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UNIVERSITY OF STEEL TECHNOLOGY
AND MANAGEMENT

Date: 25th February 2021

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF GOVERNING BODY

Minutes of the meeting of the Governing Body of OP Jindal University (OPJU) held at 4:00 PM on 19.02.2021 (Friday) through zoom platform as per the agenda given below:

To appraise the Hon'ble members about:

1. Recent achievements and plan for 2021-22
2. Priorities, Issues, and Challenges
3. Forthcoming events
4. Development plans
5. Financial snapshot

Approval from the Hon'ble members on the following matters:

1. Launch of new M. Tech program in Steel Technology in the Department of Metallurgical Engineering
2. Launch of new M. Tech program in Manufacturing Technology & Automation in the Department of Mechanical Engineering
3. To start the Executive MBA program for working professionals in-line with IIMs.
4. To start a full-time Ph.D. program with JSPL
5. Continuation of various scholarships and Privileges
6. Manpower hiring (Teaching and Non-Teaching) for 2021-22
7. Campus Expansion (Construction of Main Gate and Boundary wall)
8. The requirement of faculty accommodations in the SSD-OPJU colony at Punjipathra
9. Any other point with the permission of the Chair

The following members attended the meeting:

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| 1. | Mr. Pravin Purang, Chancellor, OPJU | : Chairman |
| 2. | Dr. R. D. Patidar, Vice Chancellor, OPJU | : Member |
| 3. | Dr. B. K. Sthapak | : Member |
| 4. | Dr. Saroj Kashyap | : Member |
| 5. | Dr. Manju Salil Mitra | : Member |
| 6. | Dr. R. N. Baghel | : Member |
| 7. | Dr. Samarendra Singh | : Member |
| 8. | Mr. Anurag Vijaywargiya, Registrar, OPJU | : Member Secretary |

The following proceedings were recorded in the meeting:

1. Dr. R. D. Patidar, Vice-Chancellor, OPJU cordially welcomed all the members to the 2nd Governing Body meeting of Academic Year 2020-21 and requested the Hon'ble Chancellor, Mr. Pravin Purang, for his opening remarks. Mr. Purang intimated that though the last year was very tough and challenging for all the organizations across the country due to the COVID-19 pandemic but the OPJU team worked with more devotion and managed the entire operations including the teaching-learning activities and conduction of examinations in online mode in a very effective manner. He appreciated the efforts of the OPJU team to manage the situation during this tough time.

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2. The members noted the action taken on the decisions of the meeting of the last Governing Body. With the permission of the Chair, Dr. R. D. Patidar started the presentation, briefing the various activities of the University.
3. Dr. Patidar apprised the members with the recent achievements of the University viz. placement of students, recognitions & awards, research contributions, collaborations & tie-ups, Ph.D. faculty growth, admissions, the functioning of the university during COVID-19, post-COVID preparation, development of centers of excellence and other infrastructure development, etc.
4. He also presented the following academic plans for the Academic Year 2021-22:
 - Launch of M. Tech in "Steel Technology" under the Department of Metallurgical Engineering.
 - Launch of M. Tech in "Manufacturing Technology & Automation" under the Department of Mechanical Engineering.
 - Launch of Executive MBA program for working professionals in-line with IIMs.
 - To start an integrated B. Tech program with Intel in CSE and with Siemens in Mechanical Engineering.
 - To start the BBA student study program with JGU, Sonipat.
 - Launch of full-time Ph.D. program with JSPL dedicated to research in Steel, Power, and Mining sectors.
 - Initiation of students' study abroad program with foreign universities (Australia, Russia, South Korea, etc).
 - Start working and implementation on NEP.
5. Dr. Patidar also presented and discussed with members about the infrastructure development plan for 2020-21, new collaborations, priorities, issues & challenges, and seek their advice. He also informed all the members about forthcoming events viz. OPJU-IEEE conference on "Emerging Trends in Industry 4.0", first convocation, the annual function "Technorollix-2021 & JUnoon 2021" and other technical events.
6. Dr. Patidar presented the financial snapshot of the University. All the members were informed that the loss of the university is decreasing year by year. However, there is a loss of revenue in the year 2020-21 due to COVID-19. The financial management of the University was very much appreciated by all the members.
7. The following points were put up before the members for their approval.
 - a. Launch of new M. Tech program in Steel Technology in the Department of Metallurgical Engineering
 - b. Launch of new M. Tech program in Manufacturing Technology & Automation in the Department of Mechanical Engineering
 - c. To start the Executive MBA program for working professionals in-line with IIMs.
 - d. To start a full-time Ph.D. program with JSPL
 - e. Continuation of various scholarships and Privileges
 - f. Manpower hiring (Teaching and Non-Teaching) for 2021-22
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8. The points mentioned above were discussed thoroughly and all the members unanimously approved the same.
9. Hon'ble Chancellor highly appreciated the efforts of the Vice-Chancellor for sharing the details of the University with the members of the Governing Body. He congratulated all the faculty and staff members for their endeavor towards the continuous growth of the University. He requested other members to share their views and give suggestions for further improvement of the University.
- ❖ Dr. R. N. Baghel pointed out that unless there is a Postgraduate program in Steel Technology the Ph.D. program in this field shall not be offered by OPJU. The Vice-chancellor confirmed that OPJU will not enroll any Ph.D. candidate in this field, until and unless there is a completion period of 2/3 years from the date of starting the program. It is further intimated that the University is already having M. Tech programs in all the five engineering departments and on that basis admission of Ph. D candidates are considered.
 - ❖ In reply to the question of Dr. B. K. Sthapak, the Vice-Chancellor informed that all the 1st year students shall have to reside in the Hostels of the University as they are going to attend the classes in physical mode effective from 1st March 2021, while this practice does not apply to the existing students but mandatory for the 1st year students.
 - ❖ Dr. Saroj Kashyap highly praised the Management and staff members for the entire activities of the OPJU especially, during the COVID period. She suggested that the people of Chhattisgarh have to derive maximum benefit from the educational policy being implemented by the University from time to time. The Vice-Chancellor intimated that OPJU is the first University in the state of Chhattisgarh which is committed to accept not more than 50% of students outside of the Chhattisgarh State in the admission process as per the Statute.
 - ❖ Dr. Manju Salil Mitra suggested introducing the course of Aeronautical Engineering and Dairy Technology at OPJU since both disciplines are not available in the State of Chhattisgarh. The Vice-Chancellor intimated that there was a proposal for the same and long exercise carried out to explore the possibilities to launch the program but the same is still pending. Mr. Anurag Vijaywargiya, the Registrar, informed that in Indira Gandhi Agriculture University, (C.G.) the course Dairy Technology is available and as per the Act no other University can introduce such courses.

Dr. Mitra expressed her desire to help the University at the time of NAAC accreditation since she is having good experience in this field. Dr. Patidar assured the members to organize a campus visit after stabilization of the COVID situation.

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

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