

MINUTES OF THE GOVERNING BODY MEETING

The meeting of the Governing Body of O.P. Jindal University (OPJU) was held on January 06, 2024, through video conferencing at 12:00 Noon as per the given agenda:

1. University Updates

Overview: Providing a summary of recent developments and happenings.

Importance: Keeping the governing body informed on the university's progress.

2. New Program Launch: B. Tech in Mining Engineering, School of Physical Education

Announcement: Approval for the commencement in the Academic Year 2024-25.

Rationale: Addressing industry demands and expanding academic offerings.

3. Intake Approval for the Academic Session 2024-25

Discussion: Approval of student intake in various university programs.

Planning: Ensuring alignment with the university's capacity and resources.

4. Recruitment of Teaching and Non-Teaching Staff

Presentation: Overview of recent appointments in both academic and administrative roles.

Importance: Ensuring the university has the necessary human resources for effective functioning.

5. Financial Snapshot

Presentation: A comprehensive overview of the university's financial status.

Key Points: Budget allocations, revenue sources, and financial projections.

6. Additional Matters

Open Floor: Allowing for relevant points or discussions with the permission of the Chair.

The following members attended the meeting:

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| 1. | Ms. Shallu Jindal, Chancellor, OPJU | : Chairperson |
| 2. | Dr. R. D. Patidar, Vice Chancellor, OPJU | : Member |
| 3. | Dr. Pankaj Mehta | : Member |
| 4. | Dr. B. K. Sthapak | : Member |
| 5. | Dr. Manju Salil Mitra | : Member |
| 6. | Dr. R. N. Baghel | : Member |
| 7. | Dr. Dheeraj Sanghi | : Member |
| 8. | Mr. Anurag Vijaywargiya, Registrar, OPJU | : Member Secretary |

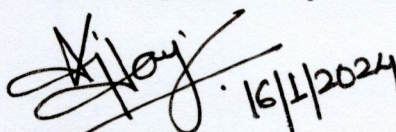
The following proceedings were recorded in the meeting:

1. The Vice Chancellor, Dr. R. D. Patidar, extended a warm welcome to the Hon'ble Chancellor, Ms. Shallu Jindal, and all esteemed members of the Governing Body of OPJU. Dr. Patidar introduced and welcomed Dr. Pankaj Mehta as the new member of the Board.
2. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. With the Chair's permission, Dr. Patidar presented an overview of various activities undertaken by the University.
3. Dr. Patidar briefed the members on recent developments at the University, including conduction of the 3rd convocation, hosting of Smart India Hackathon 2023, collaborations with Sohar University (Oman) and Jose Maria College (Philippines) for organizing the 4th International Conference on "Role of Innovation, Entrepreneurship & Management for Sustainable Development," and hosting the Parents and Alumni Meet.

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4. He conveyed that in 2023, OPJU achieved noteworthy recognition through prestigious awards, including a 4-star rating for Innovation Excellence by MoE's Innovation Cell, Govt. of India, an "A" Grade with Gold Band in OBE ranking 2023 by World Institutional Ranking, the title of "Outstanding Private University for Research & Innovation" in the IIRF-Education Impact Award-2023. Additionally, OPJU secured the 171st Rank All India and the 18th Rank in the East Zone in The Week Hansa Research Best B School Survey in December 2023 and attained the 496th Position worldwide and secured the 1st Rank in Chhattisgarh for the UI-Greenmetric World University Rankings in December 2023.
5. Noteworthy achievements included signing major MoUs with 17 leading research and academic institutions in 2023, distribution of scholarships, and a significant increase in Ph.D. qualified faculty. The Vice Chancellor also informed members about the faculty's research contributions, including publications, patents, conferences, and external funded projects, which was appreciated by all the members.
6. Members were also updated about the implementation of the National Education Policy (NEP) in the university. Placement indicators and Admissions statistics in terms of numbers, quality and diversification were also presented before the members.
7. Regarding NAAC Preparedness, Dr. Patidar reported that OPJU has submitted the NAAC Self Study Report (SSR), and a visit from the NAAC peer team is anticipated in March 2024.
8. The financial snapshot presented was appreciated, with the last three quarters' financial data being satisfactory.
9. Following suggestions/advise were recorded in the meeting:
 - Board members expressed their appreciation for the recent developments and progress made by the University.
 - Dr. Manju S. Mitra has agreed to conduct a courtesy visit at OPJU in preparation for the upcoming NAAC Peer Team visit at OPJU. Her extensive experience as a member of NAAC Peer Team positions her well for this task.
 - During the meeting, Dr. Pankaj Mehta inquired about the university's annual fee structure and the scholarships it offers. He emphasized the importance of increasing scholarships each year and recommended admitting meritorious students facing financial challenges. In response, Dr. Patidar shared information about the YASHASVI SCHEME introduced by the JSPL Foundation. This initiative supports girl children/women from economically disadvantaged backgrounds, enabling them to become self-reliant. In the admission cycle for 2023-24, OPJU admitted over 180 girls under this scheme.
10. Following approval were sought and approved unanimously by all the members after thorough discussion:
 - I. Launch of New Programme: B. Tech in Mining Engineering and School of Physical Education
 - II. Intake Approval for the Academic Session 2024-25
 - III. Recruitment of Teaching and Non-Teaching Staff
 - IV. Scholarships and privileges for the session 2024-25

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


(Anurag Vijaywargiya)
Registrar & Member Secretary