

Proceedings

First Academic Advisory Board Meeting

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Venue: Board Room, 5th Floor, 1C Admin Building, MUJ

Date: December 12, 2014

Members Present:

1. Prof H S Ballal, Pro-Chancellor MU, Manipal
2. Prof S K Joshi, Former Director General, CSIR & Professor Emeritus
3. Shri D R Mehta, Founder and Chief Patron, Mahaveer Viklang Sahayata Samiti
4. Prof V S Vyas, Emeritus Professor, IDS
5. Dr Yogesh Atal, Emeritus Professor, MP Institute of Social Science Research, Ujjain
6. Prof Ramesh Takulia, Consultant, National Council for HM &CT, Ministry of Tourism
7. Prof P R Mehta, Ex. President, CoA, Design Action Group
8. Prof Sandeep Sancheti, President MUJ
9. Prof K Garg, Dean FoE MUJ
10. Prof N K Garg, Dean FoD MUJ
11. Prof B K Sharma, Dean FoS MUJ
12. Prof Mridul Srivastava, Dean FoA&L MUJ
13. Prof Vandana Suhag, Registrar MUJ
14. Prof Raj Sharma, Emeritus Professor, MUJ
15. Prof S N Sharan, Director SEEC MUJ
16. Prof Rajesh Mathur, Director SET MUJ
17. Prof Gopi Chand Tikkiwal, Director SBS
18. Prof Sorab Sadri, Director SB&C
19. Prof Raghuvir Singh, Director TSB
20. Prof Richa Arora, Director Admissions MUJ
21. Dr Ajay Kumar, Professor In-Charge Academics MUJ
22. Dr Nidhi Singhal, Head T&P MUJ
23. Dr Tanmoy Chakraborty, Assistant Registrar(A) MUJ



At the outset, the President welcomed all members to the meeting. The meeting commenced with a small but articulate presentation by Dean FoD about the journey of Manipal University Jaipur from its inception till date.

All members lauded the remarkable progress made by the University in such a short time and suggested their view points on all issues as per agenda.

Various points discussed and the decisions taken thereon are as follows:

ITEM No I Academic Programmes:

Shape of things to come - Preparing MUJ to address the challenges of the future in order to evolve better teaching-learning activities and develop best practices in the academic domain.

Existing diverse academic programmes, along with pedagogy followed at MUJ, were vividly presented by the President MUJ. Some challenges of the academic domain, likely to be faced by the University in the near future, as brought out during this presentation, are:

- i) Modus operandi with regard to the exchange of credits during inter Institutional movement of students
- ii) Use of open learning in existing academic methodology
- iii) Proper implementation of research based teaching learning
- iv) Making the examination system more innovative
- v) Promoting interdisciplinary academic curricula

On the basis of above mentioned challenges, the following two open ended questions were placed before the committee, inviting suggestions & guidance:

- i) Is there any void in the existing teaching, learning and evaluation methods which could be addressed?
- ii) Can MUJ move in a specific direction to create its own USP?

Some salient suggestions given by the members are given below:

- i) Academics to be focused to the modern day's demand
- ii) Students to be explored to more practical classes and hands on experience
- iii) Mentorship in academic domain be planned
- iv) Curriculum to be focused for twining programmes / International collaborations





- v) Open forum for discussion between students and faculty to be introduced.

ITEM No II: Research

Inculcate research culture at all levels – Evolving strategies for research based teaching- learning and strengthening interdisciplinary research infrastructure.

A brief of the research activities at MUJ were presented by Dean FoS and R&I. The initiatives taken to improve quality of research and the efforts of faculty members within this time period were highly appreciated by the committee.

Some suggestions were given for further improvement in the research domain:

- i) Making the Ph D programme stronger
- ii) Faculty's achievement in research domain to be appropriately recognized.
- iii) Research in the field of technical and social sciences to be improved.
- iv) Research addressed to country's demand to be given priority.
- v) Frugal aspects also to be considered during implementation of initiatives in research domain.

ITEM No III: Faculty

Adopt innovative practices for nurturing quality faculty – building capacity and ensuring continuous professional development.

Some major concerns related to attracting and retaining quality faculty members in the University were discussed by the Dean FoE. Issues regarding maintaining the quality of academic environment and to attract and retain quality teaching faculty were placed before the committee.

Some distinct points that evolved as a result of the discussions are summarized below:

- i) Creation of Chairs for distinguished faculty members (limited term / long term) should be considered.
- ii) International Faculty should be approached for visiting assignment.
- iii) A strong in-house Faculty Development Programme (FDP) should be set up.



ITEM No IV: Outreach

Human development and societal connect – Involving industry experts and society leaders in teaching & research and promoting entrepreneurship.

Pedagogy being used currently and required in near future at MUJ for societal connect and human development, were presented by Director SBC. Issues pertaining to more involvement of industry experts and society leaders in teaching and research and promoting entrepreneurship were placed before the committee for their directions and suggestions.

Suggestions received in this regard are noted below:

- i. Vocational Training to be promoted in a long way.
- ii. Presence of the University to be showcased to society in terms of involvement of different activities to connect with the locals.
- iii. Skill development in the neighborhood to be explored.

There being no other point, the meeting ended with a vote of thanks by the Registrar MUJ.




Registrar MUJ