



**OPJU**

UNIVERSITY OF STEEL TECHNOLOGY  
AND MANAGEMENT

**Date: February 2, 2021**

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF BOARD OF MANAGEMENT**

Minutes of Meeting of the Board of Management held on 25<sup>th</sup> January, 2021 (Monday) at 11:30 AM through video conferencing (using zoom) as per the agenda given below.

1. Admission overview of the session 2020-21
2. Approval to start following new M. Tech programs from the Academic year 2021-22
  - i. Steel Technology (Department of Metallurgical Engineering)
  - ii. Manufacturing Technology and Automation (Department of Mechanical Engineering)
3. Approval to start Executive MBA programme in line with IIMs
4. To approve reduction in B. Tech Civil Engineering by 30 seats and increase the intake by 30 seats in B. Tech CSE from the year 2021-22
5. Approval for intake & fee of various programs offered by the University for the admission year 2021
6. Approval for continuation of various Scholarships and privileges offered by the University for the students admitting in 2021
7. Approval of admission notification 2021-22
8. Approval to hire a suitable vehicle for the Vice Chancellor
9. Financial Snapshot
10. Any other point by the permission of the Chair

Following members attended the meeting:

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| 1. Dr. R. D. Patidar, Vice Chancellor                  | Chairman         |
| 2. Dr. S. R. Kamlesh, Addl. Director, Higher Education | Member           |
| 3. Mr. Vikas Goel, EVP, JSPL, Raigarh                  | Member           |
| 4. Dr. Shesadev Nayak, Associate Dean, SOM, OPJU       | Member           |
| 5. Dr. Girish Chandra Mishra, Assistant Dean, OPJU     | Member           |
| 6. Dr. Siddharth S. Chakraborty, Professor, OPJU       | Member           |
| 7. Mr. Anurag Vijaywargiya, Registrar, OPJU            | Member Secretary |

Following proceedings were recorded in the meeting:

1. Mr. Anurag Vijaywargiya, Member Secretary welcomed all the members and introduced Mr. Vikas Goel to all other members. The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The Member Secretary requested the Hon'ble Vice Chancellor to brief the members on overall activities of the University.
2. A comprehensive presentation was delivered by Dr. R. D. Patidar related to overall activities of the University for the Academic year 2019-20 which is inclusive of implementation of online teaching learning process and the conduction of entire examinations during the period of COVID-19, major achievements of the year 2020, admission status of 20-21 and analysis, faculty status and recruitment plan, development of infrastructure in 21-22, introduction B. Com (Hons), establishment of CSTPD & various Center of Excellence, upgradation of Internet bandwidth from 110 to 250 Mbps, installation of CCTV in the

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campus, renovation of Reception and cafeteria, initiative for expansion of campus boundary and construction of main gate on Raigarh Ambikapur High way, organizing 1<sup>st</sup> Convocation of the university, various awards received from Govt. and Regulatory bodies for academic excellence, & social work, publication of more than 40 Research papers in Scopus/SCI-indexed journals by the faculty members, submission of 10+ Research proposals to various funding agencies, placement of 80% students in reputed companies with an average package of 5.75 lacs, 75 numbers of students placed in Jindal group of companies like JSPL, JSW, JSL, JPL etc., organizing 150+ webinars, 10+ FDPS, 10+ workshops, 01 International Conference, 01 HR Summit, well planned marketing and branding of the university to get quality students, collaborative B. Tech program in Mechanical Engineering with Siemens and Computer Science and Engineering with Intel.

3. Admission status of the University for the period 2020-21 was reviewed. The Vice Chancellor intimated the members that the number of admission is increasing in every year. This year the admission scenario is quite encouraging in comparison to last year (2019-20) although the entire country has observed the recession in every sector because of COVID-19. This year the total number of admission is 526 in different programs from 13 states of the country. The average 12<sup>th</sup> class percentage of the students is gradually increasing and this year it is more than 72%. The members appreciated the efforts of all the faculty and staff members for such a big achievement and popular branding of OPJU.
4. Dr. R. D. Patidar, Vice Chancellor, intimated the members that University wish to introduce two new M. Tech programs i.e. M.Tech. in Steel Technology by the department of Metallurgical Engineering and M.Tech. in Manufacturing Technology and Automation by Mechanical Engineering department (18 seats in each specialization) from the Academic year 2021-2022 subject to the approval of AICTE. All the Members unanimously agreed upon the same.

It was also intimated that OPJU is always recruiting quality faculty members to maintain the talent pool and the number of Ph.D holders are now 45 and it is expected that the number will be 54 in 2021-22. The university is providing financial support in research & faculty skill upgradation with attractive salary for retention of more quality faculty members.

5. Regarding introduction of Executive MBA program in line with IIMs was also intimated to the members of Board of Management with the intake of 30 seats and got the unanimous approval to start the same. In this regard Vice Chancellor directed to Registrar to prepare the Ordinance at the earliest and submit the same to CGPURC for approval.
6. In view of the present admission scenario of B. Tech students in SOE, the proposal for reduction of intake in Civil Engineering by 30 seats due to less admission and addition of intake in Computer Science and Engineering by 30 seats from the Academic session 2021-22 was also approved by the members Unanimously.
7. Admission notification for the year 2021-22 and fee structure of the various programs offered by the university for the admission year 2021 presented before the members of the Governing Body and the same was approved by them.
8. The proposal to continue with the scheme of various scholarships and privileges offered by the university for the students admitting in year 2021 was discussed. It was intimated that

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OPJU is offering the scholarship to the students which is around 50 to 60 lacs. It was also proposed to change in discount on tuition fee from 50% to 40% for B.Tech lateral entry students. All the members agreed upon the all the Scholarships and privileges presented by the University.

9. The matter relating to make available an appropriate vehicle for the Vice Chancellor was also discussed. Earlier, a suitable vehicle for the then Vice Chancellor was provided by the JSPL and it was pulled back by them after his relieving. Now University is not having any suitable vehicle for the Vice Chancellor & present vehicle is being in use is very old and required frequent maintenance. Sri Vikas Goel, EVP, JSPL, suggested to rental a new vehicle preferably Innova for the Vice Chancellor, as there is problem to procure own vehicle taking into consideration of maintenance cost and driver's salary in future. He has also advised to surrender the old vehicles to JSPL and hire two new Scorpios for the operational activities of the university. All the members agreed upon the same.
10. Financial Snapshot was also presented. It was intimated that the revenue of the university is increasing every year in terms of fees but the overall revenue goes down this year as the hostel charges, bus charges are not included in fees due to COVID-19 Pandemic. OPJU is facing acute funding challenges in spite of adopting many cost cutting measures and focusing to increase the number of admission. Although University will focus on revenue generation to become operationally self-sustain but donation from JSPL for another 3-4 years is required to maintain the financial stability.
11. At last, the session was open to have the valuable inputs of the distinguished members. Sri Goel, AVP, JSPL highly appreciated the Vice Chancellor for the nice presentation. He complimented all the faculty and staff members for their contribution to accomplish the overall performance of the University and taking OPJU into a prestigious level. He expressed his great satisfaction that the kind<sup>of</sup> education OPJU imparting and the fees charging from the students is really very nominal as compared to other institutions. The proposal to start the integrated B. Tech program in collaboration with Siemens in Mechanical Engineering and with Intel in Computer Science was well appreciated by him. It was intimated by him that the students of OPJU are doing extremely well in JSPL and they are being treated as the assets of the company for the sincerity as well as devotion. He was also pleased to note regarding planning of foreign education program of OPJU with Russia and Australia. He is expecting that OPJU will produce/provide excellent and talented students not only for our own group but also for the nation.

Dr. S.R. Kamlesh also appreciated the performance of the University and he assured to extend his support and guidance to the University as and when required.

There being no other points for the discussions, the meeting concluded with thanks to the Chair.

(Anurag Vijaywargiya)  
Registrar & Member Secretary