

ANNEXURE - IX



MINUTES OF THE FIRST MEETING OF THE ACADEMIC COUNCIL OF MAHINDRA UNIVERSITY HELD ON 6th OCTOBER 2020 THROUGH ZOOM AT 1630 HRS AT MU CAMPUS, HYDERABAD

Present:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Designation</u>	<u>Position</u>
Dr Yajulu Medury	Vice Chancellor	Chairman
Mr Rajan Navani	Distinguished Industrialist	Member
Mr Suman Eadunuri	Distinguished Industrialist	Member
Mr Sanjaya Sharma	Distinguished Industrialist	Member
Dr Bimal Roy	Distinguished Academic	Member
Dr Bishnu Pal	Dean (Academics)	Member
Dr Arya Bhattacharya	Dean (R&D)	Member
Dr Bruhadeshwar Bezwada	HOD (CSE)	Member
Dr JL Bhattacharya	HOD (EEE)	Member
Dr Dibakar Roy Chowdhury	HOD (Physics)	Member
Dr NV Venkatraman	HOD (Chemistry)	Member
Dr Salome Benhur	HOD (HSS)	Member
Dr Bhaskar Tamma	HOD (Mechanical)	Member
Dr Prabhakar Singh	HOD (Civil)	Member
Dr SN Chirala	HOD (Maths)	Member
Dr Ranjith Kunnath	Professor	Member
Dr Sunil Bhooshan	Professor	Member
Dr Abhijit Bhattacharya	Associate Professor	Member
Dr Jayasri D	Associate Professor	Member
Dr Gomathi A	Assistant Professor	Member
Dr Deepthi A	Assistant Professor	Member
Col Rajive Chauhan (Retd)	Registrar	Member Secretary

Leave of Absence:

Dr Rajeev Sangal Member (Distinguished Academic) could not attend the meeting.

ITEM-1: WELCOME AND OPENING REMARKS BY THE VICE CHANCELLOR

The Vice Chancellor (VC) as the Chairman of the meeting, accorded a very warm welcome to all the members for having made it convenient to attend, especially the external members, Dr. Bimal Roy, Mr. Rajan Navani, Dr. Sanjaya Sharma and Mr. Suman Reddy for having spared their valuable time and joining the deliberations of the First Academic Council meeting of the Mahindra University. He highlighted emphasis on the valuable advisory inputs which would be sought from them, given their rich experience and knowledge that would definitely enrich the academic endeavors of the University.



VC conveyed his best wishes to all the members for being part of this prestigious University and exhorted all to work towards making MU at par with the best institutes in the country.

ITEM-2: TO RECEIVE THE REPORT ON CURRENT ACTIVITIES IN THE UNIVERSITY

The members noted the contents as listed in the Agenda and expressed their appreciation over the diverse nature of activities and achievements within a short span of its launch.

ITEM-3: TO NOTE THE ACADEMIC RULES FOR VARIOUS PROGRAMS TO INCLUDE PROCEDURES AND POLICY ON UNFAIR MEANS

The Ordinance and Rules for the Ph.D. and B.Tech. programs were considered and noted by the Council. The Rules & Regulations for various programs of study were presented to all members. Members also noted that the Board of Management and Governing Body have been notified accordingly in the meeting held on 20th July 2020.

ITEM-4: TO NOTE THE ACADEMIC RELATED ISSUES TO INCLUDE PROGRAMS ON OFFER, INTAKE, ADMISSION PROCEDURE, FEE TO BE CHARGED AND CURRICULA FOR VARIOUS UG PROGRAMS/RULES & REGULATIONS FOR ACADEMIC SESSION 2020- 21

Members were given an overview of the UG admission process followed by the University for intake of Batch 2020, specifically merit being drawn based on the scores obtained by candidates in JEE (Main), SAT-I/II, ACT, and finally PCM% obtained in the Class XII examinations (latter criteria added due to the prevailing pandemic and difficulty being faced by prospective students in appearing for competitive exams). Further, members noted that the selection process based on SAT-I/II and ACT scores also involved personal interviews to make the process more rigorous and selective.

The members were also informed that the PhD selections were finalized based on performance of a candidate in the technical interview conducted by a Selection Committee comprising the VC, Deans, relevant HOD and senior faculty, to make the process rigorous and transparent. The Council noted that 29 PhD students had duly registered on September 7th 2020.

The number of seats for each of program of study, admission procedure, fee structure and admission status were presented.

Curricula details for the 4 existing UG programs (Computer Science and Engineering, Electronics and Electrical Engineering, Mechanical Engineering and Civil Engineering) were presented. Specific presentations on the 3 new UG programs of study [Artificial Intelligence (AI), Electronics and Computer Engineering (ECE) & Computation & Mathematics (CM)] were made and inviting any comments/suggestions from the Academic Council members.

Artificial Intelligence (AI) – The presentation covered the concepts and curriculum of the new 4-year B.Tech. program. Theme areas and the specialized courses corresponding to these areas were identified and accordingly defined. Further, prior courses on which these specialized subjects are dependent were identified and from these dependency relationships the synthesis of the 8-semester curriculum were laid out.

The ensuing deliberations saw some quality suggestions that came from the external members, specifically recommending incorporation of the items: (i) Recommender Systems and Expert Systems be incorporated as modules, (ii) “Bitcoin” be substituted with the word “Blockchain”, and (iii) Prediction Mechanisms. The Council also discussed student’s employability and industry familiarization, and in answers to queries from the external members it was stated that the entire 8th semester is kept for industrial projects, complemented by summer internships.

Electronics and Computer Engineering (ECE) - The program objective stated was to create engineers to solve real-world problems with the most efficient combination of hardware and software. This synergy of between hardware and software was shown by incorporating digital design aspects of electronics, along with the algorithm and application design aspects of computer science. User Interface/User Experience (UI/UX) is a major theme throughout the program. The curriculum provides students the option to specialize in one of the offered four specialization tracks – (i) Digital Design, (ii) Data Science, (iii) Software Engineering, or (iv) Embedded Systems to be guided through track/application electives.

Members appreciated the curriculum design with regards to UX/UI design as this is the most under-invested segment of the industry.

Computation and Mathematics (CM) – To be jointly offered by the Computer Science and Mathematics Departments, the presentation emphasized the need and demand for the program and highlighted core career prospects. Discussions focused on the core mathematics and computer science courses, along-with cross-disciplinary nature of the

curriculum that would allow students a broad choice of domains to work on from scientific to engineering to financial domains.

Members suggested inclusion of courses on data visualization and quantum computing. The need to have separation of the Probability Theory and Statistics courses was recommended.

The above deliberations/discussions were recorded.

ITEM-5: ACADEMIC REGULATIONS – GRADES AND GRADE POINTS

The Council noted the existing system and approved adoption of the proposed system, basis rectification/removal of certain deficiencies, specifically, (i) introduction of grade between C (6) and D (4); and (ii) elimination of grade “E”.

In view of removal of these anomalies, the following grading system was approved by the Council, with effect from Batch 2020 at the University:

Letter Grades	A+	A	B+	B	C+	C	D	F
Grade Points	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	0

ITEM-6: TO NOTE APPOINTMENTS OF FACULTY

The Council appreciated that the University has maintained highest standards in recruitment of faculty in that only those with Ph.D. as basic qualification have been selected and offered employment. Efforts shall be made to maintain similar guidelines during future selection of faculties.


Members noted that 71 faculty (presently on the rolls of MEC) would shortly be transferred to the rolls of the Mahindra University, along-with additional faculty to be selected for academic year 2020-2021.

ITEM-7: TO NOTE THE SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME

The Council concurred with the existing Scholarship Scheme for (i) B.Tech. programs, (ii) Girl students, and (iii) students from North East states.

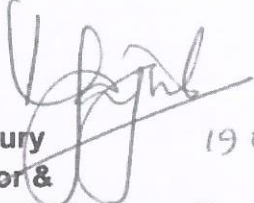
ITEM-8: ANY OTHER ITEM, DECIDED BY THE CHAIRMAN AND FIXING OF DATE FOR THE NEXT MEETING OF THE GOVERNING BODY

The date of the next meeting shall be decided and communicated shortly. Since there were no other points, the meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair.


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Col Rajive Chauhan (Retd)
Acting Registrar

Confirmed


19 Oct 2020
Dr Yajulu Medury
Vice Chancellor &
Chairman, Academic Council
Mahindra University, Hyderabad

**MINUTES OF THE SECOND MEETING OF THE ACADEMIC COUNCIL OF
MAHINDRA UNIVERSITY HELD ON 29th OCTOBER 2021 AT 1130 HRS AT MU
CAMPUS, HYDERABAD**

Present:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Designation</u>	<u>Position</u>
Dr Yajulu Medury	Vice Chancellor	Chairman
Mr Rajan Navani	Distinguished Industrialist	Member (online)
Mr Sanjaya Sharma	Distinguished Industrialist	Member
Dr Bimal Roy	Distinguished Academic	Member
Dr Rajeev Sangal	Distinguished Academic	Member (online)
Dr Bishnu Pal	Dean (Academics)	Member
Dr Arya Bhattacharya	Dean (R&D)	Member
Dr Rama Velamuri	Dean (SOM)	Member
Dr Sridhar Acharyulu	Dean (SOL)	Member
Dr JL Bhattacharya	HOD (EEE)	Member
Dr NV Venkatraman	HOD (Chemistry)	Member
Dr Salome Benhur	HOD (HSS)	Member
Dr Bhaskar Tamma	HOD (Mechanical)	Member
Dr Prabhakar Singh	HOD (Civil)	Member
Dr SN Chirala	HOD (Maths)	Member
Dr P Mantravadi	HOD (CEE)	Member
Dr RK Phatate	HOD (CIE)	Member
Dr Pradeep Racherla	Professor	Member
Dr Nilanjan Banik	Professor	Member
Dr M Mallepalli	Professor	Member
Dr Sunil Bhooshan	Professor	Member
Dr Abhijit Bhattacharya	Associate Professor	Member
Dr Jayasri D	Associate Professor	Member
Dr Gomathi A	Assistant Professor	Member
Dr Deepthi A	Assistant Professor	Member
Dr V Talakokula	Professor	Special Invitee
Dr B Gurumoorthy	Professor	Special Invitee
Col Rajive Chauhan (Retd.)	Registrar	Member Secretary

Leave of Absence:

Mr Suman Eadunuri / Dr Dibakar Row Chowdhury / Dr Ranjith Kunnath / Dr Rama Vemuri / Dr Rama Murthy



ITEM-1: WELCOME AND OPENING REMARKS BY THE VICE CHANCELLOR

The Vice Chancellor (VC) as the Chairman of the meeting, accorded a very warm welcome to all the members for having made it convenient to attend, especially the external members, Dr. Bimal Roy and Mr. Sanjaya Sharma, and Mr. Rajan Navani and Dr. Rajeev Sangal (in an online mode), for joining the deliberations. He highlighted emphasis on the valuable advisory inputs which would be sought from them, given their rich experience and knowledge that would definitely enrich the academic endeavors of the University.

VC conveyed his best wishes to all the members for being part of this prestigious University and exhorted all to work towards making MU at par with the best institutes in the country.

ITEM-2: TO RECEIVE THE REPORT ON CURRENT ACTIVITIES IN THE UNIVERSITY

The VC and respective Deans of Engineering, Management and Law, through a detailed presentation, briefed all members on the diverse nature of activities and achievements of faculty and students at the University. Members noted and appreciated the various activities.

ITEM-3: TO NOTE ADMISSION RELATED MATTERS FOR ACADEMIC SESSION 2021-22

Members were informed of the various programs of study being offered at UG/PG levels across the Schools of Engineering, Management, Law, and Education – specifically intake numbers and eligibility criteria/fees being followed.

Members were given an overview of the UG admission process followed by the University for intake of Batch 2021, specifically merit being drawn based on the scores obtained by candidates in JEE (Main), CLAT/LSAT (for law), SAT-I/II, ACT, and PCM% obtained in the Class X/XII examinations with personal interviews to make the process more rigorous and selective.

The members were also informed that the M.Tech and Ph.D selections were finalized based on performance of a candidate in the technical interview conducted by a Selection Committee comprising the VC, Deans, relevant HOD and senior faculty, to make the process rigorous and transparent.

The number of seats for each of program of study, admission procedure, fee structure and admission status were presented.

ITEM-4: ACADEMIC RELATED ISSUES – CURRICULA/REGULATIONS FOR VARIOUS UG/PG PROGRAMS

Curricula details for the new UG/PG programs were presented and comments/suggestions made by members were duly discussed. Programs considered by the Council are:

- 4-years B.Tech. Mechatronics and Nanotechnology
- 3-years B.A. - Economics & Finance
- 3-years BBA - Digital Technologies and Computational Business Analytics
- 5-years Integrated BA.LLB (Hons) and BBA.LLB (Hons)
- 2-years M.Tech. - Autonomous Electric Vehicles, and Computer Aided Structural Engineering

The ensuing deliberations saw some quality suggestions that came from the external members, specifically

- Social Sciences courses be integrated in core subjects in the curriculum so that enough exposure is provided to students in multi-disciplinary subjects besides technical subjects
- Providing motivation to girl students to complete their law programs of study so that they can then effectively support empowerment of women in today's society
- Deep focus on research programs to aid in effective teaching
- Basic grounding to be provided to engineering students in the social sciences, political science and societal development. Focus to be given to philosophy and literature – as these are also becoming relevant for students across all disciplines
- Re-examining offering courses in entrepreneurship in the first few semesters

The above deliberations/discussions were recorded.

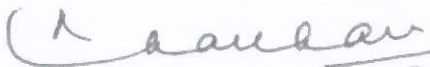
ITEM-5: INFORMATION RELATED TO FACULTY

The Council appreciated that the University has maintained highest standards in recruitment of faculty in that only those with Ph.D. as basic qualification have been selected and offered employment. Efforts shall be made to maintain similar guidelines during future selection of faculties.

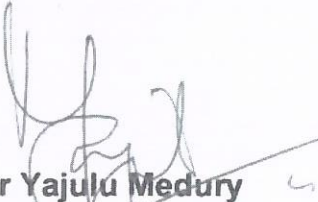
Members noted that against the approved intake of 145 faculty, the University had 130 faculty, of which 23 are Professors, 30 Associate Professors, and 77 Assistant Professors.

ITEM-6: ANY OTHER ITEM, DECIDED BY THE CHAIRMAN AND FIXING OF DATE FOR THE NEXT MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

The date of the next meeting shall be decided and communicated shortly. Since there were no other points, the meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair.


Col Rajive Chauhan (Retd) 20/11/2021
Acting Registrar

Confirmed


Dr Yajulu Medury
Vice Chancellor &
Chairman, Academic Council
Mahindra University, Hyderabad



MINUTES OF THE THIRD MEETING OF THE GOVERNING BODY OF MAHINDRA UNIVERSITY, HYDERABAD, HELD ON MAY 10, 2021
(in virtual mode)

Mr Anand Mahindra Chancellor, Mahindra University	Chairman
Dr Yaj Medury Vice Chancellor, Mahindra University	Member
Mr Sandeep Kumar (FAC), IAS Principal Secretary (Education) Government of Telangana	Member
Ms Shobha Kamineni Executive Vice Chairperson Apollo Hospitals Enterprise Limited Hyderabad	Member
Mr Aditya Puri Former CEO, HDFC Bank	Member
Ms Dhanashree Bhat Tech Mahindra, Hyderabad	Member
Mr B K Mishra Tech Mahindra, Hyderabad	Member
Mr Vineet Nayyar Chairman, MEI	Special Invitee
Mr C P Gurnani MD & CEO, Tech Mahindra	Special Invitee
Mr Shivanand Raja	Special Invitee
Col Rajive Chauhan (Retd) Acting Registrar, Mahindra University	Member Secretary (without voting rights)

ITEM-1: WELCOME AND OPENING REMARKS BY THE CHAIRMAN

The Chancellor, being the Chairman of the meeting, accorded a very warm welcome to all the members for having made it convenient to join the deliberations of the Third Meeting of the Governing Body of the University.

The Chairman welcomed, on behalf of all members, Mr Sandeep Kumar Sultania, (FAC), IAS - Secretary (Education) Government of Telangana

as a member of the Governing Body, in place of Smt Chitra Ramachandran, IAS (who has superannuated on 30th April 2021).

The Governing Body overwhelmingly expressed their gratitude for her advice and guidance in the establishment and development of Mahindra University.

ITEM-2: GRANT OF LEAVE TO MEMBERS NOT ABLE TO ATTEND THE MEETING

Leave of absence was granted to the following members:

-Mr Sandeep Kumar (FAC), IAS	Member
-Mr Aditya Puri	Member
-Ms Shobha Kamineni	Member

ITEM-3: TO RECEIVE AND CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE 2nd MEETING OF THE GOVERNING BODY HELD ON 06th NOV 2020 AND ACTION TAKEN REPORT

Members of the Governing Body confirmed the minutes of the last meeting held on 06th November 2020, and also noted the Action Taken Report.

ITEM-4: TO RECEIVE THE REPORT ON THE VARIOUS ACTIVITIES IN THE UNIVERSITY SINCE THE LAST MEETING

Vice Chancellor made a detailed presentation on current activities in the University – covering aspects related to faculty research and externally funded projects, student activities and other achievements.

The Governing Body appreciated and congratulated Professor Bishnu Pal, Dean on being named the 2021 recipient of the SPIE Maria J Yzuel Educator Award, presented annually in recognition of outstanding contributions to optics education by a SPIE instructor or an educator in the field.

Further during the course of his presentation, the VC pointed out that Terahertz (THz) radiations find wide-ranging applications. However, most of the research institutes and industries still rely on foreign manufacturers for THz accessories and devices. Realizing the huge market potential for THz components in the Indian context, and specifically, which can be fulfilled utilizing metamaterials inspired technology – Mahindra University (Physics Department) had initiated a pilot project for manufacture and supply of such components. MU has now been approached (on a commercial basis) to supply several terahertz components to a DRDO funded establishment ACRHEM, (Advanced Center for Research in High

Energy Materials) located in the University of Hyderabad campus through a competitive purchase procedure (valued at Rs 6 lakhs).

All these components will be designed, manufactured and tested at the MU research labs before supplying to the customer, ACRHEM, UoH. So far ACRHEM was purchasing such components from foreign manufacturers. This procurement fits well as a part of make in India initiative. Successful implementation of this order can lead to broad scale development of terahertz components targeting Indian market in near future.

The same was noted by the Governing Body.

ITEM-5: SCHOOL OF MANAGEMENT – ACADEMIC PARTNER, ETC.

The Governing Body was apprised of our ongoing endeavor to make our students truly global citizens, and that following discussions over the past 5-6 months, we have entered into a collaboration with SC Johnson School of Business (Cornell University) as “Academic Partner” of the School of Management, Mahindra University. The collaboration envisages activity with Cornell over the duration 2021-2025, and broadly covers the following items:

- (a) Academic Consulting – Curriculum Plan, Development & Validation, Implementation
- (b) Cornell faculty on campus (one session of one week, 5 full teaching days of 8 hours per day)
- (c) Student Immersions (3-weeks program at Cornell University, Ithaca (NY)), and
- (d) e-Cornell Expert Led Online Programs

Additionally, Cornell is interested in providing a pathway for future collaborations on master degree education, and have expressed an interest and look forward to building a long-lasting partnership with Mahindra University and undertaking future conversations on such educational collaborations.

The same was approved by the Governing Body.

ITEM-6: POLICY ON RESEARCH INCENTIVES

It was brought to the notice of the Board that in order to succeed in the business school space, MUSOM needs to differentiate itself based on research – in line with some of the top business institutions in the country. Accordingly, a “Policy on Research Incentives” was presented to the Governing Body for discussion and approval.

The Governing Body accorded its approval to the policy.

ITEM-7: TO RATIFY DESIGNATION OF LECTURER IN FACULTY CADRE

The Governing Body considered and accorded its approval to the proposed revised faculty cadre at the University.

ITEM-8: TO NOTE ADMISSION RELATED MATTERS FOR ACADEMIC SESSION 2021-22

Revised programs and admissions proposal for Academic Session 2021-22 was considered and duly approved by the Governing Body.

ITEM-9: TO RATIFY APPOINTMENTS OF FACULTY AND STAFF SINCE LAST MEETING

The selection of faculty and staff as per item of the Agenda was ratified by the Members.

ITEM-10: INCORPORATING MAHINDRA E-HUB AS A SECTION 8 COMPANY

With a view to availing external grants under various incubation schemes of the Government of India/State Governments/other bodies, the Governing Body considered and approved the establishment of the Mahindra e-Hub (Me-H), as a Special Purpose Vehicle (SPV) incorporated as a Section 8 not-for-profit company.


ITEM-10.1: ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEM

The audited accounts of the University along with the draft Audit Report audited by M/s M Bhaskara Rao & Co., Chartered Accountants was deliberated by the Governing Body, who also took note of the record of the Auditor's Report for the period under review. The same was approved.

Members also requested that henceforth, Audited Accounts & Audit Report be presented to the Governing Body by the auditor.

ITEM-11: ANY OTHER ITEM, DECIDED BY THE CHAIRMAN AND FIXING OF DATE FOR THE NEXT MEETING OF THE GOVERNING BODY

Since there were no other points, the meeting ended with the vote of thanks to the Chair.


21/5/2021
Col Rajive Chauhan (Retd)
Acting Registrar

Confirmed

Approved
Anand

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On 20-May-2021, at 09:57, Yajulu Medury <yc@mahindrauniversity.edu.in> wrote:

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Dear Anand

Further to the Third Meeting of the Governing Body of Mahindra University, held on Monday 10th May 2021 under your chairmanship, please find attached the draft of the minutes of the meeting.

Request your kind perusal and approval so that these may be issued to all members accordingly.

Regards.
Yaj

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Mr Anand Mahindra
Chancellor and Chairman
The Governing Body
Mahindra University
Hyderabad

Annexure I

POINTS OF DISCUSSION

1. Issues related to marketing (especially in the NE regions), outreach assistance, inputs from Cornell vis-à-vis their experiences in admissions and fund raising were discussed by Members. Suggestions were put forth on examining the quality of applications and ensuring that we are able to attract the creme-de-la-crème to our various programs of study.
2. Members deliberated on how Mahindra University could create quality academics, pedagogy, and curricular offerings and how do we work towards development of the University eco-system.
3. With regards to the new BBA program in Digital Technologies, discussion focused on the need for certified digital technology individuals. Mahindra University to work with Dilip Keshu & BORN for offering executive development programs in this area.
4. Members took note of the demise of Professor Vasudeva Murthy (Mathematics) due to COVID, and expressed their condolences. It was decided to explore the
5. possibility of instituting an annual scholarship in his name for the best student in the Computation & Mathematics program.
6. Members were also apprised that faculty/non-faculty staff pay scales have remained un-revised since their implementation in 2014. They were informed that the University has undertaken a revision exercise, and the recommendations will be presented to the Governing Body in the next meeting.

**MINUTES OF THE COMBINED MEETING OF THE GOVERNING BODY & BOARD
OF MANAGEMENT OF MAHINDRA UNIVERSITY, HYDERABAD, HELD ON
NOVEMBER 29, 2021
(in virtual mode)**

GOVERNING BODY

Mr Anand Mahindra	Chairman
Mr Sandeep Kumar Sultania, IAS	Member
Ms Shobana Kamineni	Member
Mr Aditya Puri	Member
Ms Dhanashree Bhat	Member
Mr BK Mishra	Member
Mr Vineet Nayyar	Special Invitee
Mr CP Gurnani	Special Invitee
Mr Shivanand Raja	Special Invitee
Dr Yajulu Medury	Member
Col Rajive Chauhan (Retd.)	Non-Member Secretary

BOARD OF MANAGEMENT

Mr Vineet Nayyar	Chairman Emeritus
Mr CP Gurnani	Member
Dr Yajulu Medury	Member
Mr Ulhas Yargop	Member
Ms Anuja P Mahindra Sharma	Member
Dr Mukti V Khaire	Member
Mr Zhooben Bhiwandiwalla	Member
Mr Shivanand Raja	Special Invitee
Mr Milind Kulkarni	Special Invitee
Prof Bishnu Pal	Member
Prof Arya Bhattacharya	Member
Prof Rama Velamuri	Member
Prof Sridhar Acharyulu	Member
Col Rajive Chauhan (Retd.)	Non-Member Secretary

ITEM-1: WELCOME AND OPENING REMARKS BY THE CHAIRMAN

The Chancellor, being the Chairman of the meeting, accorded a very warm welcome to all the members for having made it convenient to attend, and conveyed his best wishes to all members and their families specially during this pandemic time.

ITEM-2: GRANT OF LEAVE TO MEMBERS NOT ABLE TO ATTEND THE MEETING

Leave of absence was granted to the following members:

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| - Mr Sandeep Kumar (FAC), IAS | Member, GB |
| - Mr Aditya Puri | Member, GB |
| - Prof S Acharyulu | Member, BOM |

ITEM-3: TO RECEIVE AND CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE 3rd MEETING OF THE GOVERNING BODY / BOARD OF MANAGEMENT HELD ON 10 MAY 2021 & 29 APRIL 2021 RESPECTIVELY AND ACTION TAKEN REPORT

Members confirmed the minutes of the last meeting, and also noted the Action Taken Report.

ITEM-4: TO RECEIVE THE REPORT ON THE VARIOUS ACTIVITIES IN THE UNIVERSITY SINCE THE LAST MEETING

Vice Chancellor made a detailed presentation on current activities in the University – covering aspects related to faculty research and externally funded projects, student activities and other achievements.

The same was noted by the Members.

ITEM-5: TO RECEIVE THE MINUTES OF THE SECOND MEETING OF THE ACADEMIC COUNCIL HELD ON 29 OCTOBER 2021

Members were apprised of deliberations at the recently held Second Meeting of the Academic Council of the University, wherein discussions centered around the new UG/PG courses being offered during Academic Year 2021-2022 – B.Tech. in Mechatronics and Nanotechnology; BA in Economics & Finance, BBA in Computational Business Analytics and Digital Technologies; 5-years Integrated BA.LLB (Hons) and BBA. LLB (Hons); and the PhD program in Education.

The same was approved by the Members.

ITEM-6: TO NOTE ADMISSION RELATED MATTERS FOR ACADEMIC SESSION 2021-22 AND PROJECTIONS FOR 2022-23

Members noted program offerings for academic session 2021-22, as well as new programs to be offered in 2022-23.

It was suggested that MU could go in for an externally conducted study to examine our fee structure vis-à-vis fees being charged by major players in the higher education segment - specifically to get a study conducted to detail out how our fees compare to various institutions in the segments given above. As far as possible, we would like as much as of the Indian higher education universe to be broadly covered. Need output in tabular as well as in quadrant chart to show where we are compared to other institutions (which makes it easy for senior management to quickly understand). As part of this study, we will need inputs on applying a differential fee structure to engineering courses which are not very much in high demand (such as Civil, EEE, and Mechanical Engineering). Members requested that the study report be presented in the next meeting for discussion.

Members duly noted the agenda item and approved the same.

ITEM-7: FACULTY RELATED INFORMATION

Members were apprised about the current and projected strength of faculty at the University. Members took note of the same.

ITEM-8: CENTRE FOR EXECUTIVE EDUCATION – ACTIVITY PLAN

Activity Plan for the Centre for Executive Education was presented to members, focusing on the aspects of Program Development & Marketing Plan, and Program Portfolio and Pricing Strategy.

Members discussed ways the CEE could differentiate itself from existing centres at the IIMs/ISB/other schools and also faculty expertise in providing executive courses in disciplines ranging from engineering / technology to management and law – all of which are greatly impinging on businesses today. It was opined that incorporating such additional insights into the plan would greatly assist in the development of the CEE over the coming years.

ITEM-9: STUDENT – COVID RELATED ISSUE

Members were apprised that due to the pandemic 2 students had lost their fathers, who were the major bread-winners. Accordingly, basis their request it was proposed to grant tuition and hostel fee waiver to the 2 students, namely, Stuti Agarwal (Batch 2019) and Manish Kumar (Batch 2020).

Chancellor suggested that Mahindra University may approach Mahindra Foundation for provision of said assistance. Accordingly members approved the item.

ITEM-10: ANY OTHER ITEM, DECIDED BY THE CHAIRMAN AND FIXING OF DATE FOR THE NEXT MEETING OF THE GOVERNING BODY

Members were informed about the funds required for development of University infrastructure over the next 2-3 years. The need for securing a loan for Rs 30 crores was presented for approval.

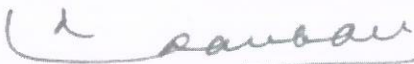
Chancellor requested that the Financial Plan be presented at the next meeting – detailing the exact requirement of funds to be raised and a comparative analysis be provided with the initial business plan of the University.

Members also requested for a detailed update on the Master Plan of the University, with a presentation by the Architect to be scheduled soon.

It was also suggested that specific Committees related to development of the University be constituted, covering areas such as Master Plan Design, Finance, and other governance related mechanisms so that interested members may provide their valuable inputs accordingly. It was agreed to include this in the agenda for the next meeting.

Chancellor also took the opportunity to express his delight at the excellent progress made by the University in a very short span of time.

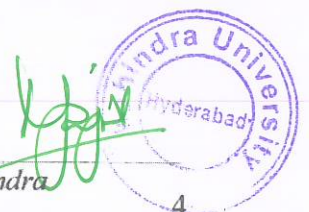
Since there were no other points, the meeting ended with the vote of thanks to the Chair.


13/12/2021
Col Rajive Chauhan (Retd)
Acting Registrar



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Mr Anand Mahindra
Chancellor and Chairman
The Governing Body
Mahindra University
Hyderabad



**MINUTES OF THE COMBINED MEETING OF THE GOVERNING BODY &
BOARD OF MANAGEMENT OF MAHINDRA UNIVERSITY HELD ON 23rd JULY
2022 AT 1430 HRS AT MU CAMPUS, HYDERABAD**

Present:

Name

Mr Anand Mahindra	Chairman – Governing Body	GB
Ms Shobha Kamineni	Member (online)	GB
Mr Vineet Nayyar	Member	GB/BoM
Mr CP Gurnani	Member	GB/BoM
Dr Mukti Khaire	Member	BoM
Mr B K Mishra	Member	GB
Mr Ulhas Yargop	Member (online)	BoM
Mr Milind Kulkarni	Member (online)	BoM
Dr Yajulu Medury	Member	GB/BoM
Dr Bishnu Pal	Member	BoM
Dr Arya Bhattacharya	Member	BoM
Col Rajive Chauhan (Retd.)	Non-Member Secretary	GB/BoM

ITEM-1: WELCOME AND OPENING REMARKS BY THE CHAIRMAN

The Chancellor, being the Chairman of the meeting, accorded a very warm welcome to all the members for having made it convenient to attend. He expressed his appreciation for Convocation 2022 held at the University campus for graduating batches 2016/2017/2018.

ITEM-2: GRANT OF LEAVE TO MEMBERS NOT ABLE TO ATTEND THE MEETING

Leave of absence was granted to following members of the Governing Body/Board of Management:

V Karuna	Member	GB
Dhanashree Bhat	Member	GB

Anuja P Mahindra Sharma	Member	BoM
Zhooben Bhiwandiwala	Member	BoM
Rama Velamuri	Member	BoM
Sridhar Acharyulu	Member	BoM

ITEM-3: MU REVIEW – PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION

The Vice Chancellor through a detailed presentation, briefed all members on the diverse nature of activities and achievements of faculty and students at the University; existing/proposed new Schools/programs of study; existing/projected intake of students/faculty; admissions 2022; placement details for Batch 2018-22; and the recently released NIRF 2022 Ranking.

Members were informed of proposal to start academic activities at the School of Hospitality Management from AY 2023 in collaboration with Nolan Cornell SC Johnson College of Business (presently ranked No 1 world-wide). It was suggested to include Mahindra Holidays in further discussions.

With regard to programs of study at the Indira Mahindra School of Education, members advised to look at opportunities for incorporating a full year of teaching internship. Members were informed of the new Dean (to join by 1 September) and of starting the MA (Education) from AY 2023.

It was further opined that going forward, the School of Media & Liberal Arts should be split into two distinct specializations – School of Media and the School of Liberal Arts. Members were also informed regarding the potential to offer 4-year BA/BBA programs vis-à-vis the existing 3-years duration on account of the NEP 2020.

ITEM-4: TO RECEIVE AND APPROVE THE ANNUAL ACCOUNTS OF THE UNIVERSITY FOR THE FY ENDED 31st MARCH 2022

Members approved the Annual Accounts of the University for the FY ended 31st March 2022, which had been circulated to all.

ITEM-5: ANY OTHER ITEM, DECIDED BY THE CHAIRMAN AND FIXING OF DATE FOR THE NEXT MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

The date of the next meeting shall be decided and communicated shortly. Since there were no other points, the meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair.

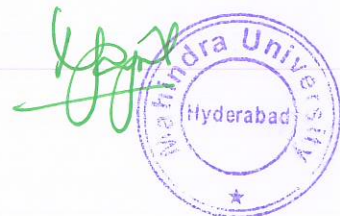
Rajive Chauhan
29/8/2022

Col Rajive Chauhan (Retd.)
Acting Registrar



Confirmed

Shri Anand Mahindra
Chancellor & Chairman
The Governing Body
Mahindra University, Hyderabad



**MINUTES OF THE SECOND MEETING OF THE BOARD OF MANAGEMENT OF
 MAHINDRA UNIVERSITY, HYDERABAD, HELD ON 29th OCTOBER 2020
 (in virtual mode)**

Mr Vineet Nayyar Chairman, MEI	Member & Emeritus Chairman
Dr Yajulu Medury Vice Chancellor, Mahindra University	Chairman
Mr C P Gurnani MD & CEO Tech Mahindra	Member
Ms Anuja P Mahindra Sharma	Member
Dr Mukti V Khaire Professor Cornell Tech, USA	Member
Mr Ulhas Yargop Chairman Bristlecone	Member
Mr Zhooben Bhiwandiwal President - Mahindra Partners & Group Legal	Member
Dr Bishnu Pal Dean Mahindra University	Member
Dr Arya Bhattacharya Dean Mahindra University	Member
Mr Milind Kulkarni Tech Mahindra	Special Invitee
Mr Shivanand Raja Tech Mahindra	Special Invitee
Col (Retd) Rajive Chauhan Acting Registrar, Mahindra University	Member Secretary (without voting rights)

ITEM-1: WELCOME AND OPENING REMARKS BY THE CHAIRMAN

The Vice Chancellor, being the Chairman of the meeting, accorded a very warm welcome to all the members for having made it convenient to join the deliberations of the second meeting of the Board of Management of the University.

He explained that over a period of next 5 Years, the University shall progressively increase the student strength to 4000 plus; studying diversified programs in various Schools. The aim of the management is to provide an academic ambience which coupled with quality faculty, infrastructure, and learning environment enables students to flourish and become competent to fulfill their dreams. He envisioned the University as a Centre of Excellence in research and development and to be benchmarked amongst the top Global Educational Institutions, to attract the best and brightest aspirants. Mr Nayar sought views, ideas, suggestions and participation of all present towards fulfillment of the vision and mission set forth for the University, and requested the Vice Chancellor to present the agenda items for kind perusal of all members.

During the course of presentation of the agenda and discussion, members shared their experiences, expectations and suggestions towards enhancement of standards and development of the University.

ITEM-2: GRANT OF LEAVE TO MEMBERS NOT ABLE TO ATTEND THE MEETING

All members were present.

ITEM-3: TO RECEIVE AND CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE 1st MEETING OF THE BOARD OF MANAGEMENT HELD ON 20th JULY 2020 AND ACTION TAKEN REPORT

Members of the Board of Management confirmed the minutes of the last meeting held on 20th July 2020, and also noted the Action Taken Report.

ITEM-4: TO RECEIVE THE REPORT ON CURRENT ACTIVITIES IN THE UNIVERSITY

The report on current activities in the University covered aspects related to vision and progress made including various milestones, academic aims and goals, faculty enhancement, research and development activities and additions made/being made in the infrastructure.

Information on engagement of faculty in various Conferences was provided to all members, (i) VAIBHAV (Vaishvik Bhartiya Vaigyanik Summit) – which is organized by the Government of India, with participation of 2 senior faculty from Mahindra University (a first from private university system), (ii) MURS (Mahindra University Research Symposium 2020), (iii) ICMLDS 2021 (International Conference on Machine Learning & Data Science, and (iv) The International Conference on Emerging Techniques in Computational Intelligence (ETCI-2021).

The members during the course of discussion shared their experiences, expectations and suggestions towards enhancement of standards and development of the University.

ITEM-5: TO RECEIVE THE MINUTES OF THE 1st ACADEMIC COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 6th OCTOBER 2020

Members were apprised that the Academic Council (AC) of the University, which comprises external academicians and industry professionals, held its first meeting on 6th October 2020.

Academic rules for the B. Tech and PhD programs, as recommended by the Academic Council were approved by the Board of Management for implementation.

Basis the Minutes of Meeting of the Academic Council, curricula for all programs of study, modified grading system, and other relevant matters were considered and approved by the Board.

The Board took note of the minutes of the First Academic Council, and approved the same for implementation.

ITEM-6: TO NOTE THE ADMISSION STATUS FOR ACADEMIC SESSION 2020-21 AND CONSIDER ADMISSION POLICY FOR ACADEMIC SESSION 2021-22

The Board noted the details of admissions made for academic session 2020-21.

Programs and admission proposal for Academic Session 2021-22 was considered and approved as proposed in the Agenda.

ITEM-7: TO RATIFY APPOINTMENTS OF FACULTY AND STAFF SINCE LAST MEETING OF THE BOARD OF MANAGEMENT

Members were informed that the University has maintained highest standards in selection of faculty and non-teaching staff, in that only those with PhD as basic qualification from either the IITs or noted overseas institutes or equivalent institutions have been enrolled.

All efforts are made to retain the faculty by ensuring satisfactory service conditions.

The selection of faculty and staff as per Item of the Agenda was ratified by the Board.

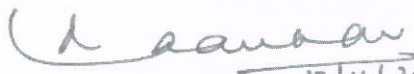
ITEM-7.1: ADMISSION AND FEE CONCESSION FOR WARDS OF MAHINDRA UNIVERSITY FACULTY/NON-TEACHING STAFF

Members were apprised of the need for provision of admission in appropriate schools/disciplines as well as fee concession to wards of Mahindra University Faculty/NT staff.

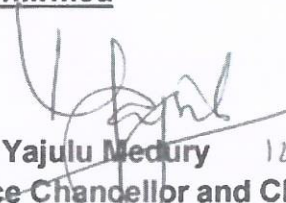
The Board took note of the same and recommended to be taken up for approval by the Governing Body.

ITEM-8: ANY OTHER ITEM, DECIDED BY THE CHAIRMAN AND FIXING OF DATE FOR THE NEXT MEETING OF THE BOARD OF MANAGEMENT

Since there were no other points, the meeting ended with the vote of thanks to the Chair.


12/11/2020
Col Rajive Chauhan (Retd)
Acting Registrar

Confirmed


12 Nov 2020
Dr Yajulu Medury
Vice Chancellor and Chairman
The Board of Management
Mahindra University
Hyderabad