



# AMITY UNIVERSITY MUMBAI

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## MINUTES OF THE GOVERNING BODY MEETING

Held on Thursday, 24<sup>th</sup> August 2023 at 10:30 am

(Through Online Mode)

The meeting of the Governing Body was held on Held on Thursday, 24<sup>th</sup> August 2023 at 10:30 am onwards through online mode.

### Following members were present in the meeting: -

1. Dr. Aseem Chauhan – Chairman (Hon'ble Chancellor and President)
2. Dr. A W Santhosh Kumar – Member (Hon'ble Vice Chancellor)
3. Dr. D Selvamurthy – Member
4. Dr. P B Sharma – Member
5. Lt. Gen. V K Sharma AVSM (Retd) – Member
6. Dr. S L Kothari – Member
7. Mr. Pradeep Kumar – Member
8. Mr. Bhushan Bajaj – Member
9. Dr. Vikas Madhukar – Member
10. Dr. H S Vyas – Member Secretary

### Following members could not attend the meeting due to their other commitments.

1. Adv. Vijay Vaidya
2. Mr. Lalit Kshirsagar
3. Dr. Kamal Kant Dwivedi

The meeting of The Governing Body Meeting started with Hon'ble Vice Chancellor Dr. A W Santhosh Kumar welcoming all the members of the governing Body.

All the agenda points were discussed chronologically, discussions and deliberations were recorded as under:

### Agenda – 1

#### Welcome Address by the Vice Chancellor of Amity University, Maharashtra, Prof. (Dr) A W Santhosh Kumar.

Hon'ble Vice Chancellor welcomed the members of the Governing Body. He acknowledged the support and guidance of our Founder Chancellor and the Chancellor and President of Amity University Maharashtra is performing well and we at AUM are committed to follow scrupulously the vision of our Founder Chancellor and the Chancellor and President of Amity University Maharashtra.

He thanked all the distinguished members of the Governing Body for sparing their valuable time for the meeting.

The Hon'ble Vice Chancellor requested The Chancellor and President of Amity University, Maharashtra, Dr. Aseem Chauhan to address the members of the Governing Body as per agenda point No. 2.



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## **Agenda – 2**

### **Opening remark by the Chancellor and President of Amity University, Maharashtra, Dr Aseem Chauhan.**

The Hon'ble Chancellor and President of Amity University, Maharashtra, Dr Aseem Chauhan welcomed all the distinguished members of the Governing Body and stated that all the members of AUM Governing Body are involve in guiding the university since beginning. He added that with an excellent team at AUM, he has high hopes from the University and has great potential.

The Hon'ble Chancellor and President of Amity University, Maharashtra, Dr Aseem Chauhan further said that AUM Team should take initiatives to ensure that the Government Bureaucrats are well informed of the activities of the university.

With these words, The Hon'ble Chancellor and President of Amity University, Maharashtra, Dr Aseem Chauhan directed Hon'ble Vice Chancellor to take the discussion of the meeting forward.

## **Agenda – 3**

### **Approval of Minutes of Previous Governing Body Meeting held on 26<sup>th</sup> April 2023 and Action taken report.**

Taking the discussion forward, The Registrar said that the next agenda point is approval of the minutes of the Previous Governing Body Meeting held on 26th April 2023 and Action taken report. The Registrar stated that the detailed minutes of the said meeting along with the Action Taken Report was already circulated with the elite members of the Governing Body. He sought approval of the same from the members. The Members of the Governing Body approved the Minutes and Action Taken Report of the Previous Governing Body Meeting held on 26th April 2023.

## **Agenda – 4**

### **Presentation of Report on performance of Amity University Maharashtra.**

The Hon'ble Vice Chancellor Prof. (Dr) A W Santhosh Kumar gave a presentation on the progress report of the Amity University Maharashtra.

In his presentation, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor presented following statistics.

1. Total Faculty 181
  - i. Male Faculty 90
  - ii. Female Faculty 94
2. Faculty Cadre Ratio 1 : 1.7 : 7  
Professor : Associate Professor : Assistant Professor
3. Total Students 4,955
  - i. PG & PG 4,955



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| a. Male Students  | 2,389 |
| b. Female Student | 2,566 |
| ii. Ph D          | 275   |
| a. Male Students  | 156   |
| b. Female Student | 119   |
4. Hostel Occupancy Total 1,654 – Fee Paid. Current Occupying 817
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|---------------------|-----|
| i. Male Students    | 325 |
| ii. Female Students | 492 |
5. Major Ranking Outcome:
- Data Quest T School Award
    - Amity School of Engineering & Tech secured 7<sup>th</sup> Position in Western Region in 2023
    - AUM has secured 53<sup>rd</sup> Position in at All India level and is as 45<sup>th</sup> Position among Private Universities
  - The Week
    - AUM is ranked 2<sup>nd</sup> in Multi-Disciplinary Emerging university of West Zone in 2023
  - India Today
    - AUM Fashion School is ranked 35<sup>th</sup> among Top Fashion Design Colleges in India
    - AUM Architecture School is ranked 37<sup>th</sup> among Top Architecture Colleges in India
    - AUM Mass Communication School is ranked 38<sup>th</sup> among Top Mass Communication Colleges in India
    - AUM Law School is ranked 50<sup>th</sup> among Top Law Colleges in India
    - AUM Business Management School is ranked 52<sup>nd</sup> among Top BBA Colleges in India
    - AUM Engineering School is ranked 78<sup>th</sup> among Top Engineering Pvt. Colleges in India
  - NIRF
    - AUM has secured position in the band of 101 – 150 in the Innovation Category in The NIRF Ranking.
  - Institution's Innovation Council – IIC
    - AUM has been rated 3.50 / 4.0

Honorable, Chancellor Sir invited Prof. P B Sharma to add his comment on the point of ranking achieved by AUM. Prof. P B Sharma stated that we need to think on 2 lines. One is to understand what creates rank and second would be know the parameters in which we can dramatically score good and improve our ranking status. He further stated that AUM can have a strategy to develop our faculty and next would-be research and translation strategy may be strengthened.



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Dr. Selvamurthy stated that he would like to give an analogy of reverse engineering. He said that we may pick up 10 different institutions and study their best practices and may be adopt one that suits us the best in our eco system. He added that we need to also see the core competencies that exist in our system and understand the gaps and work on it. Dr. Selvamurthy suggested that we may bring accomplished retired people who are masters in their domain to bring value to our university.

Honorable, Chancellor Sir asked Hon'ble Vice Chancellor about his thoughts on improving the ranking of AUM. Hon'ble Vice Chancellor said that he envisions a 3-point approach. One is critically revamping the academic approach aligned to the accreditation process. Second is regarding research and innovation. Hon'ble Vice Chancellor said that his strategy is to encourage and handhold faculty to do good research by giving conducive environment. He added that AUM is also working on great incubation ideas with the guidance from Hon'ble Chancellor sir. He also stated that faculty are bringing lots of extramural fundings, and consultancy is being conducted. All this must be properly documented to ensure that AUM gets the benefit of all this in its ranking.

Honorable, Chancellor Sir invited Shri Bhushan Bajaj Ji for his suggestions. Shri Bajaj Ji emphasized that AUM should concentrate on improving the number of students admitted at AUM. He said that AUM should conduct a survey of its alumni. That will give the university an insight to know its true strengths and weaknesses which the university may use to attract more students.

Directed by Hon'ble Chancellor, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor continued with his presentation.

## 6. Update on NEP 2020 Implementation:

NEP 2020 is implemented in following programs at AUM:

- a. ABS – 5 Programs
  - i. BBA
  - ii. BBA – Banking & Finance
  - iii. B Com – Finance & Accounting
  - iv. B Com (H)
  - v. B Sc – Economics
- b. ASAS – 3 Programs
  - i. B Sc – Chemistry (H)
  - ii. B Sc – Physics (H)
  - iii. B Sc – Math (H)
- c. AILA – 2 Programs
  - i. B A – Liberal Arts (H)
  - ii. B A – Economics (H)
- d. ASL – 2 Programs
  - i. B A – English (H)



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- ii. B A – French (H)
- e. AIB – 1 Program
  - i. B Sc – BT (H)
- f. RICS – 1 Program
  - i. BBA – RE & UI

Hon'ble Chancellor placed on record his appreciation to Dr. Vikas Madhukar for working hard on working across Amity Universities to make the Implementation of NEP at various Amity Universities.

## 7. Admissions

School	Net Admissions		
	2023	2022	2021
ABS	220	192	209
AFS	5	2	3
AIBAS	294	355	432
AIB	119	154	160
AIIT	184	128	87
AILA	32	14	18
AIT	16	9	15
AITT	18	17	25
ALS (Law)	76	70	99
ASAS	22	24	42
ASAP	52	50	46
ASCO	147	170	204
ASET	205	177	228
ASFT	50	57	60
ASFA	11	15	10
ASL (Language)	9	15	29
CII	22	23	32
RICS	75	143	129
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,557</b>	<b>1,615</b>	<b>1,828</b>

### Admission Related Activities:

- a. An Open House Session with Domain Expert & Guided Campus Tour
- b. Career Counselling Events organized by various schools of AUM
- c. Various Off-line Events organized by various schools of AUM
- d. Special boost to 3-C Programs



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## 8. Exam Result – Even Semester

Schools	# of Students Appeared	# of Students Passed	Pass Percentage
ABS	561	378	75.75
AFS	10	5	62.50
AIBAS	953	684	79.08
AIB	396	329	86.81
AIIT	256	175	75.11
AILA	43	34	87.18
AIT	50	40	81.63
AITT	83	70	89.74
ALS (Law)	321	255	85.86
ASAP	205	140	73.30
ASAS	69	56	86.15
ASCO	551	423	85.45
ASET	704	470	71.21
ASFA	59	28	59.57
ASFT	219	156	84.78
ASL (Language)	53	33	80.49
CII	55	55	100.00
RICS	270	256	97.34
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>4,858</b>	<b>3,585</b>	<b>81.22% (Odd – 89%)</b>

The members of The Governing Body raised concern on the pass percentage ratio of 82%. Hon'ble Vice Chancellor assured that members that AUM Team is taking steps to analyze and improve the same.

### SGPA PERCENTAGE RANGE

Semester	SGPA PERCENTAGE RANGE			
	< = 4.59	>4.59 & <6.50	>6.50 & <8.50	> = 8.50
Even	6.56	14.97	55.43	23.05
Odd	7.99	15.18	54.72	22.11

## 9. CRC – Placement Statistics

- i. Number of Students opted for placement – 613
- ii. Number of Students Hired – 538 (87.90 %)
- iii. Number of Companies participated in placement – 548
- iv. Number of Companies Hired Students – 145



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Year	Repeated Companies	New Companies Visiting AUM Campus	No. of Companies Hired Students
2022	147	198	98
2023	234	315	145

Year	Highest Salary Package	Lowest Salary Package	Median Salary Package
2022	18 Lacs pa	1.80 Lacs pa	4.20 Lacs pa
2023	44 Lacs pa	3.20 Lacs pa	6.20 Lacs pa

Though the members of the Governing Body Applauded the efforts of CRC Team at AUM to place our students internationally and there by improve the highest salary & median salary placements our students have secured, they suggested that AUM should review the companies that are coming for campus placement are not hiring any of our students.

## 10. Research Indices:

Sr. #	Research Activities	Achievements (Jul 22 to Jul 23)
1	Publications	234 (167 – Scopus)
2	H – Index	31
3	Number of Citations	3,919
4	New Projects Granted	9
5	Extramural Funds Generated	3 Crores 59 Lacs
6	Patents	10 (3 Granted)
7	Copyrights	2
8	Establishment of Funded Start-up	1 ( 80 Lacs – DST )
9	Consultancy / Training Development	1.13 Crores
10	Books Published	8
11	Book Chapters Published	86
12	MoU Signed	6
13	Extramural Research Fellows Hosted	7

## 11. Sanctioned Projects ( from Jul 2022 )

Sr. #	School / Institute	Funding Agency	Duration of Project	Project Amount	Status
1	AIB	DST – SERB	5 Years	INR 119 Lacs	Sanctioned
2	ACDDD – AIB	SERB – SRG	2 Years	INR 27.44 Lacs	Sanctioned
3	ACDDD – AIB	SERB – TARE	3 Years	INR 15 Lacs	Sanctioned



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4	AIIT	West Bengal National University	1 Year	INR 8 Lacs	Sanctioned
5	CoE Astrobiology – AIB	UC Berkley	6 Months	INR 8.80 Lacs	Sanctioned
6	ASET	IEEE – GRSS USA	1 Year	\$ 5,000	Sanctioned
7	ASET	UKI – FNI UK	8 Months	£ 49,995	Sanctioned
8	AIB	DST – Nidhi Prayas	2 Years	INR 8 Lacs	Sanctioned
9	AIB	DST – SERB	5 Years	INR 119 Lacs	Sanctioned

## 12. Research Fellows at AUM:

Sr. No.	Name	Research Fellow	Research Area	Attached to
1	Dr. Abhishek Guldhe	Ramalingaswami	Biofuel	AIB
2	Dr. Arif D Sheikh	SERB	Solar Cells	ASET
3	Dr. R Selvakumaran	SERB	Space Science	AIB
4	Dr. Sneha Gokani	Ramanujam	Space Radiation	AIB
5	Dr. Sushant Sahu	Ramanujam	Molecular Sensor	AIB
6	Dr. Bhuvana Shanbhag	Ramalingaswami	Protein Engg Biosensor	AIB
7	Dr. Dattatray Late	CoE – Nanoscience	Super Capacitor Batteries	Nano Science

On the projects, Dr. Selva Murthy stated that at Mumbai, there is tremendous scope for AUM to improve the Industry projects and consultancy avenues. Efforts to improve patents also should be viewed seriously. He added that an MBA person may be recruited specially to market and work on the avenues of getting Industry Projects and consultancy. Hon'ble Chancellor suggested we can have a separate wing of ASTIF at AUM to support it.

Dr. Selva Murthy suggested that the Ramalingaswami, SERB & Ramanujam Fellows are top brains that are hosted at AUM. AUM should be given attention to them and their activities and their progress must be periodically monitored. He suggested that these fellows must be given more of research work and attract projects so that they may be able to perform to the maximum of their potential.

## 13. AUM Activities:

- i. AUM Astrobiology ISRO Initiative Landing of Chandrayan 3 on Moon
- ii. Inauguration of DBT Sponsored Biomass Production Plant for Microalgae Cultivation Pilot Biofuel Facility
- iii. E Cell Campusprenuers & Start -Ups
- iv. Faculty Start Ups Bespo – Q By ASFT and Pepin by AIB Faculty
- v. MoU signed between Mbiome & AIB





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- vi. AIB conducted International Conference on Advances in Biotechnology – Current Discoveries & Future Perspectives

Dr. Selva Murthy wanted to know the update on the Payload of Amity that was sent to ISRO and the MARS Mission in Ladak. Also update on alliance from Australia and NASA.

Hon'ble Vice Chancellor stated that in the reporting period there was not much of activities happened, hence it is not reported. But in the last Governing Body Meeting there was a complete report that was presented. However, he assured the Members of the Governing Body that periodic work is undertaken and a detailed report on the activities would be presented in the next meeting.

Hon'ble Vice Chancellor added that this academic year AUM has started M Sc program in Astrobiology and 8 students has enrolled for the same. Further efforts would be put to encourage more students taking up this program.

#### 14. Update on City Office:

- i. 53 Events Planned consisting of Admission Conclave, Placement Events, Alumni Events and Certificate Courses proposed to be offered by ABS, AIBAS & RICS at City Office which would be 6 months duration with classes only on Saturdays, will have 45 credits and Industry tie – up.
  - a) AIBS, Course Planned – Life Skills Training for Mental Health Professionals
  - b) RICS, Course Planned – Certificate Program on Real Estate Management
  - c) ABS, Course Planned – Certificate Program on Business Analytics
- ii. AU Small Finance Bank Officers Training conducted at City Office
- iii. 2<sup>nd</sup> Batch of HDFC Officers Training conducted at City Office

#### 15. Student Accolade:

- i. Mr. Ankit Mishra, BCA Student in Semester 5 is selected as UN Millennium Fellow, Championing Sustainable Solutions.
- ii. Ms. Ankita Walawalkar from RICS has got scholarship from Taiwan
- iii. Mr. Prathamesh P S from M Sc Biotechnology is the recipient of the prestigious Bayer Fellowship Program (MEDHA) from Bayer Foundation.

#### 16. Student Development and enrichment

#### 17. Faculty Development and enrichment

#### 18. Books published by faculty



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## 19. Faculty Retreat at Lonavala

The Members of Governing Body applauded the efforts of AUM for arranging this for the faculty & staff and specially thanked Hon'ble Chancellor sir for approving it.

## 20. Sports & Game Leagues

## 21. Independence Day celebration

## 22. Education Leader conclave

## 23. Media, PR and Perception

## 24. Institutional Reviews

- i. Academic Audit – By Dean Academics
- ii. Research Audit – By Dean Research IC
- iii. Evaluation and Reporting Review – By Deputy CoE
- iv. Individual School Review – By Respective HoI
- v. PBA – By Two Committees
- vi. Annual HoI One-on-One review – By Vice Chancellor
- vii. Annual School review – By Vice Chancellor
- viii. Deans review – By Vice Chancellor

## 25. Major Activities

- i. NAAC
- ii. Implementation of NEP
- iii. Program Accreditation
  - Business Management
  - Computer Science
  - Biotechnology and
  - RICS
- iv. Comprehensive Research Cluster
  - Astro-Sciences
  - Radiation Biology
  - Nanotechnology and
  - Artificial Intelligence
- v. Academic Strengthening
  - Pedagogy
  - Evaluation



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- vi. Center for Language proficiency and soft skills to be conducted by ASL (Language School) & CRC
- vii. Cog Lab – AIBAS

## 26. Future Perspectives

- i. Building
  - Classroom Complex
  - Cog Lab
  - AIP
- ii. Infrastructures
  - Establishment of Centralized Instrumentation Facility
  - Establishment of Centralized Computer Facility
  - Faculty Research Incentives / Seed Money
- iii. Planned
  - Proposed New Hostel Block
  - Proposed Playground and Indoor Arena

With this, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor concluded his report on the update on Amity University Maharashtra. The Members of The Governing Body applauded the progress made by AUM.

Hon'ble Chancellor Sir directed The Registrar to call upon the Members of the Governing Body to give their suggestions.

Dr. Selva Murthy was invited, the following suggestions were given

- I. AUM should conduct performance management of every individual to get their best potential. For which, he suggested a special Human Resource performance & development committee be constituted. He added that AUM should make constructive efforts to groom its faculty and overall human resource.
- II. AUM should have its plan for industry and corporate connect. Suggested incorporating in the future report.
- III. AUM should make efforts to collaborate with premium institutions in and around Mumbai like IIT Bombay, BARC, DRDO, NMRL, ICMR etc. He stated that in the next meeting.
- IV. Dr. Selva Murthy conveyed that the MoUs to be fully operational. AUM should have a strategy plan in place to harness these collaborations as a force multiplier to improve joint publication, Joint patents and joint projects.
- V. AUM should form an Advisory board consisting of external members.



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Prof. Dr. P B Sharma was invited, the following suggestions were given.

- I. He seconded the suggestion made by Dr. Selva Murthy and stated that AUM should make constructive efforts to groom its faculty and overall human resource for which an exclusive Faculty Development Program may be initiated to make them more innovative, highly collaborative and have integrated approach for academic and research.
- II. AUM should make efforts to still improve on the overall accomplishment of our students.
- III. To tap the locational advantage of being in Mumbai, AUM should have a careful plan for its growth in future. Collaboration with Pharma Industry, Food Technology & Innovation, Chemical & Textile, Health & Allied Health Industries should be our focus,

Lt. General V K Sharma was invited. The following suggestions were given

- I. He observed that in the Law School more activities can be planned. He suggested conducting a Model United Nations inviting other law colleges from in and around Mumbai at AUM. He also suggested that AUM Law School can initiate forming a mediation cell. This will give visibility to AUM.
- II. He suggested that AUM should conduct programs to train the trainers. He suggested that AUM may initiate signing a MoU with Eduskills Foundation. They conduct effective training for the trainers in terms of technology. Though it is a paid MoU, but the same is not very expensive at 1.50 Lacs for 3 years training.
- III. He added that the locational advantage, AUM should be able to leverage by attracting best professionals to the campus who can share their valuable inputs with the faculty, staff & students.

Dr. S L Kothari was invited. The following suggestions were given.

- I. He seconded the suggestions of Dr. Selva Murthy and other members to work on Faculty & Student Grooming on research methodology besides other areas.
- II. AUM should recruit a greater number of qualified and experienced faculty to improve the Student Faculty Ratio.
- III. He suggested that National Education Policy 2020, that is now implemented in Maharashtra AUM is welcome.
- IV. Lastly, he stated with the generous support of Hon'ble Chancellor Sir, multiple sophisticated and high-end labs have been established at Amity University, Jaipur. He offered support to AUM should its faculty need any training or help to work on these equipment, the same would be extended.



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Shri Bhushan Bajaj was invited. The following suggestions were made.

- I. He suggested that AUM should concentrate on Executive Development Program. This will create awareness and Industry connect. This will also improve placements.
- II. AUM should also take steps to improve admissions for which taking feedback from Alumni will help.
- III. AUM can think of setting up and developing a Material Testing facility or such specialized endeavor.
- IV. He said indigenization of defense components is a good field in which AUM may decide to contribute.

Shri Pradeep Kumar was invited. The following suggestions were made.

- I. He said that Industry interaction must be very strategic. The whole outreach problem must have milestones which should be periodically studied to view our direction and progress.
- II. He said that since AUM is starting School of Pharmacy, efforts should be put at the onset to tie up with premium pharmaceutical companies. A strong industry connect should be the priority for AIP.
- III. He added that AUM can make efforts on drug discovery and AI in Pharmaceutical industry.

Dr. Vikas Madhukar was invited. The following suggestions were made.

- I. He said AUM should plan for an overall development starting from improving the number of students enrolled, quality of faculty, improve publications and improve graduation outcome.
- II. On admissions, he stated that the university should make efforts to develop other schools in line with schools such as AIBAS, ABS, ASET & AIB to attract more students from across country and even international students. Efforts are required to improve PhD Admission across schools.
- III. He seconded the opinion of Dr. Kothari and stated that AUM should recruit a greater number of qualified and experienced faculty with minimum PhD qualification to improve the Student Faculty Ratio.
- IV. He stated that an increase in the overall results of the students and passing percentage.
- V. Lastly, he suggested in keeping with the methodology of ranking and accreditation, data and documentation should be developed so that good rank can be secured. University needs to have a strategy to score high on research and peer perception.

Commodore Atul Kumar was invited. The following suggestions were made.

He said it is happy to see good activities started at City Office Campus. He requested that the full potential of the facility to be utilized.



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### Any other matter with the permission of the chair.

Since there was no other matter to be discussed, the meeting of the Governing Body ended and Hon'ble Chancellor in his closing remark thanked all the members of the governing body for their valuable suggestions and active participation.



**Dr. H. S. Vyas**

**Registrar**

**To:**

- Chairman of the Governing Body
- Vice Chancellor
- All Members of the Governing Body

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