

MINUTES

13th JOINT MEETING

33rd Meeting of Governing Body
48th Meeting of Board of Management

February 13, 2021, Saturday

10:30 a.m.

CHARUSAT Campus

The 13th Joint meeting of the Governing Body and Board of Management (incorporating 33rd meeting of the Governing Body and 48th meeting of the Board of Management) of CHARUSAT was held as per schedule.

Following members were present:

1. Shri Surendra M. Patel **Chairman;** President, CHARUSAT
2. Dr. Pankaj Joshi **Member;** Provost, CHARUSAT
3. Ms. Anju Sharma **Member;** Principal Secretary, Dept. of Higher & Technical Education, Gujarat State
4. Shri Naginbhai Patel; **Member;** President, Matrusanstha
5. Shri Virendrabhai Patel **Member;** Trustee, Kelavani Mandal and Treasurer, CHRF
6. Shri Devang Patel **Member;** Eminent Philanthropist and Businessman
7. Dr. Harishbhai Patel **Member;** President, Universal Load Banks, USA
8. Dr. R V Upadhyay; **Member;** Dean, Research, CHARUSAT
9. Dr. Amit Ganatra; **Member;** Dean, Faculty of Technology & Engineering
10. Dr. Atul Patel; **Member;** Dean, Faculty of Computer Applications
11. Dr. Balaganapathy **Member;** Dean, Faculty of Medical Science
12. Mr. Devang Joshi **Member-Secretary;** Registrar, CHARUSAT (ex-officio)

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

1. Shri Manubhai P Patel; Member (BOM); Prominent Industrialist
2. Dr. Bimal Patel; Member (GB); Vice Chancellor, Rashtriya Raksha University, Gandhinagar
3. Shri. H T Patel; Member (BOM); Former President, API Business, Zydus Cadila Healthcare Ltd., Nominated by Shri Charotar Moti Sattavis Patidar Kelavani Mandal
4. Shri Nayanbhai Patel; Member (BOM); Executive Director, Packam Controls Private Limited & Industrialist of Repute

Following invitees remained present on the request of the Chairman:

1. Dr. M C Patel; Secretary, Kelavani Mandal and CHRF
2. Shri C A Patel; Vice President, Kelavani Mandal
3. Shri Ashok Patel; Advisor to CHARUSAT
4. Dr. H. J. Jani; Advisor to CHARUSAT (Virtual Presence)
5. Dr. Manan Raval; Dean, Faculty of Pharmacy
6. Dr. Bhaskar Pandya; Dean, Faculty of Management Studies, CHARUSAT
7. Dr. Ashwin D Patel; Principal, CSPIT, CHARUSAT
8. Dr. Palash Mandal; Principal, PDPIAS, CHARUSAT
9. Dr. Anil Sharma; Principal, MTIN, CHARUSAT
10. Dr. Darshan Patel; Principal, CIPS, CHARUSAT

Following members/invitees could not remain present:

1. Dr. M. I. Patel; Member (GB); Eminent Educationist, Industrialist and Philanthropist
2. Shri. Hemal Patel; Member (GB); Expert of Information Technology
3. Shri Pankaj R Patel; Member (BG); Eminent Industrialist
4. Dr. S P Kosta; Advisor to CHARUSAT (Invitee)
5. Dr. B G Patel; Advisor to CHARUSAT (Invitee)

Initiation

Provost welcomed Ms. Anju Sharma, Principal Secretary, Dept. of Higher & Technical Education, Gujarat State (Ex-Officio member of Governing Body), with a bouquet. Registrar introduced the members and invitees of the meeting to her.

AGENDA PROCEEDINGS AND RESOLUTIONS:

Item JM-13.21.01: For Confirmation; Relevant portion of the minutes of the 12th Joint Meeting of Governing Body and Board of Management held on July 25, 2020

Proceedings and Resolution JM-13.21.01:

CHARUSAT had organized the 12th Joint Meeting of 32nd Meeting of Governing Body (GB) and 46th Meeting of Board of Management (BOM) on July 25, 2020. The minutes were circulated on August 7, 2020. 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 JM-13.21.02: For Information; Actions taken on the items of the 12th Joint Meeting of Governing Body and Board of Management

Proceedings JM-13.21.02:

The Registrar briefed on the actions taken on the items of the 12th Joint Meeting of Governing Body and Board of Management held on July 25, 2020.

Under Item No. JM-12.20.01 and JM-12.20.02, Registrar had elaborated various actions for improving Cadre ratio and quality of faculty being recruited. President directed to consider following aspects in recruitment of faculty:

- i) University from which he/she has completed Ph.D. degree
- ii) Equal weightage to Teaching and Research capabilities
- iii) Candidates who are not Ph.D. qualified but exhibit brilliance may be considered for lower position

Item No. JM-12.20.03 regarding Online Education initiatives, all the Principals had taken actions and a detailed report for the same for was discussed in the 47th Board of Management meeting. Looking to the qualitative steps taken for online teaching, the Principal Secretary appreciated the initiatives.

On a side-note, she suggested that the University should be working with schools to improve education in general (especially standard 9th -12th). The Provost gave information about the Foundation Course that CHARUSAT has introduced exclusively for First Year students across the university.

Under Item No. JM-12.20.04 regarding admission scenario, the Registrar presented the details about the Short-term Programmes for the students of CHARUSAT. Principal Secretary suggested that the offering of these programmes should not be limited to CHARUSAT students and should be offered to students from other Universities also.

It was resolved that Short-term Programmes will be offered to students outside CHARUSAT also.

Under Item No. JM-12.20.10, information regarding flexi-timings, adopted at CHARUSAT, was given. The Principal Secretary appreciated the practice of Flexi timings. She also asked for a note so that she can circulate to others.

Resolution JM-13.21.02:

The Body noted and endorsed the action taken on the items of the 12th Joint Meeting of GB and BOM held on July 25, 2020.

Item JM-13.21.03: For Approval; Minutes of Board of Management (BOM)

Proceedings JM-13.21.03:

The Registrar informed that 47th Meeting of the Board of Management was held on October 29, 2020. He presented the minutes of the meeting for approval.

Resolution JM-13.21.03:

The GB approved the minutes of 47th meeting of Board of Management held on October 29, 2020.

Items on Academics and Development

Item JM-13.21.04: For Information; The 10th Convocation was held on 9th January 2021 in online-offline mode.

Proceedings JM-13.21.04:

The Registrar brought out salient points of the Convocation:

- ❖ Dr. Amit Ganatra, Dean FTE was the convener of the 10th Convocation Committee. The convocation was held in online-offline mode. Only gold medalists and PhD scholars were invited to remain present on main convocation day. Rest of the graduates remained present online.

- ❖ The Governing Body/Board of Management members were also provided online zoom link. Shri Pankaj Patel, Chairman Zydus Cadila Healthcare Ltd and Chief Patron – RPCP, Shri M. I. Patel, Former Sheriff of Mumbai and Chief Patron - CMPICA, Shri H T Patel, Former President: API Business, Zydus Cadila Healthcare Ltd, Shri Manubhai Patel, Prominent Industrialist, Sigil India Ltd and Patron: PDPIAS and Shri Nayanbhai Patel, Executive Director, Packam remained present online.

- ❖ Totally 1813 students were conferred degree as under:

Name of the Faculty	Ph.D.	Post Graduate	PG Diploma	Under Graduate	Total
<i>Faculty of Computer Science and Applications</i>	2	135	0	176	313
<i>Faculty of Management Studies</i>	3	117	5	72	197
<i>Faculty of Pharmacy</i>	2	23	0	103	128
<i>Faculty of Science</i>	4	169	0	112	285
<i>Faculty of Technology and Engineering</i>	16	72	0	802	890
Total:	27	516	5	1265	1813

- ❖ The main Convocation day was followed by three days of Degree Distribution Ceremony. It entailed giving away degree certificates in person, address by guests and address by Alumni. The schedule was as under:

Date	Students receiving Graduates	In Person students
11/01/2021 Monday	<i>Faculty of Technology and Engineering</i> B.Tech./ M.Tech. (CE/EC/IT/EE/CL/ME/EVD/AMT/TE/PE)	408
12/01/2021 Tuesday	<i>Faculty of Pharmacy</i> (B.Pharm / M.Pharm)	73
	<i>Faculty of Science</i> (B.Sc / M.Sc)	187
	<i>Faculty of Management</i> (BBA / MBA)	105
	<i>Faculty of Computer Science and Applications</i> (BCA / B.Sc. IT / MCA / M.Sc. IT)	28
Total:		801

- ❖ Totally 30 Gold Medals were awarded. Also, donations for two gold medals were received, among one gold medal received from Shri Vishnubhai Patel, Mahelav/USA and another one from Shri Ramanbhai Sanabhai Patel, Chaklasi (M/S Shree Gayatri Deep Cold Storage).
- ❖ Shri Harish Mehta, Founder & Executive Chairman of Onward Technologies and 1st elected Chairman of NASSCOM graced the occasion as Chief Guest. He delivered his address online from Mumbai.
- ❖ Extension of 10th Convocation for Faculty of Medical Sciences is planned on 19th March 2021. approx. **179** students will be awarded the degree. It is pertinent to note that due to covid'19 lockdown students of Medical Sciences could not finish their clinical training. Hence, their convocation is delayed.

The summary of Faculty of Medical Sciences degree recipients is as under:

Name of the Institute's	Ph.D.	Post Graduate	PG Diploma	Under Graduate	Total
AIRP	1	27	0	0	28
MTIN	0	10	0	45	55
CIPS	0	19	36	52	107
Total:	1	56	36	97	190

- ❖ Laptop Distribution was also undertaken on the day of convocation. It was decided to give 2000 laptops to students at subsidized rate to help them in Covid'19 situation. Laptop of Rs. 30,000/- was given to students at Rs. 18,000/- per PC. Following donors have been generous to help in this drive:

Donor	Amount of Donation (In `)	No. of Laptops
Shri Kiritbhai Patel, Dineshbhai Patel, and Bharatbhai Patel	49,27,500	400
Smt. Neelaben Chandubhai Patel (Smt. Sumitraben Patel)	36,50,500	300
Shri Devangbhai Patel – IPCOWALA	24,00,000	200
Shri M I Patel – Mumbai	12,00,000	100
Shri Karsanbhai Patel - Nirma Ltd.	12,00,000	100
Shri Manubhai Patel & Family	12,00,000	100
Dr. Anilbhai, Smt. Ashaben and family	12,00,000	100
Total	1,57,78,000	1300

Resolution JM-13.21.04:

The Body noted the information and resolved to thank all the donors for their support.

Item JM-13.21.05: For Information; The 21st Foundation Day of CHARUSAT

Proceedings JM-13.21.05:

The Registrar informed the Body that the 21st Foundation day of CHARUSAT campus was celebrated on Thursday, January 28, 2021. He added that every Foundation day celebrates research achievements of faculty members. This foundation day also celebrated that. The salient points of the Foundation day celebrations are:

- ❖ The function witnessed multiple activities Viz. CHARUSAT Research Paper Awards, Launching of the second volume of CHARUSAT journal and Unveiling of CHARUSAT Research Panorama.

- ❖ Distinguished Scientist Dr. Ashok Signhvi, Past INSA Vice President and Scientist at Physical Research Laboratory along with Shri. A.S.Patel, Former Head, Department of Sociology, Sardar Patel University were invited to grace the function.
- ❖ In total, **137** research paper awards were distributed to teaching staff members of the University. The total cash prize amounted to **Rs. 3,97,537/-**.
- ❖ The CHARUSAT Journal publishes peer-reviewed full-length research papers and reviews articles in diverse areas broadly classified as Engineering & Technology, Physical, Biological, Chemical Sciences, Medical & Pharmaceutical Sciences, Computer Applications, and Management.
- ❖ The research panorama gave a glimpse of CHARUSAT's research milestones, research facilities, and research expertise. It also provides an emphasis on Multi-Disciplinary and Inter disciplinary research across the university.
- ❖ On foundation day, Trustee Shri Virendra Patel announced that CHARUSAT University has received the donation of 458.852 thousand USD through Charusat Education Foundation – USA from Shri Rajendrabhai B. Patel (Well Known Engineer) and Family (USA). The Donation is revered for naming of Charotar Institute of Paramedical Sciences (CIPS). The institute is to be named after "Bapubhai Desaibhai Patel" late father of the donor Rajendrabhai B Patel. Rajendrabhai, in the past has donated Rs. 30 lakhs.

Resolution JM-13.21.05:

Principal Secretary appreciated the tradition of recognition of Research achievements of faculty members on the Foundation Day. She also brought out that Gujarat is performing higher than National average in Citations. It is because of efforts of all the universities of Gujarat.

The Body resolved to name Charotar Institute of Paramedical Sciences (CIPS) in memory of “Bapubhai Desaibhai Patel” late father of the donor Rajendrabhai B Patel, being a donor of `3.5 Crores for the institute.

Item JM-13.21.06: For Information; Inauguration of CoE in AI.

Proceedings JM-13.21.06:

The Registrar informed that on 23rd January 2020, a Center of Excellence in Artificial Intelligence was inaugurated at Devang Patel Institute of Advance Technology and Research (DEPSTAR) premises. The center is conceptualized to undertake Research & Development in the field of Artificial Intelligence. The immediate sectors where in project are identified include Agriculture and Healthcare.

The Center is named as Anita Devang Patel Ipcowala Center of Excellence in Artificial Intelligence. Shri Devang Patel and Anitaben Patel – Patrons of IIIM and DEPSTAR have donated a magnanimous amount of Rs. 1 Core for the establishment of the Center.

The Center is presently housed in area of 100 sq. meters, which can be expanded in future. It has latest hardware and software to facilitate research. A team of faculty members from Department

of Computer Engineering, Information Technology, Computer Application and others have been identified to immediately start working in the center. The center is only of its kind in Gujarat and only amongst few in India.

The inauguration happened on a very momentous day and through distinguished personalities. 23rd January, being birthday of Subhash Chandra Bose was declared as Parakaram Divas by Govt. of India. Also, the same day is marriage anniversary of Donors – Shri Devang Patel and Anitaben Patel.

Renowned spiritual guru Pujay Bhaishri Ramesh Ojha and Mahant Ganeshdasji Maharaj of Umreth Santram Temple, Shri Purushottam Rupala, Union Minister of State for Agriculture and Farmer Welfare were present as the Chief Guests on the occasion. Shri Devangbhai Patel also remained present as Guest of Honor.

Resolution JM-13.21.06:

The Body noted the information with appreciation and thanked the donors, Mr. Devang Patel and Ms. Anitaben Patel, for their magnanimous donation for establishing Anita Devang Patel Ipcowala Center of Excellence in Artificial Intelligence.

Item JM-13.21.07: For Approval; Memorandum of Understating (MoU) with Manipal Academy of Higher Education (MAHE)

Proceedings JM-13.21.07:

The Registrar brought out that the Governing Body of CHARUSAT, in past meeting, had resolved to establish a medical college. It had resolved that this project shall be taken up if donor of atleast ` 100 crores or a likeminded organisation ready to invest atleast ` 100 crores comes forward. The primary considerations for the collaborating organisation have to be:

- i) The collaborator can be a corporate house or an education institute or a Not-For-Profit Trust or a University. It should have a minimum turnover of Rs. 250 Cr.
- ii) It should have proven capability for managing of higher education institute(s).
- iii) It should be willing to invest minimum Rs. 150 Cr. in the project.
- iv) It should be ready to accept a joint management structure.

President has formed a committee comprising of following members of CHARUSAT for discussion MAHE for the establishment of Medical College:

- 1. Dr. Pankaj Joshi, Provost, CHARUSAT
- 2. Shri H T Patel, Member, Board of Management, CHARUSAT
- 3. Shri Ashok Patel, Advisor, CHARUSAT
- 4. Shri Virendra Patel, Member, Governing Body, CHARUSAT
- 5. Dr. Devang Joshi, Registrar, CHARUSAT

The medical college – Hospital shall be jointly developed and operated by CHARUSAT and MAHE.

Resolution JM-13.21.07:

The Body appreciated the efforts and approved to go for further necessary actions to execute the MoU with MAHE.

Furthermore, the President directed to present a report of all the MoUs that CHARUSAT has entered into, in the next meeting.

Item JM-13.21.08: For Approval; Formation of the search committee for the Provost

Proceedings JM-13.21.08:

The Registrar informed that Body that as per Gujarat Private University Act 2009, Provost's term is of three years. The term of the incumbent Provost Dr. Pankaj Joshi shall be ending on 30th April 2021.

The provisions, for appointment of Provost as per Gujarat Pvt. Act., are as under:

A.15 Provost

(1) The Provost shall be appointed by the Governing Body out of the panel of three persons recommended by the Search Committee consisting of the following members, and shall, subject to the provisions of sub-section (6), hold office for a term of three years :

- (i) an eminent professional to be nominated by the Board of Management;*
- (ii) an eminent educationalist to be nominated by the Board of Management;*
and
- (iii) one member of the Board of Management to be nominated by the President;*

Provided that, after expiry of the term of three years, a person shall be eligible for re-appointment for another term of three years :

Provided further that a Provost shall continue to hold the office even after expiry of his/her term till new Provost take charge of the office, but in any case this period shall not exceed one year :

Provided also that the President may appoint first Provost for a period of one year or until the regular Provost is appointed under this section whichever is earlier.

Resolution JM-13.21.08:

The Body discussed and resolved to form a Search Committee of following members:

Sr. No.	Name	Position	Category
1.	Dr. Bimal Patel	Chairman	An eminent educationalist to be nominated by the Board of Management
2.	Mr. Hemal Patel	Member	An eminent professional to be nominated by

			the Board of Management
3.	Shri H.T. Patel	Member	One member of the Board of Management to be nominated by the President

Item JM-13.21.09: Any other item with the permission of the Chairman

1) School of Humanities:

Principal Secretary, while giving suggestions of improvement of rankings of CHARUSAT, recommended to start a School of Humanities. She added that it can have programmes in areas of Psychology, Economics and Philosophy.

The Body resolved to start School (Faculty) of Humanities under CHARUSAT.

2) International Students:

Principal Secretary showed her concern about the less numbers of International Students, enrolled in CHARUSAT. She emphasized that the number of International students has to be increased. The Body welcomed her suggestion and resolved to execute it.

3) Appointment of Dr. Bimal Patel as Vice Chancellor of Rashtirya Raksha University (RRU):

The Body congratulated Dr. Bimal Patel for being a member of National Security Advisory Board of India for the 3rd consecutive term. Dr. Bimal Patel brought out that CHARUSAT closely work with (RRU).

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

Devang Joshi
Registrar

Date: 19th February, 2021