

# AMITY UNIVERSITY

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## **MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF MANAGEMENT MEETING HELD ON 2<sup>nd</sup> DECEMBER 2021**

**(THROUGH ONLINE MODE ON MS TEAMS)**

**The meeting of the 4<sup>th</sup> Board of Management of 2021 was held on 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2021 at 11:00 AM through online mode on MS Teams.**

**Following members were present in the meeting.**

1. Lt. Gen. V K Sharma AVSM (Retd) – Chairperson
2. Pro Vice Chancellor – Member
3. Prof. Dr. P. B. Sharma – Member
4. Prof. Dr. K K Dwivedi – Member
5. Lt. Col. Arun Sharma– Member
6. Mr. Ashish Singh – Member
7. Mr. Ashish Bindra – Member
8. Prof. (Dr.) Kushal Vibhute – Member
9. Dr. Shrikant Charhate – Member
10. Dr. Bhawna Sharma – Member
11. Dr. Bhawana Chanana – Member
12. Dr. H. S. Vyas – Registrar & Member Secretary
13. Mr. Sandeep Gundeti, Asst. Controller of Examination – Special Invitee

**Following members could not attend the meeting due to their other important engagements.**

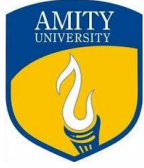
1. Dr. Aparna Khanna – Member

**All the agenda points were discussed one by one and deliberations were recorded as under.**

### **Agenda – 1**

#### **Welcome Address by the Chairman of the Board of Management Hon'ble Vice Chancellor**

The Board of Management meeting began with Hon'ble Vice Chancellor welcoming the members of the Board of Management along with Dr. A W Santhosh Kumar Pro Vice



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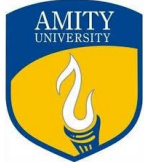
Chancellor of Amity University Maharashtra. He informed the members of the Board of Management that Dr. Santhosh Kumar is instrumental in signing 3 Collaborative MoUs and initial MoAst with the Universities in The United States of America (University of Arizona, University of Florida, University of California) during his recent visit to the states.

In his welcome address, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor mentioned that the university has been doing well. On 1<sup>st</sup> December 2021 the result of IIC – Institution Innovation Cell ranking was announced for the university. He said, that it was only after he took charge of officiating Vice Chancellor in August 2020, that he guided AUM to participate in the IIC ranking. He was happy to place on record that with collective efforts of all, Amity University Maharashtra has secured 3.5 stars ranking. This only proves that Amity University Maharashtra has tremendous potential. This year again AUM will be participating in the NIRF ranking in the University category, Engineering category and Management category. The Vice Chancellor stated that AUM is also working on the data compilation for UGC inspection. He requested Dr. K K Dwivedi from head office to help us validate the same before we submit the same to UGC for inspection in 2022.

On the placement front The Vice Chancellor informed the members of the Board of Management that this year for the batch to pass out in 2022 already 75% of our students have been paced. The highest package the student has been able to achieve is Rs. 24 lakhs per annum, which is encouraging.

The Vice Chancellor further stated that the moral of the Faculty, Staffs and the Students is high. All the faculty and staffs are working with dedication and commitment. All faculty are coming to campus in physical mode and are successfully conducting physical and on-lines classes for the student from the campus.

Amity University Maharashtra has too much of dependency on the visiting faculty, which the university is trying to reduce by recruiting fulltime and regular faculty with the help of the



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central HR team in line with the policy decision to induct only PhD qualified faculty members as permanent faculty. However, in the areas where PhD qualified faculty are not available, we will hire teaching assistant and associates on contractual basis.

On the research and innovation fronts, the Hon'ble Vice Chancellor informed the members of the Board of Management that The Centers of Excellence have been doing excellent work. Particularly, he mentioned about Center of Excellence in Astrobiology where AUM has got a tie-up with ISRO. ISRO has finalized to take our 2 payloads in space. The first payload of Amity Biology Experiment weighing 2 kgs is ready with us. Unfortunately, due to COVID, ISRO has delayed its launch of satellite and hence the project is delayed and the same will now be launched in the next year. The 2<sup>nd</sup> payload which is an autonomous life growth experiment weighing about 10 kgs is also ready. Both these payloads, ISRO has agreed to take from Amity without any cost for experimental purposes and scientific advancements. The center of excellence in Astrobiology has also conducted a certification course, in which students from almost 70 countries had participated.

The Hon'ble Vice Chancellor ended his welcome address with once again welcoming all the members of the Board of Management and directed The Registrar to take forward the discussing of the agenda points.

Taking the discussion forwarded, the Registrar moved to Agenda Point no. 2 of the Board of Management Meeting.

## **Agenda – 2**

### **Introduction of Pro Vice Chancellor Dr. A W Santhosh Kumar.**

The Registrar briefly introduced Pro Vice Chancellor Dr. A W Santhosh Kumar to the members of the Board of Management by reading out his profile.

## **Agenda -3**



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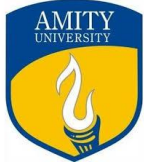
This was followed by address to the members of the Board of Management by Dr. A W Santhosh Kumar.

In his address, Dr. Santhosh Kumar expressed his pleasure on being part of Amity University Family. He further stated that words cannot express the trail of sequence that has brought him on board at Amity University Maharashtra. He placed on record about Lt. Col. Arun Sharma and his team for being a very sequenced HR in Indian scenario in par with the international standards.

Dr. Santhosh Kumar further stated that with his rich experience in India and abroad of almost 30 years, 15 years each, he felt that he would be able to add value to the working of the university and bring new innovations to Amity University Maharashtra. He also expressed his sincere gratitude to the top management of Amity University Group for giving him this opportunity and believing in him.

Dr. Santhosh Kumar shared his past experience where he was instrumental in acquiring rank 31 in NIRF and 5 in Atal Ranking along with bringing 4 new colleges including a medical college with all accreditations like 12B of UGC, NAAC A+ accreditations etc. He further added that he felt humbled being part of the galaxy of eminent, experienced and intellectual personalities in the Board of Management. He ended his address by seeking the prayers and blessings of all the members of the Board of Management for Amity University Maharashtra and for himself.

Prof. P B Sharma welcomed Dr. Santhosh Kumar to Amity University Maharashtra and stated that Amity University Family has great expectations from him. He further added that we are passing through the toughest time in the history of mankind at the moment. He said we all are looking towards Dr. Santhosh Kumar and likewise scientist to contain the micro vial kingdoms and their species wherever they originate rather than allowing them to go around the world and scare everyone. He further stated that he did not want to live whole of his life in threat and will also not like the next generation to have life full of uncertainty and threat of



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viruses. He stated that it is high time, that the highly enlightened scientist of the world utilize the power of research on microbes and contain the deadly viruses wherever they originate rather than allow them to spread their wings around the world and scare the whole world.

Prof. P B Sharma wished that Dr. Santhosh Kumar will bring lots of laurels not just to Amity University Maharashtra, but also to support other Amity University scientists. With these words, Prof. P B Sharma again extended a warm welcome to Dr. Santhosh Kumar to Amity University Maharashtra.

## **Agenda – 4**

### **Ratification of Minutes and Action Taken report of the previous Board of Management Meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> September 2021.**

The Registrar placed before the members of the Board of Management along with Agenda, brief Minutes of the previous Board of Management Meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> September 2021, along with the action taken report of the same. The minutes were approved by the members.

## **Agenda – 5**

### **Placing of AUM Financial Final Accounts Report for the year 2020 – 21**

The Registrar informed the members of the Board of Management that the date for filing of Financial Annual Accounts for the Financial Year 2020 – 21 has been extended to 31<sup>st</sup> January 2022. Hence the Auditor and Accounts Team are working on the finalizing the Financial Accounts for the year 2020 – 21. The Registrar further stated that the same would be placed before the Board of Management, once it is finalized.

## **Agenda – 6**

### **Presentation of AUM Annual Report for the Academic Year 2020 – 21.**



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The Registrar requested The Hon'ble Officiating Vice Chancellor Lt. General V K Sharma, AVSM to present to the members of the Board of Management the Annual Report of Amity University Maharashtra for the Academic Year 2020 – 21.

The Hon'ble Vice Chancellor presented the gist of the AUM Annual Report for the academic year 2020 – 21 covering following aspects:

1. Amity Vision & Mission Statement
2. List of Institutions at AUM
3. University Honors & Achievements
4. Update on AUM Startups – E Cell
5. Update on the Memorandum of Understanding – MoU Signed
6. Update on Events held at AUM
7. Student Section:
  - a. Campus Strength
  - b. School-wise student admitted in 2019-20 & 2020-21
  - c. Status of admission as on 30<sup>th</sup> Nov 2021 as compare to 30<sup>th</sup> Nov 2020
8. Update on Faculty Achievements
9. Research initiatives at AUM
10. Information on the Centres of Excellence at AUM
11. Details of project submitted and granted at AUM
12. Information on ongoing collaborations
13. Student Achievements
14. Information on Sport Day celebrated at AUM
15. Details of Examination Result
16. Information on PhD Course
17. Information on various Scholarship awarded to AUM students
18. Information on number of faculty, staff and support staffs at AUM



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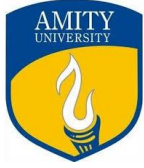
19. Information on infrastructural facility at AUM
20. Information on library
21. Information on Placement activities

After presenting the annual report of the university, the Hon'ble Vice Chancellor stated that he would be presenting the same Annual Report in the forthcoming Governing Body meeting on 14 December 2021 in the presence of the Hon'ble Chancellor. He requested suggestions from the Members of the Board of Management on the Annual Report of the university.

Shri Ashish Bindra stated that the annual report of AUM presented the Hon'ble Vice Chancellor was a very impressive one. He admired the efforts of all at AUM for doing a great job for achieving great milestones in a small period of time. Shri Ashish Bindra suggested that in its Annual Report, AUM should include information on CFSA Scholarship which is awarded to students who lost their near and dear ones due to COVID.

Hon'ble Vice Chancellor agreed to the suggestion of Shri Ashish Bindra and thanked Shri Ashish Bindra stating that Founder President & Hon'ble Chancellor have been very kind to waive off the complete fee of the students who lost their bread earning member during pandemic. There are 17 such cases, that have been recommended by AUM to head office. The decision of Head Office is expected soon on these 17 cases. However, till such time, these 17 students are allowed to continue their studies and their academic progress is not stopped, though they have not paid the fee. The Hon'ble Vice Chancellor stated that this a great gesture from Amity University, who do not take education as a business and treat education as its duty towards humanity. He thanked Shri Ashish Bindra for reminding to include this important point in our Annual Report which had got missed.

Shri Ashish Bindra mentioned, that he is bit disappointed to see the Tata Technology course is not doing well at AUM in spite of the Amity University having good relations with Tata Management. He remarked that under Tata Technology, we are offering a popular course and



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Tatas give internship at their facility, so the number of students taking this course should have been more. He further added that perhaps there is a need for AUM to get in touch with Tata Management to build the relation further. He also said that Tata Management was also keen on taking the Electric Vehicle Research possibility.

On this, Pro Vice Chancellor Dr. Santhosh Kumar informed that he agreed to Shri Ashish Ji. Dr. Santhosh Kumar stated that after taking charge of Pro Vice Chancellor, he is visiting all the institutions at AUM one by one. He visited the Amity School of Engineering and Technology and saw this Tata Tie-up facility also. During his visit, he emphasized that the facility needs a upgradation and revamping. He further added that Dr. Shrikant Charhate Dean Academics and Director ASET is already on tune and taking steps to revive things after COVID situations easing. Recently hands-on National Workshop under IIC banner on 3D printing was conducted, which got good response. To this Shri Ashish Bindra stated that the investment in term of setting up the lab facility for Tata Technology was done by Amity. If any revamping or upgradation required should be brought up in terms of future investments.

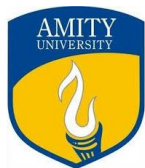
Dr. Shrikant Charhate stated that he agreed with Shri Ashish Ji that the number of admissions to Tata Technology courses is low in spite of having high potential. He further added, that he is personally in touch with Dr. Ishtiaq Khan from Tata at their Pune facility. At AUM, we have only contact point with Dr. Ishtiaq Khan of Tata. To this Shri Ashish ji stated that if AUM wished he can help establishing some more contacts with Tata Technology Management.

Dr. Santhosh Kumar stated that we would need new infrastructure facility and revamping of some old ones in this area, if we are targeting to attract the Electric Vehicle Research project.

## **Agenda – 7**

**Research activities at AUM to include projects, publications and patents submitted by University.**





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The update on the Research activities at AUM to include projects, publications and patents submitted by Amity University Maharashtra was to be presented by Dean Research – Dr. Aparna Khanna. But, since she being on leave, the Registrar invited Dean Academics Dr. Shrikant Charhate to present the same.

Dr. Shrikant Charhate presented to the Members of the Board of Management update on the Research activities at AUM to include projects, publications and patents submitted by Amity University Maharashtra. His presentation covered following details:

## 1. Research Publications

Amity University campus	No. of publications	SCOPUS INDEXED publications
AUM	383 (Jan-Oct 2021 : 115)	228 (Jan-Oct 2021 : 66)

## 2. Research funding (Project submitted/ongoing):

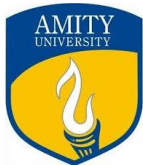
Amity University campus	No. of Project submitted	No. of Project sanctioned
AUM	157 (Jan-Oct 2021 : 33)	17 (Jan-Oct 2021 : 6)

## 3. Research Conferences/Workshops

Amity University campus	No. of conferences/FDPs Attended	No. of conferences/FDPs Organized
AUM	347 (Jan-Oct 2021 : 185)	119 (Jan-Oct 2021 : 39)

## 4. Patents filed/Granted:

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AUM	20/4 (Jan-Oct 2021 : 10)



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## 5. Ph.D. admissions

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AUM	198 (Jan-Oct 2021 : 59)

## 6. MoUs

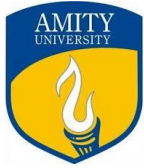
Amity University campus	No of MOUs signed
AUM	24 (Jan-Oct 2021 : 6)

## 7. Lockdown period (Webinar/Lecture/Workshops attended)

Amity University campus	webinar/lecture/workshop Attended
AUM	1,633 (Jan-Oct 2021 : 423)

## 8. GOVERNMENT –FUNDED PROJECTS

School/ Institute	Funding Agency	Duration of project	Project Amount	Status
AIB	ICMR, New Delhi	3 years	INR. 1.3 Crores	Ongoing
AIB	Department of Biotechnology, Gol	5 Year	30.00 Lakh	Ongoing
AIB (ACoeA)	University of Edinburgh: Australian Centre of Astrobiology	--	US\$ 1,000	Ongoing
AIB	Mars Society Australia	--	2 Lakh	Ongoing
AIB	Research Society for the Study of Diabetes in India	2 years	2.34 Lakh	Ongoing



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## 9. INDUSTRY-FUNDED PROJECTS

School/ Institute	Funding Agency	Duration of project	Project Amount	Status
AIB	IVY skin and Pvt Ltd	2 Months	INR 35200/-	Ongoing
AIB (ACoeA)	SatSure Pvt. Ltd	--	5 Lakh	Ongoing

## 10. News letters/Magazines:

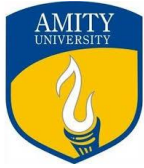
School/Institute/ Department	News letter/Magazine
ASFDT	StyleQ Magazine - Autumn/ Fall-Winter 2020-21
ASFDT	StyleQ Digital Blog
AILA	The Young Imprint a quarterly student magazine-cum-journal wherein students can post their analysis on a given topic.

The members of the Board of Management appreciated the research initiatives taken by Amity University Maharashtra and remarked that the university has tremendous potential and though already the university is doing good, it should aspire to do better.

Shri Ashish Singh stated that all the Centres of Excellence at AUM are largely oriented towards science and technology. We do not have any centre in commerce, business management and humanity at AUM. A centre of excellence in Financial Management could also be established since AU M is situated in the Financial Capital of the Country.

Hon'ble Vice Chancellor thanked Shri Ashish Singh ji for his suggestion and stated that he fully endorsed the views of Ashish Ji. He further added that there could be some collaboration with Stock Exchange and NIFTY, which Amity University Gwalior is successfully doing.

Dr. Santhosh Kumar added that in his ongoing visits to the institutions at AUM, he has already proposed 3 new centres of excellences one each in the areas of Business Management,



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Psychology and Law. The Head of the respective institutions has been asked to initiate work on this and in 2022, there would be some visible progress seen on this front.

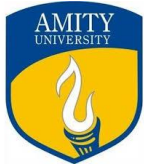
Dr. Kamal Kant Dwivedi stated that there is no doubt that the university has great potential. Looking at the age of the university, he admired the achievements achieved by it. However, his observation is that out of 197 faculty members only 53% are PhD qualified. That means 47% of faculty are still out of the research activity. He is aware that as a policy, Amity is hiring faculty having PhD qualification. With this the percentage will improve in the future. He further stated that it is important for university to publish articles in high impact factor journal and do good research output. This is very important for accreditation and ranking. We need to target minimum of 2 to 3 research papers in high impact factor journals by every faculty per year. As per NAAC a minimum of 2 research papers by a every faculty is below threshold. Although he congratulated the efforts of Dean Academics and Dean Research for doing good work, but still there is tremendous scope to do better.

## **Agenda – 9**

### **Any other point with permission to the Chair.**

With the permission of the Chair, The Registrar proposed presenting for adopting Guidelines on Determination of a uniform span period within which a student may be allowed to qualify for a degree as formulated by the University Grants Commission. The Registrar informed the members of the Board of Management, that approval for its adoption has been obtained by the Academic Council through circulation.

The Registrar invited officiating Controller of Examination AUM Mr. Sandeep Gundeti to present before the members of the Board of Management the N+2 guidelines as formulated by the UGC, requested the approval of the Board of Management to amend the Amity Guidelines in line with the UGC.



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The Officiating Controller of Examination AUM Mr. Sandeep Gundeti presented before the members of the Board of Management UGC notice D.O.No.F.12-1/2015(CPP-II) dated 15th Oct 2021 for uniform span of N+2 for a student to qualify for the degree with further extension of 1 year in exceptional circumstance under the powers of Vice Chancellor.

The Members of the Board of Management approved the adoption of the same and directed to amend the Amity Guidelines in line with the UGC recommendations.

In his concluded remark, Dr. Kamal Kant Dwivedi stated that AUM should take steps to complete the UGC inspection as soon as possible. Hon'ble Vice Chancellor agreed to the Dr. Dwivedi and directed the Registrar to complete the compilation of UGC inspection form at the submit the same for the kind review of the good offices of Dr. Dwivedi and under his guidance AUM should go ahead and file the same with UGC for an early inspection.

Dr. Dwivedi further added that since now we are participating in some international rankings such as QS and Times. For this, every campus is requested to make a robust, large, and comprehensive ranking team. From AUM, he wished more faculty to get involved in this activity. Hon'ble Vice Chancellor stated that we have already taken steps in this regard and have revamped the Directorate of Accreditation and Rankings has been reformulated. Dr. Santhosh Kumar stated that the revamping has been done in keeping with UGC norms.

Dr. Dwivedi expressed his satisfaction on the LMS usage by faculty at AUM Campus. He retreated that the Central Team is very satisfied with the progress AUM is making. He stated that the Head Office Team is committed to give all cooperation, guidance and hand holding to the university.

Since there was no other point to be discussed The Board of Management Meeting concluded with Hon'ble Vice Chancellor extending the vote of thanks to the members and thanked them for their enthusiastic participation and for giving valuable inputs. Hon'ble Vice Chancellor re-assured all the Members of the Board of Management that all the inputs and suggestions given



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by the members will be taken in letter and spirit and shall be implemented. He further added that the university is well poised to make a place for itself under the Sun. With the active help and support of all we shall continue our path towards excellence. With the joining of Pro Vice Chancellor Dr. Santhosh Kumar, who is residing on campus, the university will do even better. Already the university is committed to complete UGC inspection in early 2022 followed with applying for NAAC accreditation. The university will also work towards improving in research and publications. He concluded his remarks by mentioning that though he endorses the views of the management to recruit faculty with PhD qualifications, however, at times there is a constraint to get PhD qualified faculty in certain areas such as foreign languages, law, fashion and others. At the same time, it is important to run the university and teach the students. This calls for a fine balance which needs to be achieved. In such cases approval from President and Chancellor is sought to recruit teaching assistants. However, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor stated that he is committed to increase the number of faculty with PhD qualification.



**Dr. H. S. Vyas**  
**Registrar**

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**Date: 12<sup>th</sup> December 2021**

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