

Guru Nanak Dev University, Amritsar

**Proceeding of meeting of the Senate held on Friday, 15th September, 2017
at 11.30 a.m. in the Senate Hall, Guru Nanak Dev University, Amritsar in
which the following members were present:**

1. Prof.(Dr.) Jaspal Singh Sandhu Vice-Chancellor ... Chairman
2. Dr. K. S. Kahlon, Registrar ... Secretary
3. Dr. Kamaljit Singh, Dean, Academic Affairs
4. Dr. S.S. Johal
5. Sh. Sukhjinder Singh Randhawa M.L.A.
6. Sh. Tarsem Singh DC, M.L.A.
7. Dr. Aziz Abbas
8. Dr. Amarjit Singh Sidhu
9. Miss. Avinash Kaur
10. Miss. Anupurna Shrivastav
11. Dr. Gurpreet Kaur
12. Dr. (Mrs.) Gursatej Gandhi
13. Sh. Harmeet Singh
14. Dr. Jatinder Singh
15. Ar. Judgebir Singh Ahluwalia
16. S. Jagdish Singh
17. Dr. Jagjit Kaur
18. Sh. K.S. Rekhi
19. Ms. Mansi
20. Miss. Manpreet Kaur
21. Smt. Nutan Sharma

22. S. Nanak Singh
23. Dr. Navjot Kaur
24. Mrs. Neha Sethi
25. Dr. Paramjit Nanda
26. S. Prem Singh, Advocate
27. Dr. Renu Bala
28. Dr. (Mrs.) Suninder Tung
29. Dr. Sukhdev Singh
30. Dr. (Mrs.) Saroj Bhalla
31. Ms. Vandana

At the beginning of the meeting, the Registrar, Dr. K.S. Kahlon, welcomed the new Vice-Chancellor, Dr. Jaspal Singh Sandhu, and requested the members of the Senate to introduce themselves to the worthy Vice-Chancellor and in accordance the members present in the meeting introduced themselves.

The Registrar was pleased to inform that, since the day of the joining, the worthy Vice-Chancellor has been quite determined to bring about quintessential changes to push the University ahead with his able guidance and vast academic, administrative and professional experience which he has to his credit. He said that there had been a spate of meetings from the early mornings to the late evenings due to which every officer was kept on one's toes.

After Dr. S.S. Johl's welcome to Dr. Jaspal Singh Sandhu as the Vice-Chancellor of the leading and prestigious University, **Dr. Jagdish Singh, Principal** while corroborating the views of Dr. S.S. Johl, appreciated the decision of the Government of Punjab, especially for the foresight of Capt. Amrinder Singh for selecting Dr. J.S. Sandhu as the Vice-Chancellor of this University. He acknowledged the open selection of the VC by way of advertising the post and granting 150 candidates/applicants an opportunity to compete with each other, and after examining each one of them on the touchstone of merit, unlike the previous government which used to appoint Vice-Chancellors directly at its own level according to its own whims to the exclusion of other eligible candidates. He further added that the University is now destined to

be in the competent hands since Dr. J.S. Sandhu has earlier proved his competence and caliber as a Professor and Head of the Department of Sports Medicine and Physiotherapy of this University. He said that Dr. Sandhu is familiar with the intricacies, minutiae of all spheres, be it academic or administrative or research arena and the other odds & ends thereof, which have ultimately resulted into his selection as the Vice-Chancellor without nepotism and without any access to the political corridors.

Dr. Jagdish Singh, while referring to the 47th Annual Report-2016 of the University, and the messages conveyed by the Hon'ble Governor-cum-Chancellor of the University, the Vice-Chancellor and the Dean, Academic Affairs, expressed his pleasure to know that the University has bagged a position amongst the first 25 Universities out of 700-800 Universities, by way of securing accreditation for "Potential for Excellence". With 88% of weight-age and 3.5 marks to the University by NAAC, the University has made its existence felt world over. So, many of MoU's entered into by the University with the foreign Universities lend credence to this fact and it is not an ordinary feat. Dr. Jagdish Singh was assured of the University securing an upward and unsurpassable stance in the list of top Universities under the able and dynamic leadership of the young VC, which he has already well showcased during his term as the Secretary, UGC.

At the same time, he expressed his concern about the dwindling strength of boys in attaining higher education, especially the Ph.D. degrees, as compared to female students. He further drew the attention of the members towards the ever-rising tendency in the students of not attending the classes/Lectures but getting their attendances marked. He expressed his displeasure over such students subsequently taking up the jobs as academicians in colleges/schools, thereby eroding the goodwill of the University and the education system as a whole. Dr. Jagdish Singh expressed his displeasure on the decline in modern academic field, especially after the influx of certain Universities which are spreading the bug called "Degrees for a Price", and stressed upon the need for imparting lectures on ethics and morality to the students.

Thereafter, the Registrar read the agenda to all the present members in the meeting.

Confirmation of Proceedings of meeting of the Senate dated 2.3.2017 & 20.3.2017.

1. Considered and **Resolved:** that the Proceedings of the meetings of the Senate dated 2.3.2017 & 20.3.2017 are confirmed.

Action Taken on decisions of Proceedings of meeting of the Senate dated 2.3.2017 & 20.3.2017 is noted.

2. Action taken on decisions of Proceedings of meetings of the Senate dated 2.3.2017 & 20.3.2017, as per **appendix** is noted.

Item No. 7 was read and considered before Item No. 3

Vice-Chancellor is authorized to co-opt one person for Senate.

7. Considered: to co-opt one person in place of Dr. Deepak Pental who has submitted his resignation (**Appendix**) from his membership of the Senate and he was co-opted on the Senate under Section 13(1)(viii) of the Guru Nanak Dev University Act for the period 1.7.2016 to 30.6.2018.

Resolved Unanimously: that the Vice-Chancellor is authorized to Co-opt one person on the Senate in place of Dr. Deepak Pental under Section 13(1)(viii) of the Guru Nanak Dev University Act.

Vice-Chancellor is authorized to elect three persons for Syndicate out of members of Senate.

3. Considered: to elect three persons for Syndicate out of its own members of the Senate for the period of 1.7.2017 to 30.6.2018 under section 14(1)(viii) of the University Act.

Resolved Unanimously: that the Vice-Chancellor is authorized to elect three persons for Syndicate out of the members of the Senate for the period of 1.7.2017 to 30.6.2018 under section 14(1)(viii) of the University Act.

Approval of 47th Annual Report of University.

4. Considered and

Resolved: that the 47th Annual Report of University for the year 2016 is approved.

Annual Quality Assurance Report (AQAR) 2015-16.

5. Considered and

Resolved: that Annual Quality Assurance Report (AQAR) 2015-16 is approved.

When **Dr. S.S. Johl**, while talking about the excellent academic records, remarked that we had just improved upon it with 0.01 raise in the credit from 3.50 to 3.51, the worthy **Vice-Chancellor** pointed out that this was not an ordinary feat because, by this increase of 0.01, we have become an “A-Category” University whereas with 3.50 credit, we would have been relegated to the Second Category, as per the levels set by the UGC.

Dr. S.S. Johl appreciated the policy of the University to show the evaluated answer-scripts to the students to bring about transparency in evaluation process. He raised a few questions about its process and the number of students availing this facility. The **Registrar** clarifying the query said that the students could inspect and take photocopies of their evaluated answer-scripts by exercising their right to “Right to Information Act, 2005” and by paying the fee applicable thereunder, i.e. Rs. 10/- for application fee and Rs. 2/- per page of their answerbooks as mandated under the said Act. He further added that there are several such cases in each semester.

Dr. S.S. Johl further told that, if we have bagged the 25th position at the national level despite having 55% of the posts lying vacant in the University, we could achieve much beyond our expectation had the posts been filled. The worthy **Vice-Chancellor**, at this point, elucidated that our position was now 80th and not 25th since the Report being referred to concerns the previous year.

The worthy **Vice-Chancellor** told that we had lagged behind in terms of research output and this time we had got third-party evaluation in place and the research papers and theses sent to them for evaluation were not up to the mark on account whereof our gradation had taken a set back and consequently declined. He further made clear that from now onwards a Research Portal would be hosted and all the papers/research work would be uploaded thereon alongwith its level/gradation so as to enable everyone to see the gradation of one’s paper for further improvement. He further assured that all the points raised by Dr. S.S. Johl would be taken care of and acted upon.

The **Registrar** requested the worthy Vice-Chancellor to share his vision towards the University and the intended reforms.

Statement of the Vice-Chancellor

6. The Vice-Chancellor proceeded on to share the same as under:

The Vice Chancellor presented his view on the various issues prevalent in the university and sought the opinions of Members of Senate which were supported by the members :

- There is an urgent need to revamp the examination system as too much time is

taken for the minor examinations and the examination system is not in consonance with the guidelines issued by the University Grants Commission pertaining to CBCS. He apprised the members that at least 50% of the papers in the majors in the core subjects will be set from outside the university and the process of table marking will be introduced along with giving the students the opportunity to go in for revaluation, if they so desire. This exercise would bring propriety in the examination system and make the students skilled enough to be employable.

- As per the 2010 regulations of UGC, pertaining to appointment of Teachers and Maintenance of Standards in Education, it is mandatory to have a Modalities Committee to decide about the various weightages to be given for Academic Record, Research Performance, Assessment of Domain knowledge, Teaching Skills and Interview performance etc. He informed that a committee has been constituted under the Chairmanship of Prof. S.S. Chahal, former Vice Chancellor of MPUAT, Udaipur, which will be debating on this issue and giving the recommendation for acceptance of the competent authority. The same will be presented in the ongoing cases in the Hon'ble Punjab and Haryana High Court.
- It has been instructed by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India that atleast 180 teaching days a year / 90 days per semester should be there for benefit of students. As such there is need of making the Academic calendar in such a manner that the Holidays in the vacation period do not impinge on the 180 days mandated by Hon'ble Supreme Court. The committee will be constituted under the chairmanship of Senior Professor of University for making the Academic Calendar and same will be notified.
- It is seen that a few colleges/universities are running B.Tech Courses under Distance Education mode and this is in contravention to the instructions issued by the UGC and AICTE from time to time. As it is mandatory for the university to follow the instructions of the regulatory bodies as such technical and professional programs under distance education mode will not be recognized at par with the regular face to face programs
- **Promotion of 39 Teachers of various Faculties** has been done under CAS from Stage I to II and Stage II to III as per University Grants Commission's norms.
- Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports is contemplating the sanction of **"MYAS Centre for Sports Sciences"** with a support of Rs. 25 Crores over five years for which the undersigned has made a presentation in MYAS
- As a major initiative towards green environment and also to reduce the financial

burden, Guru Nanak Dev University, Amritsar approached Solar Energy Corporation of India for installation of Rooftop Solar Energy Plant. University has been allocated a **Rooftop Solar Energy Plant of 3 Mega Watt** capacity under Government of India's **Jawaharlal Nehru National Solar Mission (JNNSM)**. There will be no financial burden of installation on GNDU and it will save substantial amount of money for the university.

- Students will be encouraged to plant at least one plant and nurture it for 6 months on the advice of LSO and Head, Botanical Sciences. A group of volunteer students has already taken initiative for the same.
- Most of the purchases of high value will be done from the vendors registered on **Government E-Market Portal** so as to eliminate bogus firms.
- To provide necessary support to the researchers and academician to enable them to submit the proposal to Federal Funding Agencies and for sending research papers to high impact journals **Centre for Data Analytics and Research (CDAR)** will be established.
- The **Internet Bandwidth has been increased to 1GbPS** through National Knowledge Network (NKN), Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology, Government of India. Increased Bandwidth and it will ensure fast and high quality internet connectivity for the students of GNDU.
- For the digital initiatives **Research Portal, Online Leave Portal and Online Admission Portals** for all affiliated colleges of the University will be launched. An **e-Transcript portal** for verification of credentials and Transcripts has been launched which will help students to get their transcripts / verifications quickly and hassle free.
- Constituted a committee for publishing a regular **e-Magazine "Pixels"** on University Website. The committee has started functioning and soon "e-Magazine" of GNDU will be available on university web-site.
- Created a **dedicated email for feedback from students**. (Receiving average 5-7 feedbacks / day). Students can mail their problems regarding non-conduction of lectures and any other suggestions for the better functioning of the University. Name of the student is kept confidential and appropriate action is taken on the mails received.
- A new website for Alumni Association is being launched to reach out more and more Alumni of the university throughout the Country and also outside India. Also FCRA registration is being done to streamline the funding offered by Foreign

Alumni for the support and wellbeing of the students in GNDU.

- The university will be introducing from the current Academic year, **Identity Cum Debit Cards** for students in university campus for cashless transactions. POS machines installed for deposition of fees and for user charges in the Health Centre. This will help the students in carrying out the cashless transactions which will go in line with Govt. of India's initiative of Digital India.
- **For improving the facilities for students 70 Water Coolers with R.O.** are being purchased which will ensure clean and purified drinking water for the students/faculty.
- Following **Student-Run clubs** are being constituted in the university to promote social and students activities : Dance Club, Drama Club, Photography Club, Food & Fitness club, Nature and wildlife club, Literary club, Social Service club, Music club, Science club, Movie Making club, Fine Arts club and Go Green club.
- **Small videos** are being made by the Department of Mass Communication and Journalism, Regional Campus Jalandhar to prepare students for the **interview etiquettes**.
- **Induction courses** for the students will be conducted to apprise them of the learning outcomes required from the course.
- **Declaration of result of Youth Festival Competitions immediately** after the culmination of the events by the Judges and team of observers has been deputed.
- On the upcoming Foundation day of university being celebrated on November 24, 2017, **Chairman UGC, Dr. V. S. Chauhan** has kindly consented to give Key Lecture. **Sh. Chiranjiv Singh, IAS (Retd.)** and **Prof. RNK Bamezai** will be delivering a Lecture on the occasion.
- Hospitals will be empanelled by University to provide services to its employees at CGHS rates which are far lesser than the prevailing market rates.
- A committee has been constituted under the chairmanship of Director Research to formulate proposal for the scheme, University of Eminence. Under this scheme 10 Universities of India will get upto Rs. 1500 Crores in 15 years. We will have to face a cut-throat competition for which we are already bracing ourselves up.
- A Multipurpose Unisex Gym, with world-class facilities, will be set up for the students having two timings - one for the female students and another for the male students - and the membership will be offered at concessional rate as compared to the prevalent market fee.
- The swimming pool of the University is being modified according to the

international standards and will be made open for the citizens of Amritsar as well at reasonable membership fee.

- A campaign under “Unnat Bharat” has been initiated for which 5 villages have to be selected under this scheme. Prof. K.S. Chahal from Architecture department is working on it.
- All the Boards of Studies have already been directed to modify the syllabi to incorporate the Industrial segment therein after due consultations with the Corporate/Industries to be familiar with the changing environment and the skill-sets and technical know-how which the modern corporate, industrialists and entrepreneurs expect from the students for employment. This step will make education of our students more employable in the job market.
- Out of date and old records, which are no longer required and have become redundant, will be weeded out in accordance with the University’s regulations.
- Two Parking lots, with a facility to park 600-700 vehicles, at both of the Gates of the University will be constructed to make academic blocks of the university vehicle free. E-Rickshaw service will be commenced at affordable rates to travel within the campus.

Sh. Tarsem Singh DC, MLA expressed his pleasure over the fact that the girls are attaining higher education and Ph.D. Degrees to be independent unlike earlier situation when half of the female population used to be illiterate. But, at the same time, he communicated his concern about the alarming rise in the female feticide and the crime against women where their survival is still at stake despite their attaining higher education. He beautifully summed up the Law of Nature and its tendency to maintain ecological balance. He said that when the invaders used to attack the country, people used to kill their daughters/women to protect their dignity, but the Nature knew how to maintain the balance between the two sexes in order to maintain the life on earth. Hence, the boys used to get killed in attacks, battles, wars, calamities, etc. thus, balancing the ratio between the girls and the boys. Now people indulge in female feticide and the number of girls, as compared to the boys, is extremely low due to which now, the boys are getting killed by getting addicted to narcotic substances. He gave an example of the states of Kerala, Tamil Nadu and West Bengal to bring home the point that wherever the ratio of girls is more than boys, those states remain safe and progressive and witness high life expectancy rate. Hence, he is of the view that the ratio of women should be increased to that of boys, and a subject to spread awareness against female feticide should be taught to the students as a part of

the course syllabi or by conducting seminars on this theme.

Dr. Amarjeet Singh Sidhu appreciated the Vice-Chancellor for joining the University and suggested to start e-Rickshaw service within the campus, keeping in view the distance between various departments, Health Centre, banks etc. and issuance of Student-Passes for the same.

S. Sukhjinder Singh Randhawa, MLA also welcomed the worthy Vice-Chancellor and expressed his disappointment over the reluctance on the part of the experienced Principals to not go to colleges located in rural and border areas. Those, who were willing to serve, could not be appointed on account of condition laid down by the UGC with regard to the requirement of a Ph.D. degree to be a Principal. He added that many posts of Principals and teachers were lying vacant in many colleges. He emphasized on giving precedence to the job-oriented courses.

To this, the worthy **Vice-Chancellor** replied that Principals in the colleges had to be appointed as per the UGC norms but there are different criteria for recruitment of Principals in the colleges, according to which Research was not mandatory to be a Principal of a college. He also expressed his concern that the research in the University had become difficult after UGC reduced the approved journals from 38000 to 10000. He conceded that it was true that after doing BA, people will become clerks but, at the same time, it was equally true that awareness would be a condition precedent to attract the people to the skilled courses. He further enlightened the members by informing them that there was no requirement to approach the UGC for introducing self-financed courses in Accountancy, Carpentry, etc.

Dr. S.S. Johl said that when he started the College at Mukandpur, he had reserved a period for vocational education like Carpentry & Electronics but the same were phased out after he handed over the college to the University and urged the University to accord it the status of being a Rural Campus of the University. He suggested the University may seek the services of some landscape experts for plantation and also to consult cyber experts to put in place the mechanism to find out plagiarized contents incorporated in the research papers/theses. At last, he expressed his displeasure over the decision of the University to allow outsiders to use the Guest House and Holiday Home, and stressed that the facility should be confined only to the college faculty instead of allowing outsiders.

Sh. Nanak Singh congratulated the Vice-Chancellor for effectively presenting before the Senate members every intricate detail on all the issues the University was grappling with and the solutions & reforms introduced by him within a short span of time. He expressed his pleasure over the way the Annual Report had been compiled, leaving no room for anyone to complain about. He was sure of the University being in the competent hands of the youngest Vice-Chancellor, Dr. Jaspal Singh Sandhu.

Sh. K.S. Rekhi expressed his concern about the depleting grants due to fixed amount being

issued to the University for a long time. He requested the nominees of the State Government to press for the enhancement of the volume of grants so as to enable the University to fill up the vacant posts. He also referred to grant proper pay-scales to the college teachers as the Managements of the Colleges should not be put under excessive pressure to give better grades to their teachers from their own resources/funds as they didn't get any grant from the UGC or State government. He said that many a times, such issues become a bone of contention between the Managing bodies and the teachers leading to litigations in the courts.

He further emphasized upon the need to set up an "Immigration Guidance Centre" for the 10+2 & BA pass students, who are often fleeced by the fraudulent persons/agents/institutes having unqualified counselors. He laid stress on the fact that the students should be given proper guidance about the courses that would provide them with better career prospects and scope. It would be one of the biggest contributions of the University in the life of such students.

To this, the worthy **Vice-Chancellor**, informed that during his term as the UGC Secretary, Panjab University, Chandigarh was given Rs. 203 crores by him and Rs. 33 Crores by the Government of Punjab whereas GNDU got only Rs. 50 crores. He further disclosed that when he met the Finance Minister of Punjab, he had requested him to release grant at least to some level nearer to the grant given to the Panjab University. He requested the MLAs and Dr. Johl to ask the Government of Punjab to enhance the grant for the University.

Prof. Sukhdev Singh took to the nostalgic lane to inform the members of the Senate that Dr. J.S. Sandhu had also remained the Head of the Department of Physical Education (Teaching) and, at that time, nobody was aware of the subject of Physiotherapy and then seeing the students of Physical Education sustaining sports injuries, Dr. J.S. Sandhu felt the necessity to establish full-fledged Department of Physiotherapy in the University and at present the same department is ahead of all other Indian Universities and is imparting MS Degrees to the students. He added that he was much pleased with the Committee constituted by the worthy Vice-Chancellor to effect promotions based on merit.

Advocate Prem Singh welcomed the Vice-Chancellor and wished that the University provides education to the students about the philosophy of Sri Guru Nanak Dev ji as the University was established after His name. He further suggested that the University should introduce a subject on the Philosophy of Sri Guru Nanak Dev ji in every course and no student should be awarded a degree until he/she clears this subject. At last he requested the Vice-Chancellor to intimate him whenever he would go to Jalandhar so that he could able him to meet the Vice-Chancellor to highlight the problems of Colleges of Jalandhar.

Dr. Kamaljit Singh, DAA appreciated the suggestions and views of all the members of the Senate. Further, he mentioned that it would be well-nigh impossible to introduce all sorts of

courses of Humanities. Study of Sri Guru Nanak Dev ji is already being carried out by a full-fledged department of Guru Nanak Studies in the University and the subject of Guru Nanak Studies has also been included into the ID Courses.

He further informed the members about the highly professional software to check plagiarism which is being used by the university. All the theses and papers have to pass through this software and it further generates a report highlighting the plagiarized contents included in a research work. He introduced all the members to the University's publications in research journals and also assured that the evaluation of theses would be done by 3 Examiners and also by foreign examiners as well, preferably from CSIR and IITs.

He, at last, added that the current Vice-Chancellor has always been a firm believer in quality research and is a visionary par excellence, who has inspired all of us by signing MoU's with various agencies like CSIR & reputed Labs at Mohali. He expressed his earnest hope that the University would achieve the greatest heights and would reach at the utmost peak of academic pursuits at international platform as we have already gained national recognition with the determination, vision and focus of the worthy Vice-Chancellor.

Dr. K.S. Kahlon, Registrar thanked all the members of the Senate for attending the meeting by sparing time off their schedule and attentively participating in the deliberations with extremely valuable suggestions and ideas which would be taken care of by the University.

(Karanjeet Singh Kahlon)
Registrar

Confirmed

(Jaspal Singh Sandhu)
Vice-Chancellor