

HEMWATI NANDAN BAHUGUNA GARHWAL UNIVERSITY
(A CENTRAL UNIVERSITY)
SRINAGAR GARHWAL



MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE ACADEMIC COUNCIL

HELD ON 16TH MAY 2012

**HEMWATI NANDAN BAHUGUNA GARHWAL UNIVERSITY
SRINAGAR, GARHWAL (Uttarakhand)**

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**Minutes of Special Meeting of the Academic Council held on 16-05-2012
at 11.00 am at HNBGU, Srinagar (Garhwal)**

The following members were present:-

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| 1) | Prof. S.K. Singh, Vice Chancellor | - | Chairman |
| 2) | Prof. J.P. Sharma | - | Member |
| 3) | Prof. Ram Sharan Joshi | - | Member |
| 4) | Dr. Neelima Deshmukh | - | Member |
| 5) | Prof. Atul Saklani | - | Member |
| 6) | Prof. J.P. Pachauri | - | Member |
| 7) | Prof. S.K. Srivastava | - | Member |
| 8) | Prof. O.P. Sati | - | Member |
| 9) | Prof. A.R. Dangwal | - | Member |
| 10) | Prof. Lata Gairola | - | Member |
| 11) | Dr. U.S. Rawat, Registrar | - | Secretary |

Prof. Sunil Kumar Gupta, Prof. Sujit K Basu, Prof. Tista Bagchi, Prof. A.N. Raj, Prof. Rashmi S Patil, Prof. S.P. Kala, Prof. MSM Rawat, and Prof. Annapurna Nautiyal could not attend the meeting.

At the outset, the Chairman welcomed the Hon'ble members specially the external members, who have attended the meeting in spite of the short notice for the meeting. The members were apprised the recent developments and the reasons for conducting special meeting in order to discuss and finalize some urgent issues before the expiry of the tenure of first academic council i.e. 19.5.2012, constituted by the MHRD . Thereafter, the agenda items were taken up for discussion and approval.

Agenda Item No.1 : To consider the provision of 50% reservations of seats for the domiciles of Uttarakhand or to provide campus weight-age for the students of the University in higher courses.

A committee was constituted by the Vice-Chancellor to explore the possibilities of reservations/ weight-age for the students of the University in higher courses. The Report of the Committee is placed at **Annexure - I**. Submitted for consideration.

Resolution: The Council discussed pros and cons of the issues, specially in the light of MHRD letter dt. 3.2.2010. As the provision of reservations related to amendment in the ACT which comes under the purview of the Parliament, the Council decided that the matter be pursued at various level specially with State Govt, UGC and MHRD. Accordingly, the Council resolved that the following committee be constituted for the purpose of making provision of 50% reservations of seats for the domicile of Uttarakhand / campus weight age for the students of the University in higher courses, to be made in the Act.

- i) Prof. J.P.Pachuri, Deptt. of Sociology- Convenor
- ii) Prof. A.R. Dangwal, Deptt. of Mass Com
- iii) President of Teachers' Association-Ex Officio
- iv) President of Students' Union-Ex-Officio
- v) President of Non-Teaching Association-Ex-Officio

Agenda Item No.2 : To consider the provision of representation of Students in Academic Council and Executive Council of the University.

A committee was constituted by the Vice-Chancellor to explore the possibilities of Students representations in the Academic Council and Executive Council of the University. The committee has submitted its report. The Report of the Committee is placed at **Annexure I**.

Submitted for consideration.

Resolution: After thorough discussion, It was resolved that two students, one from UG and one from PG be nominated as special invitees in the academic council for a period of one year on the basis of merit in the performance in University Examinations. However, to decide the merit and modus- oprendi of the student representation on the academic council, the said committee comprising following members be asked to look into the matter for preparation of guidelines.

- i) Prof. O.P.Sati- Deptt. of Chemistry- Convener
- ii) Prof. N.S. Panwar, Dept of Engineering
- iii) Prof. P.M.Saklani, Dept of History
- iv) Dr. A.A.Baurai, Dept of Physics

For Executive Council, it was resolved that as there is no provision of students' representation in Executive Council in most of the Central Universities, the proposal has not been accepted.

Agenda Item No. 3 : To consider the proposal of Research Officer/ Technical Officer/ Project Officer/Senior Scientific Officer working in various Departments of the University to act as Ph.D. Supervisors.

A committee was constituted by the Vice-Chancellor to explore the possibilities of Research Officer/ Technical Officer/ Project Officer/Senior Scientific Officer working in

various Departments of the University to act as Ph.D. Supervisors. The Committee has submitted its report. The recommendations of the committee is placed at **Annex-II**.

Submitted for consideration.

Resolution: The Committee discussed the matter at length and it was resolved that a committee of following members be constituted to make framework/guidelines in the ordinances for supervisor of Ph.D. Scholars other than Teachers and Scientists of National level Laboratories/Research Organizations.

- i) Prof. M.S.M. Rawat- Deptt. of Chemistry- Convenor
- ii) Prof. R.R.Nautiyal, Dept. of Economics
- iii) Prof. S.R.Ansari, Depttt. Of Math
- iv) Prof. S.K.Srivastava- Dept. of Commerce
- v) Prof. A.K.Dobriyal- Deptt. of Zoology
- vi) Prof. R.C. Ramola, Dept. of Physics

Agenda Item No. 4 : To consider the proposal of Change of nomenclature of Research Officer/Technical Officer/Project Officer/Senior Scientific Officer to Assistant Professor of the University.

A committee was constituted by the Vice-Chancellor to explore the possibilities of Change of nomenclature of Research Officer/ Technical Officer/ Project Officer/Senior Scientific Officer to Assistant Professor of the University. The committee has submitted its report. The report of the Committee is placed at **Annexure-II**.

Submitted for consideration.

Resolution: The Committee discussed the matter in terms of the recommendations of the committee constituted for the purpose. It was resolved to route the proposal for changes of nomenclature through Board of Studies of relevant departments. As the UGC/MHRD is the appropriate bodies for changes in nomenclature, the proposal of Board of Studies be placed before the School Board, Academic Council and Executive Council for consideration and recommendations.

Agenda Item No. 5 : To consider the proposal of relaxation in UGC Regulations 2009 and 2010 (eligibility conditions) for the recruitment of Assistant Professors of the University.

A committee was constituted by the Vice-Chancellor to explore the possibilities of relaxation in UGC Regulations 2009 and 2010 (eligibility conditions) for the recruitment of Assistant Professors of the University. The committee has submitted its report. The report of the Committee is placed at **Annexure-III**.

Submitted for consideration.

Resolution: The Academic Council discussed the matter in the light of judgement of Hon'ble High Court of Allahabad dt. 6.4.2012 and Thyagrajan Committee report of the UGC. The Council has also considered the recommendations of the committee "--- that a D.Phil/Ph.D. of HNBGU in general may fulfil about 06 points and few individual candidates may fulfil more than 06 points". After going through the detailed of 11 points, the Council resolved that HNBGU has adopted procedures by which candidates of Ph.D. Degree have satisfied following six points/ criteria before award of their Ph.D. Degree:

- i) Admission by entrance test or interview or both
- ii) Maximum Numbers, M. Phil-5, Ph.D.: 8/Supervisor
- iii) National/Reservation Policy
- iv) Research Advisory Committee-Review of the Progress
- v) Pre-Ph.D. presentation before synopsis submission.
- vi) Evaluation of thesis by two experts other than supervisor, one out of the State.

The Council decided to recommend for exemption for the candidates registered under HNBGU prior to 11th July 2009 the date of notification of UGC regulation 2009, such Ph.D. candidates would become eligible for NET exemption as and when they acquired their Ph.D. Degree from HNBGU.

Agenda Item No. 6 : Ratification of the decision taken by the Vice- Chancellor for release of salary to the regular employees of the University during agitation period.

During agitation which continued from 30th March to 22nd April 2012 teaching and non teaching employees could not perform their duties. After the calling off of agitation, a meeting of representatives of Teaching and Non-Teaching Association was conducted, where it was decided to release salary to the non teaching staff with the condition that they have to work additional one and half working hours i.e. from 9.30 to 10.00am and 5.00PM to 6 PM every working day until the total loss of working man-hours are compensated. For teaching faculty it was decided that they have to work additional 17 days during summer vacation in lieu of the working periods during the closure of the University. With these conditions and in anticipation of approval of AC and EC of the University, Vice-Chancellor has agreed to release salary of regular employees for the agitation period.

The decision taken by the Vice-Chancellor may be ratified.

Resolution: The Academic Council has taken a serious note of the developments during this period of agitation and approved the action taken by the Vice-Chancellor

The meeting ended with thanks to the Chair.

U.S.Rawat
Registrar

S.K.Singh
Vice-Chancellor