

**Annexure-II**

**UNIVERSITY GRANTS COMMISSION
BAHADUR SHAH ZAFAR MARG
NEW DELHI – 110002**

**PROFORMA FOR SUBMISSION OF EXPERT COMMITTEE REPORT
STATE PRIVATE UNIVERSITIES**

(NAME OF THE UNIVERSITY: MARWADI UNIVERSITY, RAJKOT, GUJARAT)

Part – I – Preliminary

(i) Constitution of the Expert Committee

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(ii)	Date(s) of the visit	26 th & 27 th August, 2021
(iii)	Any other (Non-participation of members, any special factor or situation/difficulties relevant to the report)	Prof. K.T. Ravindran, Urban Design School of Planning and Architecture, New Delhi could not attend.

Part –II – Introduction

(i)	Brief introduction of the University	Marwadi University is established under the Gujarat Private Universities Act No. of 9 of 2016. The University is promoted by Marwadi Education Foundation, Rajkot.
(ii)	Date of establishment of the University	9 th May, 2016
(iii)	Brief description of the University and its faculties/courses	The University offers technical and professional UG, PG and Ph.D. courses in Engineering, Science, Computer Applications, Management, Pharmacy, Physiotherapy and Law programs.
(iv)	Brief description of the Trust/Society that governs the University	The promoting trust “Marwadi Education Foundation” is involved in developing educational institutions and extending these services for the noble cause of society.

Part – III – Summary Report

A. Legal Status

(i)	Is the University duly established under the law and as required in the UGC Regulations?	Yes
(ii)	Is the Trust/Society involved in promoting the University sufficiently focused on educational activities and independent of their business or any other interest, if any?	Yes, the promoting trust “Marwadi Education Foundation” is involved in promoting educational institutions and sufficiently focused.

B. Organization Description

(i)	Does the University abide by UGC Regulations on off-campus centers Yes / No / Not Applicable	Not Applicable (No off campus centers)
(ii)	Does the University abide by UGC Regulation on off-Shore campus centers Yes/ No / Not applicable	Not Applicable (No off shore campus)
(iii)	Does the University offer courses under distance mode with the approval of competent authority of the Government of India? Yes / No / Not applicable	Not Applicable (No distance learning course offered)

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C. Academic Activities

(i)	Are the courses offered by the University narrowly focused or adequately diverse?	Adequately diverse.
(ii)	Are the lists of courses for the award of degree as per the Section 22 of the UGC Act, 1956?	Yes
(iii)	Is the sanctioned intake as per the norms/intake sanctioned by the concerned Statutory Council(s)/UGC?	Yes
(iv)	Whether courses run are approved by concerned Statutory Council(s)?	Yes
(v)	Are the adequate support facilities for students, especially for disadvantaged students?	<p>Yes, the University has adequate students support facilities.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There are sufficient facilities for differently abled person including ramps, lifts, wash rooms etc. • Students are provided free books and study material in beginning of each semester. In addition, the library is well stocked with sizeable number of books and periodicals along with access to online databases. . • Library and some other places are well Green designed with natural cooling. • Campus is fully Wi-Fi enabled and the students can access free internet on 24X7 basis. • Lifts, ramps, special vehicles and accessible washrooms are available in academic and administrative spaces. • Whole University campus is under CCTV surveillance, and 24X7 security staff is appointed for fully safe and secure environment. • University have necessary amenities available on the campus viz. ATM, Bank branch, courier, stationery, grocery stores, shuttle service, etc. • Qualified medical staff and student counsellors are available. • Mentor-mentee concept helps the students to discover themselves, with the guidance of personal mentors to bring out full potentials and minimize stress.
(vi)	Are the students adequately informed?	Yes, Website of the University is regularly updated and it carries substantial information pertaining to all the stakeholders. The University has implemented an ERP system.
(vii)	Is there a Grievance Redressal Mechanism and is that working properly?	<p>Yes, the University has a Grievance redressal mechanism Which includes;</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Anti-ragging Committee 2. Internal Complaints Committee 3. Students Grievances Redressal Committee.
(viii)	Is the University following proper procedure for formulation and revision of curriculum on periodic basis?	Yes, University actively participates in Design and Development of curriculum by actively adopting the suggestions made by the Board of Studies. It also inculcates feedbacks from Students, Teachers, Employers, Alumni and Parents etc.

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(ix)	How regular, fair and transparent is the examination system?	A good examination system is in place. Students have opportunities to access their evaluated answer scripts, re-examination and grade improvements.
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D. Admission Process

(i)	Does the University follow fair and transparent procedure for admission?	Yes, admissions are made in accordance with transparent admission policy & procedures.
(ii)	Do any special reservation on quota follow clearly laid down policy?	Reservation policy is followed for students admitted through centralized admission committee at the State level.

E. Fee Structure

(i)	Are the students sufficiently informed about the fees and charges payable?	Yes, the fees structure has been displayed on the University website and is also mentioned in the prospectus.
(ii)	Does the University follow its own declared policy in collecting any fees or charges or are there some charges over and above the publically stated fee structure?	The committee checked during its interaction with the students about any hidden charges or fees. It was found that the fee structure of the University is fully transparent and there are no hidden charges and providing satisfactory value for money.
(iii)	Is the mode of fees collection transparent or are there complaints of payments without receipts?	University encourages & motivates students on digital payment modes and to promote this, it has collaborated with Paytm. Financial transactions are complemented with receipts for each of the payments.
(iv)	Are the fees reasonable compared to costs involved in running the programmes and to other similar institutions?	Fees charged are reasonable and corresponds with the quality of teaching delivery, infrastructural and dwelling facilities to students as compared to other institutions in the vicinity.
(v)	Is the fee structure based on a policy or guidelines laid down by the Government?	Fees for all professional courses are fixed by Fees Regulatory Committee of Government of Gujarat. The fee structure is based upon the guidelines laid down by the State Government.
(vi)	Is there any indication of the University being run solely or primary for commercial gains?	Nothing observed during the visit.

F. Faculty

(i)	Does the University follow Pay Scales and service conditions laid down by the UGC?	University is paying most of faculty members as per VIth pay commission and few are paid Basic pay as per VIIth pay commission. There was no complaint during the interaction with faculty, other staff in this regards.
(ii)	Is the faculty well qualified and well trained for the courses? (if required, please make comments separately for each faculty/department)	Yes, faculty members are qualified and are trained for the courses from reputed institutions.
(iii)	Is the proportion of permanent faculty adequate or is the University being mainly run by deploying contractual faculty / guest faculty / Part-time faculty?	University has adequate number of permanent faculty.
(iv)	Has the University followed due process for recruitment of faculty?	University follows process for recruitment with publicity in newspapers and websites for the position, appointing interview

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	panel as per the laid norms and selecting the eligible and qualified candidates.
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G. Infrastructure

(i)	Are the following infrastructure facilities adequate? > Land and Buildings > Class Rooms > Laboratories and equipment > Library > Sports facilities > Residential accommodations including hostels	Yes, University has established and developed adequate infrastructural facilities for the smooth functioning of Institutes. Adequate for running present programs Adequate for running present programs Adequate for UG, PG but for Research Programs laboratory need to be enhanced. Adequate facility available Adequate facility available Hostel for boys and girls are adequate.
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H. Financial Viability

(i)	Does the University have adequate and independent funds?	University has created Corpus Fund and also independent adequate funds are available.
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I. Governance System

(i)	Are various authorities and bodies responsible for the governance of the University in place and working regularly and properly?	Yes. Governing Body, Academic Council, Board of Management & Finance Committee and Board of Studies are active towards governance of University.
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J. Research Profile

(i)	How would you rate the research profile of the University in terms of research orientation, environment facilities, and output? (please give comments separately on faculties and departments)	The university is relatively new but has a focus on research and publication in good journals. The university has received Research grants also and is regularly admitting Ph.D. Scholars.
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K. Miscellaneous

(i)	Is the Non-teaching staff adequate well qualified and paid as per the norms of the concerned State Government?	Yes, non-teaching staff is adequate and is well qualified as per norms.
(ii)	Do the academic results show evidence of independent and rigorous evaluation prior to the issue of degrees?	Yes, the evaluation is sufficiently rigorous.
(iii)	Has the University obtained necessary and desirable accreditations?	University is preparing itself for NAAC and NBA accreditations and will be submitting the application at the earliest.

L. Strength and Weakness of the University

(i)	Strengths of the University	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The university has adequate land and state of the art infrastructure to support its academic and students activities. 2. The buildings are well designed and maintained. 3. It has good library, sports facilities and hostels.
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		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4. University has adequate faculty to run UG and PG programs. 5. Multidisciplinary University offering courses in 20+ disciplines. 6. Awarded with Centre of Excellence status by the Education Department, Govt. of Gujarat. 7. Awarded as High Performer Partner Institute for Govt. of India's Study in India program. 8. Good infrastructure with well equipped laboratories including Super Computer established in a well maintained campus with adequate space. 9. MoU's with ICT Academy (GoI), ASSOCHAM, Intel Innovation Laboratory for driving new initiative on greening and IT related courses. 10. University is having good number of international students. 11. Regular inputs from Industries, Employers, Subject Experts, Alumni etc. Periodic reviews and suggestions by the Board of Studies & Academic Council of the University. 12. Partnership with Coursera as great support for blended and online learning. 13. CBCS has the options to opt electives. 14. Fully integrated online ERP and paperless functioning. 15. Functional International Relationship Office providing extended support to international students in FRRO, orientation, bank account opening and Sim card activation etc. 16. Innovation and Entrepreneurship cell with full fledge Incubation center and DST grant of NewGen IEDC to support start-ups with prototyping funding. 17. Faculty is being imparted training on pedagogical aspects. 18. Training and Placement department facilities are functional and able to bring several companies for campus placements. 19. Active student participation in NCC and NSS units. 20. Women cell is highly active.
(ii)	Weaknesses of the University	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Labs for Research and project work are inadequate. 2. Less industry involvement in consultancy, curriculum design, internship and invited lectures. 3. Organisation and participation of faculty and students in conferences is less. 4. Research grants and projects are less.

Part – IV – Recommendations

A. Observations of the Committee

- There is a good diversity among the students who represent from different part of the country,
- Good practise of project based teaching and learning.

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- State of the art lush green campus and excellent sports infrastructure.
- Dedicated and committed promoting society, faculty and staff.
- Good wi-fi facility.
- Good ERP system in place making the university by and large paperless.
- The university is running few engineering programs, MBA and MCA with Gujrat Technical University (GTU). Degree is awarded by GTU.
- Well maintained boys and girls hostel with modern facilities.

B. Suggestion of the Committee which require satisfactory compliance by the University

- Create innovation and product development teams in automation, robotics and vehicle design etc.
- Research infrastructure to be further strengthened.
- Teachers at all the level may be motivated for more Research & Publication.
- Academic Audit to be conducted by having external experts.
- University performance in sports and cultural competitions at national level can be improved
- Alumni linkages to be established to get good partnership.

B. Final Recommendations;

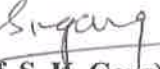
The Committee as mentioned above, visited various facilities in the University campus during two days' visit i.e. 26th and 27th August 2021.


After visiting various physical infrastructure, central facilities, the academic and administrative units, verification of relevant documents pertaining to academic programs, and taking into account the inputs received during interaction meetings with Faculty, Students and Non-teaching staff, and Management officials including Vice Chancellor (Provost), and after careful evaluation of both direct and indirect information available and due consideration to the available facts, the Committee unanimously recommends granting approval to the Marwadi University, Rajkot subject to compliance of the suggestions as in Part- IV (B) above.


(Prof. Raj Kumar)
Chairman


(Prof. (Dr.) Maya Ingle)
Member


(Prof. R.K.S. Dhakarey)
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(Ar. Devang Himanshu Parekh)
Nominee-COA, Member

Dated: 27th August, 2021
Place : Rajkot