



## Minutes of the 57<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Academic Council

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**Minutes of the 57<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Academic Council of the ICFAI University, Dehradun held on 2<sup>nd</sup> August, 2024 at 9:30 hrs. at Dehradun through blended mode**

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### **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
Prof. (Dr.) Tapan Kumar Chandola, Dean, ICFAI Law School	Member
Dr. Sanjeev Kumar, Associate Dean, ICFAI Tech School	Member
Dr. Raghvendra Kumar Sharma, Associate Dean, ICFAI Business School	Member
Dr. Meena Bhandari, Dean/In-charge, ICFAI Education School	Member
Prof. (Dr.) R.C. Ramola, Registrar, IUD	Member- Secretary

### **Invitees:**

Prof. (Dr.) Arun Kumar Singh	Director, IQAC
Prof. (Dr.) Santanu Roy	Director, IBS
Dr. Puneet Kumar Gupta	Research Coordinator
Mr. G. F. Chakravarthi	COE
Mr. Amit Kumar Bera	Deputy Director, IQAC

### **57.01 Grant of Leave of absence**

Prof. (Dr.) Ajay Kumar Saini 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.

### **57.02 Confirmation of Minutes of the 56<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Academic Council**

Minutes of the 56<sup>th</sup> Academic Council Meeting held on 5<sup>th</sup> March 2024 were approved.

### **57.03 Follow up Action of the 56<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Academic Council**

In the follow-up action part of the meeting, the Chairman informed the council members that the ICFAI Business School has revised the course structure of *Constitutional Values and Fundamental Duties* in consultation with the Law School. Additionally, skill-based courses designed to enhance student employability have been incorporated into the curriculum. However, further adjustments are necessary to fully align with the NEP 2020, a task currently prioritized by the university's nodal officer. The university has also developed a course on the *Indian Knowledge System (IKS)* in collaboration with Dev Sanskriti Vishwavidyalaya, Haridwar, which has been approved by the board as a Value Added Course. Furthermore, the university plans to implement the NEP 2020 recommendations, starting with the BBA, BCA, and other programs, with support from a dedicated NEP monitoring committee.

#### **57.04 Summary of the Graduating Students (2023-24)**

The Chairman discussed the summary of the graduating students for the academic year 2023-24, informing the council that 589 out of 709 students are eligible to receive their degrees in the upcoming convocation. Additionally, six Ph.D. doctoral students are also eligible for degree conferral. The Chairman highlighted that the overall pass percentage is 83.07%, with 6.62% of students achieving Distinction, 46.85% attaining First Division, and 46.51% securing Second Division. The council members suggested that the university should analyze the results, particularly noting the nearly equal percentages of students in the First and Second Divisions.

#### **57.05 Approval of Award of Degrees**

The Chairman presented the names, ID numbers, and CGPAs of the individual graduating students to the council members. After review, the council approved 589 graduating students and six doctoral students for degree conferral in the upcoming convocation. Additionally, the council approved the list of 30 recipients from various programs who are eligible to receive Gold, Silver, and Bronze medals during the convocation 2024.

#### **57.06 Analysis of Result**

The Council was informed about the analysis of results of Odd and Even Semester 2023-24.

#### **57.07 Approval of Full-Semester Internship Programs - ICFAI Tech School**

The Academic Council discussed the proposal to allow the Full-Semester Industry Internship option for the last semester of the following programs:

- Bachelor of Computer Applications (BCA)
- Bachelor of Science in Data Science (B.Sc. Data Science)
- Bachelor of Science in Mathematics (B.Sc. Mathematics)
- Master of Computer Applications (MCA)
- Master of Technology (M.Tech.)

The esteemed members encouraged the proposal, recognizing the potential for enhancing students' practical experience and industry readiness. Students will have the option to choose between a full-semester industry internship or a set of subjects with projects, as outlined in the existing program structure.

Additionally, the proposal to discontinue the Diploma program starting in 2025 was approved by the esteemed members. This decision aligns with the strategic direction of the institution to focus on enhancing and expanding degree programs.

#### **57.08 Approval of Format of Ph.D. Provisional Degree Certificate**

The format of Ph.D. Provisional Degree Certificate was presented to the council members for approval. Upon review, on the line, "This provisional degree certificate is being issued as per U.G.C. Regulations 2009/2016/2022." They recommended that the year 2009 should be used separately where applicable, to prepare provisional degree certificates for those who fall under these specific guidelines. For the remaining certificates, the council advised using the format that

includes both the years 2016 and 2022. Subsequently, the council members approved the format of the Ph.D. Provisional Degree Certificate.

#### **57.09 Approval of Board of Studies (BoS) Minutes of ICFAI Law School**

The agenda and minutes of the Board of Studies (BoS) meeting were presented and approved by the council. Regarding agenda item number 6, the council members suggested that LL.M students should publish at least one paper in a peer-reviewed journal within two semesters of their study. Each article should be co-authored with a faculty member teaching in the LL.M program. The council emphasized that without such publication, the degree shall not be awarded, replacing the previous stipulation that the viva voce examination shall not be conducted. Additionally the Council advised that the course “Citizenship and Emigration Law” should remain as one of the elective option instead of replacing it.

#### **57.10 Activity Update of IQAC**

The Council was informed that the Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC) of The ICFAI University, Dehradun, successfully conducted an audit covering Green, Energy, ISO 14001, and ISO 50001 standards on July 4-5, 2024, by CDG Inspection Limited. Prior to the audit, IQAC prepared and obtained approval for several key policies and plans, including the Environment Policy, Energy Policy, Waste Management Policy, and others. This initiative aligns with the new binary accreditation system, particularly addressing sustainability outcomes and green initiatives, and reflects the university’s commitment to continuous improvement and environmental stewardship.

#### **57.11 Minutes of 49th Meeting of the Research and Development Cell**

The Research Coordinator, IUD presented the minutes of 49<sup>th</sup> Research Committee Meeting which was approved by the Council members.

#### **57.12 Research Activities**

The Research Coordinator-IUD informed the Council about the status of research activities undertaken by the University. He informed in detail the publications by the Faculty and Research Scholars, number of Ph.D. Scholars (Full time/ Part Time) and the status of Ph.D. admission for the academic year 2024-25. The Council members extended their best wishes for the upcoming admissions for the academic session 2024-25.

#### **57.13 University Ranking by External Agencies**

The Council members appreciated the high rankings achieved by various schools of The ICFAI University, Dehradun, as recognized by different ranking agencies.

#### **57.14 Achievements/Recognition of the Faculty**

The Council was informed about the achievements/ Recognition of the Faculties. The members congratulated and appreciated them for the same.

### **57.15 Signing of MoU's by The ICFAI University, Dehradun**

The Council duly noted and appreciated the Memoranda of Understanding (MoUs) between The ICFAI University, Dehradun, and various academic and industry partners. Currently, the university has close to 40 active MoUs, all operational. These MoUs aim to enhance academic exchange and cooperation in education and research between the institutions. The Council expressed its full support for these initiatives and anticipates fruitful outcomes from these collaborations.

### **57.16 Key Highlights of the ICFAI University, Dehradun**

The Council members noted that The ICFAI University, Dehradun, has been selected as a Participating Institution under the Unnat Bharat Abhiyan, a flagship program of the Ministry of Education (MoE), Government of India. This recognition underscores the university's dedication to societal development and academic excellence. As part of this initiative, the university has received seed funding of INR 50,000 (1st installment) from the Ministry of Education (GOI).

### **57.17 Any other item with the Permission of the Chair**

The Council members suggested that the university should focus on increasing research publications in peer-reviewed journals. This effort will benefit the accreditation and ranking process in the future.

### **57.18 Date for the Next Meeting**

It was agreed that the date for the next meeting of the Academic Council would be fixed in consultation with the Chairman.

The Chairman 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