

Minutes of 1st Meeting of University Research Board (URB), Maharaja Ranjit Singh Punjab Technical University, Bathinda

1st Meeting of University Research Board (URB), Maharaja Ranjit Singh Punjab Technical University, Bathinda was held on 23-05-2019 at Maharaja Ranjit Singh Punjab Technical University, Bathinda at 11.00am under the Chairmanship of Hon'ble Vice Chancellor. The following were present in the Meeting.


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| 1. Dr. Mohan Paul Singh Ishar
Vice-Chancellor
Maharaja Ranjit Singh Punjab Technical University | Chairman |
| 2. Dr. Jasbir Singh Hundal
Dean, Research & Development
Maharaja Ranjit Singh Punjab Technical University | Member-Secretary |
| 3. Dr. Savina Bansal
Dean, Academic Affairs
Maharaja Ranjit Singh Punjab Technical University | Member |
| 4. Dr. Geeta Hundal
Dean, Faculty of Sciences
Maharaja Ranjit Singh Punjab Technical University | Member |
| 5. Dr. Karanjit Singh Chahal
Dean, Faculty of Architecture
Maharaja Ranjit Singh Punjab Technical University | Member |
| 6. Dr. Ashish Baldi
Dean, Faculty of Pharmacy
Maharaja Ranjit Singh Punjab Technical University | Member |
| 7. Dr. Ashok Goel
Professor, Electronics & Communication Engineering
Giani Zail Singh Campus College of Engineering & Technology
Maharaja Ranjit Singh Punjab Technical University | Member |
| 8. Dr. Sandeep Kansal
Professor, Department of Physics
Maharaja Ranjit Singh Punjab Technical University | Member |
| 9. Dr. Bhupinder Pal Singh
Professor, Department of Architecture
Giani Zail Singh Campus College of Engineering & Technology
Maharaja Ranjit Singh Punjab Technical University | Member |
| 10. Dr. Manjeet Bansal
Professor, Department of Civil Engineering
Giani Zail Singh Campus College of Engineering & Technology
Maharaja Ranjit Singh Punjab Technical University | Member |
| 11. Dr. Jyoti Saxena
Professor, Electronics & Communication Engineering
Giani Zail Singh Campus College of Engineering & Technology
Maharaja Ranjit Singh Punjab Technical University | Member |

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| 12. Dr. Jatinder Kaur
Professor, Architecture
Giani Zail Singh Campus College of Engineering & Technology
Maharaja Ranjit Singh Punjab Technical University | Member |
| 13. Dr. Shaveta Rani
Professor, Computer Science & Engineering
Professor, Electronics & Communication Engineering
Giani Zail Singh Campus College of Engineering & Technology
Maharaja Ranjit Singh Punjab Technical University | Member |
| 14. Dr. R.K. Bansal
Professor, Electronics & Communication Engineering
Giani Zail Singh Campus College of Engineering & Technology
Maharaja Ranjit Singh Punjab Technical University | Member |
| 15. Dr. Balwinder Singh
Professor, Mechanical Engineering
Giani Zail Singh Campus College of Engineering & Technology
Maharaja Ranjit Singh Punjab Technical University | Member |
| 16. Dr. Sanjiv Kumar Aggarwal
Professor, Civil Engineering
Giani Zail Singh Campus College of Engineering & Technology
Maharaja Ranjit Singh Punjab Technical University | Member |
| 17. Dr. Anupam Kumar
Professor, Textile Engineering
Giani Zail Singh Campus College of Engineering & Technology
Maharaja Ranjit Singh Punjab Technical University | Member |
| 18. Dr. Harish Garg
Professor, Mechanical Engineering
Giani Zail Singh Campus College of Engineering & Technology
Maharaja Ranjit Singh Punjab Technical University | Member |
| 19. Dr. Karanvir Singh
Professor, Mathematics
Maharaja Ranjit Singh Punjab Technical University | Member |
| 20. Dr. R.K. Singla
Professor, Civil Engineering
Giani Zail Singh Campus College of Engineering & Technology
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| 21. Dr. Naresh Kumar Garg
Professor, Computer Science & Engineering
Giani Zail Singh Campus College of Engineering & Technology
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| 22. Dr. Rajeev Kumar Varshney
Professor, Textile Engineering
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Maharaja Ranjit Singh Punjab Technical University | Member |



23. Dr. Devanand Uttam
Professor, Textile Engineering
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Maharaja Ranjit Singh Punjab Technical University
Member
24. Dr. Paramjit Singh
Professor, Computer Science & Engineering
Giani Zail Singh Campus College of Engineering & Technology
Maharaja Ranjit Singh Punjab Technical University
Member
25. Dr. Neeraj Gill
Associater Professor & Head, Electronics & Communication Engineering
Giani Zail Singh Campus College of Engineering & Technology
Maharaja Ranjit Singh Punjab Technical University
Member
26. Dr. Veerpaul Kaur Maan
Assistant Professor, University Business School
Maharaja Ranjit Singh Punjab Technical University
Member
27. Dr. Pritpal Singh Bhullar
Assistant Professor, University Business School
Maharaja Ranjit Singh Punjab Technical University
Member

The following decisions were taken in the meeting.

Item No.	Item	Decision
1.1	<p>MODIFICATION IN THE CLAUSE OF "REVIEW OF PROGRESS" OF Ph.D CANDIDATE IN MRSPTU Ph.D REGULATIONS-2016</p> <p>The MRSPTU Regulations-2016 Clause 9.0 (i) (Annexure-1) Doctor of Philosophy stipulates that a PhD candidate is required to submit his progress report every six months duly certified by supervisor after he/she delivers an open seminar in front of DDRC.</p> <p>It is observed that six months is too short a period to evaluate the progress of a PhD candidate. Moreover, it is observed due to frequent meetings of DDRC(s), many of the experts find it difficult to attend these quiet often.</p> <p>Thus, it is purposed that the progress of the research scholars be reviewed annually instead of after every six months at present. It is further proposed that External Experts shall be invited only at the time of Registration of Research Scholar and his Pre-thesis presentation and not at the progress review presentation/meeting. The MRSPTU Regulations-2016 Doctor of Philosophy shall accordingly be amended.</p> <p>The matter is put up to the University Research Board for approval.</p>	<p>Approved</p> <p>It was decided that six-monthly progress report of the research scholars shall be evaluated by the internal members of the Departments' DDRC(s). Annual Progress reports shall be sent to external members, however, their presence in the DDRC meeting is not mandatory. The presence of external member of DDRC is mandatory in the meetings for approval of synopsis and pre-thesis presentation.</p> 

1.2	<p>REGARDING MINIMUM DURATION FOR SUBMISSION OF THESIS</p> <p>As per MRSPTU Ph.D Regulations-2016 (Clause 10.1) the minimum period required for submission of thesis is three years from the date of enrolment. As it results in the delay in thesis completion of PhD degree/research work, therefore it is proposed that the minimum period for submission of thesis may be reduced to 30 months instead of 36 months. The Inder Kumar Gujral Punjab Technical University, Jalandhar and Punjabi University, Patiala has similar guidelines in regard to the minimum period of two and half year for Ph.D thesis submission (Annexure-2). The matter is put up to the University Research Board for approval.</p>	<p>Ph.D programme shall be for a minimum duration of three years, including course work, as per University Grants Commission (Minimum Standards and Procedure for Award of M.PHIL./PH.D Degrees) Regulations, 2016, No. F. 1-2/2009(EC/PS)V(I) Vol. II dated : 5th May 2016</p>
1.3	<p>REGARDING Ph.D UNIVERSITY RESEARCH FELLOWSHIP SCHEME</p> <p>Ph.D University Research Fellowship Scheme to provide an opportunity to Ph.D research scholars to undertake advanced study and research in the field of Engineering & Technology, Sciences, Pharmacy, Computational Sciences, Food Technology and Management as Full Time Research Scholars leading to Ph.D for innovative technology development. The detailed policy is placed at Annexure-3. The matter is put up to the University Research Board for approval.</p>	<p>Approved</p> <p>University Research Fellowship shall be applicable to Department of Architecture, also.</p>
1.4	<p>RESEARCH IN MULTI DISCIPLINARY/ ALLIED AREAS</p> <p>The UGC (Minimum Standards and Procedure for Award of M.PHIL./PH.D Degrees) Regulations no. F. 1-2/2009(EC/PS)V(I) Vol. II dated 5th May, 2016 has allowed and encouraged research in allied areas. In consonance with the same, the faculty members from different faculty/discipline be allowed to jointly supervise the Ph.D thesis, such research proposal shall be put up to the DDRC of department to which supervisor belongs for approval. However, in all such cases the degree shall only bear the title of Ph.D thesis (Annexure-4). The matter is put up to the University Research Board for approval.</p>	<p>It was decided UGC recommendations regarding co-supervisor from the allied area shall be implemented, however, the proposal regarding mentioning only title of the thesis on Ph.D degree, as is the practice in premier institution was deferred as it needs further discussion</p>
1.5	<p>Ph.D CANDIDATES WHOSE RESEARCH SUPERVISOR ARE WITH THE IKGPTU, JALANDHAR</p> <p>The Maharaja Ranjit Singh Punjab Technical University (Second amendment) Act, 2017 (Punjab Act no. 4 of 2018) vide Punjab Govt. Gaz. (Extra) Notification No. 4-Leg./2018 dated 17th January, 2018 has allowed the shifting of affiliation of the colleges lying in territorial jurisdiction of the University, that existed prior to creation</p>	<p>All such candidates shall have a Co-Supervisor or Administrative Supervisor* from MRSPTU, Bathinda (*In case Ph.D candidate has completed research work up to Pre-thesis level.)</p>

	<p>of Maharaja Ranjit Singh Punjab Technical University, Bathinda. Consequently, many of the research supervisors/co-supervisors guiding Ph.D students of the University are now in colleges affiliated with IKGPTU, Jalandhar. Since many UG and PG programmes in these colleges are still affiliated with the University and students shall be getting MRSPTU degree, the research supervisors working in these colleges have been allowed by Chairman, URB to complete the research work of Ph.D candidates registered with the University under the same supervisors/co-supervisors (Annexure-5). The matter is put up to the University Research Board for approval.</p>	
1.6	<p>LIST OF RESEARCH STUDENTS REGISTERED WITH THE UNIVERSITY</p> <p>The URB is hereby informed that DDRC(s) were constituted by the University for different departments. The meetings of DDRC are being held in the department on regular basis. The department wise list of Ph.D students registered with the University on recommendation of DDRC(s) is placed at Annexure-6. Matter is placed before the Board of Governors for consideration.</p>	Approved
1.7	<p>TO APPROVE EARLY Ph.D SYNOPSIS SUBMISSION (submitted by Head, Department of Physics, MRSPTU)</p> <p>As per the existing rules, Ph.D Synopsis can be submitted after completion of Course Work, in which it takes atleast one year to start work for the candidate. It is requested that Ph.D Synopsis may be allowed to be submitted after enrolment and its presentation may be taken after the completion of Course Work. It would help in starting the work early and completion of the degree in time. The matter is put up to the University Research Board for approval.</p>	<p>The Research Proposal/ Ph.D synopsis can be submitted for evaluation even prior to completion of Course Work. However, DDRC meeting for Registration of Ph.D candidate shall take place only after completion of course work.</p>

General Decisions

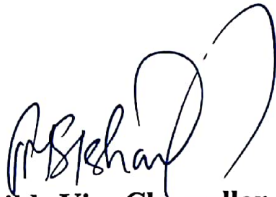
1. As per MRSPTU Ph.D Regulations-2016, University Research Board (URB) shall be the highest research body of the University for Monitoring, Modifying, Interpreting and Arbitrating on any kind of dispute pertaining to University Ph.D regulations. In addition, this body shall be competent to propose and issue amendments/addendum to these regulations as per the need and to comply with UGC guidelines from time to time. Henceforth, University Research Board shall also approve the DDRC


recommendations to finalize the registration as well as approved title of the thesis. However, the date of registration shall be same as that of provisional Enrolment.

The minor changes & other corrections in the topic recommended at time of presentation of pre-thesis by DDRC, can be made with approval of the Chairman, University Research Board.

2. As provided in the already adopted University Grants Commission Minimum Standards and Procedures for Award of M.PHIL./PH.D Degrees Regulations, 2016, No. F. 1-2/2009(EC/PS) V(I) Vol. II dated : 5th May 2016 (clause 10) in regard to recognition of Research Centre outside the University shall be strictly implemented.

Submitted for your kind approval.


Hon'ble Vice Chancellor


Dean, Research & Development