

**Minutes of the 56th Meeting of the Academic Council of the ICFAI University, Dehradun
held on 5th March, 2024 at 11:00 hrs. at 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.) Savita Rawat, D.A.V. (PG) College, Dehradun	Member
Dr. Meena Bhandari (Dean, ICFAI Education School)	Member
Dr. Sanjeev Kumar (Dean In-Charge, ICFAI Tech School)	Member
Prof. (Dr.) Tapan Kumar Chandola	Member
Prof. (Dr.) R.C. Ramola	Member- Secretary

Invitees:

Dr. Arun Kumar Singh	Director, IQAC
Prof. (Dr.) Santanu Roy	Director, IBS

56.01 Grant of Leave of absence

Prof. (Dr.) Ajay Kumar Saini and Dr. Raghvendra Kumar Sharma could not attend the meeting and was granted leave of absence.

The Chairman welcomed the members of the Academic Council and invitees, and presided over the meeting.

56.02 Confirmation of Minutes of the 55th Meeting of the Academic Council

Minutes of the 55th Academic Council Meeting held on 15th December, 2023 were approved.

56.03 Follow up Action of the 55th Meeting of the Academic Council

The University diligently submitted all necessary information and documents on the Pharmaceutical Council of India (PCI) portal and is currently awaiting the visit of the peer team in the campus for approval.

56.04 Approval of the 7th Board of Studies Meeting for review of BBA (Tourism and Travel Management Curriculum)

The minutes of the 7th Board of Studies Meeting for the review of the BBA (Tourism and Travel Management) program have been successfully placed before the esteemed board members. Following a thorough review, the board members have diligently examined and approved the minutes, signifying a significant step forward in the continuous enhancement of our academic offerings.

56.05 Newly introduced Value Added Courses for upcoming Semester:

It was approved by the Council with the following suggestions:

- 1. Diversifying Course Offerings:** The board suggests expanding the Business School's curriculum to include value-added courses like Hotel Management and Air Hostess Training. This aims to broaden educational opportunities and meet diverse student interests.
- 2. Streamlining Curriculum Content:** Recognizing content overlap between proposed courses such as Constitutional Values and Fundamental Duties, the board recommends redesigning courses with input from the Law School. This collaboration ensures clearer,

more coherent content and enriches students' learning experiences with relevant suggested readings.

3. **Prioritizing Employability:** There's a focus on introducing skill-based courses that enhance students' employability, aligning with the objectives outlined in the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020. This strategic approach aims to equip students with practical skills for success in the job market.
4. **Transparency and Alignment:** To maintain transparency and ensure alignment with educational directives, it's proposed that the objectives of the new value added courses be clearly documented in the Board of Studies minutes. This documentation specifies whether the courses serve the goals of the NEP's Indian Knowledge System or fulfil requirements like the NAAC's 30-hour Certificate Course, providing clarity for stakeholders.
5. **Strategic Implementation Approach for NEP:** To facilitate the smooth implementation of the National Education Policy (NEP), we propose initially introducing new courses in BBA, BCA, and Humanities. These fields offer easy entry and exit options as mandated by the NEP, thereby greatly benefiting students. By starting with these programs, we ensure a seamless transition and provide students with enhanced flexibility in their educational pursuits.
6. **Establishment of a Monitoring Committee for NEP Implementation:** To ensure effective execution of the recommendations outlined in the National Education Policy (NEP), it is imperative for the university to establish a dedicated working committee. This committee will be tasked with monitoring the feasibility, application, and implementation of NEP directives across various departments and programs. By overseeing these processes, the committee will play a pivotal role in ensuring that the university aligns with the goals and objectives set forth by the NEP.

56.06 Achievements of the IUD Faculty

The Board members appreciated the various achievements of the faculty, such as participation in state-level workshops, international/national conferences, seminars, serving as keynote speakers, and patent publications.

56.07 Minutes of 48th Meeting of Research and Development Cell

The minutes of the 48th meeting of the Research Committee of the ICFAI University, Dehradun were confirmed by all the members of the committee.

56.08 Key Highlights of the ICFAI University

The key highlights of the University were appreciated by the Council members.

56.09 University Rankings

The Council congratulated and appreciated the University for its good Rankings.

56.10 Any other item with the permission of the Chair.

The Vice Chancellor informed the Council of his nomination as one of the 8 Members of Quality Assurance of India which will work towards improving quality in Higher Education across the country. The Council appreciated the University in general and Vice Chancellor in particular for this great achievement.

56.11 Date for the next Meeting:

The date will be announced in due course of time.

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

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

Prof. (Dr.) Ram Karan Singh
Chairman