

Minutes of 39th Meeting of Board of Management

The 39th Meeting of Board of Management of Manipal University Jaipur was held on August 28, 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 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

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:

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

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

Shri TV Mohandas Pai, Aarin Capital Partners, Bangalore

Shri Abhay Jain, Advisor, MEMG

Mr Somnath Das, Group President - Special Projects, MEMG

39th Board of Management Meeting of MUJ

The 39th 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.

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

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

Not Applicable.

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

Registrar informed all the members that the minutes of the 38th Meeting of the Board of Management held on April 23, 2025, was circulated among members and no comments were received. The Board was requested to confirm the same.

Resolved that the minutes of 38th meeting of the Board of Management held on April 23, 2025, are hereby confirmed.

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

The action on the suggestions and the resolutions passed in the 38th Meeting of the Board of Management were briefed to the Board members by the Registrar.

1. Directorate of Admissions - status update

Pro President presented the data received from Director, Admissions, on the improvement in the quality of admissions made in Computer Science and Core Engineering programs, MUJ's efforts in attaining those admissions via visibility and perception through impactful social media campaigns; strengthening academic engagement; improvement in admissions Faculty wise and also gender wise.

Action to be taken:

- The cut off for admissions in Computer Science program shall be raised to 75% or 80%.
- Data presented for admissions in Management, Law shall be compared with that of TAPMI, MAHE and Law school in Bengaluru campus.

2. Directorate of Academic Administration

Registrar informed the Board members about the interaction session between the Board Member, Prof Khincha and team FoSTA. Prof Khincha has suggested that MUJ to design the curriculum of few courses on “Energy Transition” and introduction of a minor in Energy Transition with 18 to 20 credits from the 2026-27 AY.

Action to be taken:

- Dr Shivram, former Director of NCL and Emeritus Professor at IISER, has to be invited while Prof Khincha makes his next visit to MUJ to deliberate with FoSTA team on “Energy Transition” program and way forward.

3. Directorate of Research

Pro President briefed to the Board regarding steps taken towards industry related projects like introduction of industry PhD Program which has been initiated with Dell and Deloitte experienced employees registered under this; Deloitte has offered 120 Capstone Projects for MUJ students; 20% of courses in few of the Engineering Programs are taken by industry people and the role of E-Cell in facilitating the filing of 1000+ patents.

Action to be taken:

- To look for having an internal assessment for the possibility of having Patents, Intellectual Property from the Capstone projects which must be owned by MUJ and also to have a MoU with Deloitte for the same.

4. Directorate of Quality & Compliance

Pro President explained to the Board on the 5 areas where investments are being done at MUJ which also helps in NAAC assessment and NIRF rankings like Smart (Digital) Campus and Infrastructure; Faculty Excellence; Branding & Visibility through Collaboration; Academic Excellence; Research & Innovation. Members suggested, MUJ should take learnings from MAHE on implementation of smartness in Academics and Management (Administration) and Digitization facility offered by various company partners at MAHE shall be extended to all other Manipal campuses.

Action to be taken:

- MUJ should adopt MAHE's approach to smart academics, administration, and digitization.

5. Directorate of Corporate Relations and Placements (Graduate Outcomes)

Pro President informed the Board on the steps taken towards improvisations done towards Graduate Outcomes such as fetching data from Final-Year students based on their future career plans after completion of the program; Interaction with Alumni; Introduction of Faculty Champion concept in departments who really do have a good rapport with their students to fetch the above said data; Celebrating student achievements on social and alumni platforms; Career Counselling for final year students.

6. Update from HR

Pro President presented the data and initiatives taken towards recruiting eminent scientists from top Indian Institutes; Indian nationals who are working in USA; Adjunct Faculty and Professors of Practice.

7. Interaction with Board Members

Registrar presented the visits made by Board members - Interaction with Dr. H. P. Khincha was held on 12th August 2025 and Dr. Aravind Chinchure was held on 11th and 12th August 2025 with the students, research scholars and faculties.

The action taken report on the 38th meeting of the Board of Management held on April 23, 2025, is hereby noted.

39 BoM (B) Discussion and Decision

39 BoM (B-1) Progress @ MUJ 2.0 A way forward.

President presented to the Board on the rankings which MUJ has secured last year in QS, THE and NIRF; focus to enter into QS WUR within the next 2 years; achievement made in the publications and securing extra mural grants; establishment of 5 externally funded labs; onboarded PhD scholars from good institutes under Dr Ramdas Pai Fellowship; onboarded 100 PG students under Smt Vasanti R Pai PG Scholarship; 450 PhD scholars have graduated; access to 4 Open Access Journal Publishers; improvement in quality publications specially in Q1 and Q2 journals; research outcome of the 40 Research Track Faculty (RTF) in publications, citations and national / international collaborations; students admission status both On Campus and Online Education; Graduate Outcomes; Student exchange programs; faculty strength; new Hostels and other infra structures; Technical Workshops for Faculty Learning, concept of having Teaching Track Faculty (TTF), establishing 10 research clusters, recruiting Post Doctoral Fellows; Networking with various stakeholders to make MUJ to have it's own Legacy.

Action to be taken:

- MUJ to look into the norms of Institute of Excellence (IoE), analyse where MUJ stands and to go forward in achieving IoE.
- To identify a small team of faculties with a focus on how to use or integrate AI in advanced & improved teaching.
- To take the help of the Board Member, Dr Aravind Chinchure, how to move forward in making MUJ a “Networking University”.

Resolved that the agenda from President is hereby noted.

39 BoM (C) Reporting and Ratification

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

The event details from May 2025 to August 2025, was placed before the Board through AV mode.

The Board members noted the details.

39 BoM (C-2) Ratification of minutes of 22nd Meeting of Executive Committee.

Registrar briefed the salient features of the minutes of 22nd meeting of the Executive Committee held on June 13, 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 22nd Executive Meeting held on June 13, 2025, are hereby ratified.

39 BoM (C-3) Ratification of minutes of Meeting of 43rd Academic Council.

Registrar briefed the salient features of the minutes of 43rd meeting of the Academic Council held on June 13, 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 43rd meeting of Academic Council held on June 13, 2025, are hereby ratified.

39 BoM (C-4) Minutes of Meeting of 35th Finance Committee

Registrar shared the recommendation of the 35th Finance Committee of Manipal University Jaipur held on April 23, 2025, for approval. He further informed that the same were circulated to BoM members and no comments were received.

He requested the Board for the ratification of the minutes of 35th meeting of the Finance Committee held on April 23, 2025.

Resolved that the minutes of the 35th meeting of Finance Committee held on April 13, 2025, are hereby ratified.

39 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 from May 2025 to August 2025 to the members.

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

39 BoM (D) Conduction of 40th BoM Meeting

Members suggested to take a call on the forthcoming 40th BoM meeting. Once fixed, the dates will be shared with the members in advance.

39 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