MINUTES OF 12th BOARD OF MANAGEMENT MEETING held on **Monday 28th December 2020** at Chinmaya Eswar Gurukula Campus, Kochi.

Members Present:	
By Video Conference:	
Prof. Nagaraj K. Neerchal, Chair (NN) Prof. Gauri Mahulikar (GM) Dr. Apparao Mukkamala (AM) Dr. Ravi Prakash (RP) Dr. Sreevalsakumar R (SVK) Dr. Hari Sundar G (HSG) Swami Advayananda (SA) Prof. B Mahadevan (BM)	Ms. Manisha Khemlani (MK) Dr. P Geervani (PG) Shri K K Rajan (KKR) Smt. Lakshmi Shenoy (LS) Shri N M Sundar (NMS) Smt. Jayalakshmi Nanda (JN) Dr. Soumya S, Registrar i/c & Secretary (SOU)
Leave of absence Granted	
Dr. Shrinivasa Varakhedi (SV) Shri. Jagdish Moorjani (JM) Swami Anukoolananda (SAN)	

The 12th meeting of the Board of Management of Chinmaya Vishwavidyapeeth started at 04:30 PM with prayer and Shanti Mantra.

11.1. Welcome address by Vice Chancellor.

The Vice Chancellor welcomed the members to the 12th meeting of the Board of Management.

11.2. Reporting: Report on Activities after previous meeting of Board of Management

11.2.1. Academic Updates (Annexure – I)

Members took note of the Academic Updates. Member Dr. Apparao Mukkamala suggested to include MGML also in future. Member Swami Advayananda suggested to include CIF related academic updates also in the list.

Member Prof. B. Mahadevan suggested to include papers in pipeline also in the list and suggested to improve the number of publications. Dean, Prof. Gauri Mahulikar informed that steps have been taken for urging faculty to improve publications.

Chair, Prof. Nagaraj K. Neerchal sought clarifications from Prof. Sreevalsa Kumar and Dr. Hari Sundar regarding the working papers and Prof. Sreevalsa Kumar clarified that he had received comments for a paper sent earlier.

Swami Advayananda suggested to work on papers with a blend of contemporary and traditional knowledge. Prof. B. Mahadevan explained that this will be possible in the long run. Prof. Nagaraj Neerchal suggested to start a project and solicit faculty from both streams to join.

Action: To include CIF academic activities in the Academic Updates; include working papers/ papers in pipeline in the list.

11.2.2. Events conducted at CVV (Annexure – II) (Attendance/ Unique Logins)

Members took note of the events conducted at CVV.

11.2.3. Update on Academic Sessions: Vice Chancellor

Chair, Prof. Nagaraj Neerchal gave updates on academic sessions and informed the Board that due to COVID protocols the even semester of 2020-21 academic year will also be conducted online. However, the final year students will be given the option to come to campus to give them the campus experience and to facilitate interaction with their faculty, etc.

Members took note of the update on the academic sessions.

11.2.4. Admissions update: Vice Chancellor

Chair, Prof. Nagaraj Neerchal gave updates on admissions. He stated that out of about 12,000 leads, there were more than 400 applications of which 350 were offered admission. About 120 students accepted admissions. The ration of UG to PG is 1:1 this year. He stated that enrolment into teacher education programmes were low. The phenomenon could be attributed to Regional Institute of Education postponing their dates and later admitted based on 12th marks itself and was cheaper that of CVV.

The Higher Educational Institutions in the near vicinity increased their intake to double, which has affected our admissions, in general.

Prof. B. Mahadevan stated that CVV needs to be stabilize in the existing programmes instead of increasing the programmes. He also stated that higher number is important in the fifth year. Prof. Nagaraj K. Neerchal stated that the increase in number should be timed with the move to new campus. Prof. P. Geervani suggested that candidates can be considered for lateral entry into different programmes.

Members took note of the admission updates and suggested various methods to explore for improving admissions for the different programmes.

11.2.5. NAAC Updates

Ms. Jayalakshmi Nanda presented the NAAC updates to the members of the Board of Management. The Qualitative as well a Quantitative Metrics has been submitted to Dr. Jayasankaran, NAAC Consultant of CVV, for review. She stated that Dr. Bindiya of Rajagiri has been helping CVV for NAAC.

Prof. B. Mahadevan suggested to improve in Criteria 3. More focus can be given to Books and Chapters since Publication may take more time.

Members gave suggestions to improve on various criteria and sought periodic update. Prof. Nagaraj K. Neerchal stated that monthly update can be provided as well as in the Board of Management.

Members took note of the NAAC updates.

11.2.6. New Campus updates: Managing Trustee

Dr. Apparao Mukkamala informed the Board of Management that our papers have gone to Village Panchayat for approvals. Kerala Building Rules have been revoked and as a result, we can stick to our original design. Once approvals are through, construction can be started. Hostel buildings will be started on priority and academics will continue in Veliyanad till the academic facility at the new campus becomes ready.

Member, Prof. B. Mahadevan stated that own campus has NAAC implications, and we need to work towards that.

Member, Swami Advayananda thanked Dr. Apparao Mukkamala to be able to proceed this far despite the pandemic situation.

Members took note of the updates of the new campus at Onakkoor.

11.3. Approval

11.3.1. Read and approve the minutes of 11th meeting of Board of Management dated May 27, 2020 (Annexure – III)

Member, Prof. B. Mahadevan suggested that all meetings should start with approval of previous minutes as the first item.

Member, Prof. Sreevalsakumar R made motion to approve the minutes of the 10th meeting of Board of Management, seconded by Dr. Hari Sundar G.

The members resolved to approve the minutes of the 10th meeting of the Board of Management.

Action item: To include Approval of minutes of the previous meeting as the first item.

11.3.1.1. Action Taken Report: Action taken on the minutes of meetings up to the 10th meeting of Board of Management (Annexure – IIIa)

Member, Dr. ApparaoMukkamala suggested to avoid the abbreviations for persons in the minutes.

Members took note of the Action Taken Report of action items up to the 10th meeting of the Board of Management.

11.3.2. Approval of minutes of the 6th meeting of Finance Committee.

Discussion: NIL

Member, Dr. Apparao Mukkamala moved the motion to approve the minutes of the 6th meeting of Finance Committee, seconded by Prof. B.Mahadevan.

Decision: The members of the Board of Management resolved to approve the minutes of the 6th meeting of the Finance Committee.

11.3.3. Take on record the decisions taken by the Academic Council held on August 14, 2020 (Circular ACM: Annexure – IV) and November 23, 2020. (Annexure – IVa)

Discussion: Member Dr. Apparao Mukkamala stated that only final minutes of the meeting, approved by the respective committee need to be presented for approval in the Board of Management. The minutes of 10th Academic Council meeting held on November 23, 2020 was yet to be approved by all members. Hence, the approval of minutes of 10th Academic Council meeting was deferred.

Chair, Prof. Nagaraj K. Neerchal made the motion to approve the minutes of 9th meeting of Academic Council. The motion was seconded by Prof. B. Mahadevan and Dr. Hari Sundar G.

Decision: The members of the Board of Management resolved to approve the minutes of the 9th meeting of Academic Council (circular ACM) dated August 14, 2020.

11.3.4. Take on record the incoming and outgoing of faculty/ non faculty at both the campuses (Annexure – V).

Discussion: Member, Prof. B. Mahadevan suggested to remove the salary information from the agenda papers as well as minutes and include it as PPT. The suggestion was accepted by the members.

Decision: The members of the Board of Management resolved to approve the recruitments in both the campuses.

11.4. Discussion and decision

11.4.1. Amendment in CU Faculty Leave Rules and CU Staff Leave Rules (Annexure – VI)

In order to bring in uniformity and more clarity in leave rules of Faculty and staff, changes are proposed as in Annexure – VI.

Approval sought for the revisions proposed to Faculty and Staff Leave Rules.

The item could not be discussed due to paucity of time. However, since we have faculty and staff on contract, it was requested to approve the leave policy pertaining to faculty and staff on contract/ professional fees since they had not been defined so far.

Discussion: NIL.

Decision: The item was deferred due to paucity of time.

11.4.2. Exit Policy: Annexure – VII

The policy governing the exit of an employee from the services of CVV is detailed.

Approval sought for the Exit policy.

Decision: The item was deferred due to paucity of time.

11.4.3. Non-Degree Student/ Associate Studentship Policy: Annexure – VIII

The Associate Studentship for foreigners approved by the Academic Council in the 4th meeting dated October 30, 2018. The policy was revised by proposing to be extended to students of any origin to undergo a course of their choice for Credit or Audit and was approved in 6th Academic Council. The revised policy, under the name Non-Degree Student/ Associate Studentship Policy is attached herewith.

Approval sought for Non-Degree Student/ Associate Studentship Policy.

Discussion: Chair, Prof. Nagaraj K. Neerchal explained the rationale behind the revision of policy of Associate Studentship for foreigners to the current version of Non-Degree Student policy.

Dr. Apparao Mukkamala made the motion to approve the policy. The motion was seconded by Prof. Sreevalsakumar.

Decision: The members of the Board of Management resolved to approve the Non-Degree Student/ Associate Studentship Policy.

11.4.4. CVV JRF Policy: Annexure – IX

UGC NET-JRF candidates are applying for Ph.D at CVV. However, they will not receive grants from UGC since 12B status is required for the same. In view of this and considering the fact that enrolment of JRF candidates with CVV has NAAC impact, it is proposed to give them stipend on par with the UGC regulations for JRF candidates, based on the UGC guidelines for the same. The policy and guidelines developed for the same is attached as Annexure – IX.

Approval sought for CVV JRF policy.

Discussion: Chair, Prof. Nagaraj K. Neerchal explained the CVV-JRF policy and stated that avenue for sponsorship was available. It would cost about Rs. 5 Lacs per year per scholar.

Prof. B. Mahadevan stated that the commitment was big since we are spending Rs. 25 Lacs per student for 5 years with the risk of the scholar leaving in between and that the affiliation of the scholar will cease to be CVV after he earns his degree. He stated that Symbiosis has started funding recently only and that a commitment was required from the student and that the pros and cons need to be looked into. He also suggested that it may not be needed to match UGC amount and explore the possibility of reducing in fees.

Member, Swami Advayananda suggested options of limiting students to one per year.

Chair, Prof. Nagaraj K. Neerchal explained that with all pros and cons, we can limit JRF candidates to one per year. He also stated that Symbiosis may not be a good comparison due to the difference in the number of years in the industry.

Prof. P. Geervani suggested that students have a lot of opportunities and that student related decisions must be taken very carefully so as to not set a precedence.

Member Swami Advayananda suggested Prof. Nagaraj or his designee to talk to the donor for committing for the entre duration of five years.

Member Dr. Apparao Mukkamala made motion to approve the policy subject to the donor committing for all five years. The motion was seconded by Dr. P.Geervani.

Decision: The members of the Board of Management resolved to conditionally approve the CVV-JRF policy subject to the donor committing for 5 years for a scholar.

11.4.5. Memorandum of Association (MoA) revision based on UGC 2019 regulations: First Draft for consideration

The Memorandum of Association is revised to fit into the framework of UGC (Institutions Deemed to be Universities) Regulations, 2019. Attached is the link to the first draft of MoA for consideration of Board of Management.

Review and suggestions sought for the revised MoA.

The item was deferred due to paucity of time.

11.5. Any Other Business with the permission of the Chair

NIL

11.6. Executive Session

Deferred due to paucity of time.

Chair, Dr. Nagaraj K. Neerchal made the motion to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was ended with prayer and Shanti Mantra.

In His Service

Nagaraj K Neerchal

Vice Chancellor
Chinmaya Vishwavidyapeeth

Registrar in Charge

Next BoM Meeting Dates:
13th BoM: March 15, 2021
14th BoM: June 15, 2021
15th BoM: September 24, 2021