

Minutes of 32nd Meeting of Board of Management

The 32nd Meeting of Board of Management of Manipal University Jaipur was held on April 11, 2023, at Board Room, 3rd Floor, Administrative Building, Manipal University Jaipur.

Following members were present.

Chairperson:

Mr S Vaitheeswaran, Chairperson, MUJ

Members:

Dr Ranjan Pai, Chairman, MEMG

Dr Gopalakrishna Prabhu K, President, MUJ

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

Shri Abhay Jain, Advisor, MEMG

Ms Revathi Kasturi, Founder Laqsh Jobs Skills Academy Pvt Ltd

Dr N Ravichandran, Professor (Retd), IIM Ahmedabad

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

Dr Thammaiah CS, Pro President, MUJ

Dr Amit Soni, Professor, Dept of EEE, MUJ

Member Secretary:

Dr Nitu Bhatnagar, Registrar, MUJ

Invitee Present

Shri TV Mohandas Pai, Chairman, MaGE

CA Rajesh Moorti, Chief Financial Officer, MEMG

CA Pradeep Chaturvedi, CF&AO, MUJ

Members Granted Leave of Absence:

Dr H P Khincha, Chief Mentor - MUJ

Mr Sunil Sharma, IAS, Commissioner College Education, Govt. of Rajasthan

Mr Somnath Das, Group President - Special Projects, MEMG



32nd Board of Management Meeting of MUJ

The 32nd meeting of the Board of Management began with the Chairperson, MUJ, extending a warm welcome to all the members present. 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:

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

Registrar informed all the members about the nomination of new member in the Board of Management - Dr Thammaiah CS, Pro President, MUJ. All the members welcomed him to the Board of Management. It was informed regarding conclusion of membership of Dr N N Sharma, former Pro President, MUJ, from the Board. The Chairperson and the members applauded and appreciated Dr N N Sharma for his contributions to the Board.

32 BoM (A-1) Confirmation of Minutes of the 31st Meeting of the Board of Management

Registrar informed all the members that the minutes of the 31st Meeting of the Board of Management held on November 04, 2022, was circulated among members and no comments were received. The Board was requested to confirm the same.

Resolved that the minutes of 31st meeting of the Board of Management held on November 04, 2022, are hereby confirmed.

32 BoM (A-2) Review of Action Taken on Minutes of the 31st Meeting of the Board of Management:

The action on the suggestions and the resolutions passed in the 31st Meeting of the Board of Management were briefed to the Board members by the Registrar.

Due deliberations were held on the action taken and following suggestions were made:

- The timeline / roadmap for achieving the targets proposed by FoE in the ATR must be presented to the Board in the next meeting of Board.
- Further discussions happened on the idea of “Whether MUJ can adopt IIT curriculum?”. It was suggested that FoE team should come up with a gap analysis between the curriculum structure of MUJ and IITs. In this regard, it was further suggested that our FoE faculties shall pursue some of the online courses which is there in the IIT curriculum and get trained in those courses.



- The restructured FoE curriculum after curriculum conclave and it's uniqueness to be shared with the Board in the next meeting.
- Number of faculties who hold a MTech / PhD degree from IITs / NIITs has to be presented to the Board.
- MUJ to come up with a proposal to start "School of Performing Arts" which will have a high scope, due to it's geographical location in the State of Rajasthan which is known for its rich cultural heritage.
- For further expansion & growth, School of Design & Arts shall start to work with "Srishti" and come up with expansion plans.

The action taken report on the 31st meeting of the Board of Management held November 04, 2022, is hereby noted.

32 BoM (B) Discussion and Decision

32 BoM (B-1) Admissions Closure Report 2023

Director, Admissions, presented the data on the admissions closure report for the Academic Year 2022-23.

Name of Faculty	Intake	Total Admissions
Faculty of Engineering (FoE)	2545	2509
Faculty of Design (FoD)	145	128
Faculty of Arts (FoA)	435	420
Faculty of Law (FoL)	260	251
Faculty of Science (FoS)	385	360
Faculty of Management & Commerce (FoM&C)	685	656
Grand Total	4455	4324

Deliberations happened on the decrease in the number of admissions for Architecture program. The Board suggested to have synergization between similar such Schools in Group institutions in terms of students/faculty exchange, knowledge sharing, etc. It was further suggested that faculty from other Group institutions be invited for a month or so to deliver lectures at our University.

Resolved that the comparative analysis of admissions and admissions closure report for the AY 2022-23 briefed is hereby noted with the above-mentioned suggestions.



32 BoM (B-2) Approval of Intake for Admissions for Academic Year (2023-24):

Director, Admissions, presented the data on the comparative analysis of approved intake vs actual admissions for 2020, 2021 and 2022. Further, he gave an update on the current admission status and State-wise admissions for the Academic Year 2023-24 compared to the previous years, seeking approval for the admissions for the Academic Year 2023-24.

Name of Faculty	Intake
Faculty of Engineering (FoE)	2700
Faculty of Design (FoD)	170
Faculty of Arts (FoA)	460
Faculty of Law (FoL)	495
Faculty of Science (FoS)	410
Faculty of Management & Commerce (FoM&C)	691
Grand Total	4926

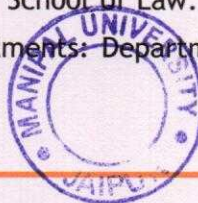
Members suggested:

- To offer Scholarships for the top performing bright students from the top 30 government schools in Rajasthan and secure their admissions at MUJ.
- To present the data on the number of students who are taking "Direct admissions" and those coming through Manipal entrance test.
- To advertise / publicize the placements happening in the core branches to fetch more admissions.
- To start looking at offering 100% 7th pay scale for the top 30% of faculties; increase the incentives for the top researchers/achievers; to have teaching and research faculty categories which paves the way for faculties to focus on either teaching or research.
- To revamp the academic departments/Labs as per IITs which will attract / motivate good quality faculties.

Resolved that the intake for the AY 2023-24 briefed is hereby noted with the above-mentioned suggestions.

32 BoM (B-3) School of Law @ MUJ - Strategic Roadmap

Dean, Faculty of Law, presented the facts and figures on the current status of School of Law, it's admissions over the years, rankings which SoL has secured, and a defined strategic roadmap of SoL, beginning with a revamped curriculum and reforms to be brought in Teaching Learning and Evaluation. It was proposed to bifurcate Faculty of Law in to Centre for Post Graduate Studies and Research in Law, and School of Law. Further the School of Law was proposed to be bifurcated into two departments: Department of Law, Arts and



Science and Department of law, Business and Commerce. He also shared the changes to happen in the coming days in the areas of research, consultancy projects, establishment of Centers/Cells, creating distinguished Chair Professors and inviting eminent faculty from industry, academia, and judiciary. Finally, he proposed the idea to start Manipal International Centre for Conflict Resolution in collaboration with Indian Institute of Arbitration and Mediation (IIAM) which will place MUJ at a unique niche at the National level.

Members deliberated on the agenda and suggested the following:

- To invite retired senior judges for events/talks/invited lectures and let them be part of framing the curriculum.
- Utilize the human resources from top-class high-end Law Firms connected to Manipal Group and invite them for lectures or conduction of a course, which will inspire the students in a great way by interacting with live practitioners of Law.
- Motivate the law students to aspire to be judges and support them in their endeavour through proper professional training.
- Students' admissions shall be made on CLAT score with a defined cut off.
- Third-party reviewing of the revamped curriculum of FoL should be encouraged.
- Cyber Laws in the curriculum can be renamed as Digital Laws.
- Data on students who have taken Coursera courses has to be presented to the Board based on various parameters.
- Defined milestones, quantifiable metrics to be presented to the Board.

Resolved that the Strategic Roadmap of School of Law, MUJ, is noted and proposal to start Manipal International Centre for Conflict Resolution (MICCR) is hereby approved by the Board with the above-mentioned suggestions.

32 BoM (B-4) Research opportunities at Faculty of Science

Dean, Faculty of Science, presented the data on existing research status of FoS, peer reviewed research publications with high impact factor from faculties, research grants secured so far, and number of PhDs awarded. Further, she highlighted on the recent achievement of securing the DST-FIST grant of Rs. 1.5 Crores and DST-PURSE grant of Rs 10 Crores from government agencies which paves the way for multidisciplinary research collaborations and aligned with research program to National Priorities and Missions.



The Board members appreciated the research progress of FoS with the suggestion that there should be at least 1 or 2 areas of research which FoS should make it prominent and the best across the country.

Resolved that the agenda on Research Opportunities at Faculty of Science is hereby noted.

32 BoM (B-5) Sanction of Teaching posts for the Academic Year 2023-24 and Present Status of Faculty

Registrar placed the agenda on the current status of faculty and faculty numbers sanctioned for the AY 2023-24.

Sanctioned Post for Academic Year 2023-2024						
Sl. No.	FACULTY	Faculty count taken as per last approved HC	Required faculty Strength as per AICTE / Other Statutory norms (1 : 2 : 6)			
			Professor (1)	Associate Professor (2)	Assistant Professor (6)	Total
1	FoE	430	48	96	286	430
2	FoD	38	4	8	26	38
3	FoS	112	12	24	76	112
4	FoL	45	5	10	30	45
5	FoA	83	9	18	56	83
6	FoM&C	82	9	18	55	82
Grand Total		790	87	174	529	790

Resolved that the required faculty strength for the AY 2023-24 briefed is hereby noted.

32 BoM (C) Reporting and Ratification

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

The event details from November 2023 to March 2023, was placed before the board through AV mode.

Members suggested the concept of "Legends of Rajasthan" - the idea of inviting influencers / celebrities / renowned people in any walks of Life who have contributed for the welfare of the society within the State of Rajasthan to events at MUJ and honour / award them which will inspire and energize our students and faculty fraternity. A short film on such eminent personalities shall be made with the help of our media team. Such felicitation events must be well documented / filmed and archived at MUJ repository.

The Board members noted the details.



32 BoM (C-2) Ratification of minutes of 15th Meeting of Executive Committee.

Registrar briefed the salient features of the minutes of 15th meeting of the Executive Committee held on February 28, 2023. 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 same.

Resolved that the minutes of the 15th Executive Meeting held on February 28, 2023, are hereby ratified.

32 BoM (C-3) Ratification of minutes of Meeting of 36th Academic Council.

Registrar briefed the salient features of the minutes of 36th meeting of the Academic Council held on February 10, 2023. 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 36th meeting of Academic Council held on February 10, 2023, are hereby ratified.

32 BoM (C-4) Minutes of Meeting of 28th Finance Committee and Approval for the budget for FY 23-24.

Registrar shared the recommendation of the Finance Committee of Manipal University Jaipur for the statement of Financial Year 2022-23 for approval. She further informed that the same were circulated to BoM members and no comments were received.

She also shared the recommendation of the 29th meeting of Finance Committee held on April 04, 2023.

She requested the Board for the ratification of the minutes of 28th meeting of the Finance Committee held on November 4, 2022, and approval for the budget for FY 23-24.

Resolved that the minutes of the 28th meeting of Finance Committee held on November 4, 2022, are hereby ratified. Also, the budget for FY 23-24 is hereby approved.

32 BoM (C-5) Update on Training & Placements

Director, Corporate Relations & Placements presented the data on placement status for 2019, 2020, 2021, and 2022 with respect to placements in Engineering & Non-engineering programs and also on the activities/training initiatives taken to improve the placements.



Members appreciated the efforts made and suggested to come up with the placements data streamwise, median, packages, how many get into family business, entrepreneur, government jobs, higher studies, etc.

The Board members noted the details and ratified the same.

32 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	ASSOCHAM National Council on Education	University	Certificate of Excellence
2	ET Ascent	University	Award for Excellence in Online Education
3	Careers360	University	13 th in India's Best University: Management
4		University	24 th in India's Best University: Engineering
5		University	27 th in India's Best University: Multidisciplinary Private
6		University	34 th in India's Best University Private
7		University	84 th in India's Best University: Research (Private & Public)

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

32 BoM (D) Conduction of 33rd BoM Meeting

Members suggested to take a call on the forthcoming 33rd BoM meeting to be held in MIT Bengaluru campus in the coming days. Once fixed, the dates will be shared with the members in advance.

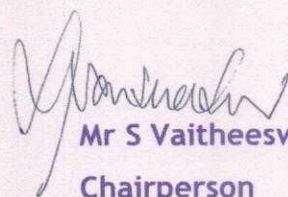
32 BoM (E) Any Other Agenda

32 BoM (E-1) 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.



Dr Nitu Bhatnagar
Member Secretary

Mr S Vaitheeswaran
Chairperson