

CHARUSAT UNIVERSITY

Minutes of the 60th meeting of the Board of Management of Charotar University of Science and Technology (CHARUSAT) held on 21st February, 2025 (i.e Friday) at 03.00 pm wherein following members remained present.

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| 1. Shri Surendra M Patel (<i>ex-officio</i>) | Chairman | President, CHARUSAT |
| 2. Dr. R V Upadhyay (<i>ex-officio</i>) | Member | Provost, CHARUSAT |
| 3. Shri H T Patel | Member | Former President, API Business, Zydus Cadila Healthcare Ltd. |
| 4. Shri Ashok Patel | Member | Advisor, CHARUSAT |
| 5. Shri Narendrabhai Patel | Member | Chairman, Purchase Committee for Equipment, Furniture and doing Interior Planning, CHARUSAT |
| 6. Dr. Bhaskar Pandya | Member | Dean, Faculty of Humanities - CHARUSAT |
| 7. Dr. Trushit Upadhyay | Member | Principal, CSPIT - CHARUSAT |
| 8. Dr. Bankim Patel | Member | Principal, DEPSTAR - CHARUSAT |
| 9. Dr. Mayur Sutaria | Member | Coordinator, IQAC - CHARUSAT |
| 10. Dr. Atul Patel (<i>ex-officio</i>) | Member-Secretary | Registrar, CHARUSAT |

Following member / invitee couldn't attend the meeting

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| 1. Shri Vipulbhai Patel | Member | Jt. Secretary, Kelavani Mandal |
| 2. Dr. Reshma Sable | Invitee | I/c Dean, Faculty of Management Studies - CHARUSAT |

Following invitees remained present.

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| 1. Shri Naginbhai Patel | President, Matrusanstha and CHRF |
| 2. Dr. M C Patel | Secretary of Matrusanstha, Kelavani Mandal & CHRF |
| 3. Dr. Vijay Chaudhary | I/c Dean, Faculty of Technology & Engg. - CHARUSAT |
| 4. Dr. Gayatri Dave | Dean, Faculty of Science - CHARUSAT |
| 5. Dr. Samir Patel | I/c Dean, Faculty of Pharmacy - CHARUSAT |
| 6. Dr. Dhara Patel | I/c Dean, Faculty of Medical Science - CHARUSAT |
| 7. Dr. Sanskruti Patel | I/c Dean, Faculty of Computer Science & Appl. - CHARUSAT |
| 8. Dr. Shailesh Khant | I/c Dean, Research - CHARUSAT |
| 9. Dr. Binit Patel | Principal, IIIM - CHARUSAT |

In the beginning of the meeting, Dr. R V Upadhyay, Provost of the University welcomed all the members and invitees of the meeting. Thenafter the items of the agenda were transacted and the resolutions were passed as under;

**ITEM
NO.**

PARTICULARS

60.25.01

RESOLUTION

Resolved that the minutes of the previous meeting held on 26th December, 2024 as circulated with the agenda as *Appendix – I*, **be confirmed.**

(Note: The Chairman signed the minutes as a token of confirmation)

60.25.02

RESOLUTION

In the beginning, the Registrar informed the members that as suggested in the previous meeting, feasibility is explored for offering various academic programme focusing on expansion of scope of arts, law, social science & humanities and taken for consideration in this meeting. So far as suggestion on exploring the possibility for establishment of joint laboratory to identify the cytotoxicity of various drug is concerned, the Dean- Faculty of Science was requested to brief on the progress.

Herein it was informed to the members that the constituted committee of Dean(s) along with Provost of CHARUSAT has identified the strength available with the institutes in terms of experimental facility & expertise for establishing cytotoxicity laboratory which seems suffice to initiate. Based on this, it is thought that initially university should organize joint workshop on cytotoxicity for the students and faculty member of CHARUSAT and Rashtriya Raksha University, Gandhinagar. Based on which, the university will work-out systematic planning for establishment of NABL certified cytotoxicity laboratory for which required experimental sample & expertise service will be requested from the RRU.

On successful execution of the above process and having reasonable strength of students, it will be proposed to offer any relevant certificate / diploma / degree programme in future. In addition, it was also informed that to explore possibility on various aspects such as increasing faculty capacity building by offering training programme / workshop, offering joint degree programmes, faculty-student exchange programme etc. jointly by CHARUSAT and RRU; all the Dean(s) of the university along with Registrar / Provost and identified individuals will visit RRU in coming days. It will help to identify areas of maximum utilization of available infrastructure and human resources by both the university.

After noting the above information furnished to the members, it was **resolved that** the action taken on various decisions of the previous meeting held on 26th December, 2024 as circulated with the agenda as *Appendix – II*, be noted and approved.

60.25.03

RESOLUTION

In line with the suggestion made in the last meeting, the Dean - Faculty of Humanities briefed the members that since 2002 various courses on Communication Skills are being offered. Later on from 2014 expanding the scope of arts, Department of Humanities & Social Science was established. Various courses on critical thinking, values, ethics etc. were introduced and hence, the structure aimed at holistic development of students focusing on personal, social and professional development. On expansion of the department in 2023, the university established Faculty of Humanities. At present; under its umbrella, various new courses on foreign languages along with academic writing, academic speaking & presentation skills are also introduced. Now, as approved by the authority of the university, the Faculty of Humanities is going to offer B.A in English and Bachelor in Library & Information Science (B.Lis.) from the academic year 2025-26 and hence, it would be required that a separate institute having identical name meeting the objectives of the courses and programmes offered under the Faculty of Humanities be decided.

The nomenclature of the institute is proposed considering the tradition (i.e Charotar), languages, courses offered in arts & social studies etc. Herein, it was

briefed that renowned institute / university offering courses on humanities were also studied and taken for consideration while proposing the nomenclature of the institute.

After having great deal of deliberation on the proposal, **it was resolved that in principle** the proposal on nomenclature of new institute called “Charotar Institute of Languages, Arts and Social Studies (CLASS)” be forwarded for consideration and approval of the Governing Body.

60.25.04

RESOLUTION

The Dean – Faculty of Humanities briefed the members that the proposal is based on the suggestion made in the previous meeting for initiating programmes in the field of “LAW”. Herein, it was informed that to initiate any LL.B programme, the university needs due approval of the Bar Council of India (BCI) for which the guideline is well defined including the curricula, intake, infrastructure facilities etc. It has stringent guidelines for giving approval for commencement of law institute and hence, the defined criteria need to be diligently followed. Also, to identify the feasibility of offering various courses leading to LAW degree, constituted committee members of the university visited RRU, Gandhinagar and have also studied leading institute / university offering similar programmes. Herein it is to be noted that as per the NEP – 2020, there is a wider scope of offering dual degree programmes such as B.A LL.B, B.B.A LL.B, B.Com LL.B etc.

However, it was informed by the Principal, IIIM that looking to the past experiences and similar courses offered by nearby region / colleges, it would be difficult for long term sustainability of B.B.A LL.B programme.

After having great deal of deliberation, **it was resolved that** primarily courses relevant to law can be offered under the concern institute and if deemed appropriate, it can be offered as certificate programmes and as of now, proposal for establishment of separate institute offering various courses / academic programme in law be referred back and can be taken for consideration suitably in the near future.

60.25.05

RESOLUTION

The Dean – Faculty of Humanities briefed the members that this proposal is based on suggestion made in the previous meeting for having feasibility study of offering courses in the field of “ARTS”. It was informed that the multi-disciplinary approach is in sync with today's trend wherein individual may not want to be labelled only as specialized in the defined field but want to explore the interest area as profession too.

To identify the feasibility of multidisciplinary domain courses leading to degree programme in ARTS various renowned national and other institutes were taken for consideration. Hence, after identifying the available faculty strength, infrastructure and other facilities, as of now total nine academic programmes are identified which can be offered at Post Graduate level. It is to be noted here that at present Faculty of Humanities is offering courses such as drama, music, painting etc. hence, if such courses are being offered under the umbrella of Humanities as diploma / certificate / under-graduate programmes with flexi / convenient timings, university would be able to attract more enrollment of students and after few years can get in-house trained faculty members too.

Also, as proposed in the NEP – 2020, now the 60% of academic structure is designed based on domain / discipline specific courses and remaining 40% is generic courses. Hence, if the university has such courses available on campus it will create good impact. However, members were of the opinion that while initiating any academic programme, focus should be on getting desired number of intake, viability & continuation of the programme.

After having great deal of deliberation on the proposal, **it was resolved that in principle** following courses can be initiated subject to presenting growth plan which focuses on sustainability of the offered academic programme and the same needs to be proposed and presented in the forthcoming meeting of Board of Management.

1. Master of Liberal Arts
2. Master of Arts in Creative Writing
3. Master of Arts in Digital Humanities
4. Masters in Journalism and Mass Communication

60.25.06 A RESOLUTION

Resolved that nomination of members and thereby re-constitution of Equal Opportunity Cell of Charotar University of Science and Technology (CHARUSAT) w.e.f. 01.01.2025 to 31.12.2027, as per the detail circulated with the agenda as per *Appendix – VI, be noted.*

B RESOLUTION

Resolved that detail of Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) signed by the university along with various activities conducted / proposed to be conducted during the month of November'24 to January'25 (*i.e 01.11.2024 to 31.01.2025*) as per the detail circulated with the agenda as per *Appendix – VII, be noted.*

C RESOLUTION

Resolved that review report on conduction of 14th Convocation organized by the university on 4th January, 2025 wherein total 2726 eligible students were awarded the degree and as per the detail circulated with the agenda as per *Appendix – VIII, be noted.*

D RESOLUTION

Resolved that review report on conduction of 25th Foundation Day of CHARUSAT university organized on 28th January, 2025 and as per the detail circulated with the agenda as per *Appendix – IX, be noted.*

In addition to above proposal(s) as circulated with the agenda, it was proposed by the President (*Chairman of the Board of Management*) that defined search committee for the Provost of CHARUSAT needs to be constituted and be taken for consideration in the forthcoming meeting of the Board of Management.

The meeting ended with vote of thanks to the chair.

Date : 24th February, 2025



Dr. Atul Patel
Registrar and Member Secretary