

Minutes of 33rd Meeting of Board of Management

The 33rd Meeting of Board of Management of Manipal University Jaipur was held on August 24, 2023, at MEMG Office, Bengaluru.

Following members were present.

Chairperson:

Mr S Vaitheeswaran, Chairperson, MUJ

Members:

Dr Ranjan Pai, Chairman, MEMG

Dr Gopalakrishna Prabhu K, President, MUJ

Mr Abhay Jain, Advisor, MEMG

Ms Revathi Kasturi, Founder Laqsh Jobs Skills Academy Pvt Ltd

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

Dr H P Khincha, Chief Mentor - MUJ

Mr TV Mohandas Pai, Chairman, MaGE

CA Rajesh Moorti, Chief Financial Officer, MEMG

CA Pradeep Chaturvedi, CF&AO, MUJ

Mr Somnath Das, Group President - Special Projects, MEMG

Members Granted Leave of Absence:

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

Dr N Ravichandran, Professor (Retd), IIM Ahmedabad

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



33rd Board of Management Meeting of MUJ

The 33rd 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:

33 BoM (B) Discussion and Decision

33 BoM (A-1) Confirmation of Minutes of the 32nd Meeting of the Board of Management

Registrar informed all the members that the minutes of the 32nd Meeting of the Board of Management held on April 11, 2023, was circulated among members and no comments were received. The Board was requested to confirm the same.

Resolved that the minutes of 32nd meeting of the Board of Management held on April 11, 2023, are hereby confirmed.

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

The action on the suggestions and the resolutions passed in the 32nd 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 cut offs for MUJ admissions through MET and those being admitted directly through Board percentage has to be compared with that of the previous years which shall give an insight on the trend (positive/negative) and necessary actions can be taken based on this analysis. It was also suggested to pick top 20% of the state wise percentile of students and present a state wise data on students admitted to MUJ.
- School of Law to focus more on carefully identifying retired high court judges with impeccable background from Jaipur/Jodhpur to be empanelled as adjunct faculties in School of Law.
- Chairperson suggested that MUJ must register for CLAT.
- School of Law should also explore the BITS-Law School digital program.
- For coursera, it was suggested to have list of courses mapped with University requirement. More analysis on the outcomes of the coursera courses has to be done on credits transferred, average number of courses completed by the students, etc. Moreover, it was suggested to keep an eye on the regular academic performance of the students completing the maximum number of such courses and try limiting the



number of courses taken by any student so that it doesn't hamper his/her regular academic study and it can be done through faculty mentors.

- Members suggested to have data on the number of students approaching counsellors, and those many getting benefitted through these sessions. It was suggested to prepare an analysis based on various parameters of the counselling activity undertaken at MUJ. It was also suggested to offer counselling through Online mode by the existing counsellors so that it offers an opportunity to the students to share their problems without any hesitation.
- Members suggested that the ATR on the 31st BoM meeting regarding restructured FoE curriculum, Gap analysis between the curriculum structure of MUJ and IITs, proposal to start "School of Performing Arts", number of faculties holding a MTech / PhD degree from IITs / NIITs, expansion plan of SDA with "Srishti" has to be presented in the next Board meeting.
- ATR on the 32nd BoM meeting regarding Scholarships being offered to the top performing bright students from the top 30 government schools in Rajasthan should also be reported.
- It was also suggested that the action taken reports shall be shared with the members as soon as it's done rather than waiting until the next meeting.

The action taken report on the 32nd meeting of the Board of Management held on April 11, 2023, is hereby noted.

33 BoM (B) Discussion and Decision

33 BoM (B-1) Agenda points by Pro President, MUJ

NIRF 2023 - Status and Way forward

Pro President presented the MUJ's status in NIRF 2023 ranking and briefed on the various areas such as Teaching & Learning, Research, Graduate Outcomes, Outreach & Inclusivity and Perception where we can improve our scores to get into the band of 51-100 in NIRF 2024 ranking.

The members suggested the following:

- To identify the peer group of people who give rating/scoring on the "Perception" parameter and keep communicating with them regularly about the awards/accolades received by MUJ, and invite them on important occasions and also for expert talks etc.
- MUJ officials to make visit to those top 3 Universities (Engineering/Law/Management) which have got high scores in NIRF categories



specially “Perception”, learn the best practices followed there and try to implement it at MJU.

- Invite Vice-Chancellors to MUJ campus on various important occasions, disseminate the quality at MUJ among the peers, as a part of branding and building up of our perception.
- To focus on strengthening of Teaching-Learning process through good FDPs and present a data on the steps taken by MUJ to improve the scores in NIRF categories like T&L, Research, etc.
- MUJ to host the Association of Indian Universities people also to the campus.
- Student Faculty ratio must be brought to the level as per the standard norms.
- With regard to patents, publications, quantitative progression should happen without compromising on the quality.

Admission 2023 - Status update

Pro President presented the updated status on admission 2023.

- It was suggested to keep the intake admission number lower for Law programs, to build the quality in those programs and gradually increase the admission intake in the coming years.
- Gender wise number of admissions for the past 6-7 years has to be shared with the Board.
- Flexibilities in NEP has to be infused wisely in different programs across all the Faculties.

Campus Placement - Update

Pro President briefed on the placement data highlighting that 96% of the students got placed who were registered.

- It was suggested to look into the reasons for those large number of students who didn't register for placement and also what factors makes top companies come to MUJ for campus placements.

Digital Transformation - Initiation and Status

Pro President briefed on the implementation of new ERP - Microsoft D365 Business Central integrating all Directorates & Functional Units at MUJ.

- It was suggested to come up with a meticulous Process Documentation of each of the Directorates/Sections for ERP implementation and regular communication has to be shared with all MUJ employees on the development of ERP modules.



Physical Infrastructure - Update

- Members noted the infrastructure development happening at MUJ and also appreciated the same.

Resolved that all the agenda from Pro President is hereby noted with the above-mentioned suggestions.

33 BoM (B-2) Regulation and Compliance

Registrar placed the agenda on the Non-authentication of B.Des Fashion Design program by the Rajasthan state Government, for their information and sought the members suggestion.

- It was suggested to take it up with the Legal team of MEMG and get it sorted.
- It was also suggested to keep the legal team of MEMG, aware of any such matters in future, beforehand.

Resolved that the regulation and compliance briefed is hereby noted.

33 BoM (C) Reporting and Ratification

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

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

The Board members noted the details.

32 BoM (C-2) Ratification of minutes of 16th Meeting of Executive Committee.

Registrar briefed the salient features of the minutes of 16th meeting of the Executive Committee held on June 2, 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 16th Executive Meeting held on June 2, 2023, are hereby ratified.



33 BoM (C-3) Ratification of minutes of Meeting of 37th Academic Council.

Registrar briefed the salient features of the minutes of 37th meeting of the Academic Council held on July 14, 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 37th meeting of Academic Council held on July 14, 2023, are hereby ratified.

33 BoM (C-4) Ratification of minutes of meeting of 29th Finance Committee and recommendations of 30th Finance Committee

Registrar shared the recommendation of the Finance Committee of Manipal University Jaipur held on April 04, 2023, 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 29th meeting of the Finance Committee held on April 04, 2023.

- It was suggested that there shall be a presentation in the next Board of Management meeting from Directorate of Online Education, MUJ on it's growth, development and way forward.

Registrar also shared the recommendation of the 30th meeting of Finance Committee meeting, held on August 16, 2023 for noting and ratification.

- Consolidated Financial Performance upto June 30, 2023
- Consolidated Projected Cash flow statement
- Adoption of Financial Statements for FY 2022-23
- Key Points - Statutory Audit FY 2022-23
- Financial Statement - FY 2022-23

Resolved that the minutes of the 29th meeting of Finance Committee held on April 04, 2023, and the recommendations of the 30th Finance committee, held on August 16, 2023, are hereby ratified.



33 BoM (C-5) 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.

S. No	Ranking Agencies	Rank achieved
1	NIRF	151-200 in Overall
		101-150 in University
		76 in Engineering
		79 in Management
		29 in Law
2	Times Higher Education (THE)	Overall Impact Ranking "601-800"
		SDG6: Clean Water and Sanitation "201-300"
		SDG7: Affordable and Clean Energy "201-300"
		SDG12: Responsible Consumption and Production "301-400"
		SDG16: Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions "401-600"
		SDG17: Partnership for the Goals "601-800"
3	Careers360	SDG3: Good Health and Wellbeing "801-1000"
		AAAA+ in CENTRAL/DEEMED/STATE PRIVATE UNIVERSITIES
4	Education World	38 in India (Engineering)
		3 in Rajasthan (Engineering)
5	The Week Hansa	3 rd in Multidisciplinary Emerging University (All India)
		3 rd in Multidisciplinary Emerging University (North Zone)
		6 th in Private and Deemed Multidisciplinary University (North Zone)
		15 th in Multidisciplinary University (North Zone)
		16 th in Private and Deemed Multidisciplinary University (All India)
6	Asia Pacific Centre for Arbitration & Mediation	46 th Multidisciplinary University (All India)
		ADR Innovation in Legal Education Award 2023
7	ASSOCHAM National Council on Education	University of the Year - West
8	CSR GHRDC	1 st - Top Law Schools in Rajasthan
		4 th - Top Eminent Law Schools in India
		1 st in Top Engineering Colleges ranked by State
		3 rd in Top Engineering Colleges of Super Excellence
		11 th in Top in Placements, USP, Social Responsibility, Networking & Industry Interface
		13 th in Top Faculty, Research, Consultancy, EDP & Other Programmes
		1 st - Top Law Schools in Rajasthan
9	Dainik Bhaskar	Education Excellence Award - 2023

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



33 BoM (D) Conduction of 34th BoM Meeting

Members suggested to take a call on the forthcoming 34th BoM meeting. Once fixed, the dates will be shared with the members in advance.

33 BoM (E) Any Other Agenda

33 BoM (E-1) Any Other Matter with Permission of Chair

A few general suggestions by the members.

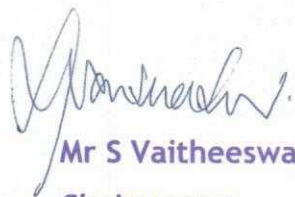
It was suggested that MUJ shall start working on:

- Preparing e-catalogue of the university.
- Cyber Security policy of all the IT assets/policy.
- Data security of the university.

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