

Draft Minutes of the 51st Meeting of the Board of Governors of The ICFAI University, Dehradun held on April 23, 2021 at 11:00 hrs. through Online

The following members were present:

Prof. (Dr.) Udai B. Desai, Chancellor	Chairman
Prof. (Dr.) Muddu Vinay, Vice Chancellor	Member
Prof. R P Kaushik	Member
Prof. J Mahender Reddy	Member
Dr. T R K Rao	Member
Prof. Durgesh Pant	Member
Prof. Savita Mohan	Member
Prof. Rupa Shah	Member
Dr. R P Mohanty	Member
Brig. Rajiv Sethi (Retd.), Registrar (Officiating)	Ex-officio Secretary

Invitees

Dr. Damodar Reddy Associate Professor
Mr. Srikanth Pothuri, Marketing Head
Ms. A Srilatha
Maj. (Dr.) V N Saxena, IQAC Coordinator

The Vice Chancellor condoled the sad demise of Prof. E N Murthy and all members observed a minute silence for the departed soul. The Vice Chancellor requested Prof. R P Kaushik to say a few words in memory of Prof. E N Murthy. Prof. R P Kaushik remembered Prof. E N Murthy as a stalwart of ICFAI Society who had the poise, dignity and maintained decorum with other institutions. He was very dear to all of us. Prof. E N Murthy along with Mr. V R Shankara have contributed a lot for The ICFAI University, Dehradun. Prof. R P Kaushik offered condolences to the bereaved family members and prayed for his soul to rest in peace.

51.01 Grant of Leave of absence, if any

Principal Secretary, Higher Education, Govt. of Uttarakhand could not attend the meeting and was granted leave of absence.

51.02 Welcome to the New Chancellor

The Vice Chancellor informed the Board that the term of Dr. M Ramachandran as the Chancellor of the University completed on January 19, 2021. The Board placed on record its appreciation for the valuable contribution made by Dr. M Ramachandran during the period of his office.

Further, the Board was also informed in terms of Section 13(1) of the provisions of the ICFAI University Act, 2003, the ICFAI (Sponsor of the University) proposed the name of Prof. Uday B. Desai, Former Director, IIT Hyderabad for the position of the Chancellor of the University and the same has been duly approved by the Visitor, Hon'ble Governor of Uttarakhand. Accordingly, Prof. Uday B. Desai has been appointed as the Chancellor for a period of five years. Prof. Uday B. Desai has kindly accepted the offer and assumed office with effect from April 01, 2021.

The Board welcomed the new Chancellor Prof. Uday B. Desai and wished him all the success in his endeavor to guide and develop the University to provide quality education and requested him to chair and conduct the proceedings of the meeting.

51.03 Confirmation of the Minutes of the 50th Meeting of the Board of Governors

The Minutes of the 50th Meeting of the Board of Governors of The ICFAI University, Dehradun held on October 08, 2020 were confirmed.

51.04 Follow up Action on the Minutes of the 50th Meeting of the Board of Governors

Follow up action taken on the following items of the 50th meeting of the Board of Governors were noted:

S #	Action Points	Action taken
50.03	<p>National Education Policy:</p> <p>The Board suggested that a Committee be constituted to advise the University to initiate action on the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a) Introduction of flexible Science courses.b) Offering of Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Data Science subjects in all programs offered in IUD Schools.c) Implementation of multiple-entry and exist policy as recommended by NEP 2020 in all programs coupled with awarding of PG Diplomas to the students.d) To study Academic Bank of Credit (ABC) proposed in NEP 2020 and design a pilot program to promote liberal education and offer flexibility to students and executives.e) Offering dual degree programs in Mechanical and Civil Engineering as per the norms of the regulatory bodies.f) Introduction of Social Science Programsg) The sustainability of the courses offered by respective Schools must be for at least 10 years.	<p>This has been complied with.</p> <p>The committee in existence to study NEP will dwell upon the suggestions by the board members and forward its recommendations for consideration of the Board of Studies, the Academic Council and the BOGs.</p>
50.06 III	<p>The Board suggested that more focus should be on Research and Research Projects with industry and with Government agencies for technical improvement in hilly areas of Uttarakhand. IUD Faculty members should collaborate with IIT Roorkee faculties for such projects and that faculty members and Research Scholars should be encouraged to do research and research projects but at no point of time their quality of teaching should be affected.</p>	<p>The faculty members are reaching out to collaborate with faculties of IIT's/ IIM/ NLU's for research.</p>

51.05 Minutes of the 63rd and 64th Meetings of the Board of Management

The minutes of the 63rd and 64th Meetings of the Board of Management held on January 20, 2021 and March 10, 2021 respectively were noted.

51.06 Minutes of the 48th Meeting of the Academic Council

The draft Minutes of the 48th Meeting of the Academic Council held on January 07, 2021 were noted.

51.07 Approval for offering two new programs i.e. BCA and MCA in ICFAI Tech School

The Board approved the two new programs BCA and MCA in ICFAI Tech School.

51.08 Approval for Offering B.Com in Financial Markets and B.Com in Banking and Insurance in association with TCS iON in ICFAI Business School

The Board approved the programs B.Com. in Financial Markets and B.Com in Banking and Insurance in association with TCS iON in ICFAI Business School.

The Vice Chancellor informed the members that an MOU with TCS iON is to be signed in the coming week so that students can choose courses of their choice pertaining to their discipline.

51.09 Approval for the proposal to offer Ability Enhancement Compulsory Course (AECC- Environment Studies) in ICFAI Law School

The Board approved the proposal to offer Ability Enhancement Compulsory Course (AECC- Environment Studies) in ICFAI Law School.

51.10 Review of Operations

I) Progression in Enrollment and Student Strength

The Board members appreciated that in spite of the COVID pandemic there was an increase in the number of admissions.

II) Webinars Conducted

The Board appreciated the number of webinars conducted by Schools by eminent International and National personalities.

III) Research Publications of IUD Faculty Members/ Research Scholars

The publications by the IUD Faculty Members was presented and noted. The Board suggested that in the Summary of Publications, under ABDC journals additional columns be added to segregate A, B, D & C categories. The EBSCO / Copernicus and Referred journals should not be mentioned. The list of Research Publications should follow where the summary of total number of research publications are mentioned under the main Agenda Item itself.

The Board also suggested that the faculty members be encouraged to submit proposals for research projects with government agencies such as DEAL and IRDE.

IV) MOU's Signed by IUD

The MOU's signed by IUD were presented and noted.

Board members were informed by the Vice Chancellor that three more sessions on AI are to be conducted virtually in the following weeks for the students of National Vietnam University.

The Board appreciated the efforts of the Vice Chancellor in having signed an MOU with the University of Economics and Laws, National Vietnam University.

V) Faculty Achievements

The Faculty Achievements were presented and noted.

VI) Student Achievements and Activities

The Student Activities were presented and noted

The Board suggested that Geo tagged photographic evidence of all webinars / student activities is mandatory for NAAC accreditation and documented.

The Vice Chancellor informed the members that regular Internal Audit of documentation followed by an External Audit is being done so as to ensure that NAAC documentation is updated and maintained by IQAC.

VII) Other Operations

The information provided on other operations and activities undertaken by the University was noted.

VIII) Review of Administrative Activities

The information on Administrative Activities presented was noted.

The Board noted that approvals from concerned regulatory authorities are awaited for commencement of the construction of hostels and academic buildings.

51.11 Faculty Profile

The Faculty Profile was presented and noted.

The Board suggested that the student and faculty ratio as suggested by regulatory bodies be followed. Recruitment of faculty members should be done to make up for the short fall in faculty numbers. The Board also suggested that only those faculty members having Ph.D. qualification be recruited.

51.12 Status of Ph.D. students

The status of Ph.D. students was noted.

51.13 Programs Promotional Activities conducted

The Programs Promotional Activities conducted were noted.

51.14 Centers developed by IUD

The Centers developed by IUD was presented and noted.

It was suggested that IIC should apply for Atal Ranking of Institutional Innovation and aim to attain a position.

51.15 Placements

The placement data presented was noted.

The Board appreciated the efforts of the University for achieving 100% placements in the Business School.

51.16 University Rankings by External Agencies

The University Rankings by external Agencies were appreciated by the Board members.

The Board lauded the hard work put in by the Vice Chancellor and IQAC; for The ICFAI University, Dehradun being ranked among the top 45 in India and only university in Uttarakhand State as per Times Higher Education World's Impact ranking 2021. Under the category, National Quality Education SDG4 IUD Ranked 28th and under the category Industry innovation and Infrastructure IUD ranked 19th.

The Board suggested that the IQAC and the faculty members should strive hard to get a position in NIRF rankings.

51.17 Constitution of the Selection Committee for Appointment of the Registrar

The Board noted that Brig. Rajiv Sethi (Retd.) was appointed as the Registrar of the University, with effect from April 09, 2019, for a term of two years, which expired on April 08, 2021. The Board placed on record its appreciation for the contribution made by Brig. Rajiv Sethi (Retd.) during the term of his office.

The Board also noted that the Board of Management in its meeting held on March 10, 2021 resolved to continue Brig. Rajiv Sethi (Retd.) as Registrar (Officiating) of the University till the new Registrar is appointed as per the Act and the First Statutes of the University. The Board approved the recommendation of the Board of Management.

The Board further noted that in terms of Section 17(1) of the Act read with Section 1.4.1 and 1.4.2 of the First Statutes, the Registrar shall be appointed by the Chancellor, based on the recommendation of the Selection Committee appointed for the purpose.

The Selection Committee shall consist of the following members:

- i) One representative of the Chancellor
- ii) One representative of the Sponsor who is also a member of the Board of Governors
- iii) One expert nominated by the Board of Management, who is not in any way connected with the University.

The Board of Management has nominated Dr. Y R Haragopal Reddy on the Selection Committee.

The Vice Chancellor was requested to write letters to the Chancellor and the Sponsor requesting for the names of their representatives for constituting the Selection Committee and to arrange the meeting of the Committee at the earliest.

51.18 Compliance Report

Compliance Report for the period ending March 31, 2021 was presented and noted.

51.19 Any other item with the Permission of the Chair

Nil.

51.20 Date for the Next Meeting

It was agreed that the date for the next meeting of the Board of Governors would be fixed in consultation with the Chancellor.

The meeting concluded with a vote of thanks to the chair.

Prof. (Dr.) Udai B. Desai
Chairman