



## **Minutes of the 53<sup>rd</sup> Meeting of the Board of Governors of The ICFAI University, Dehradun held on December 21, 2021 at 11:00 hrs. (Blended Mode)**

The following members were present:

Prof. (Dr.) Uday B. Desai, Chancellor:	<b>Chairman</b> (Through video conferencing)
Prof. (Dr.) Ram Karan Singh, Vice-Chancellor:	Member
Prof. R P Kaushik	Member (Through video conferencing)
Prof. J Mahender Reddy	Member (Through video conferencing)
Dr. T R K Rao	Member (Through video conferencing)
Prof. Savita Mohan	Member (Through video conferencing)
Prof. Rupa Shah	Member (Through video conferencing)
Prof. Durgesh Pant	Member (Through video conferencing)
Dr. S. Kishore Kumar	Member (Through video conferencing)
Brig. Rajiv Sethi (Retd.), Registrar	Ex-officio Secretary

### **Special Invitees:**

Prof. P. Venkateshwarlu, Member Secretary, ICFAI	(through video conferencing)
Mrs Ratna Bhanu, GM Finance	(Through video conferencing)
Mr. Srikanth Pothuri, Marketing Head	(Through video conferencing)
Maj. (Dr.) V N Saxena, IQAC Coordinator	
Dr. Sanjeev Malaviya, (Officiating) Dean IBS	(Through video conferencing)
Dr. Meena Bhandari, Principal I.Ed.S.	(Through video conferencing)
Mrs. Monica Kharola, Asst. Dean, ILS	(Through video conferencing)
Mr. G. F. Chakravarthi, In charge-ITS	(Through video conferencing)
Dr. Sanjeev Kumar, Admissions In charge	(Through video conferencing)

The Chancellor welcomed the members of the Board of Governors and the invitees. Thereafter he asked the Board members to introduce themselves.

### **53.01 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.

### **53.02 Welcome to the new Vice-Chancellor:**

The Chairperson welcomed the new Vice-Chancellor Prof. (Dr.) Ram Karan Singh. He said that with his vast international and national

academic experience; he was sure that the University will grow and attain greater heights.

### **53.03 Retirement of Members and Welcome to the New Members:**

The chairperson thanked the retiring nominees of the sponsor Dr. J. M. Reddy and Dr. R. P. Mohanty for their cooperation and support and valuable inputs given for the growth of the ICFAI University Dehradun during the tenure of their work.

The Board endorsed the renomination of Prof. R. P. Kaushik, Dr. T. R. K. Rao as nominees of the sponsor, and Prof. Rupa Shah and Dr. J. Mahender Reddy as Chancellor nominees for a further tenure of three years with effect from November 11, 2021.

The Chairperson also welcomed to Dr. S. Kishore Kumar, as a new member to the Board of Governors.

### **53.04 Confirmation of the Minutes of the 52<sup>nd</sup> Meeting of the Board of Governors of the ICFAI University, Dehradun:**

The Minutes of the 52<sup>nd</sup> Meeting of the Board of Governors of the ICFAI University, Dehradun, held on October 11, 2021 were confirmed.

### **53.05 Follow up Action on the Minutes of the 52<sup>nd</sup> Meeting of the Board of Governors:**

The Board appreciated that Summer Courses were being held as a normal practice for failures at IUD and the number of failures has drastically reduced.

The Board was informed that recruitment of 10 faculty members is to take place in ICFAI Law School and 2 in ICFAI Education School so as to bring the student faculty ration close to 1:20.

The Board was concerned about the high teaching load of faculty members and suggested that the teaching load be reduced to 9 hours a week as being followed by IFHE. This will not only ensure quality teaching but time for faculty members to do research.

The Board suggested that for those IUD faculty who are registered for Ph.D. program at IUD it would be beneficial to allot one internal and one external supervisor from their domain.

The members appreciated that the minutes were very explicit and

confirmed and approved it.

**53.06 Minutes of the 66<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Board of Management:**

The members appreciated that the minutes were very explicit and confirmed and approved it.

**53.07 Minutes of the 50<sup>th</sup> Meeting of Academic Council:**

The Board noted and approved the minutes of the Academic council.

**52.08 Review of Operations:**

I) Webinars Conducted:

The Board took note of Webinars conducted by IUD Schools.

II) Publications of IUD Faculty Members:

The Publications by IUD Faculty Members were appreciated by the Board.

III) Publications Research Scholars:

The Board noted the publications by Research Scholars.

IV) Faculty Achievements (October 11, 2021 Onwards):

Faculty Achievements were presented and noted.

It was suggested by the Board that University should get in touch with the Government of Uttarakhand and ensure that IUD is in their mailing list for all the Meetings held by the State Government regarding CSR, Intellectual Social Responsibility, and other activities where IUD can contribute.

V) Student Activities

The Student Activities were presented and noted.

VI) Review of Administration

1. Conduct of Examination

The Board members were briefed about the successful conduct of online exams.

2. Details of Online Resources available in the library. The Online Resources were presented and noted.

### **53.09 Faculty Profile and cadre ratio:**

The Faculty Profile and cadre ratio was presented and noted.

The Board suggested that UGC guidelines be followed keeping in line the ratio of Prof., Assoc. Prof and Asst. Prof. i.e., 1:2:4 and recruitment of Prof. and Assoc. Prof. be done in ILS and IBS.

### **53.10 Signing of MOU by the ICFAI University, Dehradun:**

The Board took note of the MoU signed with National Economic University, Ukraine.

It was suggested to look into the prospect of having MoU's with foreign Universities, say from Vietnam, Taiwan, Australia (Asia Pacific) for faculty and student exchange apart from Universities in U.K., U.S.A, Europe and other developed nations.

Members also suggested that MoU be signed with Uttarakhand Ayurved University and Dev Sanskriti Vishwavidyala for Vedic Informatics located at Haridwar.

### **53.11 Status of Ph.D. Students:**

The status of Thesis submitted by Ph.D. students was presented and noted.

The chairperson suggested that to have more students enrolled for the Ph.D. program without compromising on quality.

The Board suggested that a column be added giving the date of registration of the Ph.D. Scholar in the progress report and the table be reorganized in chronological order.

### **53.12 Summary of Admissions:**

The number of students admitted in the various IUD programs was presented and noted.

The board suggested that two more columns be incorporated in the table listing the number of admissions of the previous one/two years.

### **53.13 Placements:**

The Placement data was presented and noted.

The Chairperson appreciated that 100% placements was done for IBS and ITS and the Board members were proud of it.

#### **53.14 University Rankings by External Agencies:**

The University Rankings were presented and noted.

The Board appreciated the rankings attained by the University in Outcome Based Education (OBE) Ranking 2021, India Today and IIRF 2021.

Member suggested that IUD should participate in the Career 360 Ranking. The Board was informed that IUD has been participating in the Career 360 Ranking from the past two years.

The Board suggested that IUD should also participate in NIRF ranking. Also, one could reduce participation in some private rankings.

#### **53.15 Approval for Annual Accounts and Annual Report for the Year 2022-2023:**

The Annual Accounts were presented to the Board Members which took note of it and was approved.

The Board noted and suggested that a large amount is in the Savings account and suggested to be put in a short-term Fixed Deposit of 45 days so as to get better returns as interest.

The Board approved the Annual Report for the Year 2021-2022.

#### **53.16 Appointment of Statutory Auditors for the Year 2021-2022:**

The term of Statutory Auditors viz. M/s Narasimha Rao & Associates, Chartered Accountants has expired. The Board approved the following resolution: "Resolved that M/s Naradimha Rao & Associates, Chartered Accounts be and are hereby reappointed as Statutory Auditors for the year 2021-22 on a remuneration of Rs. 50,000/- plus GST and reimbursement of out-of-pocket expenses."

#### **53.17 Approval for introduction of new programs in Academic Year 2021-2022:**

The Board approved the programs B.Sc. in Data Sciences, M.A. in Education and LLM (2-year program) from the Academic Year 2022-2023. The Chairperson suggested that B.Sc. Data Analytics should be called B.Sc. Data Science because that the term used by all AICTE programs in this area.

#### **53.18 Conduct of Convocation 2021:**

The Board complemented the Registrar Brig. Rajiv Sethi and his team for the smooth conduct of the Convocation held on 25 October 2021.

**53.19 Compliance Report:**

Compliance Report for the Period Ending November 30, 2021 was presented and noted.

**53.20 Any other item with the Permission of the Chair:**

There was no other item. The Chairperson thanked everyone and hoped that the next meeting would be held in face-to-face mode in Dehradun.

**53.21 Date for the Next meeting:**

It was agreed that the date of the next meeting will be fixed in consultation with the Chancellor and will be intimated later.

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

**Prof. Uday B. Desai**  
**Chairman**