

Date: 15/06/2021

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF BOARD OF MANAGEMENT

Minutes of the Meeting of Board of Management held on 7th June, 2021 at 04:00 PM through video conferencing (using zoom) as per the agenda given below.

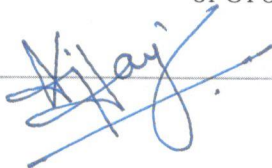
1. To welcome Dr Ashok Bhansali and Dr Ashok Srivastava as the member of Board of Management
2. To apprise Hon'ble members about:
 - i. Working of the University during the lockdown
 - ii. Forthcoming events (Convocation, Virtual Cultural Event for school's students and Conference)
 - iii. Development plans in the year 2021-22
 - iv. Financial snapshot
3. Approval of policy for the students and families of employees who have suffered due to this unprecedented COVID-19 pandemic
4. Approval to recruit Teaching and Non-teaching staff in the Academic year 2021-22
5. 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. S. S. Rathi, Director, NSPL | : | Member |
| 4. Mr. Vikas Goel, AVP, JSPL | : | Member |
| 5. Dr. Prashant S. Bokare, Dean, SOE, OPJU | : | Member |
| 6. Dr. Shesadev Nayak, Professor & Asso. Dean, SOM, OPJU | : | Member |
| 7. Dr. Ashok Bhansali, Professor, OPJU | : | Member |
| 8. Dr. Ashok Srivastava, Professor, OPJU | : | Member |
| 9. Mr. Anurag Vijaywargiya, Registrar, OPJU | : | Member Secretary |

Following proceedings were recorded in the meeting:

1. Mr. Anurag Vijaywargiya, Member Secretary welcomed all the members to the meeting. He introduced Dr. Bhansali and Dr. Srivastava as the new members of the Board in place of Dr. G.C. Mishra and Dr. S. Chakrabarti who have completed their term as per the Act. Other members present in the meeting congratulated both of them for their new assignment. The Member Secretary requested the Hon'ble Vice Chancellor to apprise the members about the overall activities of the University for the academic year 2020-21.
2. Dr. R. D. Patidar enlightened the members regarding overall activities of the University during the 2nd lockdown period owing to COVID-19 Pandemic through a brief presentation, which was inclusive of implementation of online teaching learning process, execution of examinations and evaluation, facilitating best placement for the students, obtaining good number of admission, major achievements, recruitment plan for faculty and staff members, development of infrastructure in 2021-22, , conduction of IEEE conference on "Emerging Trends in Industry 4.0" and lunching of OPJU Journal during the conference. He also focused on the number of placement





- drive during this academic year is 37 (ON and OFF campus), 80% students placed in reputed companies with an average package of 6.75 lacs.
3. Matters related to forthcoming events of the University were also intimated to the members. Under Innovation Centre, OPJU is organizing the First National Innovation Fest 2021 on the theme "Atmnirbhar Bharat" through online mode in association with JSPL, Raigarh on 15th June 2021. There is a proposal to hold the First convocation of the OPJU during last week of June 2021. Open House program for school students in association with FICCI is scheduled to be held on 26th June 2021. The National level talent hunt program for the school students is scheduled to be conducted in the month of July 2021.
 4. The Vice Chancellor intimated the members regarding ascending trend of admission every year. During the year 2020-21 the total number of admission was 526 in different programs from 13 states of the country. The average 12th class percentage of the students is gradually increasing and now it is more than 72%. The members appreciated the efforts of all the faculty and staff members for such a good achievement amidst the grim situation of the COVID-19. The target is to make the student enrollment double in next three to four years. He also presented the strategy to enhance female students' number. Similarly, number of students and distribution of scholarship amount is increasing every year. Entry Level scholarship amounting to Rs. 64.31 lacs awarded to 308 students in the year 2020-21.
 5. As far as Academic initiative is concerned the University is in process of introducing the Executive MBA program in line with IIMS, integrated B. Tech program with Siemens in Mech. Engineering (2nd & 3rd year) and with Intel in CSE (2nd, 3rd and 4th year), study program of BBA students with JGU, full time Ph.D program with JSPL, students study abroad program with foreign universities. Implementation of NEP and NAAC internal assessment is also on top priority rank.
 6. OPJU has established Centre of Excellence i.e. Centre for Steel Technology and Product Development, 4.0 aligned to steel and power industries, welding excellence and steel logistic management headed by Metallurgy, CSE, ME and School of Management with outside partners. Corporate Education and Training (CCET) cell of OPJU is providing various training to the industry people from time to time and generating good amount of revenue for the University.
 7. Further, OPJU Innovation center has been established with an objective of resolving issues related to technology adoption and economic development in rural India. It will also help the individual, community, student, industry to develop their product quality and enhance entrepreneurship.
 8. It was also intimated that OPJU is always in quest for recruiting quality faculty members to maintain the talent pool. Presently the total number of faculty is 68 and out of which 45 are Ph.D. it is expected that this number will be 54 in 2021-22. The university is providing financial support for research and other activities with attractive salary to retain manpower. Proposal for recruiting teaching and non-teaching staff in the Academic year 2021-22 was discussed and got the approval of BOM.
 9. The University has formulated one policy for the wellbeing of the students and families of employees, who have suffered due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Members highly appreciated the initiative of OPJU for such benevolent act after going through the features of the policy and approved 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 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 it will focus on revenue generation to become operationally self-sustain. Financial management of the University has been appreciated by the members.
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 congratulated all the faculty and staff members for their dedicated contribution to accomplish the overall performance of the University. He is highly gratified observing the good number of admissions for the year 2021-21 though most of the institutions are suffering with very low rate of admission due to COVID-19 pandemic. He expressed that the kind education OPJU imparting and the fees accepting from the students is really very marginal. 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 Mr. S.S. Rathi.

It was intimated by Mr. Goel 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 the 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. He marked the performance of OPJU as excellent, and its students are at par with any NIT and other reputed institutions.

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



(Anurag Vijaywargiya)
Registrar