidhar Trust Institutions i.e. Akal Academics.
- (f) No status of the student whether he/she will be Part time Student or a Regular Student.

Dr. SK Chauhan told that the existing criteria is required to be revised for the interest of the students as well as for the interest of the university, thus it was placed in the Academic Council Meeting and Board of Management meeting held today.

Dr. SK Chauhan informed the house that number of the suggestions came forward from the Hon'ble members of the Academic Council thus it could not be finalized and a proposal was approved to constitute a committee for getting the views/decision of all Deans on the subject matter.

Dr. SK Chauhan also asked for the valuable view/suggestions from the members present in the house. All the members gave their consent with the decision as approved in the Academic Council.

The item was **deferred** by the house.

24/8/2019 Approval for the Change of name of the of the existing Akal College of Agriculture

Dr. SK Chauhan requested Dr. BS Boparai to present the item.

Dr. BS Boparai told that Late Dr. Khem Singh Gill, Vice Presedent of the Kalgidhar Trust as well as former Vice Chancellor of the Agriculture University Ludhiana was suddenly passed away on September 17, 2019. Dr. BS Boparai further told that Dr. Khem Singh Gill was a Guru Bhai colleague of Baba Iqbal Singh Ji and was also a great legendary Saint-Scientist, Padma Bhushan Awardee.

Dr. BS Boparai told that on the spiritual thought of Sant Baba Iqbal Singh Ji, it was proposed to rename the "Akal College of Agriculture" as "Dr. Khem Singh Gill Akal College of Agriculture".



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Dr. BS Boparai informed the house that a meeting was held under the Chairmanship of Dr. HS Dhaliwal on 18th November 2019 having an agenda item **"To Change the name of existing Akal College of Agriculture"**. Dr. BS Boparai told that the minutes of this meeting were placed in the Academic Council and Board of Management meeting held today for approval.

Dr. BS Boparai also told that there was a valuable suggestion from Dr. SS Sokhi (A Special Invitee member) in the Academic Council Meeting that there should also be a **"LOGO"** for the college.

Dr. BS Boparai told that a suggestion was also given by a member in the Academic Council Meeting for the implementation of **"LOGO"** for the rest of six constituent colleges also. However, no consensus emerged among the members for Logo of individual college.

Dr. BS Boparai asked for the valuable view/suggestions from the members present in the house of the Governing Body.

Mr. DK Sharma suggested renaming of the University as **"Sant Attar Singh Eternal University"** instead of the existing name as **"Eternal University"**. Mr. DK Sharma said that it may be possible to rename the University also if a proposal be submitted to the Government of Himachal Pradesh for approval.

Hon'ble Chancellor as well as Vice Chancellor replied that a thorough discussion will be held at different quarters before taking up this step.

As there was no other suggestion from any of the Hon'ble members, the agenda item for renaming the name of Akal College of Agriculture was **approved**

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks by the Vice Chancellor to the respected Chair, Hon'ble Chancellor, Baba Iqbal Singh Ji and all the members of the Governing Body.

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FOLLOW UP ACTION

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To

Dr. BS Sohal
Controller of Examination

Subject: Follow up Action: Governing Body Meeting held on 22 November, 2019

An extra^e from the proceedings of the Governing Body Meeting held on 22 November 2019 (Item No 24/6/2019 - Policy for Academic Breaks/Vacations from the Academic Session 2019-20 onward) is forwarded herewith for your further action please.

(Dr. SK Chauhan)
Additional Registrar