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Date: August 12th, 2020

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE 26th GOVERNING BODY MEETING HELD ON AUGUST 11th, 2020 AT
12.00 PM THROUGH THE MODE OF GOOGLE MEET**

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
Mr. DK Sharma, IAS	- Special Invitee
Dr. BS Boparai	- Special Invitee
Dr. SK Chauhan	- Member Secretary
Mr. Amar Singh	- Registrar Office Representative

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 Vice Chancellor requested Hon'ble Baba Iqbal Singh Ji to give his kind permission to conduct the Governing Body Meeting.

In his opening remarks, Hon'ble Baba Iqbal Singh Ji, Chancellor of the Eternal University as well as the President of the Kalgidhar Trust acknowledge the good wishes and the blessings of Sant Attar Singh Ji and Sant Teja Singh Ji Maharaj for the progress and academic excellence of the Eternal University. Baba Ji told further that it is his eternal prayer that the Eternal University may achieve great heights in its mission and the decisions of the Governing body be treated as final for their early implementation. Hon'ble Baba Ji reiterated his firm belief to deliver the Value Based Education for the holistic development of Girl students getting admission or pursuing their study at present.

Dr. HS Dhaliwal thanked Hon'ble Baba Ji for his noble advice and blessing.

Dr. HS Dhaliwal further told that the 25th meeting was held on 23rd March 2020 in the beginning of the lockdown period of Covid-19. Dr. HS Dhaliwal told that this meeting was scheduled prior to declaration of lockdown and the main agenda for this meeting was to approve the Annual Budget for the financial year 2020-21. Some of the members could not join the meeting due to sudden declaration of the lockdown period i.e. one day prior the meeting schedule.

Dr. HS Dhaliwal told that two honorable members namely, Mr. Suresh Kumar Kashyap, MP and Mr. Sukh Ram Chaudhary, MLA, Paonta Sahib are the new members of the Governing Body nominated by the HP Government. The association of two scientists namely Dr. AR Chauhan and Dr. DJ Das Gupta as a members of our Governing Body have been withdrawn by the HP Government due to completion of their tenure. The university has repeatedly requested HP Government to nominate new member in their place but till date no nomination has been made so far.



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Mr. DK Sharma informed the house that Dr. AR Chauhan had passed away and Mr. Sukh Ram Chauhary has taken over as a Cabinet Minister in the Legislative Assembly of the HP Government. Mr. DK Sharma suggested to approach HP Government for fresh nomination of a sitting MLA in place of Mr. Sukh Ram Chauhdary as the Cabinet Minister cannot be nominated as member of the Governing Body. Dr. SK Chauhan assured that the action will be taken on priority basis.

(Action: Registrar office)

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 thanks to the Chair, Dr. S.K. Chauhan informed the house that due to the present situation of COVID-19 pandemic in the country, the meeting has been arranged through Google Meet. Dr. SK Chauhan started the agenda items for their consideration and approval.

26/1/2020: Condolence in respect of Late Mr.BS Lamba.

Dr. SK Chauhan informed the house about the untimely demise of Mr. BS Lamba, Legal Advisor of the Kalgidhar Trust as well as the Ombudsman of the University on May 17, 2020 due to a sudden heart attack. He was appointed Ombudsman of the Eternal University on 24 January 2019. Dr. SK Chauhan told the house that Late Mr. BS Lamba was also a member of the Board of Management of the Eternal University. Dr. HS Dhaliwal said that he has been always providing timely and valuable legal and academic support to the Eternal University through his vast experience. Dr. H.S. Dhaliwal also put on record the gratitude of the university for the meritorious services rendered by Mr. Mr BS Lamba in the field of legal advice. The house paid homage to the departed soul and prayed for eternal peace and a place for the departed soul in the Heaven.

26/02/2020 Ratification of the Proceedings of the 25th Governing Body Meeting held on March 23, 2020

Dr. SK Chauhan told that the proceedings of the last meeting were circulated to all the Hon'ble members through email and requested to go through and give their valuable suggestions, if any by 10th August 2020. Dr. SK Chauhan told that no comment/suggestion has been received from any of the Hon'ble member.

As regarding item No 25/7/2020-Reporting Item - Approval of Existing & Newly demanded courses for the Academic Session 2020-21, Dr. SK Chauhan, Additional Registrar, Eternal University informed the house about the status of various courses approved/held in abeyance by the HP-PERC Shimla.

Dr. SK Chauhan told that as per Clause 32(1) of the Eternal University Act 03 of 2009, it has been made obligatory to get course approval for the forthcoming academic sessions from competent authority before 31st December and the same has to be further submitted for approval of fee to Directorate of Higher Education, Govt. of H.P, Shimla before 31st December every year. Keeping, the schedule in mind, the university had submitted demand for course approval in the month of November, 2019 for which the HP-PERC called a meeting on 25th November, 2019. The demand for courses was thoroughly discussed (by making PPT presentation) by a team of three representatives (Additional Registrar, Dean of Akal College of Agriculture and Office Superintendent) of the Eternal University with the then Hon'ble Chairman and his two official staff members in the course approval meeting held at HP-PERC Shimla office on 25 November, 2019. The approval for courses was conveyed thereafter vide office letter No HPPERC/562/Eternal/CA/2020-21-9541-6648, dated 05.12. 2019. Afterwards, the university submitted its request to the Directorate of Higher Education for approval of fee. So, the fee structure for various courses other than Medical & Technical courses has also been approved by the Department of Higher Education, Shimla in a meeting held on 14th July 2020. The university accordingly has made preparations to admit new students based on the approval.

Dr. SK Chauhan told that in the absence of Chairperson of HP-PERC, the Hon'ble Member Dr. SP Katyal cancelled the approval of the courses previously approved and communicated again the revised approval vide letter No HP-PERC/562/Eternal/CA/2020-21-9541-9544 dated 24 June, 2020 holding the following courses in abeyance for want of the detailed justification:

Ser No	Name of the Course	Seats requested	Seats approved on 05.12.2019
1	B. Sc. (Hons) Agriculture	90	90
2	M. Sc. Agronomy	15	06
3	M. Sc. Genetics & Plant breeding	10	04
4	M. Sc. Plant Pathology	10	04
5	M. Sc. Entomology	05	02
6	M. Sc. Agriculture (Agricultural Economics)	06	04

Dr. SK Chauhana informed that the University had submitted the detailed justification for running the above courses in the Eternal University to HP-PERC Shimla by vide letter No EU/RO/RC/25 dated, June 25th, 2020 but HP-PERC Shimla again ignored the justification and kept these course in abeyance vide letter No HP-PERC/562/Eternal/CA/2020-21-9780 dated July 18th, 2020 and also declared the initial approval letter No HPPERC/562/Eternal/CA/2020-21-9541-6648, dated 05.12. 2019 as Null and Void.

Hon'ble Vice Chancellor informed the house that he had personally spoken to Mrs. Sushma Watts, Secretary HP-PERC for according the approval of the courses kept in abeyance. Mrs. Sushma Watts said that she is not empowered to approve any course by herself and advised to approach Principal Secretary, Education, HP Government, Shimla. Dr. HS Dhaliwal further told that on the advice of Secretary, HP-PERC Shimla, a written request was sent to Sh. Rajeev Sharma, Principal Secretary, Education, HP Government Shimla vide University letter No EU/VCO/RC/45 dated 05 August 2020.



Dr. SK Chauhan told that the online study of the old students of the University in the odd semester for the Academic Session 2020-21 has already been started w.e.f. 03rd August, 2020 and for the new students it will be commenced from 01 September, 2020 as per the UGC guidelines.

Dr. Davinder Singh, a Hon'ble Member of the Governing Body suggested that the courses kept in abeyance be considered as approved as per the initial approval of the HP-PERC Shimla and the rest of the courses be considered as per their new approval.

The house agreed with his valuable suggestion of the members and endorsed in one voice.

All the Hon'ble members gave their consent to send the Resolution to the office of HP-PERC Shimla and Principal Secretary, Education, HP Government, Shimla for their kind information.

Action: Registrar Office

As regarding item No 25/08/2020 of the proceedings of previous meeting related to ICAR Accreditation Report, Dr. SK Chauhan requested Dr. HS Dhaliwal, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor to brief the progress of the case.

Dr. HS Dhaliwal said that Peer Review Team appointed by ICAR visited Dr. Khem Singh Gill Akal College of Agriculture for accreditation on 30th & 31st August, 2019. However, as per notification of ICAR communicated to the University in the month of January, 2020, the DKSG Akal College of Agriculture could not get accreditation certificate due to only the two following main reasons:

- (a) Very limited regular faculty
- (b) Non availability of College Building.

Hon'ble Vice Chancellor said that the regularization of the faculty/staff is a serious issue for the private institutions as most of the appointments even in the Government organizations are made on contractual basis. Some of the faculty/staff members have already been regularized in the past and some alternate way of regularization of faculty/staff of Dr. Khem Singh Gill Akal College of Agriculture and other allied disciplines has to be found out to satisfy ICAR for accreditation.

Hon'ble Vice Chancellor told that Hon'ble Baba Ji had laid down the foundation stone of the college in 2016 and thereafter two floors of the college have been constructed but due to some financial crises of the Kalgidhar Trust (Parental Body of the University) and Covid-19 lockdown, the construction work of the college building was put on hold. Dr HS Dhaliwal 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 so that the ICAR could be requested again for accreditation.

Dr. Davinder Singh, Secretary of the Kalgidhar Trust indicated that Hon'ble Baba Ji has given his consent to arranged funds for the constructing the college building. Thereafter, Dr. Davinder Singh Ji assured to to the house to complete the college building as per the ICAR norms as early as possible.

Mr. DK Sharma further made a query that for the posts of Agriculture/Horticulture Development Officers (ADO), the ICAR accreditation is not essential for the students getting their degree in B. Sc. (Hons) Agriculture. Dr. Davinder Singh told that as per the statement of the Admission



representative of the University, some of the students and their parents ask about the ICAR accreditation when they desire to register themselves for admission in the B. Sc. (Hons) Agriculture.

Mr. DK Sharma further said that we should check the Recruitment and Promotion rules, if there is no necessity of ICAR accreditation then it is useless to expend lot of money for the construction of building and to apply for the ICAR accreditation. Mr. DK Sharma also told that new education policy is also likely to be introduced by the Central Government and hope it may be implemented even for the higher education from the Academic Session 2021-22.

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

(Action: Registrar office)

26/3/2020: Precaution/preventive measures during the COVID-19 Instructions

Dr. SK Chauhan informed the house that this item was also placed in the 69th Academic Council meeting held on 14 July 2020 and subsequently in the Board of Management meeting held on 08 August 2020 which was discussed deliberately. Dr. SK Chauhan requested Dr. Davinder Singh, Registrar of the University to brief the item. Dr. Davinder Singh said the University had received advisory instructions from the UGC as well as from MHRD to be followed during the COVID-19 Lockdown period. Accordingly, precautions/preventive measures to be taken by the faculty/staff and students were issued by the Office of the Hon'ble Vice Chancellor on 05th April 2020.

Dr. SK Chauhan told the house that as per the valuable guidance of Dr. Davinder Singh and Dr. Neelam Kaur, the services provided by Mrs. Harpreet Kaur during the quarantine period must be appreciated as she made arrangements for all the faculty/staff and students in such a manner that none of them faced any problem during the required 14 days quarantine period.

Dr. Davinder Singh, Registrar said that all the faculty members have followed the guidelines for the preventive measures during the ongoing semester and advised to continue to follow up these during the forthcoming crucial period of COVID-19. Dr. Davinder Singh informed the house that due to the cooperative attitude of the personnel at the campus in this period; approximate 2000 persons residing in the campus are safe.

Hon'ble Vice Chancellor said that after declaration of the series of lockdown and suspension of offline teaching due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the University not only successfully completed teaching work through online but all types of required examinations for all the students have been conducted online. Hon'ble Vice Chancellor told that in the starting period of lockdown, the faculty faced many problems for online teaching whereas now a day, the guidelines received from MHRD, UGC and HP Government are being followed strictly.

Dr. Davinder Singh told that the University was worried about the thesis work of the MA/M.Sc./MBA/M. Tech. passing out students. Hon'ble Vice Chancellor told that no guidelines were ever received from the UGC or the HP Government for calling these students to the University campus. Keeping in view the great concern for the future of these students, Deputy Commissioner of District



Sirmour was approached for according his permission to call these students to the University campus so that their thesis work could be completed. Hon'ble ADC, District Sirmour conveyed the approval and about 30/58 postgraduate students have already come to the campus and gone through the mandatory quarantine in the Hospital. The Vice Chancellor further told that case has also been submitted for the Nursing students to the Hon'ble Deputy Commissioner, District Sirmour as the examination of nursing students is to be held in person and not through online system.

Dr. SK Chauhan requested all the members to give their valuable suggestions/comments if any.

As there was not any comment/suggestion from any of the Hon'ble members, the item was approved.

26/4/2020 (i) Guidelines for the recovery of Hostel & Mess Charges from the Faculty/staff/students those were not present in the University Campus due to Covid-19

Dr. SK Chauhan requested Dr. BS Boparai to present the item. Dr. BS Boparai told that the item was also placed in the 69th Academic Council meeting held on 14 July, 2020 and subsequently it was discussed in the Board of Management Meeting held on 08th August, 2020.

Dr. BS Boparai told that the students presently away from the campus due to Covid-19 lockdown period were pressing hard to waive off their Hostel and messing charges for their absence period and were also reporting to the Secretary, HP-PERC Shimla through anonymous emails. Dr. BS Boparai told that a suitable reply for charging hostel & mess fee was sent to HP-PERC Shimla on June 29, 2020 and the students were also conveyed a message that the issue will be resolved shortly after discussion with the management of Kalgidhar Trust. Thereafter, the students have been waiting for the decision.

Mr. DK Sharma told that as per the rules, no action is required to be taken on any of anonymous email/letter.

Dr. BS Boparai further told that, in the 69th Academic Council meeting, it was decided by the house that only 50% of total mess charges are to be recovered from the students and the balance of 50% to be waived off for the period from 01 April, 2020 till the physical joining of the students. The waived amount from 01 April to 31 July, 2020 is to be credited with the adjustment towards the arrears to be paid or in the next semester fee for those who have already made the payment. Dr. BS Boparai also told that the criteria of 50% mess charges has also been applied for the faculty/staff who are the dining members but not present at the campus.

Dr. B.S. Boparai further told the members that Hostel and Mess charges from the new students will be received only once a student joins the University physically and the tuition fee is to be deposited by the new student before the commencement of semester for the Academic Session 2020-21. All the students were got satisfied with the decision of the Academic Council.



Dr. BS Boparai requested all the members to give their valuable comments/suggestions if any.

As there was not any comments/suggestion from any of the Hon'ble members, the item approved.

26/4/2020 (ii) Recovery of Outstanding Fee for the Academic Session 2019-20

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

Dr. BS Boparai said that the issue of the pending fee was also discussed in the 69th Academic Council meeting on 14th July 2020 and subsequently in the Board of Management meeting held on 08th August 2020.

Dr. BS Boparai told that an amount of Rs 1,28,74876/- stands pending as the arrear of tuition fee, boarding and lodging charges for the academic year 2019-20 as on 12th July 2020.

Keeping in view the huge pending fee, Dr. BS Boparai told that the student's mentors have been recently suitably guided for the genuine collection of outstanding fee from their students. Moreover, the mentors have also been made clear that the salary of the faculty/staff totally depends on the revenue of the students failing which the issuance of the salary will also be adversely affected.

Dr. BS Boparai informed the house that nearly Rs. 20 lacs has been recovered so far against the pending fee amount and Rs. 36 lac received for the registration of old students. Dr. BS Boparai told that the students are now depositing their pending fee for the Academic Session 2019-20 and also depositing their Registration fee for the odd semester started on 03 August, 2020.

Hon'ble Vice Chancellor asked Dr. Gurmail Singh, Vice Chancellor, Akal University, Talwandi Sabo about the mode of recovery of fee from the students. Dr. Gurmail Singh told that in the last semester they convinced the students about the overhead costs, managed it very smoothly and no complaint received.

Dr. BS Boparai requested all the members to give their valuable comment/suggestion if any.

As there were not any comments/suggestions from any of the Hon'ble members, the item approved.

26/5/2020 Guideline for release of faculty/staff salary during Covid-19 lockdown period and release of deferred amount

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

Dr. BS Boparai said that the issue of the guidelines for release of salary to faculty/staff was also discussed in the 69th Academic Council meeting on 14th July 2020 and subsequently in the Board of Management meeting held on 08th August 2020.



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Dr. BS Boparai said that due to COVID-19 lockdown declaration from mid-March 2020 and non-realization of the left over pending fee including other dues from the students; the income of the University has been affected adversely, resulting which the salary of the faculty/staff and other routine expenses of the University could not be said regularly in full amount.

Dr. BS Boparai told that on the basis of assessment of work performance of University employees by the Committee constituted for the purpose, the following categories have been made:

- (a) Category 1: The faculty/staff doing their job either from the University campus or from their home place accordingly to the satisfaction of the University level assessment committee.
- (b) Category 2: The faculty/staff not justifying their job responsibilities from their home or otherwise as per the constituted assessment committee.

Dr. BS Boparai further told that in the 69th Academic Council meeting, the following decisions were made:

- (a) Category-1: To release 65% of their gross salary and decision of the balance 35% salary will be taken later based on the financial resources of the University.
- (b) Category-2: To release 33% of their gross salary. Faculty/staff getting salary up to Rs 20,000/- be released 50% including all personal deductions. Receipt of an undertaking will be mandatory for release of 33% or 50% salary according to the individual case.

Hon'ble Vice Chancellor sought comments of Dr. Gurmail Singh, Vice Chancellor, Akal University for the system/procedure being following by the Eternal University. Dr. Gurmail Singh gave his consent for the procedure being followed in the University.

Hon'ble Vice Chancellor informed the house that as per the UGC/MHRD guidelines, none of the faculty/staff member has been declared absent from duty whether they are doing their job from their native places/home or from the places where they have been stuck due to covid-19 lockdown.

Dr. SK Chauhan requested all the members to give their valuable suggestion/comment, if any. As there was not any comment/suggestion from any of the Hon'ble members, the item was approved.

Dr. SK Chauhan said that the agenda items are now over and requested all the members to express their valuable views, if any.

Dr. Davinder Singh, Registrar of the Eternal University as well as Secretary, Kalgidhar Trust praised the Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, Dr. HS Dhaliwal for his outstanding contributions in the field of Agriculture Research in general and Biotechnology in particular and the duties assigned to him as a Vice Chancellor for strengthening the institution. Dr. Davinder Singh told that it is not so easy to look after the agriculture farms regularly in such a hilly area in the age group of 74-75 years. Dr. Davinder Singh further said that Dr. HS Dhaliwal is going to complete his second term of Vice Chancellor successfully in the near future.



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Dr. HS Dhaliwal expressed his thanks for the appreciation and added that he was desirous to serve Baru Sahib after his retirement from PAU and IIT Roorkee and perhaps it became true only due to the blessing and inner heart support of Hon'ble Baba Iqbal Singh Ji, Chairman, Kalgidhar Trust as well as Chancellor of the Eternal University, Baru Sahib and Akal University, Talwandi Saboo.

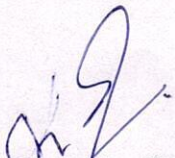
Dr. BS Boparai further shared the following recent achievements and assignments of Dr. HS Dhaliwal, as a globally known plant scientist and above all a human being:

Firstly: He has been nominated as Chairman of "Research Advisory Committee of the Indian Institute of Wheat & Barley Research" Karnal by the ICAR New Delhi for a period of three years from June 21, 2020 to June 20, 2023.

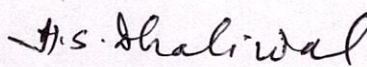
Secondly: He has been nominated as Co-chairman of "Education Committee for HP State Chapter of PHDCCI (PHD Chamber of Commerce and Industry) with immediate effect.

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.

For circulation:


(Dr. Davinder Singh)
Registrar
Eternal University
Baru Sahib

Confirmed Proceedings:


(Dr. H.S. Dhaliwal)
Vice Chancellor
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FOLLOW UP ACTION



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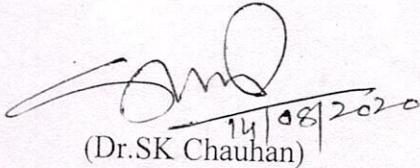
The Secretary
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Regulatory Commission
Happy Nest, Below BCS,
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New Shimla – 171009 (H.P.)

Subject: Resolution

Sir,

A copy of Eternal University **Resolution** No EU/RO/GB/16 dated 14th August 2020 is enclosed for your kind information please.

With regards,



(Dr.SK Chauhan)

Additional Registrar
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Baru Sahib

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Copy to:

Sh. Rajeev Sharma
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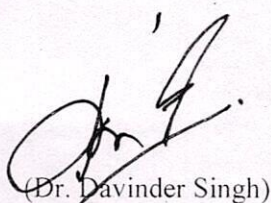
– A copy of Eternal University resolution No EU/RO/GB/16 dated 14th August 2020 is enclosed for your kind information please.

RESOLUTION

Be it resolved that as per the decision of the 26th Governing Body meeting of the Eternal University, Baru Sahib (HP) held online on 11 August 2020, the following courses approved and conveyed by the Chairperson of the HP-PERC, Shimla vide letter No No HPPERC/562/Eternal/CA/2020-21-9541-6648, dated 05.12. 2019 be considered as **finally approved** for the Academic Session 2020-21 whereas holding of these courses in abeyance by only a Member of the HP-PERC, Shimla in the absence of Chairperson vide letter No HP-PERC/562/Eternal/CA/2020-21-9541-9544 dated 24 June 2020 and HP-PERC/562/Eternal/CA/2020-21-9780 dated July 18th, 2020 be treated as **Null and Void**:

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It is also resolved to send a copy of this resolution to the HP-PERC Shimla and Principal Secretary, Higher Education, Government of Himachal Pradesh, Shimla



(Dr. Davinder Singh)

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