

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

AGENDA: UNIVERSITY OF PUNE MASTER PLAN

DATE : 28 – 03 – 2006,

VENUE : YASHADA, Pune.

MORNING SESSION:

TIME : 10 a.m.

ATTENDEES:

Dr. Bharat Bhushan
Dr. Bhushan Patwardhan
Mr. Vidyadhar Deshpande
Dr. A. Keskar
AVM P. Honmode
Official from Yashda
Students from PUMBA

The various activities in the morning session were as follows:

- The morning session commenced with an introductory lecture by Mr. Bharat Bhushan, Professor, Environment planning and Deputy Director General (Planning), Yashwantrao Chavan Academy of Development Administration (YASHADA) – In capacity of Expert Planner.
- There was a short presentation on YASHADA as an institution wherein important features and achievements of YASHADA were discussed.
Dr. Bhushan Patwardhan, Director, School Of Health Sciences – Convener gave a presentation on ‘Internationalization of Education’. It was an informative presentation that brought about awareness about the scope of improvement in the field of Educational provided to International students. Various figures were brought into light regarding the export and import of students.
- An interactive session was conducted where the opinions of volunteers i.e. students from Department Of Management Sciences were discussed. Some of which can be stated as :
 - More focus on Indology courses like Indian Culture, Indian Literature.
 - Issues like Security at the premises and transport facilities in and around the university.
 - Simplifying the admission procedure of foreign students, making proper facilities for them etc.
 - improvement of the library conditions

- Expected improvements in the communication facilities that could be introduced at university premises along with some stationery facilities.
- Accommodation facilities in and around the university.

In this way many more ideas areas of improvement were discussed. The conclusion reached was CHANGE in basic infrastructure is a must.

AFTERNOON SESSION :

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Time : 2:30 p.m.

- In this session we were briefed about the result of the meeting of principles on 28th of March. In a brief presentation Mr. Bharat Bhushan covered the following points regarding the same:

Collaboration with Yashada : There could be Establishment of training program in regard to administration of colleges, Introduction of requirement specific training and repetition of the same, Staff training methods and training in R & D.

Developing UOPMPC : It has to be participatory and transparent. Recommendations should be internalized amongst subject areas and finalized.

Evaluation Of training/ examination: Continual improvement of examination evaluation methods should be there. Establishing an Exam Reforms cell at UOP.

A paradigm shift is expected in the field of Teaching as in it should become learner centric. There should be teachers training process, dynamic enough with futuristic developments.

Educational infrastructure , Distance Education provisions, like introducing virtual classroom facility, digitally enabled software development lab etc

Also other points were discussed like establishing an international brand for the University. There could be tie-up with the industries. It was said that role of jnents 5 as future citizens'

Above-mentioned and some more points regarding the principle' meeting were discussed.

- The other members of the committee joined us by the time this discussion was over.
- The volunteers were assigned to these members for respective co-ordination.

The session ended and there was a short tea break.

EVENING SESSION :

Session began at : 4:30

Dr. Bharat Bhushan
Dr. Bhushan Patwardhan
Mr. Vidyadhar Deshpande
Dr. A. Keskar
AVM P. Honmode
Dr. Sujata Patel
Dr. Dilip Uke
Dr. Ashok Thorat
Dr. Capt. C. M. Chitale
Dr. B. A. Chopde
Dr. Snajay Sonawane
Dr. Shantishree Pandit
Other officials from Univ. of Pune
Official from Yashda
Students from PUMBA

During this session the members of the committee i.e. professors from each department gave a briefing of their recommendations as a part of the master plan:

- Dr. Sujata Patel, Professor, Sociology contributed as follows:
She said that the immediate short term and long term issues were related to:
 1. Academic Theory : immediate, mid term and long term.
 2. Administration regarding the Vision , teaching/non-teaching post i.e. I terms of human resources.
 3. Infrastructure.
 4. Finances we need for the programs.
 5. Issues like credit system, training system and structure for certificate were put up by her.

She said that the various departments under Sociology were informed and were to report by 31st March and she also said that Program would be kept ready by 7th of April.

- Dr Dilip Uke, Professor, Law discussed issues like :
 1. Hostels, facilities, maintenance, canteen, about communication stationery and transportation.
 2. Tie-up with PMT and PCMT
 3. Examination results procedure must change
 4. Enhance quality of education
 5. Financial matters i.e. grant of finances
 6. Suggestions for restructuring Rules & regulations for finances should be developed.

Also it was disclosed that the international law school has been approved during sennete.

- Dr Sanjay Sonanvane, Professor, Education and Sports made points like :
 1. There should be introduction for commercial sports with a view of income generation.
 2. The sports should be in the view health, fitness and wellness of students.
 3. He mentioned that selection matches may be conducted. Presently short term coaching is present.
 4. This year there has been a course introduced in physical education.
 5. The future plan included playfield, 400 mt running track and separate sports hostel.
 6. Also various suggestions related to library were discussed like separate reading halls for research students, a digital library facility, training facilities regarding the use of these tools, a well maintained back up facility, a big stock room with a capacity of about 3 lakh copies and a 1 lakh bound periodicals for future reference.
 7. some other facilities like separate room for ladies and gents staff, separate room for students to take their food.

- Dr Captain C.M. Chitale, Director, BCUD : brought to notice the following points:

He brought about the recommendations of the NAAC committee that should be considered while preparing this plan.

According to the NAAC committee, NOV 2001:

 1. There should have been proper attention paid to department running with visiting faculty, sports, library infrastructure, needs.
 2. Paying more attention to chains i.e. University Industry partnerships, Arts, Human, Social sciences, Inter disciplinary courses.
 3. Enhance quality of formal relationship with colleges on university campus.

Also according to him, national development foster global competition, value system, quality, quest for excellence, participation.

- Dr. Smt Shantishree Pandit, International affairs came up with the following points:

1. Change in Architecture with regards to : Casuals, Self finance, MOU's, self finance, co-ordination with local police.
2. She proposed to involve P.V. Joshi, Joint secretary, Ministry Of External affairs.
3. She said that the payment to faculty is meager as compared to the high expectations from them.
4. Multicultural classrooms help students.

Suggestions were made as :

1. Extension activities should be more often
2. Marketing of University
3. Participation under brand Name
4. Network with different embassies.
5. Orientation with Indian Culture do's and don'ts.

- Dr B.A Chopde, professor, Microbiology came up with the following points:

1. Modernization, development and space creation in Science department
2. Establishment of new department like department of Genetics and Marine Science
3. Joint degree programmes
4. Higher integrated subject in M. Sc. And life science.
5. Establishing Institute of Nano Science.
6. He also made point for environment and eco conservation.

- Dr. Anil Keskar, professor , Management came up with suggestions like:

1. He suggested a University Information Centre : All necessary information can be provided at this centre. It should be connected to the entire departments.
2. The placement of such a system should be proper i.e. only visitors not satisfied with the service of such a centre should be sent further to the departments for inquiry.
3. A manual of Administration courses must be maintained
4. Letterheads , i-cards must be standardized with proper color codes
5. A history book must be maintained by each department or centralized
6. Departmental logo, crest, or symbol should be designed exclusively along with university logo if required by them
7. Monthly program of various dept of university should be made and put up on the website.
8. A Proper dress code could be followed by faculty, students.
9. Monthly meetings of HOD's and minutes of the same must be on website.
10. He also came up with very good suggestions for PUMBA like: International campus for management studies could be started, research activities could be

encouraged, encourage entrepreneurship business plans and gather financial help, social project with an NGO could be encouraged.

- Mr. N.S. Phirangi, Controller of examination, made points to facilitate the examination system in University. Those are
 1. Decentralization of Examination system.
 2. More Infrastructure like godown and building.
 3. Manpower at the time of examination

- Dr Ashok throat, Member of Academic Council said that : spoke to HOD's personally and came up with distributed suggestions:
 1. There is need for a very good language laboratory including studio facility, since they play a major role in developing understanding.
 2. Department of extension services should be formed in order to work in co-ordination with large depts. And design courses for the needy as CIFL has become recognized because of need based courses
 3. Credit system needs to be made more comprehensive
 4. In his view B.A degree has become flimsy over the years. B.A. general courses had been proposed last year.
 5. He said students of 21st century need qualities like : capability, skills, and core competencies.

- Air Vice Marshall (retd.) Mr. Prakash Honmode finally concludes the session by saying that the problems that surfaced today were not properly handled by us earlier. He said if we need to fulfill our objective to make University of Pune a world-class university, we have to work sincerely first as an individual and then as a group.

The students from PUMBA will coordinate with the members of master plan committee. For the same, each members has been given a student from pumba who will help the members in preparing their master plan.