

Minutes of 34th Meeting of Board of Management

The 34th Meeting of Board of Management of Manipal University Jaipur was held on November 24, 2023, at 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

Shri Abhay Jain, Advisor, MEMG

Ms Revathi Kasturi, Founder Laqsh Jobs Skills Academy Pvt Ltd

Dr Aravind Chinchure, Founder and CEO QLeap Academy

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

Cmde (Dr) Jawahar Mal Jangir, Pro President, MUJ

Dr Arun Shanbhag, Dean Faculty of Engineering, MUJ

Member Secretary:

Dr Nitu Bhatnagar, Registrar, MUJ

Invitee Present

CA Pradeep Chaturvedi, CF&AO, MUJ

Dr H P Khincha, Chief Mentor - MUJ

Members Granted Leave of Absence:

Dr Ranjan Pai, Chairman, MEMG

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

Shri TV Mohandas Pai, Chairman, MaGE

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

CA Rajesh Moorti, Chief Financial Officer, MEMG

Mr Somnath Das, Group President - Special Projects, MEMG

34th Board of Management Meeting of MUJ

The 34th 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.

34 BoM (A) Nomination of BoM Members, Confirmation of Minutes and Action Taken

34 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 members in the Board of Management - Cmde (Dr) Jawahar Mal Jangir, Pro President, MUJ; Dr Aravind Chinchure, Founder and CEO QLeap Academy and Dr Arun Shanbhag, Dean Faculty of Engineering, MUJ. All the members welcomed the new members to the Board of Management.

It was informed regarding conclusion of membership of Dr Thammaiah CS, former Pro President, MUJ; Dr N Ravichandran, Professor (Retd) IIM Ahmedabad and Former Director, IIM Indore and Dr Amit Soni, Professor, Department of Electrical and Electronics Engineering and Director, School of Electrical and Electronics Engineering, Faculty of Engineering, MUJ from the Board. The Chairperson and the members applauded and appreciated Dr Thammaiah CS, Dr N Ravichandran and Dr Amit Soni for their contributions to the Board.

34 BoM (A-2) Confirmation of Minutes of the 33rd Meeting of the Board of Management

Registrar informed all the members that the minutes of the 33rd Meeting of the Board of Management held on August 24, 2023, was circulated among members and no comments were received. The Board was requested to confirm the same.

Resolved that the minutes of 33rd meeting of the Board of Management held on August 24, 2023, are hereby confirmed.

34 BoM (A-3) Review of Action Taken on Minutes of the 32nd Meeting of the Board of Management:

1. Student Counselling

Registrar presented the data received from DSW, on the number of students benefitted from the individual/in person counselling sessions. Ms Devanshi, student counsellor, briefed the

members on the counselling procedure @ MUJ through mental health events / individual / group sessions.

Members suggested the following:

- Support from department of Psychology can be taken into consideration for counselling.
- Gender wise students related data, approaching counsellors for counselling, has to be shared with the Board.
- To recruit 2 or 3 male counsellors too so that boy students can feel comfortable to approach them without any hesitation.
- Students must be made well aware of the counselling facilities available in the campus during the time of induction.
- To analyse the kind of stress the students' go through in the present scenario and proactive measures taken by the counsellors to address those specific core problems. This will also help to recruit trained counsellors with specific skills.

2. Admission strategy in Faculty of Law / MUJ - CLAT / BITS-Law School digital program

With reference to the suggestions given in the 32nd Board meeting, Dean, FoL, briefed on the challenges faced like non inclination of retired high court judges from Jaipur or other parts of Rajasthan towards academics, lower compensation package in recruiting highly qualified faculties, etc. He further added that MUJ can't be in CLAT consortium but can be an affiliate of CLAT consortium where data can be fetched for the MUJ admission team. He further explained to the members on the initiation of discussions which have been made with Pearson for MUJ Joining LSAT (Law School Admission Test).

Members suggested the following:

- Commitment on the timeline of implementing the suggestions to be made and the targets to be achieved has to be clearly presented to the Board.
- Dean, FoL, should take the help of BoM members who have good cordial connections with retired stalwarts in Law within the State of Rajasthan and cash on it in achieving the target for empaneling them as adjunct faculties, as also inviting them as Chief Guest for important events being organized @ School of Law (SoL).
- In addition to empanelment of retired judges, the FoL team should also look out for empaneling retired IPS officers who have excelled in Law.
- Pushing SoL at par with other premier Law schools in the country shall be taken offline and to be discussed within smaller group.

3. Coursera Courses

Registrar presented the data received from CoE, on how the Coursera courses are incorporated in curriculum as Open Elective Courses, for students', PhD scholars' etc. Most popular Coursera courses among students and the CGPA trend of students who have opted for Coursera courses.

Members suggested the following:

- Data on faculty members opting for various Coursera courses, number of courses opted and numbers which have been completed, must be shared with the Board.
- More Coursera Licenses can be procured based on the requirement.
- Requirement of procuring extra licences must be budgeted before the beginning of the next Financial Year.

34 BoM (A-3) Review of Action Taken on Minutes of the 33rd Meeting of the Board of Management:

The action on the suggestions and the resolutions passed in the 33rd Meeting of the Board of Management were briefed to the Board members by the Registrar.

1. NIRF 2023 - Status and Way forward

Members suggested the following:

- Major events/awards/recognitions/rankings/accolades pertaining to MUJ are to be shared with the BoM members in the form a poster/flyer/blog through WhatsApp/Email/LinkedIn so that the same can be shared by the members with their respective contacts, for wide publicity of MUJ, so as to have a greater optimistic impact in building up the "Perception" of MUJ.

2. Campus Placement - Update

Chairperson emphasized on the details presented to the Board related to the agenda.

- Transparency & clarity in data must be presented to the Board.
- Faculties should build a confident & trustworthy rapport with the students which would help to fetch data on students who don't register for placements owing to various reasons like higher studies, family business, entrepreneurship, etc.

3. Admission 2023 - Status update

Members made the following suggestions:

- Transparency & clarity in data (based on numbers) must be presented to the Board.
- Gender wise and program wise number of admissions done for the AY 23-24, must be presented to the Board.
- Pro President to have a check on these presentations before it is presented to the Board.

The action taken report on the 33rd meeting of the Board of Management held on August 24, 2023, is hereby noted.

34 BoM (B) Discussion and Decision

34 BoM (B-1) MUJ Vision 2025 - Status Update

Pro President presented the status update on MUJ Vision 2025.

Members suggested the following:

- To empanel more and more eminent persons either from Academia or Industry as Chair Professors in order to achieve the target, as mentioned in Vision 2025.
- To share the guidelines for recruitment of Chair Professors with Dr Aravind Chinchure and take his support to achieve the target of recruiting eminent Chair Professors.
- For research publications, provisional filing of patents has to be done before submitting the original research manuscripts to any reputed peer reviewed international journals.
- To use FCRA effectively to secure more foreign collaborations.
- In order to attract foreign students for admission to campus, organizing Education Expo abroad especially in SAARC/Middle East/South East Asian countries & other strategies have to be prioritized.
- To look into the possibility of having research track faculties to boost up the research output & to fetch extramural research grants.
- Progress of Vision 2025 agenda to be placed in the next Board meeting for analysis and valuable suggestions by Board members.
- Faculty student ratio to be kept at 1:20 for the time being.

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

34 BoM (B-2) Engineering Curriculum at MUJ - Gap Analysis in comparison to Premier Institutions like, IITs

Dean, FoE, presented the queries related to the agenda, which were raised in the 32nd Board meeting.

- To involve industry experts for delivering 6-7 hrs of lecture for a particular course where inputs have been provided from them.
- To onboard Top level industry people as members of respective Board of Studies.
- Minor specialization & Honors degree proposal to be offered with additional credits.
- Faculty members to undertake a Coursera or NPTEL course for a particular course before taking it to the students.

After thorough deliberations, the following were suggested:

- Number of Minor specializations to be introduced has to be placed in the forthcoming Academic Council meeting and once it's approved, it has to be presented before the subsequent Board meeting.
- Minor specializations have to be designed in such a way that it can be opted by any student from various departments within Faculty of Engineering (FoE).
- Meticulous exercise on designing such Minor specializations has to be done by FoE team.
- Academic Handbook of FoE must be shared with the Board members.
- Dean FoE to have an online meeting with Prof H P Khincha, Board member, to discuss on the curriculum structure for all the B.Tech programs.
- Blend of general engineering and specialized engineering courses to be offered in all B.Tech programs to have a balance in the learning output of students at large.
- Careful selection of Coursera courses, which imparts some values to the learners must be offered to the students.
- List of Coursera courses being offered, should be mentioned in the Academic Handbook.
- Salient features and outcomes of any program being offered to the students should be clearly brought out in brochures and prospectus showing the value of the program and it's benefit of doing it in MUJ.
- Non credited courses should not get reflected anywhere in the grade cards.

Resolved that the agenda from Dean, FoE, is hereby noted with the above-mentioned suggestions.

34 BoM (B-3) Online Education at MUJ - Status, Growth Plan & Synergy between Regular and Online Programs.

Dr G Mallikarjuna, Director, DOE and Mr Ambrish Sinha CEO, UNext Learning gave a presentation on the status of Online Education @ MUJ focusing on the how the Online Education trend in India is evolving, Online Education journey of MUJ, Learner experience and collaboration/partnership with on campus programs & faculties.

The members suggested the following:

- To keep doing the Hardware audit for Online Education as it's being done now.
- Network security aspects shall be shared with the Board members.
- To be more specific on the design of data collection from Online students and analytics being done based on such collected data.
- To share comparative data analytics on Teaching Learning process for teaching same courses in Online Education and that in regular mode.
- Questionnaire has to be designed carefully and comprehensively to extract the data from the students.

Resolved that the agenda from Director, DOE, is hereby noted with the above-mentioned suggestions.

34 BoM (B-4) Registrar of Manipal University Jaipur to be authorized to receive the financial assistance/grants/funds from agencies (DST, SERB etc.) and for any legal matter.

Registrar, MUJ, presented the agenda that Registrar should be the authorized signatory on behalf of MUJ for receiving funds from external agencies like DST, SERB etc. and for any legal matter. She requested the Board to approve so as a resolution can be passed for the same.

Resolved that the above agenda is hereby noted with a suggestion that any legal issue has to be discussed internally first with the MEMG Legal team before moving ahead.

34 BoM (C) Reporting and Ratification

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

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

The Board members noted the details.

34 BoM (C-2) Ratification of minutes of 17th Meeting of Executive Committee

Registrar briefed the salient features of the minutes of 17th meeting of the Executive Committee held on October 04, 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 17th Executive Meeting held on October 04, 2023, are hereby ratified.

34 BoM (C-3) Ratification of minutes of Meeting of 38th Academic Council

Registrar briefed the salient features of the minutes of 38th meeting of the Academic Council held on October 18, 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 38th meeting of Academic Council held on October 18, 2023, are hereby ratified.

34 BoM (C-4) Ratification of minutes of meeting of 30th Finance Committee and recommendations of 31st Finance Committee meeting

Registrar shared the recommendation of the Finance Committee of Manipal University Jaipur held on August 16, 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 30th meeting of the Finance Committee held on August 16, 2023. It was suggested that there should 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 31st meeting of Finance Committee meeting, held on November 22, 2023, for noting and ratification.

- Consolidated Financial Performance upto Oct 31, 2023.
- Consolidated Projected Cash Flow Statement.

Resolved that the minutes of the 30th meeting of Finance Committee held on August 16, 2023, and recommendations of 31st meeting of Finance Committee are hereby ratified.

34 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.

Sr. No	Ranking Agency	Category	Ranking
1	Outlook, I Care	University	6 th in All India under “Top 50 State Private Universities”
		Engineering	17 th in All India under “Top 160 Private Engineering Institutes”
2	Times Higher Education (THE) World University Ranking	Overall World	1201-1500:
		Quality Research World	964 th
		Overall (India)	58 th
3	Times Higher Education (THE) World University Rankings by Subject	Engineering	601-800
		Computer Science	801-1000
		Physical Sciences	1001+
4	Employer Association of Rajasthan	University	Best Employer Award 2023
5	QS World University Rankings: Asia 2024	University	801+ Band in the Regional 258 th rank in Southern Asia

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

34 BoM (D) Conduction of 35th BoM Meeting

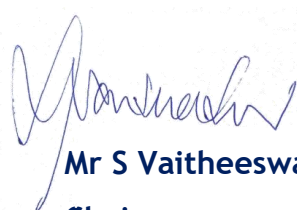
Members suggested to take a call on the forthcoming 35th BoM meeting. Once fixed, the dates will be shared with the members in advance.

34 BoM (E) Any Other Agenda 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