



USHA MARTIN UNIVERSITY, RANCHI JHARKHAND
Minutes of the Seventh Meeting of BOM held on 29.6.2020

The Seventh Meeting of the Board of Management of Usha Martin University was held on 29.6.2020 through the Skype. The following members were present:

1. Prof. S.C. Garg, Vice Chancellor, Chair
2. Prof. Panjab Singh, Former VC, BHU
3. Prof. L. N. Bhagat, Former Vice Chancellor, Ranchi University,
4. Prof. A. M Aggarwal. PVC, GLA University, Vrindavan
5. Prof. Madhulika Kaushik, PVC, UMU, Special Invitee
6. Sh. Binod Kispotta, Registrar, UMU, Member Secretary

BM 7.1 Welcome and Information Sharing by the Chairman

At the outset, the Vice Chancellor extended a very warm and cordial welcome to all the members present in the meeting. He particularly welcomed new members Prof. Panjab Singh, Former VC, BHU and Former DG, ICAR, and Prof. Anand Mohan Agarwal, PVC, GLA University, Vrindavan. He expressed his gratefulness to Prof. L. N. Bhagat, Former VC, Ranchi University for accepting the request to continue as BOM member. He then put on record most sincere thanks to the outgoing members Prof. A.N. Jha. Director, BIT Extension Centre, Lalpur and Sh. R. D. Sahay, Former Joint Secretary, MHRD, GOI for their excellent support and guidance in formative years of the University. He thanked the members for sparing their valuable time and agreeing to give the benefit of their expertise to UMU. It is now well recognised that due to the association of such a distinguished group, the University was able to register an impressive growth in the number of its Courses, student enrollment and faculty strength. Before requesting the Registrar to present the Agenda Items, he shared a few important developments in the University since its inception listed below:

- (i) The Members of the Board were updated about the student's admission in various departments. The Academic Session-wise Enrolment (2017-19) in different programmes.

He apprised the Board that due to space constraints in the leased building, the University had to operate in two shifts (from 9.30 am to 1 pm and 1pm to 4.30 pm) from July 2019 onwards. The University may be constrained to extend this even in this year due to Covid-19 forced social distancing norm even in the permanent campus at Angada. The examination for course work on Research Methodology and Computers in Research for PhD students was conducted in February, 2020 and the result has been declared.

- (ii) The Board members were apprised about the faculty existing strength and the increase in the faculty numbers in the past years.
- (iii) The University has been operating from a leased building in Hardag on Ranchi-Khunti Road since inception and should move to its permanent campus in Narayan Soso on Purulia Road by September 2020.
- (iv) In an effort to establish academic leadership in the state, the University teachers conducted workshops for the in house as well as outside teachers and students. It is proposed to continue this activity in future also.
- (v) The University Management has put great emphasis on research by the faculty. While research scholarships for PhD scholars and three Research Chairs (Birsa Munda Chair for Agriculture and Sustainable Tribal Development and Naresh Goyal Chair for Innovations and Entrepreneurship), Amitav Choudhary Chair for sports and all round development were instituted last year, and appropriate measures are being taken to further strengthen research ambience in the University. He placed on record very sincere appreciation to the management for this support.
- (vi) The placement record of the University has been extremely good so far. For 2017-19 MBA cohort, the campus placement record was very good. Students who opted for placements got placed through Campus placements. Similarly, list of students who got placed from other departments were also apprised to the Board members.
- (vii) Sh. Binod Kispota joined the University in December, 2019 after Prof. Viplaw Pandey resigned. His addition to our administrative strength has given us a lot of confidence

and with his vast administrative experience in the public systems, we hope to further strengthen the University governance.

- (viii) The University has been conducting programmes such as Creating Awareness about our Fundamental Rights, International Women's Day, Mathematics Day, among others with great enthusiasm.
- (ix) The University would like to add BSc (Nursing) and BAMS programmes after necessary preparations and obtaining approval of the National Council concerned.
- (x) To fulfill its academic commitment to its learners, the University successfully transitioned to the online mode of teaching during the lockdown period. He was pleased to inform the Board that the syllabi of all courses and their continuous assessment component were duly completed by mid-June 2020. Just two days prior to this BOM, the term end examinations for all graduating batches have also been completed successfully online.
- (xi) The University has just concluded the selection committee meetings for Journalism and Mass communication, Pharmacy, MLT, Mining, Mathematics, English, Physiotherapy and Law. The recommendations of the Selection committees shall be placed for the approval of the BOM and letters shall be issued thereafter. This is one of the Agenda Items of this meeting.

He then invited suggestions from the members for newer directions and road map for academic growth of the University.

BM 7.2 Confirmation of the Minutes of Sixth meeting of BOM

BM 7.2.1 The Registrar informed the Board that minutes of the sixth meeting of the BOM held on 19.3.2020 were circulated to all members soon after the meeting. A copy of these minutes is placed at Annexure 1 for perusal of and ratification by the Board. To summarize, in its last meeting, the Board

1. Noted the minutes of 8th and 9th meetings of Academic Council.
2. Approved job description of various categories of non-teaching staff
3. Approved appointment of academic staff
4. Approved the Action taken on the Minutes of the fifth BOM

He then requested the Board to confirm the minutes.

BM 7.2.2 The item was taken up by the Board and the minutes were confirmed as circulated.

(Annexure 1)

BM 7.3 To note the minutes the Meetings of the 10th Meeting of Academic Council

BM 7.3.1 The Registrar informed the Board that 10th meeting of the Academic Council of Usha Martin University was held on 17.3.2020 in the city Centre. The AC

1. Noted progress made by the University since the first meeting of AC and commended the growth pattern.
2. Decided that the University should conduct online examinations for all graduating students in July 2020. However, all continuing students should be promoted to the next semester, subject to completion of fulfillment of all course requirements. If any student is not able to appear in the online exam on the date and time prescribed, some option may be kept for him/her to appear later either in a physical exam or on-line exam.
3. Decided that the University should resume the next academic session for all continuing students in the second half of August using online mode, if the social distancing norms are in place even then.
4. The University should consider starting vocational programmes having local employment potential like hospitality and tourism, in addition to online programmes at certificate and/or Diploma levels.

The detailed minutes of 10th meeting are placed

(Annexure 2)

BM 7.4 To consider and approve the recommendations of the selection committees for academic positions

BM 7.4.1 The Registrar informed the Board that the University is in the expansion mode and to meet growing need of newer cohorts, advertisements were issued to appoint teachers in various Departments for the Academic session 2020-21. The interviews were held with VC in the Chair and PVC as member, apart from an external expert and local HOD of respective department. Selection Committees have recommended the candidates for appointment on terms and conditions agreed upon mutually is attached in the Annexure.

BM 7.4.2 The Board approved the recommendations of the selection committees as presented and authorized the VC to issue appointment letters as per requirement. The waiting list may be used, if needed.

(Annexure 3)

BM 7.5 To report the formation and revision in various committees of the University.

BM 7.5.1 The Board noted the formation and revision in various committees of the University

(Annexure 4)

BM 7.6 To report the funds received for CSR and Research Projects from non-government / Government organizations in Financial Year 2019-20.

BM 7.6.1 The Board was briefed on the funds received for the CSR and Research Projects from non-government / Government Organizations in Financial Year 2018-19.

(Annexure 5)

BM 7.7 To report the Consultancy Income received during the Financial year 2019-20.

BM 7.7.1 The Consultancy Income received during the Financial year 2019-20 was reported to the Board.

(Annexure 6)

BM 7.8 To report the Financial Support provided by the University to the faculty members for attending Conferences / Seminars / Workshop and availing membership of Professional Bodies as approved in the Finance Committee for the session 2019-20.

BM 7.8.1 The Board received the report on the Financial Support provided to the Faculty Members for attending Conferences / Seminars / Workshop and availing membership of Professional Bodies as approved in the Finance Committee for the session 2019-20.

(Annexure 7)

BM 7.9 To report the received fellowship / financial support by the teachers of University from various agencies for advance studies and research for the session 2019-20

BM 7.9.1 The Board received the report on the Fellowship /Financial Support provided to the teachers of the University from various agencies for advance studies and research for the session 2019-20.

(Annexure 8)

BM 7.10 To Report the Junior Fellowship received by the University PhD. Scholar by various Non- government organization & University for the session 2019-20

BM 7.10 The Board received and noted the report on the Fellowship received by the University PhD. Scholar by various Non- government organization & University for the session 2019-20.

(Annexure 9)

BM7.11 To consider and approve the list of Holidays for the University Academic Year 2021

BM 7.10.1 The Board approved the Holiday list for the Year 2021 in Annexure.

(Annexure 10)

BM 7.10 Any other matter with the permission chair.

No other matter was raised under this item and the meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair.



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Registrar, UMU, Member Secretary

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PVC Office
Finance Office
All Dean/Director/HoDs
All Members
All Concerned