

Minutes of 35th Meeting of Board of Management

The 35th Meeting of Board of Management of Manipal University Jaipur was held on April 03, 2024, 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

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

Dr Aravind Chinchure, Founder and CEO QLeap Academy

Ms Revathi Kasturi, Founder Laqsh Jobs Skills Academy Pvt Ltd

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

Shri TV Mohandas Pai, Chairman - Aarin Capital Partners, Bangalore

Dr H P Khincha, Chief Mentor - MUJ

Shri Abhay Jain, Advisor, MEMG

Mr Somnath Das, Group President - Special Projects, MEMG

CA Shridhar Hegde, Sr Vice President - Finance, MEMG

CA Pradeep Chaturvedi, CF&AO, MUJ

Members Granted Leave of Absence:

Mr Pukhraj Sen, IAS, Commissioner College Education, Govt. of Rajasthan



35th Board of Management Meeting of MUJ

The 35th 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.

35 BoM (A) Nomination of BoM Members; Confirmation of Minutes and Action Taken

35 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 - Mr Pukhraj Sen, IAS, Commissioner College Education, Directorate of College Education, for a period of three years, with effect from January 23, 2024. All the members welcomed the new member to the Board of Management.

It was informed regarding conclusion of membership of Mr Abhay Jain, Advisor, MEMG, from the Board. However, he will be a permanent invitee of the Board of Management of Manipal University Jaipur.

It was informed regarding extension of membership of Mr Nishith K Mohanty, Group President - Human Resources, MEMG, for a period of two years, with effect from February 15, 2024.

35 BoM (A-2) Confirmation of Minutes of the 34th Meeting of the Board of Management

Registrar informed all the members that the minutes of the 34th Meeting of the Board of Management held on November 24, 2023, was circulated among members and no comments were received. The Board was requested to confirm the same.

Resolved that the minutes of 34th meeting of the Board of Management held on November 24, 2023, are hereby confirmed.

35 BoM (A-3) Review of Actions Taken on Minutes of the 34th Meeting of the Board of Management:

The action on the suggestions and the resolutions passed in the 34th Meeting of the Board of Management were briefed to the Board members by the Registrar.



1. Admission 2023 - Status update

Pro President presented the data received from Director, Admissions, on the percentage of male and female students across all the programs in the University.

Members suggested the following:

- To process the data and present MUJ's progression over the years in students' diversity, increase in the female students' numbers, comparison of these numbers with other competing Institutes/Universities.

2. NIRF 2023 - Status and Way forward

Registrar informed that as suggested by the Board members, a 3-minute audio video clip capturing the major events/awards/recognitions/rankings/accolades pertaining to MUJ has already been shared with the members of Board.

- Chairman appreciated the efforts made.

3. Student Counselling

Deputy Director, DSW presented the action taken on behalf of the Directorate of Student Welfare. He stated that Mental Health events had been organized in collaboration with the Department of Psychology. Students across the University are being counselled through workshops, awareness programs, group counselling, etc.

Members suggested the following:

- Effectiveness of the counselling given to the students' needs to be measured in some way.
- A Questionnaire on indirect assessment of a student's stress level or any sort of mental issues / anxiety, can be shared with all the students to get an insight into their problems and also help to assess, if they need counselling or not.

4. Coursera Courses

Registrar presented the data related to Coursera courses. Further, CoE informed the Board that procurement of extra 1000 Coursera Licenses has been placed for the next academic year.



Members suggested the following:

- To explore and make use of the additional Coursera Licenses available within the Group (MAHE, UNext, MAHE-Dubai Campus) instead of purchasing it through MUJ.
- To be vigilant on what type of Coursera courses are being taken up by faculties which is being counted as part of their PMS/increment etc.
- All departments shall come up with their specific list of most relevant important Coursera courses that can be taken by their respective faculty members to be accounted for PMS/increment etc rather than opting for irrelevant basic courses.

5. MUJ Vision 2025 - Status Update

Registrar informed the Board that as suggested in the previous Board meeting, the guidelines for recruiting Chair Professors has been shared with the Board member, Dr Aravind Chinchure. Further, she thanked Dr Aravind for spending his valuable 2 days at MUJ, by conducting 1-day FDP on "Smart Strategies for Research and Innovation maximizing External Funding" and 1-day special talk with students on "Startups."

Members suggested the following:

- Process of hiring and Job Description of a Chair Professor has to be meticulously drafted by MUJ HR team and shared with Dr Aravind Chinchure.
- Once anyone is being referred by Dr Aravind Chinchure for the position of Chair Professor, it should be taken on priority.
- MUJ should look into a support system for students coming up with startups.

6. Engineering Curriculum at MUJ - Gap Analysis in comparison to Premier Institutions like, IITs

Dr Arun Shanbhag, Dean FoE, presented the FoE Academic Handbook, it's uniqueness, minors offered, Coursera/NPTEL/SWAYAM courses offered, major changes have been made, etc. He further added that an online meeting with Prof H P Khincha, Board member, will be planned soon to discuss on the intricacies in the curriculum structure for all the B.Tech programs.

- Chairman appreciated the efforts made and requested to close the discussion with Prof H P Khincha at the earliest.



7. Centre for Distance and Online Education

Dr Mallikarjuna Gadapa, Director, CDOE, presented the ISO Certificate for Cloud Security, ISO Certificate for Privacy, CAIQ for Network Security, Salesforce SLCM Security Document related to Software Security procured by CDOE-MUJ, analytics on gender distribution, age group, students from Tier 2,3,4+ towns and cities, content developed, Student questionnaire and responses etc., pertaining to Online Education.

- Members noted and appreciated the progress which is happening with CDOE.

8. Campus Placement update

Dr Chhattar Singh Lamba, Director, CR&P, presented the placement status from 2019 to 2023 and the reasons for non-participation of students in the campus placement drives such as Higher Education, Family Business, Own start-up/Entrepreneurship, etc.

Members suggested the following:

- To strengthen the Master's programs by offering programs in collaboration with some premier industries.
- To look for initiating an integrated Master's and Doctoral Programs.
- To do some analytics on female students within and around Jaipur region who can be potential candidates for admissions to Master's programs at MUJ.
- To do a survey on what are things which made the companies to engage the intern students by offering jobs to them and also what the companies actually expect from students so as to offer a job after internship.

The action taken report on the 34th meeting of the Board of Management held on November 24, 2023, is hereby noted.

35 BoM (B) Discussion and Decision

35 BoM (B-1) Integrated Research for Sustainable Academic Organization - Initiatives @ MUJ

Dr Abhishek Sharma, Professor, Department of Chemical Engineering, gave a brief presentation on his group's research work being carried out at MUJ in collaboration with National and International scientists, grants received, few outcomes of Interdisciplinary Research at MUJ like the O₂ Generator, Waste to Resources research lab. He also proposed the idea of establishing a Centre of Excellence to promote research within MUJ and to improve the research visibility of MUJ @ National & International levels.



Members suggested the following:

- To look into the possibility of patenting and commercialize the O₂ Generator.
- To work on the milestones and targets that can be achieved through the proposed Centre of Excellence.
- To run some certificate courses through the Centre of Excellence to impart research knowledge to the students.

Resolved that the agenda from Dr Abhishek Sharma is hereby noted with the above-mentioned suggestions.

35 BoM (B-2) Research @ MUJ - Status and Way forward

Due to paucity of time, it was suggested to take this agenda in the next Board meeting.

35 BoM (B-3) a) Admissions Closure status of Academic Year (2023-24)

b) Approval of Intake for Admissions for Academic Year (2024-25)

Name of Faculty	AY:2023-24		AY:2024-25
	Intake	Total Admissions	Intake
Faculty of Engineering (FoE)	2920	2910	3219
Faculty of Management & Commerce (FoM&C)	795	762	825
Faculty of Science (FoS)	485	454	505
Faculty of Arts (FoA)	420	405	450
Faculty of Law (FoL)	300	239	320
Faculty of Design (FoD)	170	144	181
Grand Total	5090	4914	5500

Resolved that the agenda from Director, Admissions is hereby noted.

35 BoM (B-4) Sanction of Teaching/Non-Teaching posts for the Academic Year 2024-25

Faculty	Academic Year 2024-2025							
	Required Faculty Count				Existing Faculty Count			
	Total	Professor	Associate Professor	Assistant Professor	Total	Professor	Associate Professor	Assistant Professor
FoA	63	7	14	42	69	7	9	53
FoD	27	3	6	18	39	4	6	29
FoL	54	6	12	36	40	1	5	34
FoE	540	60	120	360	350	36	78	236
FoMC	108	12	24	72	75	4	15	56
FoS	63	7	14	42	98	10	19	69
Sub-Total	855	95	190	570	671	62	132	477
Leadership	9	9			9	9		
Non-Teaching	344				282			
Total	1208				962			



Members suggested the following:

- To hire Professor of Practice from industries or retired professors especially for FoE.
- Lab Assistants can be hired on 5-year contract basis.

Resolved that the agenda from Head HR is hereby noted with the above-mentioned suggestions.

35 BoM (C) Reporting and Ratification

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

Due to paucity of time, the event details in AV mode from November 2023 to March 2024, was suggested to be shared to the Board members through email.

The Board members noted the details.

35 BoM (C-2) Ratification of minutes of Meeting of 39th Academic Council.

Registrar briefed the salient features of the minutes of 39th meeting of the Academic Council held on February 22, 2024. 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 39th meeting of Academic Council held on February 22, 2024, are hereby ratified.

34 BoM (C-3) Minutes of Meeting of 31st Finance Committee and recommendations of 32nd Finance Committee meeting

Registrar shared the recommendation of the Finance Committee of Manipal University Jaipur held on November 22, 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 31st meeting of the Finance Committee held on November 22, 2023.

Registrar also shared the recommendation of the 32nd meeting of Finance Committee meeting, held on April 03, 2024, for noting and ratification.

- Consolidated Budget for the FY 24-25.
- Consolidated Projected Cash Flow Statement (Campus and Online)



Resolved that the minutes of the 31st meeting of Finance Committee held November 22, 2023, and recommendations of 32nd meeting of Finance Committee are hereby ratified.

35 BoM (C-4) 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.

Sl. No	Name of Agency	Unit	Nature Recognition	Recognition Details
1	National Media Conclave	School of Media & Communication	Award	Excellence in Research & Publication
2	QS World University Ranking	University	Rank	801+ Band in Asia (Regional Raking)
3	QS World University Ranking	University	Rank	258 in Southern Asia
4	Institution's Innovation Council Star rating 2022-23 (Gol)	University	Rating	Annual Performance of IIC 5.0 (AY 2022-23) 3 Star Rating
5	New Code of Education 2023 Awards	Directorate of Online Education	Award	Distance or Executive Institution
6	NBA	MBA- TSB -FoMC	Accreditation	Accredited for 3 Years: till 2026
7	NBA	B.Tech CCE - SCCE- FoE	Accreditation	Accredited for 3 Years: till 2026

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

35 BoM (D) Conduction of 36th BoM Meeting

Members suggested to take a call on the forthcoming 36th BoM meeting. Once fixed, the dates will be shared with the members in advance.

35 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