

Minutes of 38th Meeting of Board of Management

The 38th Meeting of Board of Management of Manipal University Jaipur was held on April 23, 2025, at MEMG Office, Bengaluru.

Following members were present.

Chairperson:

Mr S Vaitheeswaran, Chairperson, MUJ

Members:

Dr Ranjan Pai, Chairman, MEMG

Dr N N Sharma, President, MUJ

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

Dr Karunakar A Kotegar, Pro President, MUJ

Member Secretary:

Dr Amit Soni, Registrar, MUJ

Invitee Present

Dr H P Khincha, Chief Mentor - MUJ

CA Shridhar Hegde, Sr Vice President - Finance, MEMG

CA Pradeep Chaturvedi, CF&AO, MUJ

Members Granted Leave of Absence:

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

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

Mr Somnath Das, Group Executive VP, Special Projects, MEMG

Shri Abhay Jain, Advisor, MEMG

Mr Omprakash Bairwa, IAS, Commissioner College Education, Govt. of Rajasthan

38th Board of Management Meeting of MUJ

The 38th 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.

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

38 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 Karunakar a Kotegar, Pro President, Manipal University Jaipur, for a period of three years, with effect from November 01, 2024. All the members welcomed the new member to the Board of Management.

The Board noted the nomination of Dr Amit Soni, Registrar, Manipal University Jaipur as Member Secretary of the Board of management of Manipal University Jaipur by the sponsoring body in accordance with provision under section 18(3) of the Manipal University Jaipur Act no 21 of 2011. All the members welcomed the new member to the Board of Management.

The inclusion of the newly appointed Registrar as Member Secretary of Board of Management of Manipal University Jaipur is hereby noted.

It was informed regarding conclusion of membership of Cmdr Dr Jawahar Mal Jangir, Former Pro President, and Dr Nitu Bhatnagar, Former Registrar, Manipal University Jaipur, from the Board.

Board of Management placed on record the contribution and support provided by Cmdr Dr Jawahar Mal Jangir and Dr Nitu Bhatnagar which played a pivotal role in growth of MUJ. MUJ acknowledges their invaluable contributions as the Member and Member Secretary of Board of Management of MUJ.

It was also informed on the extension of tenure of Dr Ranjan Pai, Chairman, MEMG, Dr Vishwa Mohan Katoch, NASI-ICMR Chair on Public Health Research at RUHS, Jaipur and Ms Revathi Kasturi, Founder Laqsh Jobs Skills Academy Pvt Ltd.

38 BoM (A-2) Confirmation of Minutes of the 37th Meeting of the Board of Management

Registrar informed all the members that the minutes of the 37th Meeting of the Board of Management held on October 18, 2024, was circulated among members and no comments were received. The Board was requested to confirm the same.

Resolved that the minutes of 37th meeting of the Board of Management held on October 18, 2024, are hereby confirmed.

38 BoM (A-3) Review of Actions Taken on Minutes of the 37th Meeting of the Board of Management:

The action on the suggestions and the resolutions passed in the 37th Meeting of the Board of Management were briefed to the Board members by the Registrar.

1. Directorate of Admissions - status update

Registrar presented the data received from Director, Admissions, on the Gender-wise analysis, Direct Admissions, Applications vs Admissions and State-wise Admissions.

Members made the following suggestions:

- Percentage (%) increase in Gender-wise data shall be shown to the Board for easy understanding.
- The reasons for decline in the Gender-wise admissions for Management must be looked into.
- The cut-off levels / ranks of students coming through common MET exams has to be improved which will fetch good quality students.
- The MUJ Leadership team shall start thinking about when to stop having admissions through common MET exams and rely totally on direct admissions.

Action to be taken:

- To look for ways to aspire students to have quality admissions and present it in the next Board meeting.
- To find ways to attract more students from Delhi and other nearby states.

Responsibility:

Dean, Student Welfare and Director Admissions

2. Academics

Registrar informed that as suggested by the Board members, no major curriculum changes are implemented unless a full cycle is completed, and multidisciplinary Open Electives are currently being offered to students across the university through SWAYAM/ NPTEL courses.

3. Research

Registrar presented the data on industry related projects which are completed and ongoing.

Members suggested the following:

- To look for ways to have more industry related projects which can yield products that are marketable,
 - Faculties to have more international collaborations,
 - Technology transfer in the form of patents,
 - Find ways to secure extramural fundings from industries.

Action to be taken:

- To analyse and learn from the steps which were taken at MAHE in the previous years to improve the performance in this aspect of industry related projects and move ahead with the specified timeline to achieve more at MUJ.

Responsibility:

Dean, RIAAA and Director Research

4. Corporate Relations & Placements

Registrar presented the data on the Graduate Outcomes, students who got placed, and the reasons for non-participation of students in the campus placement drives such as going for Higher Studies, Self-employed/Business and Competitive Exams.

Action to be taken:

- To increase the percentage of graduate outcome and fill up the gaps where data is not available.

Responsibility:

Dean, GO and Director CRP

5. Professors of Practice - Update from HR

Registrar informed the Board that a comprehensive policy on the recruitment of Professors of Practice has been framed and circulated among all the faculties at MUJ.

Members suggested the following:

- If any challenges in acquiring Professors of Practice, the University should also look into recruiting Chair Professors, Adjunct Faculties who have rich industry experience.
- President, MUJ or the nominee of the President to be the Chairman of the Committee for appointing Professors.

Action to be taken:

- Recruiting Professors of Practice must be done in a fast-track mode and hassle-free.

Responsibility:

Academic Deans and Head HR

The action taken report on the 37th meeting of the Board of Management held on October 18, 2024, is hereby noted.

38 BoM (B) Discussion and Decision

38 BoM (B-1) MUJ 2.0 Journey last 9 months: Embracing Transformative Initiatives

President presented to the Board on the steps which have been taken to make MUJ into a High Performing Organization by 2027 such as recognizing / awarding the performers which enhances the Capacity Building, 5 areas where MUJ will be investing -

- (1) Faculty recruitment,
- (2) Research-track faculties,
- (3) Professor of Practice,
- (4) Research Ecosystem and
- (5) Strategic International Collaborations,

PG Scholarships, Students' discipline, restructuring of Faculty and Schools, New Programs, Sports achievements, various events at MUJ, steps taken towards achieving SDGs

Members suggested the following:

- How MUJ stands ahead of other universities by implementing various strategies be it CAS, PAS, incentivization which have not been done by any other University in India.
- To have a way to measure the high TRL products which come out of the industry collaborative labs.
- The 5 areas where investments are being done has to be mapped with the outcomes.
- To look out for retired eminent scientists from top Indian Institutes to be a part of the high-end laboratories which have been and yet to be established at MUJ.
- To look for integrating Experience Theatre with AR-VR lab in the coming years.
- To start thinking on connecting the high-end laboratories in the near future to create research clusters and thrust areas.
- To develop a program on “Energy Transition” aligning with our Country’s goal of achieving carbon neutral by 2070. In this regard, Prof H P Khincha will be having an interaction with all the Deans of MUJ.
- To integrate and implement AI in Science and Management programs.
- To look into having a Solar Farm with the support from Rajasthan Government.
- Start to work on integrating smart campus with ERP.
- To find ways to recruit Indian nationals who are working in USA as faculties or Post-Docs.

Action to be taken:

- To frame policy to reach TRL 3 minimum and TRL 7 maximum.
(Director Research)
- The 5 areas where investments are being done has to be mapped with the outcomes/Performance indicators.
(Dean QA)
- To look out for retired eminent scientists from top Indian Institutes to be a part of the high-end laboratories which have been and yet to be established at MUJ.
(Academic Deans and Head HR)
- To develop an analytical program on “Energy Transition” aligning with our Country’s goal of achieving carbon neutral by 2070.
(Dean FoSTA and Director Academics)
- To plan an interaction of Dr HP Khincha with all the Deans of MUJ on the topic “Energy Transition”.
(Registrar, MUJ)

- To recruit Indian nationals who are working in USA as faculties or Post-Doc Scholar by advertising internationally.

(Head HR)

Responsibility:

(Mentioned above)

Resolved that the agenda from President is hereby noted.

38 BoM (B-2) Update on Sanctioned admission numbers

Name of Faculty	AY:2025-26
Faculty of Science, Technology and Architecture (FoSTA)	3829
Faculty of Management, Commerce and Arts (FoMCA)	1010
Faculty of Law (FoL)	350
Faculty of Health Sciences (FoHS)	315
Grand Total	5504

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

38 BoM (B-3) Update on Sanctioned Teaching/Non-Teaching posts

Name of Faculty	Required Faculty Count				AY 2024-25
	AY:2025-26	Professor	Associate Professor	Assistant Professor	Existing Faculty
FoSTA	625	63	152	410	
FoMCA	168	14	26	128	
FoL	49	3	7	39	
FoHS	25	2	4	19	
Sub-Total	867	82	189	596	692
Leadership	9	9			7
CDOE	136	10	31	95	73
Non-Teaching	384				329
Grand Total	1396				

Resolved that the agenda from Head HR is hereby noted.

38 BoM (C) Reporting and Ratification

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

The event details from October 2024 to April 2025, was placed before the Board through AV mode.

The Board members noted the details.

38 BoM (C-2) Ratification of minutes of 21st Meeting of Executive Committee.

Registrar briefed the salient features of the minutes of 21st meeting of the Executive Committee held on February 28, 2025. He further informed that the minutes of the meeting were circulated among members, and no observations were received for the minutes. He requested the members for ratification of the same.

Resolved that the minutes of the 21st Executive Meeting held on February 28, 2025, are hereby ratified.

38 BoM (C-3) Ratification of minutes of Meeting of 42nd Academic Council.

Registrar briefed the salient features of the minutes of 42nd meeting of the Academic Council held on February 21, 2025. He further informed that the minutes of the meeting were circulated among members and no observations were received for the minutes.

He requested the members for ratification of the minutes.

Resolved that the minutes of the 42nd meeting of Academic Council held on February 21, 2025, are hereby ratified.

38 BoM (C-4) Minutes of Meeting of 34th Finance Committee

Registrar shared the recommendation of the 34th Finance Committee of Manipal University Jaipur held on October 16, 2025, for approval. He further informed that the same were circulated to BoM members and no comments were received.

He also requested the Board for the ratification of the discussion of key points of 35th meeting of the Finance Committee held on April 22, 2025.

Resolved that the minutes of the 34th meeting of Finance Committee held on October 16, 2025 and the key points of 35th meeting of FC held on April 22, 2025 are hereby ratified.

38 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.

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

38 BoM (D) Conduction of 39th BoM Meeting

Members suggested to take a separate call on the dates of forthcoming 39th BoM meeting. Once fixed, the dates will be shared with the members in advance.

38 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 Amit Soni
Member Secretary
Mr S Vaitheeswaran
Chairperson