



OPJU

UNIVERSITY OF STEEL TECHNOLOGY  
AND MANAGEMENT

October 26, 2020

## MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF GOVERNING BODY

Minutes of the meeting of Governing Body of OP Jindal University (OPJU) held on October 19, 2020 through zoom platform at 04:00 PM as per the given agenda:

1. Welcome to the following new members in the Governing Body of the University nominated by the Hon'ble Governor (the Visitor) and Government of Chhattisgarh as per the Act.

- Dr. Saroj Kashyap, Retired Principal, Govt. Bilasa Girls College, Bilaspur
- Dr. Manju Salil Mitra, Retired Principal, Govt. Arts and Commerce PG College, Bilaspur
- Dr. R. N. Baghel, Retired Professor, Pt. Ravi Shankar Shukla University, Raipur
- Dr. Samarendra Singh, State NSS Officer, and Deputy Secretary, Department of Higher Education, Government of Chhattisgarh.

2. To appraise all the members with the recent activities of the University
3. Ultimate and short term GPS (Goal, Priorities, and Strategy) of the University
4. Approval for extension of scholarship and privileges
5. Approval for hiring the teaching and non-teaching staff members as per the norms
6. Restore/Revision/Induction of some HR Policies
7. Induction of new members in the Board of Management of the University
8. Permission to open Bank Account of the University in HDFC Bank, Raigarh
9. Financial snapshot
10. Any other point with the permission of the chair.

The following members attended the meeting:

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| 01. | Mr. Pravin Purang, Chancellor, OPJU      | : | Chairman         |
| 02. | Dr. R. D. Patidar, Vice Chancellor, OPJU | : | Member           |
| 03. | Dr. B. K. Sthapak                        | : | Member           |
| 04. | Dr. Saroj Kashyap                        | : | Member           |
| 05. | Dr. Manju Salil Mitra                    | : | Member           |
| 06. | Dr. R. N. Baghel                         | : | Member           |
| 07. | Dr. Samarendra Singh                     | : | Member           |
| 08. | Mr. Bimlendra Jha                        | : | Special Invitee  |
| 09. | Mr. Siddhant Chaturvedi                  | : | Special Invitee  |
| 10. | Mr. Anurag Vijaywargiya                  | : | Member Secretary |



The following proceedings were recorded in the meeting:

1. Mr. Anurag Vijaywargiya, Registrar (Member Secretary) welcomed all the members of the Governing Body and introduced Dr. Saroj Kashyap, Dr. Manju Salil Mitra, Dr. R. N. Baghel, and Dr. Samarendra Singh as the new members of the Governing Body, OP Jindal University. He requested to the Vice-Chancellor for further processing of the meeting.

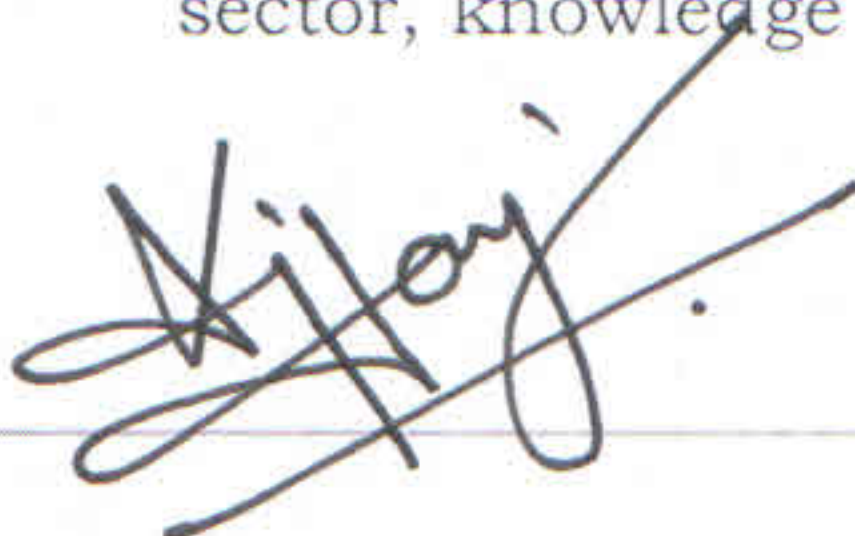
2. Dr. R. D. Patidar, Vice Chancellor, OPJU greeted all the members of the Governing Body. He also welcomed the new members along with Mr. Bimlendra Jha, Advisor to the Hon'ble Chairman of JSPL. With the permission of the Chair, Dr. Patidar started the presentation consisting of the following four vital parts and narrated the Vision and Mission in order to build OPJU a globally-recognized University.

- Part-A: About OPJU
- Part-B: Major achievement 2019-20-21 and looking forward 2020-21
- Part-C: Next five years as well as long term vision
- Part-D: Approval sought from distinguished members

3. All the members were apprised about the vision & mission of the University, courses offered by the University, new programs started by the University in the year 2020-21, student strength, faculty strength, placement & internship achievements, University infrastructure, work carried out during COVID-19 pandemic period viz. online teaching-learning & examinations, 150+ webinars, 5 FDPs, virtual summer camp, international conference, etc., research publication by the faculty members, etc. He also informed about the preparation of the NAAC. In this regard, Dr. Manju Salic Mitra has expressed her desire to help & guide the University for preparing the SSR for NAAC.

4. All members were also informed about the major achievement of the University in 2019-20, infrastructure development work carried out in 2019-20, yearly admission scenario, admission analysis on different parameters. Plans & Priorities for the year 2020-21, presented by Dr. Patidar related to academic, research, regulatory, Centers development, key infrastructural development, Major events to be organized, etc. were also praised by the members. He also has drawn the attention of members towards major issues and challenges and actions planned to overcome from this. All the members appreciated the efforts of the University.

5. Dr. Patidar also presented the next 5 years' plan "Vision2025" as well as long term plan "Vision 2030". He informed that in the next 5 years University will focus on globally recognized steel university by developing five industry-focused capability center of excellences in the field of Technology & Product Development, Marketing, Industry 4.0, Logistic & Manufacturing. In the next 5 years, the University will start more Steel Technology based program, industry-linked degree program, industry-linked research, skill development for steel sector, knowledge repository and sharing and policy advocacy.







6. He also presented the Expansion plan of the campus boundary by acquiring the 9 acres of the land at the girls' hostel side and 5 acres of land at boys' hostel side. This land will be used in the future for developing the Main gate at Highway side, construction of boundary walls, Parking shed, Auditorium of capacity 1000, Swimming Pool, the Vice-chancellor and the Registrar Bungalows, IVth class employee's quarters, separate academic block for SOM & SOS, separate building for Centre of Excellences, etc. In this regard Mr. Bimlendra Jha advised sharing the detailed plan of the land development.

7. All the members were informed that in long term vision-2030, our focus will be to establish the University as an "Internationally Recognized University of Steel Technology" with "Institution of Eminence".

8. The Vice-Chancellor also presented the financial snapshot of the University. The financial management of the University was appreciated by the members.

9. It was proposed to induct Mr. Vikas Goyal, EVP, RUBM, JSPL in the Board of Management of the University as a JEWS representative in place of Mr. Asheesh Gupta. Hon'ble Chancellor suggested to ask the JEWS for his nomination because the seat is vacant as JEWS nominee.

10. The Hon'ble Chancellor, OPJU has highly praised the efforts of the Vice-Chancellor in providing/sharing of the various vital details of the University to the members of the Governing Body. He also appreciated the efforts of the Vice-Chancellor, the registrar and the entire OPJU team. He was very happy to note about the establishment of the Atal Community Innovation Centre (ACIC) under the Atal Innovation Mission (AIM) by Niti Aayog, New Delhi. He also suggested formulating a committee to look after the existing HR policy and incorporate many new points as per the requirement of the University. He cordially invited other members to share their views and give suggestions for the improvement of the University.

11. Answering the points raised by Dr. R. N. Baghel regarding the measures are being taken for developing the communication skills of the students Dr. Patidar informed that in CDC three faculty members are exclusively entrusted the responsibility of developing the communication skills of the students from the 1<sup>st</sup> year onwards as communication skill and soft skill are part of the curriculum. Before the commencement of the classes, three-week induction programs are being conducted to improve the communication skills of the students. It was intimated by the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor to Dr. Baghel on his 2<sup>nd</sup> question that presently we have 09 faculty members in ME and out of which 5 faculties are the Ph.D. holders and remaining 04 are pursuing Ph.D. We are planning to recruit 8 to 10 new faculty members across all the programs. There may be 1 to 2 new faculties for the ME Department.

12. Mr. Bimlendra Jha pointed out and gave his advice on the following points:

- Since OPJU is to be recognized as the University of Steel Technology and Management, there is no relevance for starting the School of Pharmacy. OPJU is very nearer to the hub of the mining area, Steel and Power companies, Cement companies so suitable programs are to be introduced to



match the requirement. When we are choosing the various schools at the same time should see what is the synergy for the purpose of the organization. Dr. Patidar agreed to opt for the Power Technology, Material Technology, Mining Technology, and Construction Technology is very logical.

- Mr. Bimlendra Jha advised for the submission of a road map for acquiring nine and five acres of land and utilization of the same. Dr. Patidar assured him to submit all the details soon.

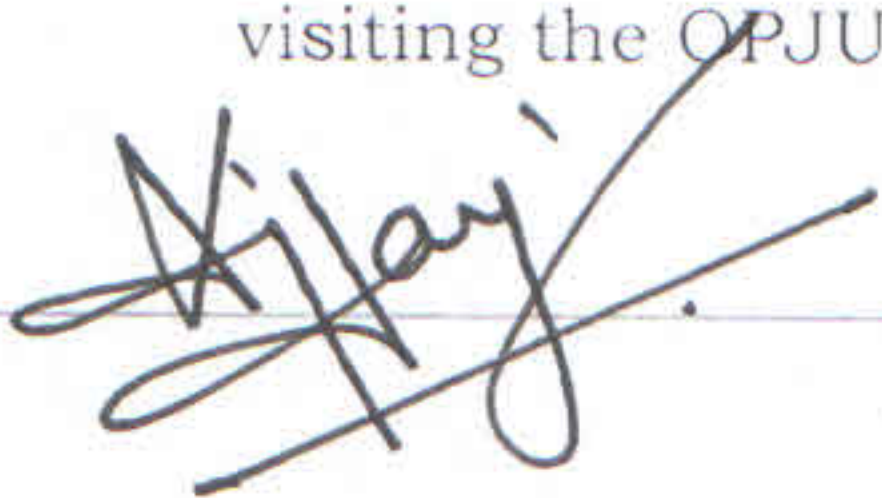
- It is also intimated by Mr. Jha that in Laptop Policy there is no definition of value limit and 40% of the value is undefined. OPJU may like to define an upper limit and employees may be allowed to spend more, as per their choice. Dr. Patidar assured him to incorporate this point in the policy.

- It is also observed by Mr. Jha that OPJU would like to collaborate with JGU, Sonapat. He had been to JGU during last week and found that they have put up some wonderful facility like Public communication, Radio communication, TV communication, Mock Courtroom, etc., in order to facilitate the students to go through the various programs for developing their communication skills. It was also emphasized that COVID-19 Pandemic has taught us a lesson to find out the best faculties from anywhere of the world, who can teach students online. The online learning integrated materials can be located from the websites as per the required subjects.

13. Dr. B. K. Sthapak congratulated the vice-Chancellor for the expressive presentation covering entire aspects of the teaching-learning system being followed and future plans to be implemented for the overall development of the University. Dr. Sthapak has informed the members about the importance of the New Education Policy advised implementing the New Education policy at OPJU. Dr. Patidar expressed that OPJU is very keen to implement the NEP. We have formulated a team consisting of Sr. faculty members headed by the Dean, SOE. All the necessary action plans have been prepared to revamp the curriculum.

14. Dr. Samarendra Singh observed that the present ratio of students and teachers is quite good and wanted to know the reason for recruiting more faculties. He emphasized focusing on social welfare, sports facilities, and quality control. Dr. Patidar intimated that on account of the increase of student strength (200 numbers) the requirement of new faculties is necessary to maintain the ratio. We are having the best sports facilities on the campus and two Sports officers are looking after the same. We are conducting Yoga, Meditation, etc., regularly to keep our staff members and students stress-free.

15. Dr. Saroj Kashyap praised highly the Vice-Chancellor after going through the entire presentation. She appreciated the steps taken for the establishment of ACIC and Swatch Bharat Abhijan. Dr. Patidar intimated to all the members that once the COVID-19 crises are over he will definitely invite all the members for visiting the OPJU campus to bless the students and staff members.





16. Dr. Manju Salil Mitra expressed her desire to help the University at the time of NAAC accreditation since she is having good experience in this direction. She also advised launching a program at the University to facilitate the students for learning foreign languages (Russian, Frances, Germany) as some of the students going abroad after completion of their study. Mr. Bimlendra Jha advised that students can use self-learning software to know the language of various countries as per their requirements.

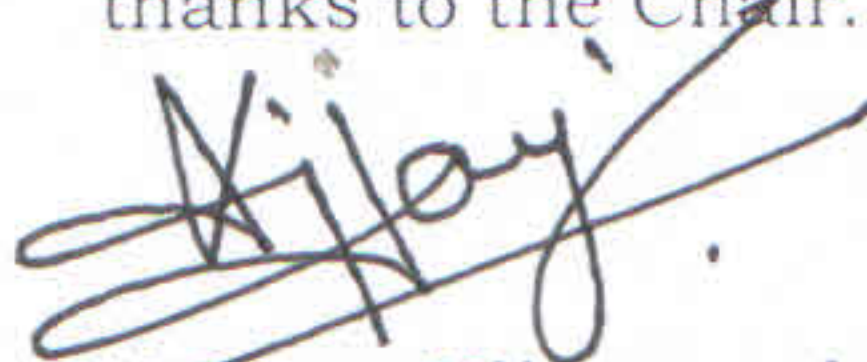
17. Following proposals were presented for approval:

- Continuation Scholarships and Privileges to the students. This year 20 % concession in hostel fee will be given to the girl students in place of transportation fees.
- 10 more faculty members will be hired in the different cadre as per the need of the departments.
- Marriage gist policy for female employees and daughter of the employees.
- 50 % concession in tuition fee of the employee/spouse of the employee/ward of the employee w.e.f. the academic year 2020-21. Also applicable for the existing students from academic year 2020-21.
- Own Your Laptop scheme
- To open the bank account of the University with HDFC bank.

All the above proposals were sent to the members through the mail after incorporating the suggestion given by them and the same has been approved unanimously.

18. At the end of the meeting the Hon'ble Chancellor congratulated the Vice-Chancellor, the Registrar and all the faculty & staff members of OPJU for their good jobs and achievements during the last 4 to 5 months. He advised adopting a blended model of teaching-learning process where 70% of teaching is to be undertaken by the respective faculty members and 30% online teaching and guidance from the industry experts.

19. There being no other points to be discussed, the meeting concluded with thanks to the Chair.



(Anurag Vijaywargiya)  
Registrar & Member Secretary

