

Minutes of 29th meeting of Board of Management

The 29th Meeting of Board of Management of Manipal University Jaipur was held on April 4, 2022, in hybrid mode through MS Teams platform.

Following members were present.

Chairperson:

Dr K Ramnarayan, Chairperson, MUJ

Members:

Dr Gopalakrishna Prabhu K, President, MUJ

Dr Ranjan Pai, Chairman, MEMG

Dr N Ravichandran, Professor (Retd), IIM Ahmedabad

Shri S Vaitheeswaran, Group CEO & Vice Chairman, MEMG

Mr Nishith K Mohanty, Group President HR & Academia, MEMG

Shri Abhay Jain, Advisor, MEMG

Dr Vishwa Mohan Katoch, NASI-ICMR Chair on Public Health Research at RUHS, Jaipur

Ms Revathi Kasturi, Founder LAQSH Jobs Skills Academy Pvt Ltd

Dr NN Sharma, Pro President, MUJ

Dr Amit Soni, Professor, Dept of EEE, MUJ

Member Secretary:

Dr Nitu Bhatnagar, Registrar, MUJ

Invitees Present

Shri TV Mohandas Pai, Chairman, MaGE

Dr H P Khincha, Chief Mentor, MUJ

CA Rajesh Moorti, Chief Financial Officer, MEMG

CA Pradeep Chaturvedi, CF & AO, MUJ

Mr Somnath Das, Group EVP - Special Projects, MEMG

Members Granted Leave of Absence:

Smt Shuchi Tyagi, IAS, Commissioner College Education, Govt. of Rajasthan

29th Board of Management Meeting of MUJ on hybrid mode

The 29th meeting of the Board of Management began with the Chairperson, MUJ, extending a warm welcome to all the members present. Members who were attending the BoM Meeting first time (Dr Vishwa Mohan Katoch, Dr H P Khincha, Ms Revathi Kasturi, Mr Somnath Das) in different capacities were given a warm welcome.

After the confirmation of the quorum by the Registrar, MUJ, the agenda were taken up for discussion. The discussion on the different agenda and decisions taken thereon during the meeting are as mentioned below:

29 BoM (A-1) Nomination, Extension and Conclusion of Members for the Board of Management (BoM):

Registrar informed all the members about the nomination of Dr Vishwa Mohan Katoch, NASI-ICMR Chair on Public Health Research at RUHS, Jaipur; Smt Shuchi Tyagi, IAS, Commissioner College Education, Govt. of Rajasthan and Ms Revathi Kasturi, Founder LAQSH Jobs Skills Academy Pvt Ltd as Board Members. The Chairperson and the members welcomed them as full- time members of Board of Management of MUJ.

Members were further informed regarding the extension of the tenure of Dr Ranjan Pai, Chairman MEMG and conclusion of the tenure of Shri Rajen Padukone, Group President, Corporate Affairs, MEMG and Mrs. Mira Mehrishi, IAS (Retd.) from the Board.

The Chairperson and the members thanked Shri Rajen Padukone and Mrs. Mira Mehrishi for their support and valuable contribution to MUJ.

The inclusion, extension, and conclusion of the members of Board of Management of Manipal University Jaipur is hereby noted.

29 BoM (A-2) Confirmation of Minutes of the 28th Meeting of the Board of Management

Registrar informed all the members that the minutes of the 28th Meeting of the Board of Management held on November 08, 2021, was circulated among members and no comments were received. The Board was requested to confirm the same.

Resolved that the minutes of 28th meeting of the Board of Management held on November 08, 2021, are hereby confirmed.

29 BoM (A-3) Review of Actions Taken on Minutes of the 28th Meeting of the Board of Management:

The action on the suggestions and the resolutions passed in the 28th Meeting of the Board of Management were briefed to the Board members by the Registrar.

Due deliberations were held on the action taken, particularly on “Perception” parameter and it was suggested by the members to communicate effectively with all the stakeholders, to build network, keep well connected with the well-wishers by inviting them for events / functions which will be hosted in campus and to focus more on broadening the “visibility” of MUJ. It was also suggested to have aspiring focus on fetching admissions from first-world countries.

The action taken report on the 28th meeting of the Board of Management held on November 08, 2021, is hereby noted.

29 BoM (B) Discussion and Decision

29 BoM (B-1) Admission 2022: Presentation by Dr Ravi Kant Gupta, Director - Admissions

Registrar placed the agenda and requested Director Admissions to present the details. Director Admissions shared the comparative analysis of admissions from 2020-21 to 2021-22 and plan of admissions for Academic Year 2022-23.

Members appreciated the efforts of the Admission Team and suggested the following:

- Faculty of Design (FoD) at MUJ to initiate talks with the Srishti School at MAHE, collaborate with them and plan to start one more batch of 60 students in the upcoming academic year.
- To look into the possibility of diverse capacity building through 5% supernumerary seats offered by the Govt of India meant for economically weaker students who show excellence in the field of sports, arts and other extra-curricular activities. It was suggested to provide them a low cut-off marks for admission and offer scholarships, starting with the students from Rajasthan.
- To focus more on getting girl students admissions in undergraduate programs by reaching out to the girls’ schools in Rajasthan and by promoting / publicizing a safe & secured campus environment at MUJ for the girl students.
- To initiate the students (freshers) to form diverse smaller groups and come up with different business plans / projects which will drive them towards problem solving mindset / attitude. These projects can be further scrutinized, to provide incentives, or seed money for the top 3 best plans so that it can be further taken up.

- To attract foreign students, it was suggested to have similar fee structure as like Indian students and provide scholarships.
- To find out the cities / towns from where more students are securing admissions from Rajasthan.
- To have a comparative analysis between top programs applied & from which states in India, input and output of the students.
- To invite teachers / students from various schools (Top 10% schools in Rajasthan, Haryana Delhi) to campus and make them stay for a day or two and letting them explore the campus which may attract admissions.
- Maximum waiver for Sir Visvesvaraya Scholarship to be considered.

Resolved that the comparative analysis of admissions and the plan of admissions for the upcoming academic year briefed is hereby noted with the above-mentioned suggestions.

29 BoM (B-2) Approval of Intake for Admissions for Academic Year (2022-23)

Director Admissions presented the data regarding the intake for the AY 2022-23.

Resolved that the intake for the AY 2022-23 briefed is hereby noted.

29 BoM (B-3) Research: a way forward- Presentation by Dr Roheet Bhatnagar, Director - Research

Director - Research presented the research data of MUJ along with the way forward pertaining to research progression.

Members suggested:

- To have data on the research outputs based on faculty / school / department wise.
- To have data on the number of faculty members who aren't contributing for research and those who are contributing, what is their average publication output?
- To identify at least one major high-impact project (which has innovation, technological challenge, social relevance) from each department which will keep the respective department faculties engaged for another 3 years.
- To encourage faculties to apply for more extramural fundings for research from Government and Industries.
- To set a benchmark by analysing the performance and growth strategy of premier institutes in private university category.

- To look into the possibility of recruiting retired eminent professors and give them Emeritus status who can contribute for research progression and at the same time mentor and drive other faculties towards excellence in research.
- To consider the possibility of having teaching track and research track faculties in the department as per their inclination towards teaching / research.

Resolved that the research data presented, and the future research plans briefed is hereby noted with the above-mentioned suggestions.

29 BoM (B-5) Sanction of Faculty post for the Academic Year 2022-2023 and Present Status of Faculty/ Staff

Number of sanctioned faculty post for the AY 22-23 and the present status of faculty and staff members was presented before the committee.

Members noted and approved the sanctioned post for AY 22-23.

Resolved that the required faculty strength for the AY 2022-23 briefed is hereby noted.

29 BoM (C) Reporting and Ratification

29 BoM (C-1) Important Events in the University - AV Clip

The event details from 1st December 2021 to 31st March 2022, was placed before the board through AV mode.

The Board members appreciated and noted the details.

29 BoM (C-2) Ratification of minutes of Meeting of 33rd Academic Council.

Registrar briefed the salient features of the minutes of 33rd meeting of the Academic Council held on February 11, 2022. She further informed that the minutes of the meeting were circulated among members and no observations were received for the minutes.

She requested the members for ratification of the minutes.

Resolved that the minutes of the 33rd meeting of Academic Council held on February 11, 2022, are hereby ratified.

29 BoM (C-3) Minutes of Meeting of 25th Finance Committee.

Registrar shared the recommendation of the Finance Committee of Manipal University Jaipur for the statement of Financial Year 2021-22 for approval. She further informed that the same were circulated to BoM members and no comments were received.

She requested the Board for the ratification of the minutes of 25th meeting of the Finance Committee held on October 21, 2021.

Resolved that the minutes of the 25th meeting of Finance Committee held on October 21, 2021, are hereby ratified.

29 BoM (C-4) Update on Training & Placements

Registrar presented an update on the training & placements to the members.

It was suggested that the salary component is mandatory to be reflected in the data.

The Board members noted the details and ratified the same.

29 BoM (C-5) Update on legal matters of the University

Registrar presented an update on the legal matters of the University to the members.

The Board members noted the details and ratified the same.

29 BoM (C-6) Update on rankings and awards received by the University

Registrar presented an update on the ranking and awards received from different regulators and agencies to the members.

Sr. No	Ranking Agency	Category of Ranking	Results
1	Employer Association of Rajasthan	Best Emp Award Edu. Inst	Best Employer Award
2	Careers360	TSB- MUJ “India’s Best B-Schools 2022”	40
3	Institutions Innovation Council (IIC)	Promotion & Innovation & Startup	4 Star
4	Ministry of Higher Education	Atal Ranking of Institutions on Innovation Achievement	Band Performer
5	Academic Insight Magazine	University of the year	“Innovative Teaching Learning 2021”

Members noted the details and congratulated the MUJ team for the achievements.

29 BoM (D) Conduct of 30th BoM Meeting

Members suggested to take a call on the next 30th BoM meeting in the coming days. Once fixed, the dates can be shared with the members in advance.

28 BoM (E) Any Other Matter with Permission of Chair

Further, with no other agenda to discuss, the meeting concluded with a thanking note from the Chair to all members for their inputs and valuable time.



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Registrar, MUJ
Member Secretary, BoM



Dr. K. Ramnarayan
Chairperson, MUJ
Chairman, BoM