

HEMVATI NANDAN BAHUGUNA GARHWAL UNIVERSITY  
SRINAGAR GARHWAL (UTTARAKHAND)  
(A CENTRAL UNIVERSITY)

**Minutes of the Eighth Meeting of the Academic Council**  
**Dated : 15<sup>th</sup> April 2017**

**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 Meetings of the Academic Council .**

Minutes of the Meetings were circulated to all members. No comments have been received regarding recording of minutes. Copy of the Minutes of Academic Council held on 5<sup>th</sup> May 2016, 9<sup>th</sup> July 2016 and 14<sup>th</sup> December, 2016 are placed at **Annexure-A** for confirmation.

**Resolution:**

The Minutes of the Academic Council held on 5<sup>th</sup> May 2016, 9<sup>th</sup> July 2016 and 14<sup>th</sup> December, 2016 were confirmed.

**Agenda Item No. 2: Report of the Action Taken on the Minutes of the Meetings of the Academic Council .**

Action Taken Reports on the Minutes of Academic Council held on 5<sup>th</sup> May 2016, 9<sup>th</sup> July 2016 and 14<sup>th</sup> December, 2016 are 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. 03 : To consider and approve the award of D.Phil./D.Lit./ Ph.D. Degree.**

The detail of Research Scholars whose Viva-Voce have been successfully conducted ( **343** ) between 5.5.2016 to 10-04-2017 for the award of D.Phil./D.Lit./Ph.D. degree is placed at **Annexure-C**.

Submitted for consideration.

**Resolution:**

It was resolved to recommend for award of D.Phil/Ph.D. Degrees to the 343 candidates as per the list enclosed in the Annexure of the agenda and whose viva-voce have been successfully completed.

**Agenda Item No. 4: To consider the Annual Quality Assurance Report (AQAR) 2015-16 of the IQAC.**

The Annual Quality Assurance Report (AQAR) for the year 2015-16 has been submitted to NAAC on 27-12-2016. A copy of AQAR is placed at **Annexure-D** for consideration and suggestions of the Council.

**Resolution:**

The Academic Council took a note of it and applauded the role of IQAC.

**Agenda Item No. 5: To consider the approval of UGC for starting B.Sc. ( Yogic Science) and Ph.D. ( Yogic Science) in the University.**

The UGC vide its letter dated 28-02-2017 has conveyed its approval to start B.Sc. (Yogic Science) and Ph.D. (Yogic Science) in the University. The UGC has also sanctioned 1- Professor, 1-Associate Professor, 02- Assistant Professor and 05- Adjunct Faculty for the above courses and also sanctioned Rs. 1000.00 lakhs for it. A copy of UGC letter dated 28-2-2017 is placed at **Annexure-E**.

Submitted for kind information of the Council.

**Resolution:**

The Academic Council took a note of it. Further advise the University shall expedite the process for filling up sanctioned posts.

**Agenda Item No. 6: To consider the proposal of the School of Engineering to start M.Tech courses.**

Detailed proposal of the Dean School of Engineering is placed at **Annexure- F** for consideration.

**Resolution:**

The Academic Council considered the proposal of Dean of the School and resolved that detailed proposal to be submitted to UGC for permission and sanction of teaching faculty. Further the Council resolved that if any Department School /Department want to start any new course/ program, they may also submit detailed proposal for approval of UGC.

**Agenda Item No. 7: To consider the recommendations of the committee constituted for reviewing the fee structure for various courses.**

Recommendations of the committee for reviewing the existing fees for various courses and certificates and fees for the courses not mentioned in the existing admission Prospectus of 2016-17 is placed at **Annexure-G** for consideration.

**Resolution:**

The Academic Council took a note of it. Dean Student Welfare informed to the committee that a detailed deliberations has already been made in the meeting of admission committee of the University. The recommendations of the admission committee be notified shortly. The AC resolved to accept the recommendations of the admission committee.

**Agenda Item No. 8: To consider the proposal of Coordinator, Industry Academia Linkages regarding steps to be taken to enhance the placement of students.**

Proposal of the Coordinator, Industry Academia Linkages regarding steps to be taken to enhance the placement of students is placed at **Annexure-H** for consideration.

**Resolution:**

The Council was of the opinion that the University should make some sincere efforts for placement of students. The Coordinator Industry Academia Linkages may submit a detailed proposal in this regard.

**Agenda Item No. 9: To consider the proposal of Dean, School of Management regarding early settlement of Travel Allowance Bills of the external experts visiting the University.**

Proposal of the Dean, School of Management regarding early settlement of Travel Allowance bills of the external experts visiting the University is placed at **Annexure -I** for consideration.

**Resolution:**

**Deferred to next meeting.**

**Agenda Item No. 10: To consider the proposal for signing of MOU.**

The University has received request from following institutions for signing of MOU for developing working relationships for Collaborative Research, Product Development, Technologies Display and Dissemination and Joint educational programmes. All the proposals have been examined by the concerned Departments of the University. Details of the MOU are placed at **Annexure- J**.

- a) Bhaba Atomic Research Centre, Mumbai ( ratification).
- b) Indian Institute of Tropical Meteorology, Pune.
- c) National Botanical Research Institute, Lucknow.

**Resolution:**

The Academic Council in principle approved to enter into collaboration with the above organization. However, the HOD Botany and HOD Geology has been advised to revisit the MOU in line with discussion and suggestions of some members and submit to the Vice Chancellor. The AC authorizes the VC to accept the MOUs as resubmitted by the HOD Botany and HOD Geology after incorporating suggestions made by some members.

**Agenda Item No. 11 : To consider and approve the recommendations of Board of Studies/ School Boards of the 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, Minutes and recommendations are placed at **Annexure-K**.

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. 12 : To consider the letter dated 05-12-2016 of SSB Academy regarding recognition of short term courses and affiliation of the University.**

Letter of the SSB Academy dated 05-12-2016 is placed at **Annexure-L** for consideration.

**Resolution:**

**Deferred to next meeting.**

**Agenda Item No. 13 : Extension of Affiliation of Institutions for the Academic Session 2016-17.**

For the academic session 2016-17 the University has granted approval for continuation/ extension of existing affiliation/ new courses in the affiliated institutions/ additional intake in the existing affiliated courses following the guidelines and regulations of the University. All the affiliations were granted considering the recommendations of the inspection report. A list of affiliated institutions with course and intake which have been granted extension of affiliation, additional seats and affiliation to new courses is placed at **Annexure- M**. It is further to submit that no fresh affiliation is being granted to any new institution.

Submitted for information of the Council.

**Resolution:**

The Academic Council resolved to ratify the decisions taken by the University.

**Agenda Item No. 14: To consider the MHRD letter dated 13.12.2016 regarding feedback /inputs on the functioning of Central Universities.**

The MHRD vide its letter dated 13.12.2016, informed that Hon'ble Human Resource Minister desires to review the functioning of Central Universities. Vide above said letter the MHRD sought feedback/inputs from the University on Academic, Administration, Financial, Infrastructure and other issues. Submitted for providing feedback / Inputs on the above issues relating to functioning of the Central Universities, so that it may be submitted to MHRD for consideration. A copy of MHRD letter dated 13.12.2016 is placed at **Annexure-N** for consideration.

**Resolution:**

The Council resolves to send a brief report about the progress of the University on the issues on Academic, Administration, Financial, and Infrastructure.

**Agenda Item No. 15: To consider to approve guidelines for screening/ short listing of candidates for appointment to the post of Assistant Professor in the University.**

Draft guidelines for screening / short listing of candidates for appointment to the post of Assistant Professor in the University is placed at **Annexure-O** for perusal.

**Resolution:**

After detailed deliberation the Academic council approved the guidelines for screening/ short listing of candidates for appointment to the post of Assistant Professor in the University after incorporating corrections and suggestions made by the Academic Council.

**Agenda Item No. 16: To consider for approval of common syllabus of Research Methodology for Ph.D. Entrance Examination.**

In the M.Phil and Ph.D. regulations 2016 of the UGC there is a provision of Entrance Test. The syllabus of the Entrance Test shall consist of 50% of research methodology and 50% shall be subject specific. For framing research Methodology syllabus, competent authority had constituted a committee. The committee has prepared the syllabus and the same was sent to Deans of Schools for suggestion. We have not received any comments/suggestions in this regard.

A copy of Common syllabus of Research Methodology is placed at **Annexure- P**.

**Resolution:**

The Academic council approved the **common syllabus of Research Methodology for Ph.D. Entrance Examination** after detailed deliberation.

### **Agenda Item No. 17: Evaluation of D.Phil Thesis**

A committee constituted under the D.Phil ordinance of the University for consideration of reports of the examiners has referred the cases to Academic Council for taking a decision as the ordinance of the University is silent on resubmission.

*The ordinance state that “if two examiners recommend the award of degree, but the third recommends rejection of the thesis, the report will be considered by a committee consisting of the Vice-Chancellor, Convener of the RDC of subject concerned and Dean of the Concerned faculty who shall decide whether to call the candidate for viva-voce or to send the thesis to the fourth examiner. After the approval of the fourth examiner the candidate shall be called for viva-voce. If all the three examiners recommend the award of degree the candidate shall be called upon to appear for viva-voce test”.*

In the referred cases two examiners recommended for resubmission and one recommended for viva ( One Case) and two recommended for viva and one recommends for resubmission (two cases).

Submitted for consideration.

#### **Resolution:**

The Academic council resolved that the University shall proceed for conduct of viva in case of Shri Sudhir Kumar and Ms. Maulshree Mamgain as two examiners have recommended for viva. In case of Ms. Mukta, the candidate may be asked to resubmit the thesis.

### **Agenda Item No. 18: To consider for approval draft Ordinances for award of the M.Phil/ Ph.D. Degree.**

In supersession of the UGC Minimum Standards and Procedures for award of M.Phil./Ph.D. Degree, Regulation, 2009, the UGC vide its notification dated 5<sup>th</sup> May 2016 has notified the regulation. The matter was placed before an academic council of the University. The Academic Council accepted the UGC (Minimum Standards and Procedures for award of M.Phil./Ph.D. Degrees) Regulations, 2016 for implementation and suggested that a committee of all Dean of Schools be constituted to carry out observations on UGC ( Minimum Standards and Procedures for award of M.Phil./Ph.D. Degrees) Regulations, 2016.

As per guidelines suggested by the Deans Committee, the competent authority of the University constituted another committee for framing a draft ordinance. Draft ordinance for award of the M.Phil/ Ph.D. Degree is placed at **Annexure-Q**.

#### **Resolution:**

After detailed deliberation the Academic council recommends to approve the draft ordinance **for award of the M.Phil/ Ph.D. Degree** after incorporating corrections and

suggestions made by the members of the Council without deviating the spirit of UGC's Principal Regulations.

**Agenda Item No. 19: Any other matters.**

1. To determine self finance department/ courses of the University.

**Resolution:**

**Deferred to next meeting.**

2. Constitution of common admission and examination committee.

**Resolution:**

COE has been advised to hold early meeting of examination committee.

3. Regarding introduction of five days week for non teaching employees.

**Resolution:**

The Academic Council took a note of it.

4. Representation of Teachers on charges and ill behavior to some inspection team member by an institution.

**Resolution:**

The Academic Council took a serious note of it and decided to issue show cause to Uttaranchal Institute of science, Dehradun why affiliation could not be withdrawn for damaging reputation of University and faculty members.

5. To determine seats for Ph.D. admission

**Resolution:**

The coordinator of the Entrance Examination of Ph.D. programme appraised to the Council about the vacant seats of various Departments and number of seats allotted to various Department in last Ph.D. admission. The Council decided that as no funds or communications has been received from UGC regarding Non NET fellowships, the number of seats shall not be more than the seats allocated in last admission. However, if any Departments/Schools requested to reduce the number of seats then the last admission the same should be maintained. The coordinator of Entrance Examination along with administration has to allot the seats considering the above guidelines.

6. Recommendations of the Committee on operative part of the 4<sup>th</sup> Amendment of UGC regulations.

**Resolution**

The Director IQAC presented the report of the committee. The Council took note of it.

7. Constitution of University Level Academic Journal Expert Committee.

**Resolution**

The Council recommended the Director IQAC be appointed as Coordinator of University Level Academic Journal Expert Committee of the University. The coordinator may propose name of some faculty members who can assist him for above Journal Expert Committee.

The Meeting ended with vote of thanks to the chair.

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**Vice-Chancellor**

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**Registrar**