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## Minutes of the 54<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Academic Council

**Minutes of the 54<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Academic Council of the ICFAI University, Dehradun held on July 24, 2023 at 11:00 hrs. in Board room Dehradun through blended mode.**

### Present:

Prof. (Dr.) Ram Karan Singh, Vice Chancellor, IUD	Chairman
Prof. (Dr.) Prahlad Singh, Director, Shivalik College of Engineering	Member
Prof. (Dr.) Priti Saxena, Baba Saheb Bhim Rao Ambedkar University	Member
Prof. (Dr.) Ajay Kumar Saini, Graphic Era Hill University, Dehradun	Member
Prof. (Dr.) Savita Rawat, D.A.V (PG) College, Dehradun	Member
Dr. Meena Bhandari (Head, ICFAI Education School)	Member
Dr. Raghvendra Sharma (Dean, ICFAI Business School)	Member
Dr. Sanjeev Kumar (Dean In-Charge, ICFAI Tech School)	Member
Prof. (Dr.) Tapan Kumar Chandola (Dean, ICFAI Law School)	Member
Prof. (Dr.) R.C. Ramola (Registrar, IUD)	Member- Secretary

### Invitees:

1. Mr. Amit Kumar Bera	IQAC Coordinator
2. Dr. Puneet Kumar Gupta	Research Coordinator
3. Mr. G.F.Chakravarthi	Controller of Examinations, IUD
4. Dr. Bodhisatva Acharya	Professor, ILS

The Chairman welcomed the members including new members of the Academic Council and invitees, requested them to introduce themselves and presided over the meeting. Chairman appreciated all members whose tenure was over and thanked all members for their contribution for the university.

### 54.01 Grant of Leave of absence- Nil

### 54.02 Confirmation of the Minutes of the 53<sup>rd</sup> Meeting of the Academic Council of the ICFAI University, Dehradun

The Minutes of the 53<sup>rd</sup> Meeting of the Academic Council of The ICFAI University, Dehradun held on January 19, 2023 were presented and the same were confirmed.

### 54.03 Follow up action on Minutes of the 53<sup>rd</sup> Meeting of Academic Council

The suggestions came in 53<sup>rd</sup> meeting of Academic Council. The action point report was presented. The members were satisfied and approved the same with some suggestions for further improvement.

- Prof. (Dr.) Prahlad Singh was of the view that publication per faculty ratio (Scopus/ UGC Care publications) should be maintained in all Schools of the University.
- The Vice Chancellor stated that publication per faculty ratio for IBS, IEdS and ITS are fine but for ILS, efforts will be made to improve the same.
- Prof. (Dr.) Priti Saxena enquired about the provision of seed money as it carries

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significant weightage for NAAC. The Vice Chancellor apprised her that the University is creating a good research ecosystem and has also initiated Ph.D. fellowships where scholars would be appointed on a full-time basis. The seed grant will be considered case by case basis.

- Prof. (Dr.) Priti Saxena suggested that workshops should be conducted on IPR which is important from the point of view of NAAC.

#### **54.04 Approval of the Specialization in Cyber Law and Cyber Security in one year LL.M. Program under ICFAI Law School.**

The Council deliberated on the recommendations made by the board of studies for the Specialization in Cyber Law and Cyber Security one year LL.M. Program under ICFAI Law School and approve the same.

- Prof. (Dr.) Priti Saxena was of the view that in order to bring multi-disciplinary nature in teaching learning process, Commercial law in ILS can be clubbed with ITS to teach Company Law.
- Dr. Prahlad Singh suggested to explore the possibilities in Cyber Shiksha for Law and B.Tech students.
- He also suggested opening of Centre of Excellence in the University.
- Efforts should be made to ensure the employability and skills of the students.

#### **54.05 Approval of the up gradation of BCA (Specialized), Diploma and M. Tech. Programs under ICFAI Tech School.**

The Council deliberated on the recommendations made by the board of studies for the following Programs under ICFAI Tech School and approved the same.

- (i) B.Tech in Artificial Intelligence & Machine Learning
- (ii) Bachelor in Computer Application (BCA) with specializations in:
  - Data Science and Artificial Intelligence
  - Cyber Security
  - DevOps and Automation
  - Cloud Computing
  - Mobile Application and Web Technology
- (iii) Diploma in Computer Science and Engineering
- (iv) M.Tech in Civil Engineering
- (v) M.Tech in Mechanical Engineering
- (vi) M.Tech in Electronics & Communication Engineering

Prof. (Dr.) Ajay Kumar Saini suggested the following points:

- To make efforts in increasing the number of admissions in Basic Engineering in The ICFAI Tech School.
- To provide practical training and hands on experience to students of Mechanical and Civil Engineering.

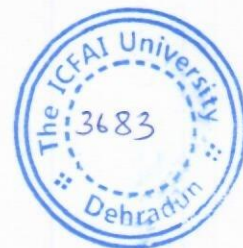
#### **54.06 Approval of B.A. (English) and B.A. (Psychology) Hons. under ICFAI Education School.**

The Council deliberated on the recommendations made by the board of studies for B.A. (English) and B.A. (Psychology) Hons. Programs and approve the same.

Prof. (Dr.) Savita Rawat suggested the following points:

- Certificate Course of 20 hours in stress management and guidance and counselling can be introduced in the Education School with more emphasis on the practical aspect.
- Values & Ethics should be an integral part of B.Ed. curriculum.

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- Speech training should be provided to Pupil Teachers.
- Focus should be on Content writing and creative writing in the B.Ed. program.
- Mentor-Mentee aspect should form an integral part of all Schools.

#### **54.07 Approval of the graduating Students of 2023**

Prof. (Dr.) Prahlad was of the view that efforts should be made to reduce the number of students with less than 5 CGPA. The faculty mentor should be provided to them.

#### **54.08 Approval of SOP for Course Credit Transfer Scheme**

The proposed Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) for MOOCs courses was presented to the Board Members for approval, with a focus on aligning it with the student curriculum. Upon review, the Board members recommended integrating the SOP with the curriculum and granting students the flexibility to choose MOOCs from a diverse list of elective courses. The Board acknowledged and approved the enhanced SOP, enhancing the learning experience and promoting personalized education paths.

#### **54.09 The ICFAI University, Dehradun Ranking**

The Council members appreciated the rankings of all Schools of The ICFAI University, Dehradun.

#### **54.10 Achievements of The Vice Chancellor, IUD**

The Council appreciated the achievements, paper publications and patents of the Vice Chancellor, IUD.

The Vice Chancellor was of the view that henceforth the achievements of the Faculty will also be put before the Council.

#### **54.11 Signing of MOU by The ICFAI University, Dehradun**

The Council was informed about the MoUs signed by The ICFAI University, Dehradun with National Mission for Clean Ganga.

#### **54.12 Research and Development Cell Activities**

The council members noted that the 46th Research Committee Meeting of the University was held on 13th July, 2023 and minutes of the same were confirmed by the council members.

#### **54.12A Approval of Admission into Ph.D. Program as a Special Case**

Dr. Puneet Gupta informed the council members that Rajesh Kumar Singh has applied for Ph.D. admission in Civil Engineering. The candidate was registered in the Ph.D. program at North Cap University in 2020 under the guidance of Dr. Ram Karan Singh. He has also completed his coursework of 12 credits from North Cap University and has taken a withdrawal from North Cap University for pursuing research at ICFAI University, Dehradun.

The candidate's personal interview was conducted on 11/07/2023 by the committee constituted by the Vice-Chancellor. Based on the performance in the personal interview and completion of coursework of 12 credits as per the UGC regulations, the members of the research committee recommended admission to the Ph.D. program and exempt the coursework. After deliberations, the committee members approved the admission of Mr. Rajesh Kumar Singh in Civil Engineering as a special case for the Academic Year 2023-24 and exempted his coursework.

#### **54.12B Approval of Revised/New Syllabus of Ph.D. Courses**

Dr. Gupta informs the council members that as per the IUD Ph.D. Guidelines 2023, coursework is one semester only, and accordingly, the research and development cell has revised the syllabus of research methodology. Also, four new syllabi were designed to enhance the course list. After deliberations, on the recommendation of the research committee of the university, the council approved the syllabus of the following courses:

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S. No.	School	Course Name	Course Code	Credit
1.	ITS	Research Methodology	PHDRMT-101	04
2.	ILS	Legal Research Methodology	PHDLRM-101	04
3.	IBS	Research Methodology	PHDRMM-101	04
4.	Ed.S	Research Methodology	PHDRME-101	04
5.	ITS	Environmental Modeling	PHDEMM-101	03
6.	ITS	Optimization and Operations Research	PHDOOR-101	03
7.	IBS	Investment Analysis and Risk Management	PHDIAR-101	03
8.	IBS	Human Resource Management	PHDHRM-101	03

#### 54.13 Key Highlights of The ICFAI University, Dehradun

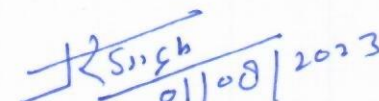
The Key Highlights of the University were appreciated by the Council members.

#### 54.14 Any other item with the permission of the Chair:

- i) The Chairperson presented the proposed Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) for the implementation of the prestigious Dean's list to the esteemed Board Members for approval. This new initiative aims to recognize and celebrate exceptional students based on their outstanding performance during each semester. Unlike the traditional approach of only acknowledging medal holders, the Dean's list seeks to appreciate a broader range of students who have demonstrated remarkable academic excellence. By extending recognition to a larger pool of exceptional scholars, the Dean's list will foster a culture of healthy competition and dedication to learning. The Board Members carefully reviewed and considered the proposal, recognizing its potential to inspire students and create a more inclusive environment for academic achievement.
- ii) The chairperson presented the Annual Quality Assurance Report (AQAR) for the academic year 2021-22 to the Board members and announced that The ICFAI University, Dehradun will be submitting the AQAR shortly for the same period. The Board members acknowledged the presentation and the forthcoming submission, recognizing the University's commitment to transparency and quality assurance.
- iii) Dr. Raghvendra Sharma briefed the Council about BBA-TTM (Travel and Tourism Management) Program. The curriculum and syllabus of BBA Tourism and Travel Management Program in ICFAI Business School was approved by Board of Studies in July 2021. However, the same could not commence because of Covid- 19. After deliberations, all the Council members discussed and approve the Program to be launched from Academic Year 2024-25.

The Vice Chancellor extended his heartfelt thanks to the external members for their valuable suggestions and assured them that suggestions will be implemented.

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

  
Prof. (Dr.) Ram Karan Singh  
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