

AMITY UNIVERSITY

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MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF MANAGEMENT MEETING HELD ON 26th November 2020 (THROUGH ONLINE MODE ON MS TEAMS)

The meeting of the board of Management was held on 26th November 2020 at 10:30 AM through online mode on MS Teams.

Following members were present in the meeting.

1. Lt. Gen. V K Sharma AVSM (Retd)
2. Dr. Ashish Singh
3. Dr. Ashish Bindra
4. Dr. S Raghava Chari
5. Dr. Shrikant Charhate
6. Dr. Aradhana Khare
7. Dr. Khushal Vibhute

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

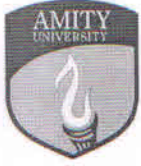
1. Prof. (Dr.) P. B. Sharma
2. Lt. Col. Arun Sharma

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. Vice Chancellor

The Board of Management meeting begin with Hon. Vice Chancellor welcoming the members of the Board of Management members. In his welcome address, Hon. VC sir informed the members of the BOM that in spite of the pandemic situation, AUM has done a great job by securing a position in 150 to 200 best universities by NRIF. However, he further stated that this is just the beginning and we should strive to improving our ranking to 100 to 150 category and thereafter within 1 to 2 years, we must be among the best 100 universities of the country.



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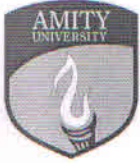
Hon. VC sir also mentioned that AUM has been doing a well in research work. He informed the members that the Center of Excellence in Astro Biology has got a sanction from ISRO to launch a patrol consisting of 2 capsules of Amity University of 10 kgs free of cost. Hon. VC sir shared that Dr. Dattatray Late has been judged among world's 2% best scientists in Nano Technology. AUM has achieved this year admission 17% higher than the students admitted in the last year, this shows that the popularity of the university amongst students and population of Maharashtra is improving. VC mentioned that our faculties at AUM have also been doing a good job by conducting multiple value-added webinars and high-quality guest lectures. Hon. VC sir mentioned about the delay in the publication of Ordinances and Statutes of AUM by the Govt. and that the matter will be taken up with the Higher Education Department, Government of Maharashtra. Till that time, we will have a relook at them and revise the same as per our need.

Hon. VC added that since AUM started functioning in 2014, till date there are 3 batches of undergraduate course and 5 batches of post-graduate passed out students who are bringing goodwill to the university. Hon. VC sir suggested that a separate chapter be opened for the alumni of AUM.

Hon. VC sir stated that students and parents are the biggest stakeholders of the university and we have conducted meetings with the parents by every institution. The feedback received from the parents is encouraging about the online classes that the university has been conducting. Some parents have requested to reduce the onscreen time of the student, which is being looked into.

Hon. VC sir mentioned that online examinations were conducted and the results were declared in time. Process to conduct online examination for existing batches and for law has been initiated. The same will be held from 7th Dec 2020 onwards. For the Law students, who were promoted last year based on their previous semester assessment and internal assessments of even semester, the university will conduct their examination in line with the recommendations of BCI. Mock tests for all the students will be conducted prior to commencement of exams.

Hon. VC sir concluded his welcome address by requesting the members of the BOM to help the university to move towards excellence. Hon. VC sir informed the members of BOM that we have appointed Dr. Shrikant Charhate as Officiating Dean Academics and Dr. Gautam Gawali as Officiating Dean Student Welfare.



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Hon. VC then directed The Registrar to take the discussion forward as per the agenda.

Agenda – 2

Ratification of the Minutes and Action taken report of the previous Board of Management Meeting held on 13th March 2020.

The Registrar placed before the members of the Board of Management the Minutes and Action taken report of the previous Board of Management Meeting held on 13th March 2020. The same was approved by the members.

Agenda – 3

Approval of the Minutes of the Academic Council Meeting held on 13th October 2020.

The Registrar placed before the members of the Board of Management the Minutes of the Academic Council Meeting held on 13th October 2020. The same was approved by the members.

Agenda – 4

Approval of budget for the Academic Year 2020 – 21.

The registrar stated that the Office of the Chancellor Sir has approved budget for 2020 – 21 for Amity University, Maharashtra and same is being adhered to at AUM.

Agenda – 5

Review of admission report for the Academic Year 2020 – 21.

The Registrar placed before the member of the Board of Management the status of admissions achieved at AUM as on 25th Nov 2020 as compare to the admission level that was achieved by 25th Nov 2019.

On the said point, Dr. Ashish Bindra, wanted to know if the admission figures were inclusive of withdrawals. It was informed by the Registrar that the figures are of students admitted, however, details of withdrawals have already been compiled.



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Agenda – 6

Approval of Statutes and Ordinance of AUM.

The Registrar placed before the members of the Board of Management various suggestions made by HOIs for the changes to be made in the Statutes and Ordinances of AUM.

Suggestion made by HOI AIB to include University Research Council – URC has to be included in the Statutes. The same is accepted by Hon. VC Sir and directed the Registrar to include the same.

Suggestion made by HOI ASET to change point no. 13 under Powers and Duties of Vice Chancellor as, The Pro-Vice-Chancellor shall be the Penultimate Disciplinary authority of teachers and Group A officers of the University to the Vice Chancellor, while the Vice Chancellor will be the final disciplinary authority for all employees of the University.

Agenda – 7

Approval of major events proposed by various schools for the even semester 2020 – 21.

The Registrar placed before the members of the Board of Management various events as proposed by respective HOIs for the even semester 2020 – 21.

Dr. Ashish Singh wanted to know if the faculty development program is conducted at University and Institutions Level.

After due deliberations, it was concluded that at University Level the FDP's should be conducted on generic topics. However, at institution level FDP can be conducted on topic relevant to the respective institution. But the same can may be conducted during vacations or on online Govt. portals like ARPIT (Annual Refresher Program for Institutional Teachers).

Dr. Khushal Vibhute, Dr. Aparna Khare, Dr. S Raghav Chari and Dr. Shrikant Charhate seconded the views of VC sir on the FDP and confirmed that there is already a process in place where FDPs are being conducted at University and institutions level. After listening to the deliberations of the members, VC sir conducted that during summer vacation university shall have 1 FDP that is generic in nature and 1 FDP should be by each



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institution by the respective HOIs specific to their domain, the topic for the same may be decided by VC in consultation with HOIs.

Agenda – 8

Approval of the teaching and non-teaching appointments during the year 2020 – 21.

The Registrar placed before the members of the Board of Management the summary of teaching and non-teaching appointments made during 2020 – 21, and the same was approved.

Agenda – 9

Approval of the appointment of Visiting Faculty during the year 2020 – 21.

The Registrar placed before the members of the Board of Management the summary of the number of Visiting Faculties invited at AUM during 2020 – 21, and the same was approved.

However, Hon. VC sir added that the dependency on the visiting faculty by the university should be reduced by appointing full time faculty and improve the Teacher Student Ratio to 1:15 for Engineering and 1:20 for other courses. The minimum qualification for the recruitment of faculty should be PhD.

Agenda – 10

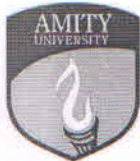
Requirement of Teaching Staffs for the upcoming even semester 2020 – 21.

The Registrar placed before the members of the Board of Management the summary of the number of Teaching Staffs required for even semester 2020 – 21, and the same was approved.

Agenda – 11

Approval of the Scholarship for the first year and existing student proposed by AUM for the year 2020 – 21.

The Registrar placed before the members of the Board of Management the summary of the Continuation of Scholarship recommended by AUM for the year 2020 – 21, and the same was approved.



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Hon. VC sir insisted that the process to get the continuation of scholarship from head office should get speeded up. Hon. VC sir Suggested to constitute the Central Committee for the Award of Scholarship.

Hon. VC sir also stated that we need to be more proactive and should expediate the process of compilation of data for the award of scholarship to first year students so that the approval for the same may be obtained from head office in time.

Agenda – 12

Any other point with permission of the chair.

Dr. Aradhana Khare suggested that we need to have a look at the various committees constituted at the university level and review the members that are there on these committees.

VC sir instructed the Registrar to review all the committees at University level and list down the members who have left our university, or their tenure has ended should be changed with the approval of competent authority.

VC sir suggested that as a matter of system, when a person leaves the organization, The Registrar Office should have a look if the said person is a member of any committee. And in such a situation, can ask the respective HOIs to suggest another person's name to be inducted in place of the person leaving the university.

Dr. Shrikant Charhate suggested that along with the information of how many teaching and non-teaching staffs have joined university, we can also include information about the attrition level of the teaching and non-teaching staffs. VC sir gave his consent that from next BOM meeting, we should have this information.

Dr. Raghava Chari suggested that when HOIs are suggesting the members for a committee, there has to be some screening mechanism to ensure that under-qualified person name is not recommended.

VC stated that there can be a case where a person though not qualified would be doing a better job than highly qualified person. Hence, there is no harm in recommending such good persons to be member of statutory boards or committees.

Dr. Ashish Singh stated that at University level the qualifications to become member of a committee or a board is already laid down. Hence, if any HOI is recommending the name of an individual not having the required



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qualification, but having other good qualities, has to built-up a case in favor of such person and obtain approval from Hon. Vice Chancellor.

Dr. Shrikant Charhate suggested that we need to appoint members to committees such as URC – University Research Committee very cautiously. Hon. VC sir advised the Registrar to have a look at the constitution of the URC as per the guidelines of UGC and incase we do not have the required persons at AUM, we can take help of other Amity Universities. It will help us to harness on each others strength. The same was seconded and appreciated by Dr. Ashish Singh.

The Board of Management Meeting ended with Hon. VC Sir extending the vote of thanks to the members for their enthusiastic participation and for giving valuable inputs.

Dr. H. S. Vyas
Registrar



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- Chairman of the Board of Management
- All Members

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