

REPORT ON INTERNAL AUDIT FOR THE PERIOD FROM APRIL 2017 TO SEPTEMBER 2017

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PANDIT DEENDAYAL PETROLEUM UNIVERSITY

DRAFT INTERNAL AUDIT REPORT FOR THE PERIOD FROM APRIL 2017 TO SEPTEMBER 2017

1. PREAMBLE:

- 1.1 We have carried out Internal Audit of Pandit Deendayal Petroleum University (University or PDPU) for the period from April 2017to September 2017 in terms of scope of work.
- 1.2 We submit our report containing observations noticed during the audit along with management response.

AUDIT APPROACH:

- 2.1 Our audit approach was to:
 - i) Review procedures and systems with a view to understanding the nature of activities, areas of operations and records maintained.
 - ii) Review internal control systems with a view to assessing the efficiency of the system to see that chances of frauds and errors are minimized as well as the system ensures effective checking of transactions at various levels.
 - iii) Gain understanding about the working environment and the internal controls system adopted in that relation.
 - iv) Verify documents i.e. bills, vouchers and records to satisfy that the established system is followed.

2.2 We have kept in background following broad criteria while ascertaining risk rating of the observations in the attached report:

SCALE	FINANCIAL	COMPLIANCE	OPERATIONAL
High – Requiring immediate action	More than Rs 3 Lakhs	More than Rs 1 Lakhs	Absence of Standard Processes
Medium – Requiring corrective action	Impact of more than Rs 1 Lakh up to Rs 3 Lakhs	More than Rs 50,000 & up to Rs 1 Lakh	Loopholes / area for improvement in Standard Processes
Low – Opportunities for improvement	Impact of Up to Rs 1 Lakh	Up to Rs 50,000	Non-adherence to the Standard Processes

3. AUDIT METHODOLOGY:

- 3.1 The audit has been carried out in accordance with Auditing and Assurance Standards as well as Standards on Internal Audit prescribed by Institute of Chartered Accountants of India.
- 3.2 The audit team consisted of following members:

• C.A. Gaurav Parmar - B.Com, FCA, CISA, Partner

• C.A. Milan Shah - B.Com, FCA, Audit Manager

• Mr. Neel Mehta - Audit Assistant

• Mr. Kumarpal Jain - Audit Assistant

• Mr. Abhishek Patel - Audit Assistant

• Mr. Jinil Gandhi - Audit Assistant

• Mr. Dheeraj Soni - Audit Assistant

4. AUDIT SCOPE & COVERAGE:

4.1 As per Internal Audit Plan, following areas were covered by this report:

AREAS OF OPERATIONS	SCOPE OF INTERNAL AUDIT			
Student Process Flow –	Verification of adequacy and accounting treatment of the following:			
Primary Source of	(a) Security Deposit/ Caution Money			
Revenue	(b) Levy of various types of Fees as per the Fees Chart			
	(c) Student Fee Matrix (Grade-Wise and Student-Wise)			
	(d) Collection/ Dues/ Penalty/ Fines levied from time to time			
	(e) Promotion of Student may involve change of Fee Structure			
	(f) Hostel Fees collection and Electricity charges to students			
Banking Transactions /	Verification of adequacy or other-wise with respect to the following:			
Cash Transactions	(a) Bank Reconciliation Statement on monthly basis			
	(b) Debits made by the bank are checked for correctness as per the terms and conditions of the sanction letter			
Travel	(a) Are all required travel authorization obtained for out-of-state travel from the traveler's supervisory authority prior			
	to committing any funds?			
	(b) Are all Travel Expense Vouchers submitted for all reimbursable expenses in accordance with institution policy?			
	(c) Are all traveling reimbursement authorized with signatures of the traveler, financial manager, and supervisory			
	authority?			
Accounting	(a) Review of accounting policies adopted			
	(b) Review of Accounting Entries passed along with the adequate supporting for the period from April 2017 to			
	September 2017.			

7. OBSERVATIONS RELATED TO AUDIT OF OTHER AREAS IN SCOPE OF WORK:

Observations in the Audit Areas covered during Audit from April 2017 to September 2017:

1. UNDER RECOVERY OF ACADEMIC FEES:

Observations

Based on the fees reconciliation of student's data as per the administration department and fees collected record by accounts department, we have noted short receipt of fees worth Rs. 35,85,100/- from students. (The status on 20/11/2017)

The student wise recovery of fees is mentioned in Annexure-7.

School wise summary of fees recovery is mentioned hereunder:

School	Amount in Rs.	
SLS	4,30,100	
SPT	6,44,500	
SPM	12,42,500	
SOT	12,68,000	
Total	35,85,100	

Risk Category

High

Risk Type:

Financial

Root Cause

- Lack of adequate follow up and absence of strict implementation of penal provision.

Possible Impact

- Possibility of income leakage.
- Non-availability of outstanding details.

Recommendations

 For recovery of fees from the students who had not paid Fee, PDPU should involve admin department and also impose penalty for delayed payment.

Management Response

- The matter is discussed in the meeting chaired by the Director General and attended by all the Schools Directors & Registrar along with CFO and AO. A policy shall be announced covering disciplinary and penalty for such cases. A nodal officer shall be appointed by each School to coordinate with Accounts Department.

2. NON RECOVERY OF ACADEMIC FEES FOR PRIOR YEARS:

Observations

Apart from the recovery of current year fees, we have verified the fees recovery from the students from whom fees for last year was not received and reported by us. The Recovery of Rs. 20,92,600 /- is still pending from 30 students. List of such students has been given in Annexure-8 along with the management response for non-recovery of fees. (Status as on 27/11/2017).

Risk Category

High

Risk Type:

Financial

Root Cause

- Absence of proper follow up procedure of students for the recovery of pending fees.

Possible Impact

- Chances of fees remaining outstanding for a long period of time affecting revenue of the university.
- The possibility of increase in the amount of bad debts because of liberal policy for recovery of fees.

Recommendations

- There should be regular co-ordination between admin department and accounts department for sharing the status of outstanding fees.
- Penal provisions should be followed in order to reduce the transactions of outstanding fees.

Management Response

 The matter is discussed in the meeting chaired by the Director General and attended by all the Schools Directors & Registrar along with CFO and AO. A policy shall be announced covering disciplinary and penalty for such cases. A nodal officer shall be appointed by each School to coordinate with Accounts Department.

3. PROCESS OF PURCHASE ORDERS AND WORK ORDERS:

Observations

- The procedure of preparing purchase order has been established and followed in majority of the purchase transactions. However,in following 2 instances purchase order has not been prepared as follows:

Date of	Expense	Party	Amount	Description of
entry	head	involved		goods
10/08/	Furniture &	Om Crafts	1,49,576	White board,
2017	Fixtures	Officialts		Sliding channel
28/09/	Admission	Jay	1,93,200	Jute bags
2017	Exps	Exporters	1,73,200	Quantity:2000

- There is absence of central recording and monitoring of the PO / WO this has resulted in following gaps in audit trails:
 - All department issues PO/ WO on their own. Hence there is inconstancy in format of PO/ WO despite there is standard format adopted by PDPU.
 - PO / WO are not serially numbered in all cases
 - Difficulties arise in tracking the status of the PO / WO
 - Chances of duplicate payments against same invoices if not serially numbered.

Risk Category

Low

Risk Type:

Operational

Root Cause

 Lack of awareness among the concerned departments regarding importance of following these procedures.

Possible Impact

- Possibility of vendor charging differential rates which may result into paying excess amount to such vendor.
- Ambiguity in work orders identification when frequent work orders are issued to a specific party.

Recommendations

- All the transactions should be routed through the said procedure to the extent possible in order avoid ambiguity and bring transparency in the purchase process.

Management Response

Noted and shall take due care in such instances. Post implementation
of TCS ion the centralized issuance of PO shall be done.

4. PROCEDURE FOR CAPITALISATION AND BILL PROCESSING:

Observations

- The purchase of LED monitor of Rs.14,500/- is expensed out instead of capitalizing it. It is booked as expense under head Computer Tools, Spares Exps.
- Purchase of audio equipment for auditorium worth Rs. 8,45,000/- has been done from M/s Audio Vision without inviting quotations from multiple parties and making comparative analysis.
- Purchase of RO System of Rs. 3,12,500/- has been done from A One Engineering Corporation on 05/07/2017 but installation certificate has not been found for installation of such system at High rise hostel C block.
- It has been found that there has been substantial delay in capitalization of fixed assets purchased even after obtaining installation certificate of the specific assets.

Some of the instances where such delay in capitalization has been noticed are depicted inAnnexure-9.

Risk Category

Medium

Risk Type:

Operational

Root Cause

Delay caused by vendor in sending the copy of invoice relating to the fixed asset purchased and further delay in receipt of invoice by accounts department.

Possible Impact

- Delay in capitalization has a direct impact on the amount of depreciation charged against the asset.
- Benefit of availability of same asset from other vendor is foregone if comparative analysis is not done.

Recommendations

- The assets should be capitalized when it gets ready for the intended use.
- Purchase of assets involving substantial amount should be done by inviting quotations from 3 parties and comparative analysis should be done before finalizing vendor.

Management Response

- The corrective accounting entries have been passed.

5. EXCESS PAYMENT MADE:

Observations

- During the course of audit, we have identified following 2 cases in which booking and payment of expenses has been done twice against the same bill:

Date of en	, l	ame of the party	Amount excess booked
26/07/20	17 Tech	nno Gas Systems Pvt Ltd	3,35,720

- Under IEP for Sacred Heart University, visa charges has been charged by Vagabond Holidays 30 students and 2 faculties. In total payment of Rs. 4,69,200 has been made for 32 persons whereas 27 students and 2 faculties have attended the visit. This has resulted into excess payment of Rs. 46,519 for 2 persons.

Management Response

Due compliance have been done.

Place: Ahmedabad

Date: 12/01/2018

Risk Category

High

Risk Type:

Financial

Root Cause

- Payment against copy of invoice
- Absence of Work Order / Purchase Order processing system
- Delay in receiving invoices from the parties.
- Absence of policy to entertain the Bills of Vendor received after substantial time period

Possible Impact

- Excess payment to vendors
- The payment made to vendor without services being availed.
- Blockage of funds due to excess payments made.

Recommendations

The payment should be released only after the receipt of the original copy of invoice from the concerned vendor.

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