

**Minutes of the Sixth Meeting of the Academic Council of the HNBGU**  
**Dated : 31<sup>st</sup> January 2015**

List of Members present in the meeting is placed at Annexure.

Chairman, Academic Council, welcomed all the Members of the Academic Council. In his opening observations, Chairman, Academic Council, presented an overview of the academic functioning of the University. Thereafter, the agenda items were taken up for discussion and approval.

**Agenda Item No. 1: Confirmation of Minutes of 5<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Academic Council held on 7<sup>th</sup> September 2013.**

Minutes of the Meeting was circulated to all concern vide letter dated 8.10.2013. No comments were received regarding recording of minutes. A Copy of the Minutes of the 5<sup>th</sup> Meeting of Academic Council held on 7<sup>th</sup> September 2013 is placed at **Annexure-A** for confirmation.

**Resolution:**

The Minutes of the 5<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Academic Council held on 7<sup>th</sup> September 2013 were confirmed except resolution taken on item no. s-3 i.e. “ University shall not consider any proposal for affiliation of any new institution or any course and expedite the process of de-affiliation ”.The latter part of the resolution was deemed to have been withdrawn.

**Agenda Item No.2: Report of the Action Taken on the Minutes of the 5<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Academic Council held on 7<sup>th</sup> September 2013.**

Action Taken Report on the Minutes of the 5<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Academic Council held on 7<sup>th</sup> September 2013 is placed at **Annexure-B** for kind perusal.

**Resolution:**

The Academic Council took a note of it, and no comments were received on it.

**Agenda Item No. 3: Consideration of New format of Mark Sheet and Degree enabling “CENTRAL UNIVERSITY” and “HEMVATI” from the Academic Session 2014-15.**

The Govt of India vide its Gazette Notification No. 25 of 2009 has published the Central Universities Act 2009. It has been enacted under the Section 3(1) of the above Act, the Hemvati Nandan Bahuguna Garhwal University in the state of Uttarakhand established under the Uttar Pradesh State University Act 1973, shall be established as bodies corporate under this Act by the same name. In the first schedule of the Act

under Section 3(4) “There shall be established ,the University in the various States as bodies corporate, by such names and territorial jurisdiction, as specified in the first Schedule to this Act.” Hemvati Nandan Bahuguna Garhwal University is not notified.

However considering the Section 3(1) established as bodies corporate under this Act we may consider revising the format of Mark sheets and Degrees from the academic session 2014-15 onwards.

Submitted for consideration.

**Resolution:**

The Academic Council has resolved to approve the new format of Mark sheet and Degree with enabling “Central University” and “Hemvati” in it from the academic session 2014-15 onwards. The pass out students starting from 2009-2010 academic session of the HNB Garhwal University may get their Mark Sheet and Degree corrected in the new format on request following the due procedure.

**Agenda Item No. 4: Consideration of Implementation of Choice Based Credit System (CBCS) for the UG and PG courses from the Academic Year 2015-16 in the University.**

The Secretary, MHRD vide its letter dated 14<sup>th</sup> November 2014 has requested to all Central Universities to implement the CBCS from the academic year 2015-16. The CBC system will ensure seamless mobility of students across the Higher Education Institutions in the country as well as abroad and the credits earned by the students can be transferred and would be great value to the students in the event of their seeking migration from one institution to another.

A guideline of UGC on adoption of choice based credit system is enclosed at **Annexure-C** for perusal and adoption.

**Resolution:**

The Academic Council was informed that the Vice- Chancellor has already constituted a committee in this regard. The Council has in principle agreed to adopt the CBCS pattern both at UG and PG level from the academic session 2015-16. Further, the VC is authorized to act on the basis of recommendation of the committee for implementing it.

**Agenda Item No. 5: Consideration of awarding specified Degrees as per nomenclature specified by UGC.**

The UGC vide its public notice dated 21<sup>st</sup> August 2014 and letter dated 11<sup>th</sup> July 2014 directed that “No University shall confer a degree in violation to the provisions of this notification. It shall be mandatory for the Universities to adhere to the approved

nomenclature of degree(s) and ensure the observance of the minimum standards of instruction before award of a degree as hereinafter prescribed”.

The UGC vide its gazette notification dated March 2014 specified the degrees to be awarded by the disciplines, level, minimum duration (years) and entry qualification. A copy of notification is enclosed at **Annexure- D** for perusal.

**Resolution:**

The Council resolved that a committee to be constituted by the Vice-Chancellor to go through the Gazette notification vis a vis present system in operation in the University. On the recommendations of the Committee Vice-Chancellor is authorized to amend necessary changes if any in line with UGC notification.

**Agenda Item No. 6: Comments of the University on the proposed amendment to State University Act on disaffiliation of Govt. Degree Colleges and Aided Private Colleges of the State from HNB Garhwal University Srinagar to get them affiliated to Sri Dev Suman Uttarakhand University created in the State.**

The MHRD vide its letter dated 2.9.2014 has forwarded a copy of letter of Principal Secretary Higher Education, Govt of Uttarakhand and requested to get the matter examined by the University and seeking comments of the University on the issue of disaffiliation of the Govt Degree Colleges and Aided Private Colleges as well as on the proposed amendment to State University Act moved by the Govt of Uttarakhand. A copy of proposed amendment of the Act is placed at **Annexure-E** for perusal and consideration.

**Resolution:**

The Council resolved that the University has no objection in the proposed amendment to State University Act on disaffiliation of Govt. Degree Colleges and Aided Private Colleges of the State from HNB Garhwal University Srinagar to get them affiliated to Sri Dev Suman Uttarakhand University created in the State.

**Agenda Item No. 7: Consideration of deferred resolution of Academic Council for granting Permanent Affiliation as per UGC Regulations 2009 and UGC [Affiliation of Colleges by Universities] (1<sup>st</sup> Amendments) Regulation, 2012.**

The Academic Council of the University in its 4<sup>th</sup> Meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> March 2012 while taking a decision on implementation of UGC Regulations 2009 (Affiliation of Colleges by Universities) has decided that

- 1) Only temporary affiliation be granted to the Colleges & Institutions already affiliated with HNB Garhwal University, Srinagar on year to year basis through the process as prescribed in the UGC Regulations.

- 2) Only temporary affiliation on year to year basis may be granted to start new courses to those Colleges, which are already affiliated with HNB Garhwal University, Srinagar through the process as prescribed in the UGC Regulations.
- 3) No new affiliation be granted to any Colleges/Institutions seeking affiliation from HNB Garhwal University, Srinagar.
- 4) For granting permanent affiliation under Clause 5 of the Regulation, the matter be deferred at present.

The UGC has made its amendment [Affiliation of Colleges by Universities} (1<sup>st</sup> Amendments) Regulation, 2012 ( **Annexure- F**) and has made accreditation of NAAC or any other statutory accreditation agency by State/ Central Government as eligibility criteria of permanent affiliation.

Further the Hon'ble High Court of Uttarakhand vide its order dated 22.8.2014 has granted permanent affiliation to an institution.

Submitted for consideration on provision of granting permanent affiliation.

### **Resolution:**

The Council accepted the UGC Regulations 2009 (Affiliation of Colleges by Universities) and its amendments as such in totality. The University shall make Ordinances for such other aspects which are not covered in the above regulations.

### **Agenda Item No. 8: Consideration of issue of guidelines for maintaining uniformity in Ph.D. programme.**

The University has framed and approved Ph.D. ordinance. While implementing it has been observed following issues are not spoken in the said ordinances for which certain ambiguity arises in processing the cases. The issues are:

1. Upper Age limit for pursuing Ph.D. of other then inservice candidates.
2. Leave entitlement of the Ph.D. Candidates and leave status during winter and summer vacation.
3. Eligibility of faculty members/researchers of other institutions ( the institutions not affiliated with the University or no MOU signed with the University) as supervisor/ co-supervisor of the University.
4. Eligibility of faculty members of self finance institutions/ Self finance Departments as supervisor.
5. Nature of Ph.D. programme is regular or part time as no where it is specified that the Ph.D. is regular programme.

6. Though the ordinance specified that there is requirement of NOC and leave sanctioned assurance by the employer for completion of Ph.D. duration, it is not specified about those who opted jobs/ service after getting admission to Ph.D. programme.
7. Mobility of candidates from campus seats to affiliated colleges and vice-versa.

Submitted for consideration.

**Resolution:**

The Vice-Chancellor has appraised that a committee has already been constituted to review the ordinances of the University. Thereafter, the Council decided that the above matter be also referred to the review committee.

**Agenda Item No. 9: Ratification of the decision taken by the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, HNBGU under Section 11(3) of the Central Universities Act 2009.**

**1): Issue of Certificate to D.Phil candidates**

On the recommendations of the Deans of the School of Studies, Vice-Chancellor has decided to issue a certificate to such candidates as his/her D.Phil degree is completed as per University Ph.D. Regulations which is as per UGC Regulations 2009, if he/she had undergone following process:

- i) Got registered in D.Phil Programme,
- ii) Appeared and qualified the Entrance examinations conducted by the University for Ph.D. admission,
- iii) Completed successfully six months Pre-Ph.D. course of the University.

The above certificate is issued along with provisional Ph.D. certificate on request of the candidate. A copy of notification is enclosed for perusal (**Annexure- G**).

Submitted for ratification.

**Resolution:**

The Academic Council resolved to ratify the decisions taken by the Vice-Chancellor.

**2): Starting of Ph.D. Programme in LAW, Social Work, Home Science and Computer Science.**

On the recommendations of the Deans of the Schools the Vice-Chancellor has approved to start Ph.D. programme from 2014 in the LAW, Social Work and Computer Science course. Earlier Ph.D. programme was not started in above course as PG programme was running in self finance basis in LAW and Social work and

syllabus was not approved for computer science. The University has notified the same and conducted entrance test this year.

Submitted for ratification.

**Resolution:**

The Academic Council resolved to ratify the decisions taken by the Vice-Chancellor.

**2): Permission to appear examinations as ex-students in Commerce and Arts.**

A copy of office order dated 20.1.2015 is placed for information and reported accordingly (**Annexure- G1**).

**Resolution:**

The Academic Council resolved to ratify the decisions taken by the Vice-Chancellor.

**Agenda Item No. 10: Consideration of exemption to the D.Phil registered candidates who could not submit their Thesis within the stipulated period of seven years to submit their Thesis as a special case.**

In the Academic Ordinance for Doctor of Philosophy /Doctor of Laws under Chapter-XVIII, it has been laid down that:

*18. In case candidate does not submit his thesis within four years or a teacher candidate within five years from the date of receipt of his application in the University his name will be removed from the list of candidates registered for the degree of D.Phil. In special cases the Vice-Chancellor may extend the period by one year.*

*19. A Candidate who was unable to submit his thesis within the prescribed period, may be allowed on payment of a fee of Rs.50 to enroll himself to work on the same subject on previously approved conditions within six months from the date of removal of his name from the list and submit his thesis within 24 months from the date of re-enrolment after which no further extension shall be allowed.*

University has been receiving representations from D.Phil candidate who have failed to submit their thesis within the stipulated date of seven years from their application for registration ( Four years +One Year Extension + Two years Re-registration) . The above candidates have requested to accept their thesis as a special case. However, University has not considered their request in view of laid down provision as per ordinances of the University.

The matter was also placed in the fifth meeting of the academic council held on 7<sup>th</sup> September 2013. The Academic Council resolved to grant one time relaxation to such registered candidates of D.Phil programme who could not submitted their Thesis within seven years from the date of their registration. The University has to accept their thesis and process for evaluation after payment of re registration fee by the candidates within one year from the notification in this regard. The above decision of the Academic Council shall not be taken as precedence in future and the concern section shall have to act as per ordinance.

The University had notified the same for all concern vide dated 8.10.2013. In spite of the above facts a few candidates could not submitted their thesis and represented to consider their thesis also as a special case. Submitted for consideration.

**Resolution:**

The Academic Council resolved to grant one time relaxation to such registered candidates of D.Phil. programme who could not submit their thesis within seven years from the date of registration. The above candidates may submit their thesis within one year of this notification. The above decision of the academic council shall not be taken as precedence in future.

**Agenda Item No.11 : To consider and approve the award of D.Phil/D.Lit/ Ph.D. Degree.**

The detail Research Scholars whose Viva-Voce have been successfully conducted between 8.9.2013 to January 2015 for the award of D.Phil/D.Lit/Ph.D. degree is placed at **Annexure-H**.

Submitted for consideration.

**Resolution:**

It was resolved to recommend for award of D.Phil/Ph.D. Degrees to the 289 candidates as per the list enclosed in the Annexure of the agenda and whose viva-voce have been successfully completed.

**Agenda Item No. 12: Consideration of constitution and appointments of Standing and Special committees .**

In the Statute of the University under Clause 22(1) and (2) there is provision that “ An authority of the University may appoint as many standing or special Committees as it may deem fit, and may appoint to such Committees persons who are not members of such authority.

(2) A Committee appointed under clause (1) may deal with any subject delegated to it subject to subsequent confirmation by the authority appointing it”.

It is proposed to constitute standing and special committees for academic, research, administrative and other matters.

Submitted for consideration.

**Resolution:**

The Academic Council authorized the Vice-Chancellor for constitution and appointments of Standing and Special committees as per statute, as and when required.

**Agenda Item No. 13 : To consider and approve the recommendations of Board of Studies of University.**

The recommendations of the Board of Studies of various Departments/and School Boards are placed before the Academic Council for consideration and approval. The details of the Departments and Minutes and recommendations are placed at **Annexure-I**.

Submitted for consideration.

**Resolution:**

The Academic Council approved the recommendations of the Board of Studies of various Departments and School Boards which are taken as per power and functions of the ordinances.

**Agenda Item No. 14: To consider and approve the revision/ modification of syllabus of various courses of the University.**

The University has received Syllabus for various courses from the Departments/Institutes. These syllabus are revised/ modified by the Departments/ Institutes and approved by the concern Board of Studies of the University. The details of the Syllabi for various courses are placed at **Annexure-J**.

Submitted for consideration.

**Resolution:**

The Vice Chancellor has appraised that the University is in process of adopting CBCS from the academic session 2015-16 onwards. Accordingly all the syllabi both at UG and PG level may require modification. All such modifications along with the proposed above may be placed before next meeting of the council. However, the revision as proposed for M.Phil and Ph.D. level is approved by the academic council.



**Agenda Item No.15 : To consider the Model Ordinances for the Central Universities in matters of students, academic and other subjects.**

The UGC has developed model ordinances in matters of students, academic and other subjects. The University has already framed ordinances for twenty-seven areas. It is proposed that for the following areas University may adopt model ordinances of UGC as at present ordinances were not framed for.

- a) Convocation
- b) Proctor
- c) Committee on Equivalence of Examinations
- d) Equivalence Committee for recognition of Examinations/Degrees
- e) Award of Fellowship, Scholarships, Studentships, Medals and Prizes.

A copy of model ordinances is placed at **Annexure-K**

**Resolution:**

The members of the Academic council were apprised that a committee has been constituted by the University to review the ordinances of the University. The model ordinances as above shall also be referred to the review committee.

**Agenda Item No. 16: Consideration of approval of new format of Degree for Autonomous College of the University.**

Pt. LMS Govt Degree College, Rishikesh conferred the autonomous status from 2008-09 by UGC. As per provision affiliating University has to award degree in a common format and the name of the college will be mentioned in the degree certificate, if so desired. The college has been requesting to issue degree mentioning the name of the college. A committee has been constituted in this regard. The committee has also recommended mentioning name of the college in the degrees of autonomous college.

Submitted for consideration.

**Resolution:**

The council has approved the recommendations of the committee for mentioning the name of the college in the degrees of autonomous college.

**Agenda Item No. 17: Any other Matters.**

**Agenda Item No. S (1) : To Consider the Examinations of the students of the institutions whose inspection was conducted by the University but affiliation was not granted due to resolution of the Academic Council held on 7<sup>th</sup> September**

**2013 and ratification of the decision taken by the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, HNBGU .**

**Resolution:**

The members were appraised the decisions taken by the University on the recommendations of the meeting of the Deans. Thereafter the academic council ratified the decision taken by the Vice-Chancellor.

**Agenda Item No. S (2) : To Consider representation of Teachers' Association for rotation of Incharge Head in Campuses.**

**Resolution:**

The academic council has approved the proposal of rotation of Incharge Head of campuses.

**Agenda Item No. S (3) : To Consider introduction of two years teacher education courses as per recommendations of NCTE.**

**Resolution:**

The Council has approved the recommendations of NCTE for starting two years teacher educations courses from the academic session 2015-16 onwards.

**Agenda Item No. S (4): Consideration admitting students in 2 year MBA programme under Deptt of Business Administration through University Entrance Test.**

**Resolution:**

The Council resolved that the matter to be placed before admission committee of the University for consideration.

**Agenda Item No. S (5): Consideration of starting of Honours courses in the campuses of the University.**

**Resolution:**

The Council is in principle agreed to start the Honours Courses in the departments where there is infrastructural facilities and strength of teaching staff. The Concern Heads will assess the same at their end and submit proposal through their respective Board of Studies.

**Agenda Item No. S (6): Consideration of grating University Weightage to the pass out of the students of HNBGU for admission to Higher Studies.**

**Resolution:**

The members were appraised the persistent demands of the students for campus weightage and the developments in this regard. The council authorized to the Vice-Chancellor to seek legal opinion from MHRD itself and process further in this regard.

The Meeting ended with vote of thanks to the chair.

**Vice-Chancellor**

**Registrar**