

UNIVERSITY GRANTS COMMISSION

ANNEXURE - II

Part - I : Preliminary

(i)	Constitution of the Expert Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Prof. D. Acharya Chairman• Prof. B. R. Chahar Member• Prof. K. R. Iqbal Ahmed Member• Prof. Karunesh Saxena Member• Prof. Narendra S. Chaudhari, AICTE Nominee• N. Gopukumar Coordinating Officer
(ii)	Date(s) of the visit	October 30-31, 2014
(iii)	Any other information (Non- participation of members, any special factor or situation / difficulties relevant to the report)	Prof. K. R. Iqbal Ahmed could not participate in the visit

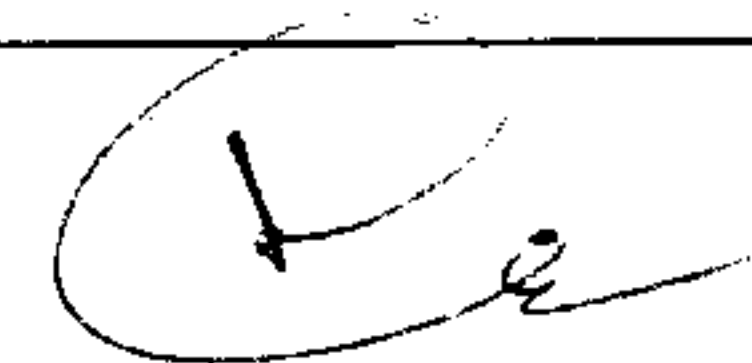
Part - II : Introduction

(i)	Brief introduction of the University (Refer 1.1 of the format)	Peoples Education Society (PES) which was founded in the year 1972 has many educational institutions imparting education in the fields of science, medicine, engineering and management. PES Institute of Technology, is one of the institutions run by the Society. The experience in providing quality education in PES Institute of Technology (PESIT) facilitated easy evolution of PES UNIVERSITY (state private University) in the state of Karnataka vide government notification No. ED 85 UNE 2013 dated 19-11-2013. Government of Karnataka published PES UNIVERSITY ACT-2012 of Karnataka Act 16 of 2013 (which received the assent of the Governor on the
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		fifth day of February 2013 and first published in the Karnataka Gazette Extra-ordinary on seventh day of February 2013) under clause(3) of article 348 of the constitution of India in the Karnataka gazette for general information on Thursday, May 16, 2013. The campus of the university is 100 Feet Ring Road, BSK III Stage, Bangalore - 560 085 where PESIT existed and it is spread over an area of 25 Acres 26 Guntas.(Ann.I)
(ii)	Date of the establishment of the University	<p>The university has been established as per the</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parliamentary Affairs and Legislation Secretariat Notification No: Samvyashae 82 Shasana 2012, Bangalore dated 16/05/2013. • Karnataka Act No. 16 of 2013 first published in the Karnataka Gazette Extra-ordinary on 07/02/2013. • The PES University Act 2012 received the assent of the Governor on 05/02/2013. • Notification from Karnataka Government Secretariat, Higher Education Department, MS Building No: ED 85 UNE 2013 dated 19/11/2013 <p>Annexure XXIV</p>
(iii)	Brief description of the University and its faculties / courses	<p>PES University is currently running various UG, PG and research courses under two faculties namely, Faculty of Engineering and Faculty of Management.</p> <p>Detailed list of courses is enclosed in Annexure-</p>
(iv)	Brief description of the Trust/ Society that governs the University	<p>PES University is governed by Peoples Education Society established under Mysore Societies Registration Act 1960 (Mysore Act No. 17 of 1960) on October 11, 1972</p> <p>Copy of registration of Society is enclosed as Annexure XXV</p>

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Part - III: Summary Report

A . Legal Status

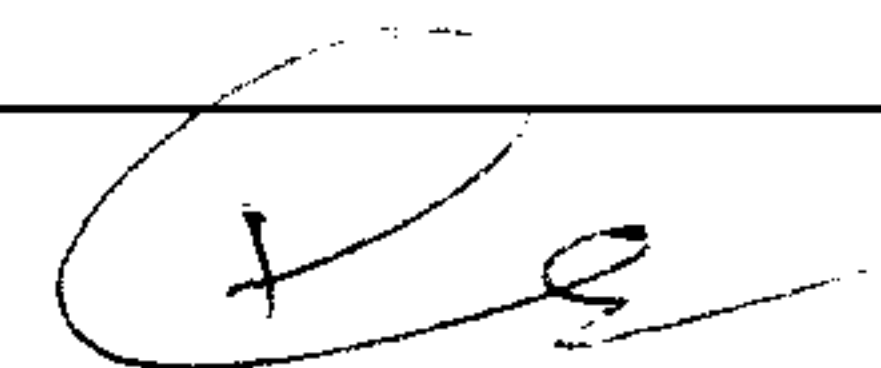
(i)	Is the University duly established under the law and as required in the UGC regulations?	Yes, the university is established as per the • Parliamentary Affairs and Legislation Secretariat Notification No: Samvyashae 82 Shasana 2012, Bangalore dated 16/05/2013. • Karnataka Act No. 16 of 2013 first published in the Karnataka Gazette Extra-ordinary on 07/02/2013. • The PES University Act 2012 received the assent of the Governor on 05/02/2013. • Notification from Karnataka Government Secretariat, Higher Education Department, MS Building No: ED 85 UNE 2013 dated 19/11/2013 (Annexure XXIV)
(ii)	Is the Trust / Society involved in promoting the University Sufficiently focused on educational activities and independent of their business or other interest, if any?	YES, PES is sufficiently focused on educational activities.

B . Organization Description

(i)	Does the University abide by UGC regulations on off-campus centres? Yes No Not-Applicable	Yes
(ii)	Does the University abide by UGC regulations on off-shore campus centres? Yes No Not-Applicable	Yes
(iii)	Does the University offer courses under distance mode with the approval of the competent authority	No

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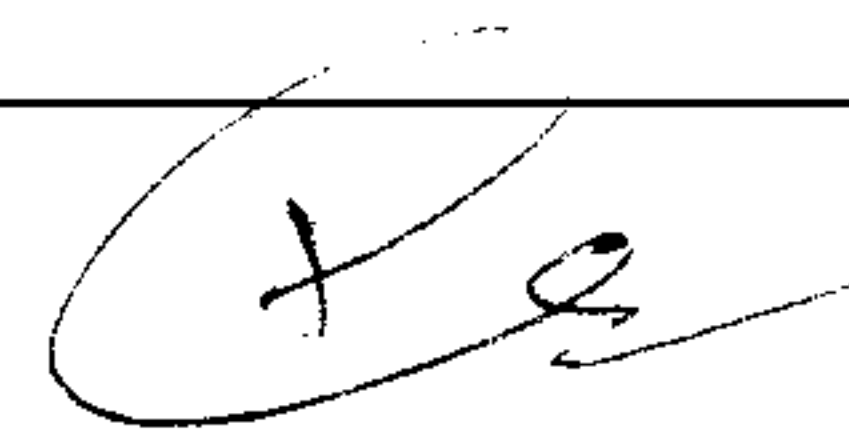
	of Government of India? Yes No Not-Applicable (refer 2.6 and 2.7 of the format)	
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C . Academic Activities

(i)	Are the courses offered by the university narrowly focused or adequately diverse?	The core courses offered are adequately diverse and the elective courses are narrowly focused.
(ii)	Are the lists of courses for the award of the degree as per the section 22 of UGC Act, 1956?	Please see Annexure XXVI
(iii)	Is the sanctioned intake is as per the norm / intake sanctioned by the concerned statutory council(s) / UGC?	YES, intake for each of the courses under each faculty has been sanctioned by Karnataka Government Secretariat, Higher Education Department, MS Building as per the notification No: ED 85 UNE 2013 dated 19/11/2013.
(iv)	Whether courses run are approved by concerned statutory council(s)?	Different degree programmes are being run as per intake approved by Government of Karnataka, as per the notification No: ED 85 UNE 2013 dated 19/11/2013
(v)	Are there adequate support facilities for students, especially for disadvantaged students? (refer 4.5 of format)	The University is providing free education to 10 poor rural students coming from Kannada medium, every year.
(vi)	Are the students adequately informed? (refer 4.7 and 4.8 of the format)	Yes, adequately informed
(vii)	Is there a Grievance Redressal Mechanism and is that working properly?	Yes, Grievance Redressal System is in place. It is too early to assess its effectiveness
(viii)	Is the university following proper procedure for formulation and revision of curriculum on periodic basis? (refer 5.1 to 5.4 of the format)	Provision exists. It is too early to assess
(ix)	How regular, fair and transparent is the examination system? (refer 5.7 to 5.14)	Details of components and weightages for CIA and SEE are enclosed (Ann. XIII)

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D. Admission Process

(i)	Does the University follow fair and transparent procedure for admission? (Refer 6.1 and 6.7 of the format)	Yes, the university follow fair and transparent mechanism for admissions a) 40% of seats are filled through Common Entrance Test (CET) conducted by Govt. of Karnataka b) 60% of seats are filled on basis of PESSAT, which is a national test conducted by the PES University.
(ii)	Do any special reservation on quota follow clearly laid down policy?	Yes, reservation is being followed only for 40% seats allotted through CET as per Govt. of Karnataka rules.

E. Fee Structure

(i)	Are the students sufficiently informed about the fees and charges payable?	Yes, students are informed about fees and charges payable through: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• PES website• Admission enquiry• PESSAT info sessions• Notice Boards
(ii)	Does the university follow its own declared policy in collecting any fees or charges or are there some charges over and above the publically stated fee structure?	No complaint was received from students during interaction with them.
(iii)	Is the mode of fees collection transparent or are there complaints of payment without receipts?	Yes. Fee collection is transparent. No complaint was received from students during interaction with them.
(iv)	Are the fees reasonable compared to costs involved in running the programmes and to other similar institutions?	Seems reasonable to the Committee.
(v)	Is the fee structure based on policy or guidelines laid down by the Government?	Fee structure for students entering through CET is based on "Govt. of Karnataka Fee Regulation Committee" Fee structure for students entering through

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		PESAT is based on "PESU fee fixation committee"
(vi)	Is there any indication of the University being run solely or primarily for commercial gains?	It does not appear so.

F. Faculty

(i)	Does the university follow pay scales and service conditions laid down by UGC?	Some faculty are getting basic + DA + HRA. Others are getting consolidated. Few are getting more than their basic + DA + HRA. Details are attached (Annexure XVIII)
(ii)	Is the faculty well qualified and well trained for the courses? (if required, please make comments separately for each faculty / department)	Yes, the university has qualified faculty members on rolls. Nearly 30% of faculty members have doctoral degree and remaining are post graduates.
(iii)	Is the proportion of permanent faculty adequate or is the university being mainly run by deploying contractual faculty / guest faculty / part-time faculty?	Yes, the university has adequate staff.
(iv)	Has the University followed due process for recruitment of the faculty?	It has been observed that the University is following due process w.r.t recruitment starting inviting applications through advertisements in news papers to screening, interviewing, to issue of appointment orders. The decisions of the recruitment panel are well documented and maintained.

G. Infrastructure

(i)	<p>Are the following infrastructure facilities adequate?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Land and Buildings • Class Rooms • Laboratories and equipments • Library • Sports Facilities • Residential accommodation including hostels 	Yes, the University has adequate infrastructure facilities as per the requirements of AICTE. Physical inspection and verification of land documents and master plans have been done by the Architect nominated by AICTE and all members have visited central facilities on campus.
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H. Financial Viability

(i)	Does the university have adequate and independent funds?	Yes as per the documents provided by the University
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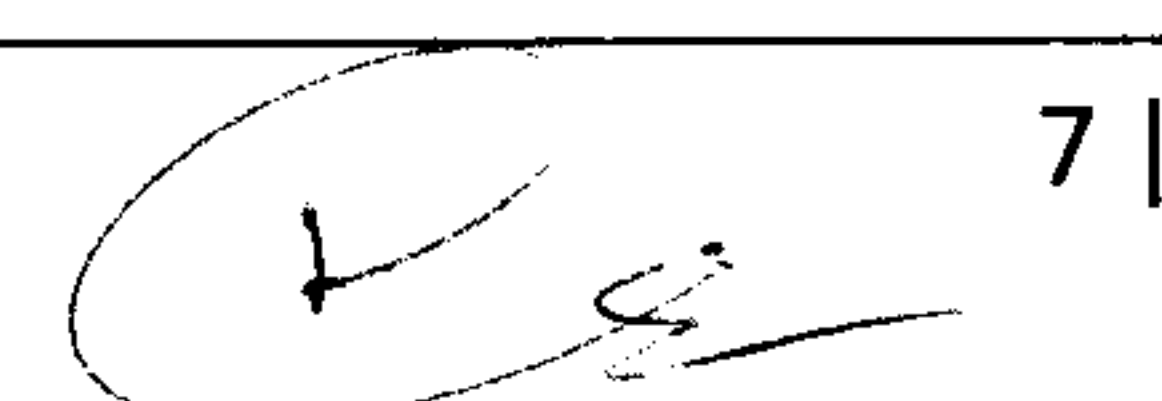
I. Governance System

(i)	Are various authorities and bodies responsible for the governance of the university in place and working regularly and properly?	<p>Yes, the authorities of the University are as prescribed under Section-23 of the Act. Currently, the university has</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Board (Board of Governors) • The Executive Council • The Academic Council • The Research Council • The Finance Council • The Estates Council <p>According to Section-23(vi) of the PES University Act, the University shall have the other authorities, as deemed necessary, appointed with the approval of the Board.</p> <p>It has been observed that authorities and bodies responsible for the governance of the university are in place. Several meeting of the various bodies have taken places, resolutions passed and minutes recorded. These documents have been verified by the Committee.</p>
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J. Research Profile

(i)	How would you rate the research profile of the university in terms of Research orientation, environment,	It is too early to assess the University as the University is only six months old.
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	facilities and output? (please give comments separately on faculties and departments)	However some of the faculty transferred from PESIT have good publications.
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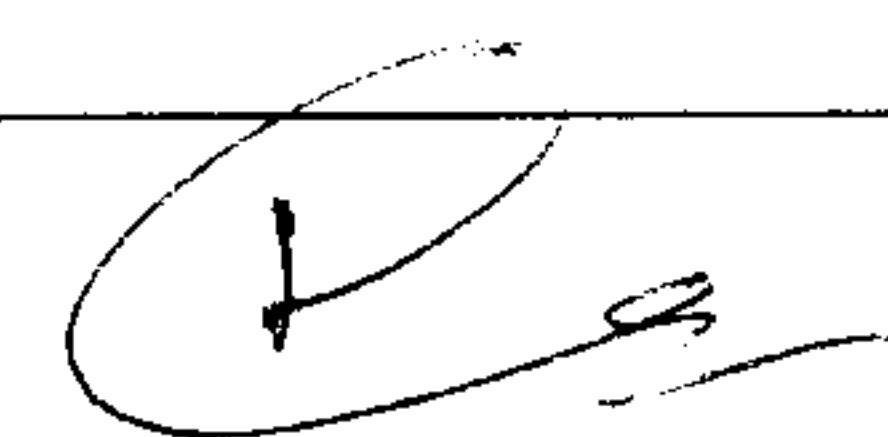
K. Miscellaneous

(i)	Is the non-teaching staff adequate, well qualified and paid as per the norms of the concerned state Government?	Yes. The details of pay slip are attached herewith. Many employees are on consolidated pay. (Annexure XXIII)
(ii)	Do the academic results show evidence of independent and rigorous evaluation prior to the issue of the degrees?	Since, PES University is functioning from the academic year 2014-15, the first End Semester Assessment (ESA) is yet to be completed.
(iii)	Has the university obtained necessary and desirable accreditations?	No. Not applicable as the University is new. However, PES University informed that they would apply for NAAC accreditation during 2016-17 (for programmes with two year duration), 2017-18 (for programmes with three year duration) and 2018-19 (for programmes with four year duration).

L. Strength and Weakness-es of the University

(i)	Strengths of the university.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1.The management of PES University is progressive and committed to creating a quality institution. 2. The location of the university is good. 3. The University has the benefit of brand image of PESIT. 4. The faculty quality is good.
(ii)	Weakness of the university	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. University is in its infancy. There are teething problems, but the management is

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		trying its best to overcome them. Both teaching and non teaching employees should get salaries as per UGC/State Government rules.
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Part IV - Recommendations

A. General Observations and Suggestions

- The University is facing the problem of smooth transition from PESIT due to unreasonable orders of the State Government
- Though present facilities are adequate for the present batch, for future batches the infrastructure development needs to be accelerated.
- Internet infrastructure needs improvement
- The University needs to augment with residential accommodation or create accommodation in nearby locality
- Faculty development and mentoring may be done. Skill building for non-teaching staff needs due attention
- The University encourages research publication and participation in national and international conferences


B. Observations and Recommendations which require satisfactory compliance by the University before issue of Approval letter:

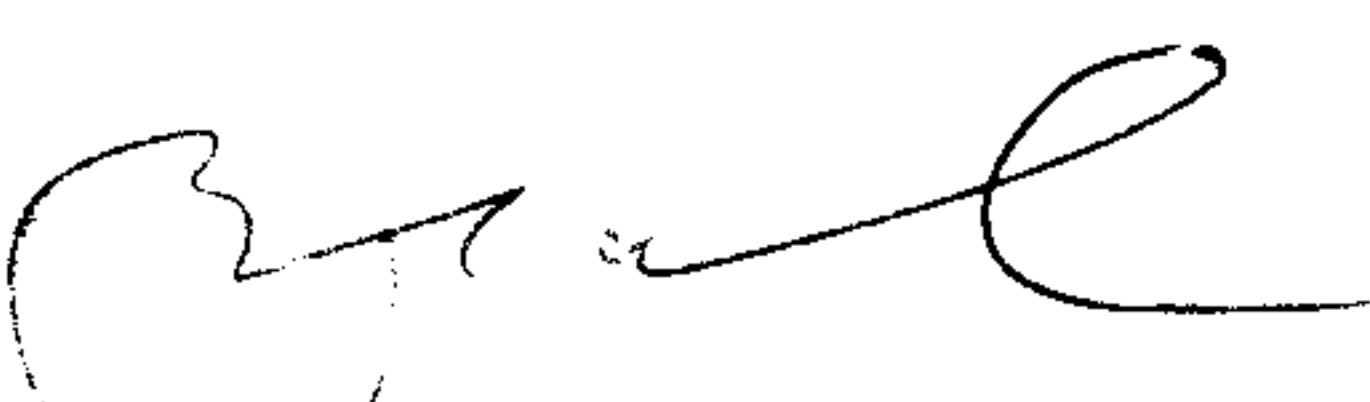
Nil.


C. Final Recommendations


Whether the University should be granted approval letter / approval letter subject to compliance /Should not be granted Approval letter


The committee recommends approval till June 2018. Further approval may be accorded after transition of PESIT to PES University in the present campus.


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