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**PANJAB UNIVERSITY, CHANDIGARH**

Minutes of the meeting of the Committee constituted by the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor with regard to parameter of green campus initiative and waste management in PU as required for NAAC Criteria, held on 02.12.2021 at 04.00 p.m. in the Chairperson room of Department of Botany, PU, Chandigarh

**Present:**

1. Prof. Promila Pathak, Chairperson, Dept. of Botany Chairman
2. Prof. Rajat Sandhir, Dept. of Biochemistry
3. Prof. Gaurav Gaur, Centre for Social Work
4. Prof. Monica Munjial Singh, Centre for Social Work
5. Shri Anil Behal (nominee - XEN I)
6. Shri Amandeep Singh (nominee of DE - H)
7. Shri Inder Gulati, Architect
8. Deputy Registrar (Estate) Convener

Initiating the meeting, the Chairperson of the Committee welcomed the members to the meeting and briefed them about parameter of the Green Campus Initiative and Waste Management in Panjab University, as required for NAAC Criteria.

Mainly five parameters are to be met as per Green Campus Initiative, as listed in the Criterion 7.1.5 of the NAAC requirements-

- a) **Restricted entry of Automobiles**
- b) **Use of Bi-cycles in the campus**
- c) **Pedestrian friendly pathways**
- d) **Ban on use of plastics**
- e) **Landscaping of tress**

The Chairperson of the committee requested the members for their suggestions and inputs, in this regard.

In this committee, Sh. Inder Gulati, Architect, PU shared with the committee that for NAAC visit, we are supposed to keep a record of everything that should be displayed within campus, any policy document with regard to Green Campus Initiative, photographs of the facilities, circulars issued and any other supporting document.

The committee discussed the five requirements in details, which are as follows:

**a) Restricted entry of Automobiles**

There is a sufficient parking space for parking at Gate No. 1 and at Gate No.2 adjacent to Health Centre. Visitors can be made to park their vehicles over there only and they should not be allowed to come from that point along with their vehicles. There is a provision of multi-level parking, which has been approved from Gate No. 1 towards Water Works. Over 900 vehicles can be parked. Approval has already been obtained but budget is required. There is a provision in the budget for creating this space.

Design has already been made of reopening of the road next to Gate No. 2., and for this approval has already been obtained. For Gate No. 2 & 3, the Chairperson appreciated the efforts that Security Guards have been controlling the traffic through installing barriers at the entry points

Mr. Gulati has suggested that if any provision can be made for visitors allowing them from Gate No. 1 & 2 and Gate No. 3, may be ~~evolving~~ <sup>exclus. vely</sup> for residents. Prof. Gaurav Gaur shared with the Committee that Prof. Harish from UIET should be invited in the next meeting as he was doing some work with regard to creating some kind of automatic stickers for vehicles. Members suggested that automatic stickers may be issued to teaching, non-teaching employees. There should be a restricted entry at some point e.g. at Gate No.1 & 2 for visitors and they should not be allowed to visit campus using their automobiles. There should be a proper display of visitors parking.

**Resolved:**

1. For resolving upon RIFD System, Prof. Harish, UIET may be invited in the next meeting of the Committee
2. Ample parking spaces are available at Gate No.1, Gate No.2 of the Sec. 14 campus and at some distance at Gate No.3 of the Sec. 14 campus. There is also enough parking space at the Gate facing Sec. 24 i.e. the UIET gate of the south campus (Sec. 25), Chandigarh
- ✓ 3. The XEN office in co-ordination with the Architect office can finalize the parking at Gate near the Dental College of the PU in Sec. 25.

**b) Use of Bi-cycles/Battery powered vehicles:**

It was shared that as regards to use of bicycles in the campus, a provision of 30 bicycles is being made by the UT Administration. There are 28 locations in Sector 14 and 3 locations in Sector 25 Campus, Chandigarh, which are being handled by Chandigarh Administration. Members suggested having some kind of data wherein all the departments should be covered under this initiative. A total of 3 sites have been identified in Sector 25 campus.

It has come to the notice of the committee that recently the State Transport Authority, Chandigarh has issued a circular/order regarding e-rickshaws/battery powered passenger vehicles in the city.

**Resolved:**

1. The Estate Branch may write to the STA, UT, for seeking the required orders as issued by the STA.
2. Since enough bicycle stands are being installed in both the campuses, and the bicycles are both battery powered as well as the normal ones, such arrangement suffices the green transport parameter as per the NAAC criteria of the NAAC Criteria.
3. Further, resolution on battery powered vehicle may be taken in the next meeting of this committee.

**c) Pedestrian friendly pathways**

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Shri Inder Gulati apprised that a survey of both the campuses was done and it has been noticed that a 4.77 kms long pedestrian pathway already exists in the PU Campus, Sec. 14. Dedicated cycle tracks are not there in both the PU campuses. There should not be separately paved but marking on the road, indicating a separately cycle track for the road from PGI to XEN Office can be done on the pattern of Sukhna Lake, Chandigarh. The other roads like the one wherein Ankur School (Boys Hostel No.4 & 5) fall, dedicated cycle tracks should be created.

From Gate No. 1 to Law Department, there is a possibility to pave a separate cycle track in-between the PU's boundary wall and the backside of the Arts/Law department(s). Further, in the next stage, possibility to create cycle tracks in the internal roads upto a length of 9 kms can be explored.

**RESOLVED:**

The XEN-I should put up a proposal in the next meeting of the Building Committee to complete the following works at war footing, as the NAAC team may visit very shortly:

- i) Marking on the road, indicating a separately cycle track for the road from PGI to XEN Office be done on the pattern of Sukhna Lake, Chandigarh
- ii) On the road in-between Ankur School and Boys Hostel No.4 & 5 dedicated cycle tracks should be created
- iii) Pedestrian friendly pathways should be created such that each department is easily connected to such pathways.
- iv) The Architect office in coordination with the XEN office to work on extending the total length of the Cycle track(s) be from 4.77 kms at present, to 6.5 kms before the visit of the NAAC team.

**d) Ban on use of plastics**

The Chairperson suggested organizing some kind of awareness programmes to create awareness amongst students, teaching and non-teaching. In this regard, she gave suggestion for planning to organize one online webinar inviting Prof. Adarsh Vig, Chairperson, Punjab Pollution Control Board. The Committee appreciated this suggestion. Prof. Monica opined to have everything on record for NAAC. The Chairperson invited suggestions from the committee regarding the item. Prof. Rajat Sandhir highlighted that there is so much garbage lying in the backside of the Sector 14 market. Instructions should be issued from Estate Branch to market people regarding proper disposal of garbage. The Chairperson suggested installing cameras over there to keep a vigil on such people so that suitable action may be taken against the defaulters. Display Boards should be installed to create awareness in regard to this. Prof. Gaurav Gaur suggested repainting the earlier display boards to cut costs, the DSW may be written to issues notices, in this regard.

**Resolved:**

1. The Estate Branch to issue a circular to all the shopkeepers of the Panjab University for maintaining a clean and hygienic environment in their vicinity. Also,

a circular regarding ban on the use of Plastic as per the guidelines of Chandigarh Administration as well as Govt. of India be issued to all the shopkeepers of PU by the Estate Branch.

- 2. The Divisional Engg. (Horticulture) would bring the suggested slogan/word-quotations appropriate for awareness regarding cleanliness in the Panjab University, in the next meeting of this committee so that further resolution can be made regarding the same.
- 3. The office of Architect or DE (H) may bring the list of such display boards installed in the campus for consideration in the next meeting.
- 4. A Memo be issued by the Estate Branch to all the shops including the lessees of sweet shops i.e. 'Panjab Sweets' and 'Chandigarh Sweets' for not littering in the back side of their shops otherwise a suitable fine as decided by the Univ. authorities may be imposed on the lessees of these shops.

**e) Landscaping of trees**

It was informed by Sh. Amandeep from the O/o DE (H) that there is already a committee constituted for this purpose. He stated that most of the trees in the campus are watered through water tankers manually. He also stated that his office is already in progress for the beautification of gates and some sites in the Panjab University, *in this regard.*

**Further Resolved:**

- i) It was expressed that this is the first meeting of the committee. In the next meeting, there should be a representative from IQAC also.

The meeting ended with a Vote of Thanks to the Chair.

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Deputy Registrar (Estate)  
Convener

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*22/12/21*  
(Promila Pathak)  
Chairman