

Minutes of the 3rd Meeting of the Board of Management of Atal Medical & Research University, Himachal Pradesh, Mandi at Nerchowk held on 04-06-2022 at 11:30 A.M. through Video Conference.

The following were present in the meeting :-

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| 1. Prof. (Dr.) Surender Kashyap,
Vice-Chancellor, AMRU | Chairman |
| 2. Sh. Subhasish Panda, IAS
Principal Secretary (Health)
to the Govt. of Himachal Pradesh | Member |
| 3. Sh. Akshay Sood, IAS
Secretary (Finance) to the
Govt of Himachal Pradesh | Member |
| 4. Sh. Inder Singh,
Hon'ble MLA, Balh. | Member |
| 5. Sh. Narinder Thakur
Hon'ble MLA, Hamirpur | Member |
| 6. Dr. Rajnish Pathania
DME&R, H.P. | Member |
| 7. Dr. Satinder Singh Minhas | Member |
| 8. Dr. Harish Behal | Member |
| 9. Sh. Amar Negi
Registrar, AMRU | Member Secretary |

At the outset, the Vice-Chancellor extended warm welcome to all the Hon'ble members and thanked them for sparing their valuable time to attend the 3rd meeting of Board of Management through Video Conferencing (VC).

The chairman apprised the members that AMRU has notified its first Statutes after the approval of the Hon'ble Chancellor. University has also notified Ordinances (Vol-I & Vol-II) as approved by Board of Management for its implementation. Further, steps are being taken to digitilize the University using IUMS (Integrated University Management System). The second batch of MBBS/BDS courses for the academic session 2021-2022 has been registered with AMRU & Post Graduate courses like MD/MS and MDS are also affiliated with AMRU. Further other courses such as Ayurveda/Paramedical/Homeopathy courses are being inspected and will be affiliated with AMRU. He further apprised the members that University has successfully completed the admission and counselling process for Nursing & MBBS/BDS courses by using IUMS, earlier this was done by HP University. He further informed the members that University has identified the land measuring 125-8-19 bighas for AMRU at Mohal Sayohali, Tehsil Balh, Distt. Mandi and approval for the same has been accorded by State Govt. to proceed further. The identified land is forest land and classified as

Gair Mumkin Khad. Further FCA case has been initiated and is at advance stage. Further inspections for the Academic Session 2022-23 are under process and will be completed soon. He also added that one Finance Committee and two Academic Council meetings stand convened after the 2nd BOM Meeting. After the initial comments, the Chairman asked the Member Secretary, Board of Management to present the agenda items.

After this, the agenda items were taken up for discussion:-

Item No. 3.1 To confirm & approve the Minutes of 2nd Meeting of the Board of Management held on 17-08-2021.

The minutes of 2nd meeting of Board of Management which was held on 17-08-2021 were confirmed and approved.

Item No. 3.2 To place before the Board of Management, the action taken report on the discussion of its 2nd meeting held on 17th August, 2021.

All the attending members of the Board of Management noted and expressed satisfaction over the action taken report (ATR) on the discussion of its 2nd meeting held on 17th August, 2021.

Item No. 3.3 To Confirm & approve the Minutes of 2nd Meeting of Academic Council held on 21-01-2022.

The Board of Management considered, confirmed and approved the minutes of 2nd meeting of Academic Council held on 21-01-2022.

Item No. 3.4 To confirm the Minutes of 4th meeting of Finance committee held on dated 10th January, 2022.

The Board of Management considered, confirmed and approved the minutes of 4th meeting of Finance Committee held on dated 10th January, 2022.

Item No. 3.5 To seek approval for permanent absorption of services of Sh. Sanjeev Sharma, Senior Assistant and Sh. Arun Guleria, Senior Assistant in the Atal Medical & Research University, H.P.

The Member Secretary briefed the members that the above mentioned officials have joined AMRU on a secondment basis and have requested to merge their services with AMRU. He further apprised the members that the above officials are governed under Old Pension Scheme (OPS) . Principal Secretary (Health) informed that if R&P Rules of AMRU allow absorbing the services of employees with Old Pension Scheme then University may absorb their services. He further added that before absorbing the services of said Officials the University may refer the case to Govt. to seek the advice of Finance department for necessary action. Board of Management recommended that the issue may be referred to the State Govt. as decided above.

Item No. 3.6 Regarding changes/amendments in the R&P rules of System Analyst, Programmer, Assistant Registrar & Section Officer.

The Member Secretary briefed the members regarding proposed changes/amendments in the R&P rules for the post of System Analyst & Programmer for direct recruitment. He further apprised the members that being a new University the experienced personnel are required so that they can handle the IUMS/ERP system and other online systems/programs of the University for the smooth functioning of their work. Moreover, he explained the changes which have been recommended by the committee constituted by University. Besides this, he also added that the Java language and SQL/PLSQL can be added as compulsory requirement for the post of Programmer & System Analyst. Principal Secretary (Health) was of the view that the issue should be referred to Department of Information Technology before the finalisation of R&P rules by the University.

Further, Member Secretary apprised the members that changes/amendments are required to be made in the existing approved R&P Rules for the promotional posts of Assistant Registrar and Section Officer. He further apprised the members that R&P rules framed by H.P. University, Shimla-5 can be adopted as it better suits to the need of University. Secretary (Finance) was of the view that these R&P rules may be placed before the Finance Committee (FC) and after the approval of FC the same may be placed before the Board of Management in the next meeting.

After deliberation it was decided by the Board of Management that the R&P rules for direct recruitment posts of Programmer & System Analyst may be referred to the Department of Information Technology, Govt. of Himachal Pradesh for vetting and the R&P Rules for promotional posts i.e. Section Officer and Assistant Registrar may place before the Finance Committee for approval thereafter the same will placed before the Board of Management in next meeting for final approval.

Item No. 3.7 Regarding advertisement issued by the University to fill up various Non-Teaching posts.

The Member Secretary apprised the Hon'ble Members that University had issued advertisement to fill up various Non-Teaching posts on Secondment basis and also for Direct Recruitment (Group – C & D). He further apprised the members that one post of Junior Office Assistant (IT) was reserved for PWD (Locomotive Disability) and will be fill-up in next advertisement as and when issued by the University. He requested the Board of Management to approve the same. The agenda was approved by the Board of Management.

Item No. 3.8 Regarding fill up Group C posts in accordance with the Govt. Notification No. Per(AP-B)B(15)11/2018 dated 04-05-2022.

The Member Secretary apprised the Hon'ble Member that University adopted the said notification and also implemented the same for the advertisement

issued to fill-up various Non-Teaching posts. The Board of Management perused and approved the same.

Item No. 3.9 To Regarding merger of Sh. Desh Raj, JOA(IT) and Sh. Sanjay Kumar (Clerk) in the University.

The Member Secretary informed the Board of Management that University has merged the services of Sh. Desh Raj, JOA(IT) and Sh. Sanjay Kumar (Clerk) in AMRU after receiving NOC from their parent department. Both the officials belong to New Pension Scheme(NPS). The agenda was approved by the Board of Management.

Item No. 3.10 Regarding Pay Protection of Non-Teaching staff working on secondment basis.

The Member Secretary informed the Board of Management that in order to attract employees (Non-Teaching Staff) to join Atal Medical & Research University, H.P. there is a necessity to protect the pay including the Secretariat Pay (except allowances) for the employees serving in Shimla and drawing the same. Secretary (Finance) and Principal Secretary (Health) were of the view that the matter is related to finance and should be placed before the Finance Committee. After deliberation it was decided by the Board of Management that the matter relating to Pay Protection including Secretariat Pay will be placed before the Finance Committee for approval thereafter the same be placed in the next meeting of Board of Management.

Item No. 3.11. To seek the approval to hire private Residential Accommodations at SLBSGMC&H to the staff posted at Atal Medical & Research University, H.P.

The member Secretary briefed the Board of Management that for smooth functioning of the University, experienced staff is required but the employees from other department/autonomous bodies are not willing to join the University due to non-availability of accommodation. He further apprised the members that HRA available to employees is not sufficient to rent private accommodation in the area. He further requested the members to either reserve few sets/quarter in the campus at SLBSGMC&H, Nerchowk or if member agree the permission to hire the private accommodation may be given to the University employees. Secretary (Finance) added that to hire private accommodation will be an expensive affair & issue of accommodation for employees exist in all the departments throughout the State. Principal Secretary (Health) asked to explore the private accommodation for senior officials & get them assessed from PWD department. He further added that a justified proposal incorporating details should be put up before the Finance Committee for their approval and necessary action.

Item No.3.12 To seek Ex-Post-Facto approval with regard to constitution of various Board of Studies (Post Graduate Board of Studies for Dental Sciences, Under Graduate Board of Studies for Bachelor of Dental Sciences, Under

Graduate Board of Studies in Indian System of Medicine, Under Graduate Board of Studies for Para-Medical Sciences).

The member Secretary informed the Board of Management that AMRU has constituted various Board of Studies as per the provisions contained in the first Statutes of AMRU. (Post Graduate Board of Studies for Dental Sciences, Under Graduate Board of Studies for Bachelor of Dental Sciences, Under Graduate Board of Studies in Indian System of Medicine, Under Graduate Board of Studies for Para-Medical Sciences). Besides this, he added that University has also notified the Faculty for Medicine & Dental. Member Secretary informed the members that all the issues related to Academic such as to start a new course, change in syllabus, admission criteria etc is first deliberated in Board of Studies of the relevant course & then it is approved in Faculty & Academic Council before placing for the approval of Board of Management. Principal Secretary (Health) was of the view that Govt. of India has changed the nomenclature of Para-Medical Sciences to Allied Health Sciences and the fields covered under the same. Further, Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor added that to change the nomenclature of Para-Medical Sciences, University will send the proposal to the state Govt. after receiving the recommendation from Board of Studies and Academic Council. The Board of Management approved the item and also recommended that the necessary formality to change the nomenclature of Para Medical Sciences to Allied Health Sciences University should be completed with due permission of competent authority.

Spot Agenda Items :-

- Item No. 1. To adopt the Notification No. Fin(PR)B(7)-1/2021 dated 03-01-2022 & Office Memorandum No. FIN(C)-B(7)-1/2021 dated 03-01-2021 issued by Govt. of Himachal Pradesh regarding Revision of Pay Scales & Dearness Allowance in respect to Non-Teaching Employees in the University.**

The member Secretary briefed the Board of Management that the University has adopted the Notification No. Fin(PR)B(7)-1/2021 dated 03-01-2022 & Office Memorandum No. FIN(C)-B(7)-1/2021 dated 03-01-2021 issued by Govt. of Himachal Pradesh regarding Revision of Pay Scales & Dearness Allowance in respect to Non-Teaching Employees in the University. He requested the members to approve the agenda item. The Board of Management approved the same.

- Item No. 2 To confirm the Minutes of a 3rd meeting of Academic Council which was held on 25th May, 2022 of Atal Medical & Research University.**

The member Secretary briefed the Board of Management about the decisions and recommendations of 3rd Academic Council which was held on 25th May, 2022. During the deliberation on item 3.15 regarding the approval of establishing an e-Library at AMRU, Principal Secretary (Health) was of the view that e-library is needed for the benefit of faculty & students. He was also

aware of the fact that the expenditure for e-library could run into crores. For the implementation of the e-library he suggested the few options:

- a) University can form a consortium of colleges for joint funding & to arrive at consensus on the journals to be purchased.
- b) University can also identify agencies who provide the facility of e-library & negotiate with them to bring down the cost involved.
- c) He also informed that he could facilitate the University to connect with AIIMS, Delhi library so that options can be explored how to establish an e-library & the journal to be identified.

Moreover he also pointed out that before finalizing the modalities to start e-library. University should ensure that there is no bar on the number of students/faculty accessing the e-library. This item was approved by Board of Management considering all the point suggested by Principal Secretary (Health).

Further deliberation on item 3.17 w.r.t. discussion of the adoption of Dental Journal of Advance Studies as the official publication of the Atal Medical & Research University, H.P. Member Secretary informed the members that a proposal was received from the Bhojia Dental College, Nalagarh regarding adoption of their Journal as the official journal of the University. He further informed that the same proposal has been received from Himachal Dental College, Sundernagar, Mandi to adopt the Indian Journal of Dental Sciences as the official Journal of AMRU. He further apprised that it was decided in the Academic Council that a committee will be constituted to look into the issue and submit its report to the Hon'ble Chairman. Principal Secretary (Health) was of the view that if University adopts the journal of affiliating college it should have total control over it and criteria for the publication of article in the journal should be peer-review, indexing etc. Member Secretary further added that the committee constituted as per Academic Council for the same will look into all the aspects and submit its report and thereafter final decision will be taken regarding adoption of the same. Accordingly, this item was approved. The Board of Management considered and approved the recommendations of 3rd meeting of Academic Council.

Item No.3 Regarding additional land for the construction of Atal Medical & Research University, H.P.

The member Secretary briefed the members that the identified land for the establishment of AMRU at Mohal Sayohali measuring 125-8-19 bighas is classified as Gair Mumkin Khad and will require the channelization of khad along with other safety measures before the construction. So as to avoid the shortage of land the Member Secretary requested the members to allow AMRU to explore additional land in areas nearby for University. Principal Secretary (Health) commented that the feasibility should be explored as University will expand in future. The agenda was approved by the Board of Management.

Thereafter Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor requested the members for their valuable suggestions or comments.

Hon'ble MLA, Balh, Sh. Inder Singh welcomed all the members for joining the meeting. He was thankful that he was invited for Board of Management meeting & appreciating the steps taken by Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor till now. He also insisted that the work of the University should be completed in a time bound manner & in case of any issues. The same may be brought to his knowledge so that he can take up the issues with Hon'ble Chief Minister, Govt. of Himachal Pradesh for the redressal of the same.

Dr. S.S. Minhas appreciated the work done by University in last one year. He also insisted that rather than adopting the journal of affiliating college the University should start its own journal. Hon'ble Chairman informed that considering the issues raised by Dr. Minhas committee has been constituted for the adoption of journal to look into such issues. He further informed that the decision to adopt the journal of affiliating colleges is not final & the suggestions of Dr. Minhas will be taken into consideration before doing so.

Dr. Rajneesh Pathania, Director Medical Education & Research suggested that for the establishment of e-library funds can be sought from Medical Colleges as they have huge amount (Crores) in their student welfare fund. He further added that Medical Colleges will be happy to contribute for the establishment of e-library as it will directly benefit the faculty and students. Hon'ble Chairman appreciated the suggestion & said that the proposal will be put up before the Finance Committee and State Govt. for necessary action.

In the end, Member Secretary once again thanked the members for participating in the meeting and engaging in fruitful discussion.

The meeting ended with vote of thanks to the Chair.


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Chairman

Board of Management