

MINUTES

34th MEETING OF GOVERNING BODY OF CHARUSAT

Date : July 24, 2021, Saturday

Time : 10:30 a.m.

Venue : Conference Room, CMPICA Building, CHARUSAT Campus

The 34th meeting of the Governing Body (GB) of Charotar University of Science and Technology (CHARUSAT) was held as per the schedule.

Following members were present:

1. Shri Surendra M. Patel **Chairman;** President, CHARUSAT
2. Dr. Pankaj Joshi **Member;** Provost, CHARUSAT
3. Dr. Harishbhai Patel **Member;** President, Universal Load Banks, USA
4. Dr. Bimal Patel **Member;** Vice Chancellor, Rashtriya Raksha University, Gandhinagar
5. Shri. Hemal Patel **Member;** Expert of Information Technology
6. Mr. Devang Joshi **Member-Secretary;** Registrar, CHARUSAT (ex-officio)

Following member attended the meeting virtually (Through Zoom Meeting):

1. Dr. M. I. Patel; Member ; Eminent Educationist, Industrialist and Philanthropist

Following invitees remained present on the request of the Chairman:

1. Dr. M C Patel; Secretary, Kelavani Mandal and CHRF
2. Shri Ashok Patel; Advisor to CHARUSAT
3. Dr. B G Patel; Advisor to CHARUSAT (Invitee)

Following members/invitees could not remain present:

1. Shri Naginbhai Patel; Member ; President, Matrusanstha
2. Shri Virendrabhai Patel; Member ; Trustee, Kelavani Mandal and Treasurer, CHRF
3. Shri Devang Patel; Member ; Eminent Philanthropist and Businessman
4. Shri Pankaj R Patel; Member ; Eminent Industrialist
5. Dr. Amit Ganatra; Member ; Dean, Faculty of Technology & Engineering
6. Principal Secretary, Dept. of Higher & Technical Education, Gujarat State; Ex-officio Member
7. Dr. S P Kosta; Advisor to CHARUSAT (Invitee)

AGENDA PROCEEDINGS AND RESOLUTIONS:

Item 34.21.01: For Confirmation; Relevant portion of the minutes of Thirteenth Joint Meeting of Governing Body and Board of Management held on February 13, 2021

Proceedings and Resolution 34.21.01:

The Registrar informed that CHARUSAT had organized the Thirteenth Joint Meeting of 33rd Meeting of Governing Body and 48th Meeting of Board of Management (BOM) on February 13, 2021. The minutes were circulated on February 19, 2021. No comments are received from any members. The GB is requested to confirm the relevant portions of the Minutes falling under its purview. As there were no suggestions, the minutes, as circulated were confirmed.

Item 34.21.02: For Information; Actions taken on the items of the Thirteenth Joint Meeting of Board of Management and Governing Body

Proceedings 34.21.02:

The Registrar briefed on the actions taken on the items of the Thirteenth Joint Meeting of Governing Body and Board of Management held on February 13, 2021.

Under Item No.-JM 13.21.09: International Students

The GB directed for increasing the number of International Students. It suggested to have target driven efforts. It resolved to create all necessary infrastructure for that. It also suggested that efforts should be made to incentivize students to stay in campus.

Resolution 34.21.02:

- The GB expressed satisfaction over action taken on the items of the Thirteenth Joint Meeting of GB and BOM held on February 13, 2021.

Items on Academics and Development

Item 34.21.03: For Information and Approval; Progress on Center of Excellence (Government of Gujarat) and Preparation for NAAC

Proceedings & Resolution 34.21.03:

Center of Excellence (CoE) Progress:

The Registrar informed the Body that the High Level Committee (HLC) has visited Our Campus on 30th March, 2021. On 31 May 2021, Honorable Chief Minister has given in principle approval to CHARUSAT as the Centre of Excellence.

After this approval, two meetings were arranged at Nirma University in the presence of honorable Principal Secretary and decided to provide Action Plan of all Universities for Next 5 Years. He added that the Provost had given presentation on 4th June, 2021 at Nirma University on Excellence Parameters and 5-years Vision plan of University.

On 1st July 2021, the meeting was arranged for Centre of Excellence, under the Chairmanship of Principal Secretary (Education) at Committee Room, Gandhinagar. Provost and Registrar had attended the Meeting and gave the presentation on CHARUSAT-Genesis and a Glimpse and Plan of Action @ Centre of Excellence (CoE) Status. As discussed in the meeting we have Submitted Action Plan to CoE on 5th July, 2021.

The GB acknowledged the information and considered the advantage of CoE to increase brand image of CHARUSAT.

Gujarat State Institutional Ranking Framework (GSIRF) Rankings:

Registrar also gave information about Gujarat State Institutional Ranking Framework (GSIRF). With the aim of helping Gujarat Institutes to compete in National Institutional Ranking Framework (NIRF), the Gujarat State Institutional Rating Framework (GSIRF) is an initiative by the Knowledge Consortium of Gujarat (KCG). CHARUSAT institutes had filed for GSIRF rankings. He informed the Body that CIPS, IIIM, MTIN, RPCP, CSPIT, CMPICA, ARIP and University has participated in the month of Feb-2021. From all over, Gujarat total 35 universities and 189 Colleges/Institutions had participated in different categories in GSIRF ranking. Result of the GSIRF was declared on 22nd June, 2021. Following are rankings for CHARUSAT and its constituents:

- CHARUSAT University ranked with 4 star.
- MTIN ranked with 4 star and Secured 1st position among Institutes in the Medical Category.
- CMPICA ranked with 5 star and Secured 3rd position among top 3 Institutes of Gujarat in the college Category.
- ARIP ranked with 4 star and Secured 3rd position among top 3 Institutes in the Medical Category.
- IIIM ranked with 4 star and Secured 5th position among top 5 Institutes in the Management Category.
- CSPIT ranked with 4 star and Secured 2nd position among top 3 Institutes in the Engineering Category.

The GB congratulated all concerned. It directed to make all endeavors to have top ranks in National Institutional Ranking Framework (NIRF) also.

NAAC Preparation:

The Registrar informed the Body that CHARUSAT has applied for the NAAC 2nd cycle on April 15, 2021 and IIQA (letter of intent) has been accepted on May 31, 2021. He added that we need to submit the data of the last five completed Academic Year i.e. 2015-16, 2016-17, 2017-18, 2018-19, and 2019-20. Data and corresponding supporting documents collection and collation is under the finalization stage. We would submit all the data/documents by July 31, 2021.

The Registrar presented the NAAC criterion and its weightage to the GB. The details are as follow:

Sr. No.	Criterion	Weightage
1	Curriculum Design & Development	150
2	Teaching, Learning and Development	200
3	Research & Innovation	250
4	Infrastructure Development & Library	100
5	Student Support and Progression	100
6	Governance, Leadership & Management	100
7	Institutional Values & Best Practices	100
Total		1000

The GB directed to:

- i) Strive for the best grades (atleast A⁺) in NAAC.
- ii) CHARUSAT should make efforts to have papers which invite maximum citations. It should be given special focus and a plan shall be worked out for that.
- iii) All the Principals should be communicated to develop a separate cadre for Researchers through recruitment / identification from internal faculty.
- iv) Efforts should be made to score maximum in Research & Innovation parameter.

Items on Financial Management

Item 34.21.04: For Information and Approval; The Accounts of financial year ending on 31st March, 2021

Proceedings 34.21.04:

The Registrar presented the Audited Annual Accounts for CHARUSAT & its Constitutes, for the financial year 2020-21, for approval.

Resolution 34.21.04:

The Body approved the Accounts for the Financial Year 2020-21. It appreciated the Account team for timely and diligent accounts preparations.

It also suggested that a separate Resource Mobilization Unit has to be established for looking into University resource mobilization.

Item 34.21.05: For Information and Approval; Budget for the Financial Year 2021-22

Proceedings & Resolution 34.21.05:

The Registrar presented the budget of coming financial year 2021-22. He informed that the Finance Committee has already approved it in its 42nd meeting held on 21st January, 2021. The GB approved the budget for the financial year 2021-22. A post-facto approval is sought. Shri Hemal Patel queried about comparison of budgetary figures with last year figures. This was indicated as under:

Receipt / Expenditure	2020-21			Estimated Budget 2021-22
	Estimated	Actual upto 31/12/2020	Revised Estimation	

Registrar also informed about quarterly Account preparation and comparison with budget being done by Finance Committee.

The GB approved the Budget for the Financial Year 2021-22.

Item 34.21.06: For Approval; Minutes of Finance Committee Meeting

Proceedings 34.21.06:

The Registrar informed the Body that the 41st, 42nd, 43rd, and 44th meetings of Finance Committee of CHARUSAT were held on 10th November, 2020, 21 January, 2021, 16th March, 2021 and 4th May, 2021 respectively. The salient features of the Meeting are as follows:

Salient Features of 40th Finance Committee Meeting:

- Approval of purchase of Equipments worth ₹ 1.53 Crore from 1/7/2020 to 31/12/2020
- Approval of purchase of Furniture & Fixtures worth ₹ 1.93 Lakhs from 1/7/2020 to 31/12/2020
- Approval of expenses for new Computer/Research Lab Development for EC Department of CSPIT in EE/EC building with an estimated cost of ₹ 16.50 Lakhs
- Approval of Opening of a Bank Account with SBI Bank for FCRA Purpose
- Approval of purchase of Equipments under Center of Excellence in Artificial Intelligence in DEPSTAR worth ₹ 100 Lakhs
- Approval of Renewal of AMC for HP cloud Hardware at WinCell worth ₹ 9.44 Lakhs
- Approval of Networking and hardware set up of CHARUSAT with a cost of ₹ 41.50 Lakhs
- Approval of Purchase of Equipment for Setting up of Molecular Diagnosis Laboratory worth ₹ 21 Lakhs

The Finance Committee has approved it. The Registrar presented the minutes of the meetings (without annexures) to the GB.

Resolution 34.21.06:

The Body noted and approved the minutes of 41st, 42nd, 43rd, and 44th meetings of Finance Committee.

General Items

Item 34.21.07: For Consideration and Approval; To consider and approve the report of Search Committee for the approval of next Provost

Proceedings 34.21.07:

The Registrar informed the GB that a Search Committee was appointed for the nomination of the next Provost as per the provision of Section 15 of the Act; vide resolution no. JM-13.21.08 of the 13th Joint Meeting of Governing Body and Board of Management meeting dated February 13, 2021.

The Committee comprised of the following members:

- Dr. Bimal Patel - Chairman
- Mr. Hemal Patel - Member
- Shri H.T. Patel - Member

Search Committee conducted several meetings and engaged in interactions with prospective nominees and has come out with a report for consideration and approval. The report was received by the President.

The GB thanked the Search Committee for the report. The GB approved nomination of Prof. R V Upadhyay for Provostship for next three years out of three candidates recommended by the Search Committee. The GB suggested that:

- The new Provost shall be giving presentation on Vision/Mission/Action plan to achieve that with indicators, in the next GB meeting.
- He then regularly shall do it every 6 months. This shall be considered as yardstick for performance review of Provost's leadership. It can be formatted as good news / bad news / key discussion points.
- The GB thanked the incumbent Provost, Dr. Pankaj Joshi and resolved that he be nominated as Advisor and Founding Director of International Cosmology Centre (ICC).
- Transition of incumbent Provost to New Provost shall be effective from 1st September, 2021
- The GB authorized President for deciding terms of engagement of new Provost as well as for Advisor & Founding Director of ICC.
- The GB expressed support for the development of ICC to achieve newer heights.

Item 34.21.08: Any other item with the permission of the Chairman

1. Comprehensive MoU between CHARUSAT and Rashtriya Raksha University (RRU):

Dr. Bimal Patel suggested for a comprehensive MoU of CHARUSAT with RRU including dimensions like joint Degree, Joint Research initiatives and more.

2. Startup Projects:

Shri Hemal Patel suggested that Startups in the field of Computer /IT should be invited into CHARUSAT. They may be provided space and manpower. Against that CHARUSAT shall obtain some equity stake in the startup. This will help in developing a unique eco-system benefitting university as well as upcoming startups. The GB accepted that suggestion.

There were no other items, hence the meeting ended with the Vote of Thanks to the Chairman.

Dr. Devang Joshi
Registrar

Date: 29th July, 2021