

**MINUTES OF THE 6<sup>th</sup> MEETING OF THE STATE STEERING COMMITTEE (SSC) OF STATE PROJECT FACILITATION UNIT (SPFU) (TEQIP-II) HELD ON 26.06.2014 AT 3.15 P.M UNDER THE CHAIRMANSHIP OF SECRETARY, TECHNICAL EDUCATION, U.T. CHANDIGARH.**

Sh. Saravjit Singh, IAS, Secretary, Technical Education-cum-Chairman SSC could not preside the meeting due to his pre-engagements.

**Following attended the meeting:-**

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| 1. Sh. Sandeep Hans, PCS,<br>State Project Advisor-cum-Director,<br>Technical Education, UT.                         | Member<br>Secretary        |
| 2. Mr. Vikram Sahgal<br>Chairman,<br>PHD Chamber of Commerce & Industry,<br>Chandigarh                               | Member                     |
| 3. Sh. Amarbir Singh<br>Vice Chairman,<br>Confederation of Indian Industry (CII),<br>Chandigarh Council, Chandigarh. | Member                     |
| 4. Dr. Uma Batra,<br>Coordinator, TEQIP-II,<br>PEC University of Technology  | Representative of<br>PEC   |
| 5. Sh. Ashwani Kumar<br>Registrar,<br>PEC University of Technology   | Representative of<br>PEC   |
| 6. Dr. Sukhwinder Singh,<br>Co-ordinator, TEQIP-II,<br>University Institute of Engg. & Tech.                         | Representative of<br>UIET  |
| 7. Dr. Meenakshi Goyal,<br>Coordinator, TEQIP-II,<br>University Institute of<br>Chemical Engg. & Tech.               | Representative of<br>UICET |
| 8. Dr. Tilak Thakur, SPFU,<br>Project Co-ordinator/Officer Incharge (TEQIP-II)                                       | Member                     |

**In Attendance:**

1. Sh. Sanjay Batish,  
Co-coordinator, TEQIP-II  
PEC University of Technology.
2. Sh. Jagjit Singh,  
Asstt. Professor,  
Centre of Excellence (CoE),  
PEC University of Technology
3. Dr. Anupama Sharma,  
Academic Nodal Officer, TEQIP,  
University Institute of Chemical Engg. & Tech.
4. Sh. Bhupinder Singh,  
Project Officer, TEQIP-II,  
University Institute of Engg. & Tech.
5. Ms. Rimneet Kaur, Sr. Asstt. Secretary,  
PHD Chamber of Commerce & Industry,  
Chandigarh
6. Sh. Rohit Chauhan,  
CII, Chandigarh.

The following Agendas were discussed and decisions taken:

**6.01 Confirmation of the minutes of the 5th meeting of the SSC held on 10.01.2014.**

It was confirmed.

**6.02 Action Taken Report on the decision of the State Steering Committee meeting held on 10.01.2014.**

It was seen.

**6.03 Financial Status of SPFU and the Project Institutions (disbursement and utilization of funds) as on 31.05.2014.**

It was seen. The Committee expressed its concern about low funds utilization by Centre of Excellence (CoE). Sh. Jagjit Singh Randhawa, Asstt. Professor , PEC University of Technology who

represented the CoE informed that procurement plan amounting to Rs.250 lacs is in the offing and is likely to be completed within next 2-3 months or so. The Committee desired that CoE should expedite and complete the procurement process as early as possible.

SPA apprised the house that 3<sup>rd</sup> Installment of grant amounting to Rs.1.50 Crores including State Share for PEC University of Technology has been released by MHRD vide sanction dated 13.06.2014.

#### **6.04 Equity Action Plan – Reg.**

The issue was discussed at length. During discussion it was informed by almost all the Project Institutions that merit-cum-means scholarship is being provided by them to the deserving students. The Committee observed that the Institutions should hire Psychologists for the counselling of the under performers. Aluminies of the respective Institutes also can be of great help for financial support and for placement purposes.

The SSC decided that all the Project Institutions should initiate necessary steps in this direction, if not already taken, and submit a status report to SPFU within a period of two months.

#### **6.05 Implementation of Environment Management Framework-Reg.**

Detailed discussions were held on this issue. It was agreed that Environment Management is a global requirement and utmost importance should be given to this aspect. The Project Institutions were advised to take special care of existing infrastructure for which necessary funds have been prescribed which may be utilized. The Committee decided that the Institutions should formulate a comprehensive planning in this direction and take

action accordingly as per guidelines provided in the PIP and as emerged during the course of 3<sup>rd</sup> Review Mission held from 28.04.2014 to 02.05.2014 at New Delhi. The Committee also decided that an Action Taken Report on this issue should be sent to SPFU by the end of August, 2014.

**6.06 Selection criteria followed for hiring of Consultant (P&F&M) and Consultant (A&M&E) for SPFU office during October, 2013 – amendment regarding.**

The minimum and maximum percentage criteria for awarding marks to the candidates in respect of qualifications and experience for hiring of Consultants as proposed in the Agenda was approved.

**6.07 Appraisal regarding 3<sup>rd</sup> Review Mission by the World Bank held from 28<sup>th</sup> April – 2<sup>nd</sup> May, 2014 at New Delhi.**

The issue was deliberated upon in detail. The Committee desired that the Institutions which are lagging behind to meet the Key Performance Indicators should take immediate necessary steps to acquire maximum score which is a pre-requisite for release of next Installment of Grant and also to avail the maximum benefits under the Project.

**6.08 Strategy for speedy implementation of TEQIP-II Project.**

The report submitted by the Committee constituted for outlining the strategy to incentivize the Faculty associated with TEQIP-II Project was discussed in detail. It was unanimously agreed that all activities relating to TEQIP-II specially establishing of lab facilities, improvement in R&D activities should be taken into account as an achievement on the part of Faculty for consideration in terms of their Career Advancement Scheme, increments, incentives/award etc. The Committee decided that

the Project Institutions should place this report before their respective BoGs /Senate as the case may be for consideration and adoption. The DPC or any other such Committee which consider the cases of Career Advancement Scheme (CAS), increments, incentives/awards etc. of the faculty should also consider the achievements made by the faculty towards the TEQIP-II implementation programme and due weightage must be given to them so that more and more academicians/faculty are encouraged to participate in this project. The Committee also advised the Project Institutions to study and adopt the latest developments made in research activities in related fields. All the Project Institutions should develop a mechanism on the basis of the report submitted by the Committee constituted for the benefit of the faculty at their Institute level and strictly act according to that mechanism.

**6.09 Non-submission of timely Information/Reports to SPFU/NPIU.**

The issue was discussed in length. Prof. Uma Batra, TEQIP-II Co-ordinator pointed out that some of the letters mentioned in the list of pending references were only for information and required no action on the part of the Institution. The representative of UIET also informed that they had sent the reply/information to the queries raised by SPFU from time to time.

It was made clear by SPA that SPFU expects that there should not be any delay on the part of the Project Institutions in submission of any information/report to NPIU or SPFU specially FMR, CSS and Monthly Progress Report which must be submitted to SPFU by 5<sup>th</sup> of every month so that the need for issuing reminders doesn't arise in future.

**6.10 International Study Tour on modern Education (Digital Pedagogies) by the Faculty members of PEC University of Technology.**

The Agenda was considered. The SPA, SPFU enquired from the TEQIP Coordinator of PEC University of Technology about the proposed study tour of the Faculty of PEC University of Technology to Singapore which was duly approved by H.E. the Administrator of Chandigarh. It was informed by the representative of the PEC University of Technology that in all probability the Study Tour to Singapore will be under taken in the month of September, 2014.

**General**

1. During general discussions SPA apprised the members that the Regional Institute of English, Chandigarh (RIE) has developed a module to teach English Language and Communication Skills to the students lagging behind in this regard. If Project Institutions feel that such modules will be beneficial to the such students studying in their Institutions they may intimate SPFU so that an appropriate communication is sent to the Director of the RIE in this respect. The Project Institutions thereafter can approach the RIE to study the modules & decide whether or not this will be beneficial for the weak students in their Institution.
2. The TEQIP Co-ordinator, PEC University of Technology spoke on the issue of Industry-Academia Linkage and informed the Committee that the Industries situated in and around the tricity can help the Institutions a lot in case they play their role as Mentor, Guide and Motivator for the student community for better employment opportunity and career advancements. Sh.Vikram Sahgal of the PHD Chamber of Commerce, Chandigarh Chapter also spoke on the

subject and expressed his immense concern about the present relationship between the Industry and Academia. He regretted that on the one hand Industry people are not getting suitable employees and on the other hand students are unable to get suitable employment. Apparently there seems to be some mis-match between these two which defeats the very purpose of imparting education to the students, he added. The Committee decided that SPFU and the Project Institutions should constitute Committee to interact frequently with the Industry people to know each other's view point and take steps for the benefit of both the Industry and the Institution/students.

3. The SPA, SPFU advised that the SPFU, Chandigarh should hold a two days Conference/Workshop in connection with Industry-Institution-Linkage and invite eminent persons from both Industry and Academic fields for a broader context to understand the nuances of varied technological advancement viz-a-viz the knowledge acquired by the student community and vice-versa.

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair/participants.

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**State Project Advisor,**  
**SPFU-cum-Director Tech. Edu.,**  
**Union Territory, Chandigarh**