

Minutes of the 2nd Meeting of the Board of Management of Atal Medical & Research University, Himachal Pradesh , Mandi at Nerchowk held on 17-08-2021 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 | Chairman |
| 2. Prof. (Dr.) Raj Bahadur,
Vice-Chancellor, Baba Farid University of Health Sciences,
Faridkot, Punjab. | Member |
| 3. Sh. Inder Singh,
Hon'ble MLA, Balh | Member |
| 4. Dr. Rajnish Pathania
DME&R, H.P. | Member |
| 5. Sh. Manoj Sharma
Deputy Secretary (Finance)
Nominee of Additional Chief Secretary (Finance) | Member |
| 6. Dr. Tek Singh Mahant | Member |
| 7. Dr. Satinder Singh Minhas | Member |
| 8. Dr. Ramesh Kumar Sen | Member |
| 9. Dr. Harish Behal | Member |
| 10. 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 2nd meeting of Board of Management through Video Conferencing (VC).

Hon'ble Vice Chancellor also remembered and paid tribute to Late Sh. Ram Swaroop Sharma, Member of Parliament and member of Board of Management (AMRU). Late Sh. Ram Swaroop Sharma although remained member of BOM of the University and for a short time, his positive contribution for the establishment of the University will be remembered for long time. Sh. Ram Swaroop passed away on 17-03-2021. May his soul rest in peace.

The chairman apprised the members about the latest status of the University. He apprised that various initiatives have been taken in last one year like inspection of various UG/PG courses of Medical /Dental & Nursing Colleges and most of these colleges have been affiliated with AMRU. First batch of MBBS/BDS courses for the academic session 2020-2021 has been registered with AMRU. The process of affiliation of first batch of various courses of MD/MS/MDS and B.Sc./P.B./M.Sc. Nursing is under process and to be completed soon. He further added that draft first Statutes along with Ordinances for the University have been framed, tender for the IUMS (Integrated University Management System) has been finalised and 1st meeting of Academic Council stand convened. These are



some of the steps which were taken towards making the University fully functional. After brief introduction of the University, the Chairman authorized the Member Secretary, Board of Management to present the agenda and start the issues one by one.

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

Item No. 2.1 To confirm the Minutes of 1st Meeting of the Board of Management held on 11th June, 2020.

The minutes of 1st meeting of Board of Management which was held on 11th June, 2020 were confirmed and approved.

Item No. 2.2 To place before the Board of Management, the action taken report on the discussion of its 1st meeting held on 11th June, 2020.

All the attending members of the Board of Management noted and expressed satisfaction over the action taken report (ATR) on the discussion of its 1st meeting held on 11th June, 2020.

Item No. 2.3 To Confirm the Minutes of 2nd Meeting of Finance Committee held on dated 25th July, 2020 and Special Meeting managed, by circulation, w.e.f. 01-02-2021 to 03-02-2021.

The Board of Management considered, confirmed and approved the minutes of 2nd meeting of Finance Committee held on dated 25th July, 2020 and a Special Meeting managed, by circulation, w.e.f. 01-02-2021 to 03-02-2021.

Item No. 2.4 To confirm the Minutes of 3rd meeting of Finance committee held on dated 2nd July, 2021.

The Board of Management considered, confirmed and approved the minutes of 3rd meeting of Finance Committee held on dated 2nd July, 2021.

Item No. 2.5 To Confirm the Minutes of 1st meeting of Academic council held on dated 22nd June, 2021.

The Board of Management considered, confirmed and approved the minutes of 1st meeting of Academic Council held on dated 22nd June, 2021.

Item No. 2.6 Approval of Draft Statutes of Atal Medical & Research University, Himachal Pradesh.

The Member Secretary briefed the members regarding framing of first statutes of AMRU. Further, he informed the members that as per the section 44(1) of the University Act, "Board of Management may, from time to time, make statutes or may amend or repeal the same". Moreover, as per clause 44(2) every statute or any amendment or repeal thereof, shall require the approval of the Chancellor who, on the advice of the Government, may sanction, disallow or remit it for further consideration. Further, Sh. Manoj Sharma, Deputy Secretary (Finance) brought it to the notice of the worthy members that the statutes are required to be sent the Govt. as the statutes of

HPU were approved by the Govt. On this, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor & Member Secretary informed him that the draft statutes were sent to the Govt. and DME&R and few changes were suggested by DME&R which have been incorporated in the draft first statutes. The chair further added that the Govt. (Secy. Health) has conveyed the opinion of Law department as under: "In this context, it is stated that the provisions with regard to the Statutes of Atal Medical & Research University, H.P. Act, 2017 (State Act No. 11 of 2017) have been discussed under section 43 and 44. In section 43 the subject matters on which the statutes may be made have been discussed. Section 44 discussed about the manner of the making of the Statutes. From the aforesaid provision, it is clear that the Statutes are required to be made by the Board of Management and thereafter, the same are required to be processed as per the procedure given in section 44". After deliberation the Hon'ble members approved the statutes of the University and directed the Member Secretary to get it approved by Hon'ble Chancellor before notification.

Item No. 2.7 Approval of Draft Ordinance Vol.-I & Vol.-II of Atal Medical & Research University, Himachal Pradesh.

The Member Secretary briefed the members that draft Ordinance Vol.-I & Vol.-II of AMRU have been approved by Academic Council in its meeting held on 22nd June, 2021 and requested the Hon'ble members to approve the same. The Board of Management approved the Ordinances Vol.-I & Vol.-II after deliberation.

Item No. 2.8 Approval of Draft R&P Rules of various non-teaching staff to be filled by the Atal Medical & Research University, Himachal Pradesh.

The Member Secretary placed the draft R&P Rules of Non-Teaching posts to be filled up by Atal Medical & Research University, H.P. Further, he added that draft proposals of R&P rules were sent to the Govt. and Govt. vide its letter No. HFW-B(F)4-7/2013-1 dated 11/11/2020 vetted the pay scales and grade pays of 13 categories. The Member Secretary requested the Board of Management to approve the same. The Board of Management approved the R&P rules of various Non-Teaching staff as per annexure-N of the agenda item No. 2.8.

Item No. 2.9 To seek the Ex-Post Facto permission to inspect various colleges for affiliation to AMRU following the ordinances and rules of H.P. University till the ordinances and rules of AMRU are framed.

The Member Secretary briefed the Board of Management that University had started the affiliation process for various MBBS/BDS course of Medical/Dental colleges and the affiliation process of Nursing Colleges for various Nursing courses was also started in the month of August, 2020. In addition, the affiliation process of Medical/Dental colleges for various MD/MS/MDS courses was also started in the month of September, 2020. Member Secretary further added that the reports of the scrutiny committee for MBBS and BDS courses were also attached for kind perusal. Member



Secretary requested the Board of Management that the ordinances & rules of AMRU were not approved by Board of Management. Therefore, Ex-Post Facto permission to inspect various colleges for affiliation to AMRU following the ordinances and rules of H.P. University may be granted. The Board of Management approved the Item No. 2.9 as proposed.

Item No. 2.10 To seek approval to provide afresh provisional/temporary affiliation to the all Medical, Dental, Nursing, Paramedical and Indian System of Medicine institutions located in the state by the Atal Medical & Research University, H.P.

The member Secretary briefed the Board of Management that as per the University Act under Clause 48(1) of Chapter-7, colleges related to various disciplines of Health Sciences located within state may on satisfying such conditions as laid down by statutes or ordinance for the purposes of affiliation will be affiliated to the University. The Member Secretary requested the Board of Management that the University may be permitted to grant afresh provisional/temporary affiliation to the all Medical, Dental, Nursing, Paramedical and Indian System of Medicine Institutions located in the state after inspection of these institutions. The Board of Management approved the Item No. 2.10 as proposed to maintain the higher standard of education in all the affiliating colleges.

Item No. 2.11. To seek recommendation of BOM to make SLBSGMC&H and Nursing College, Ner Chowk as constituent colleges of Atal Medical & Research University, H.P.

The member Secretary briefed the Board of Management that as per University Act under clause 9 of Chapter-II, the Govt. may at any time, by notification, in the Official Gazette, transfer any Govt. college or hospital of health sciences to the University and from the date of such transfer, the said college or hospital, as the case may be, shall be a University College and hospital.

Prof. (Dr.) Raj Bahadur, Vice-Chancellor, Baba Farid University of Health Sciences, Faridkot, added that while making SLBSGMC&H & Nursing colleges as a constituent colleges of the AMRU it should be ensured the budget for these colleges should be at par with other Medical colleges run by state Govt. and should not include in the budget granted to the Medical University. In addition to this, he stressed that the issues of employees, i.e., pensionary benefits, salary, designations etc. must be addressed before making the same as constituent colleges of the Medical University.

On this issue, Director, Medical Education & Research, HP, Dr. Rajnish Pathania added that the State Govt. had directed him to look into the matter and submit its report, which stand already submitted to the State Govt. on 17th May, 2021. He further informed that the DME&R was not competent to take any decision on this account and the State Govt. has been apprised of the current scenario and the Govt. will take final decision in this matter.

Dr. Minhas addressed the issues such as for integration of the employees, i.e., how the state government employees are to be taken care of by the University. He also added that the National Education Policy (NEP-2020) clearly states that we have to integrate different system of medicines into one, for this, we must have a constituent college where we can implement and integrate the National Education Policy. Therefore, these colleges should be merged in the Medical University.

Dr. Ramesh Sain also added that if Medical University has its own Medical College then there will be no hindrance as far as the perception of the job is concerned and we will be able to do the same kind of job and maintain the same level of standards in Medical Education.


Dr. Mahant added that those employees of the Medical and Nursing Colleges who are willing to join the Medical University would not be transferred from this Medical/Nursing College to other places. The employees joining the University will not be transferred to any other colleges in the State. However, the interest of the employees of these colleges must be taken care of before making these colleges as constituent colleges of the Medical University. He further, added that the University should address the issues of every stake holders of the SLBSGMC&H and Nursing College before making the same as constituent colleges.

Dr. Harish Behl also agreed with other members for making SLBSGMC&H and Nursing College as constituent college of the University.

Mr. Manoj Sharma, Deputy Secretary (Finance) added that the University may address the issues of all the stakeholders and frame the detailed proposal of budgetary provision and other related issues and thereafter send the proposal to the Govt. for approval.

Keeping in view the above discussions, the Board of Management recommended that the SLBSGMC&H and Nursing College should be made the constituent colleges of the Atal Medical & Research University, Ner-Chowk, Mandi. However, the budgetary provisions and other financial assistance should remain same as is being provided by the State Government presently. As regards the interest of the employees is concerned, the employees who are willing to merge with the University should be given the choice to exercise their options for the same posts before merging these colleges into Medical University so that their services and monetary/pensionary benefits should be taken up by the Medical University without prejudice. Whereas, those employees who are not willing to merge with the Medical University could continue to work in these colleges on deputation and shall continue to be the employees of the State Medical Education/Health Department of Himachal Pradesh. Further, the Board of Management recommended that the issue of the constituent colleges may be referred to the State Government for final approval, with justifications as decided above.

Item No.2.12 To seek the approval to earmark the 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 officers of AMRU are presently residing in the SLBSGMC&H accommodation on temporary basis. Now, the University has started functioning, supporting staff has also joined the University. The request of Class-III, IV staff posted in AMRU is not being considered for the allotment of residential accommodation by the authorities of SLBSGMC&H. We have already requested to the Additional Chief Secretary (Health) to the Govt. of H.P. to direct the authorities of SLBSGMC&H Nerchowk to earmark quarters for the university, but we have not received any response from Principal, SLBSGMC&H till date. He further added that many employees of other departments are reluctant to join AMRU due to the non-availability of residential accommodation and minimum amount of HRA admissible which is not sufficient enough to rent any private accommodation in the nearby area and because of non-availability of accommodation they are not willing to join the University. In view of above facts, Member Secretary requested the Board of Management that kindly consider the genuine demand of the employees and also approve the fresh demand of 11 sets of Type-II, 05 sets of Type-III and 05 Sets of Type-IV. The members of Board of Management unanimously approved the item No. 2.12 as proposed.

Item No.2.13 To seek the approval to receive the provisional affiliation fee of various Nursing Courses in two instalment for the session 2021-22.

The member Secretary briefed the Board of Management that various representations have been received from various Nursing Colleges to waive off the requisite provisional affiliation fee but the University decided that the said affiliation fee cannot be waived off but the same can be paid in two equal instalments i.e. 50% of the fee immediately and rest may be paid within six months or before starting of the courses, whichever is earlier. The Member Secretary requested the Board of Management to approve the same. The Board of Management approved the same.

Item No.2.14. To seek approval for deployment/permanent absorption of three experienced officials of Entrance Test Cell, H.P. University, Shimla to Atal Medical & Research University, H.P.

The member Secretary briefed the Board of Management that the University could not start its own admission process through counseling & examinations from the last academic session i.e. 2020-21 for want of experienced manpower. He further explained that the Atal Medical & Research, University is entirely a new institution established by the State Govt. and the nature of work to be executed in the University is very different from that of other departments of H.P. Therefore, in order to start the proper and effective functioning of newly established University in a smooth manner, field specific (University) experienced staff is required in the first instance. Member Secretary further informed that as per the directions issued by the Director, Medical Education & Research, HP, the entire work, related to admissions has been assigned to the Medical



University from this academic session 2021-22 and process for the same is required to be started immediately.

Member Secretary further apprised the Board of Management that three officials, i.e., Sh. Yog Raj Thakur (Supdt. Gr.-II), Sh. Kuldeep Singh Thakur (Sr. Assistant) and Sh. Kuldeep Kumar (Sr. Assistant) have agreed for deployment on secondment basis in AMRU on same posts. Moreover, the counselling for admission work has been shifted from Medical Entrance Test Cell, HPU to AMRU and aforesaid officials are working in the Medical Entrance Test Cell, HPU for the past many years and they are well versed with the entire work related to conducting of entrance tests, admissions through Offline and Online counselings, examinations and simultaneously, other matters like court cases, RTI matters etc.

In view of the above, the Board of Management agreed to deploy these three experienced officials who are working in the HPU Medical Entrance Tests Cell and dealing with the subject matters for the last so many years on secondment basis with pay protection as being drawn in the H.P. University alongwith residential accommodation if available in the first instance and thereafter they shall be absorbed permanently in the interest of the University. However, the member Sh. Manoj Sharma Deputy Secretary (Finance) was of the view that the matter with regard to protection of Secretariat Pay of the HPU officials to be deployed on secondment basis in Atal Medical & Research University, H.P. may be referred to the State Govt. for approval.

Accordingly, BOM approved the three official may be deployed on secondment basis and thereafter they shall be absorbed permanently in the interest of the University.

Item No. 2.15 To confirm the Minutes of a special Meeting of Finance Committee held on 30th July, 2021.

The member Secretary briefed the Board of Management about special meeting of Finance Committee which was held on 30th July, 2021 regarding the issue of purchase order in favour of M/S Juno Software System Pvt. Ltd. Pune for the "implementations, Customization, Maintenance & Support of Commercial, Off-the-Shelf, Integrated University Management System (IUMS)" AT AMRU, HP, Mandi at Nerchowk on single tender basis. After detailed deliberation on above matter, the Board of Management considered, confirmed and approved the minutes of special meeting of Finance Committee held on dated 30th July, 2021

Item No. 2.16 To consider the change of nomenclature of the post of Superintendent Gr-I to Section Officer which was inadvertently mentioned in the proceedings of the Finance Committee.

The member Secretary briefed the Board of Management that in the third meeting of Finance Committee various posts of different categories of Non-teaching staff including Section Officer as mentioned on Agenda Item No. 3.4 was placed for creation but in the proceedings of the Finance

Committee meeting, Section Officer was inadvertently mentioned as Superintendent Gr.-I. He further added that in the administrative setup of University the post of Section Officer should be created in place of Supdt. Gr.-I, which is also the case in HPU & HPTU and the pay-scale and Grade Pay and R&P rules for the post of Section Officer and Superintendent Gr.-I are the same. The Member Secretary requested the Board of Management that the post of Supdt. Gr.-I may be read as Section Officer. However, the member Sh. Manoj Sharma, Deputy Secretary (Finance) was of the view that in H.P. Secretariat and in HP University the post of Section Officer is created in place of Superintendent Gr.-I. & the same pattern may be adopted in Atal Medical & Research University, H.P. The Board of Management approved the item accordingly.

The meeting ended with vote of thanks to the Chair.


(Sh. Amar Negi, HPAS)

Registrar

Atal Medical & Research University, H.P.

Confirmed



Chairman

Board of Management