

MINUTES OF THE 10TH REGULAR MEETING OF ACADEMIC COUNCIL
HELD ON 10 OCT 2020 AT 11 AM THROUGH ZOOM APP

An online meeting of the Academic Council was held on 10 October 2020 at 11 am through Zoom App due to ongoing Covid-19 pandemic. More than 65 members attended the meeting.

In the beginning, Vice Chancellor welcomed all members and specially expressed her gratitude to Visitor's nominee and other external members who despite their busy schedule attended the meeting.

After welcome, agendas were read one by one and resolutions were passed as per following: -

Agenda Item No. 1:

Confirmation of Minutes of 9th Meeting of the last regular Academic Council and Special Academic Council.

Minutes of the meeting were circulated to all members. Copy of the minutes of regular meeting held on 23 Oct 2019 (**Annexure-1**) and Special Meeting of Academic Council held 30 Nov 2019 (**Annexure-2**), 14 Apr 2020 (**Annexure-3**), and 20 May 2020 (**Annexure-4**) are placed for confirmation.

Submitted for kind consideration and approval by Academic Council please.

Resolution:

The Academic Council approved the minutes of ninth regular meeting held on 23 Oct 2019 and Special Meeting of Academic Council held 30 Nov 2019, 14 Apr 2020, and 20 May 2020.

Agenda Item No. 2:

Action Taken Reports as received from different departments/sections on the Minutes of Academic Council held on 23 Oct 2019, 30 Nov 2019, 14 Apr 2020 and 20 May 2020 are placed at Annexure-4A for kind perusal.

Resolution:

The Academic Council approved the Action Taken Reports on the Minutes of Academic Council held on 23 Oct 2019, 30 Nov 2019, 14 Apr 2020 and 20 May 2020.

Agenda Item No. 3:

To consider and approve the recommendations of Board of Studies/School Boards of the University.

Different departments have conducted meeting of their BoS and different schools have conducted meetings of their school's boards after 23 Oct 2019. Some departments and schools also submitted the proceeding of their BoS and School Board after 23 Oct 2019 though they had completed their BoS/School Board meeting before 23 Oct 2019 as they could not submit before Academic Council on-time when the regular meeting of Academic Council was held on 23 Oct 2019. Scanned copies of BoS and School Board are attached (**Annexure-5**).

Academic Council may please consider and ratify the approval and comments given by Vice Chancellor in each report of Board of Studies and School Boards of the University that were put before the Vice Chancellor after 23 Oct 2019.

Resolution:

The Academic Council ratified the approval and comments given by Vice Chancellor in each report of Board of Studies and School Boards of the University which were held in various departments and schools after the 9th regular academic council meeting held on 23 Oct 2019 and other proceeding of different BoS and School Board that were submitted to University for approval after 23 Oct 2019.

Agenda Item No. 4:

To consider and approve the award of D.Phil/D.Lit/Ph.D Degree.

The details of Research Scholars whose Viva-Voce have been successfully conducted (129) between 18 Oct 2019 to 30 Sep 2020 for award of D.Phil/D.Lit/Ph.D Degree is placed at **Annexure-6.**

Submitted for kind consideration and approval of Academic Council please.

Resolution:

The Academic Council approved the award of D.Phil/D.Lit/Ph.D Degree to 129 Research Scholars whose Viva-Voce have been successfully conducted between 18 Oct 2019 to 30 Sep 2020 by the university.

Agenda Item No. 5:

To consider and approve the implementation of UGC Guidelines received vide letter no. D.O. No. F-I-I/2020 (Secy) dated 22 Sep 2020 (Annexure-7).

Few guidelines have been received from UGC vide letter no. D.O. No. F-I-I/2020 (Secy) dated 22 Sep 2020. If agreed to, University may adopt the same.

Submitted for kind consideration and approval of Academic Council please.

Resolution:

The Academic Council discussed and approved adoption of above UGC Guidelines received vide letter no. D.O. No. F-I-I/2020 (Secy) dated 22 Sep 2020 and its implementation by concerned departments/sections of the university.

Agenda Item No. 6:

To consider and approve the implementation of National Education Policy (NEP), 2020.

As per MHRD letter no. F.No. 2-46/2019-PN.II dated 30 Jul 2020, it has been ordered to implement NEP 2020 (**Annexure-8**).

Academic council may please take a view on this for implementation.

Resolution:

The Academic Council discussed in detail and approved the implementation of NEP in spirits. Academic council noticed that University has already prepared its prospectus for the current session 2020-21 and all the admission are being done as per that. As such, at this juncture, it will be very difficult to implement NEP, 2020.

Academic Council approved to implement the NEP, 2020 from next academic session onward i.e. 2021-22 and instructed that all Deans should make committees at their different

department levels and take necessary action for implementation of NEP in toto through respective BoS and School Board.

Agenda Item No. 7:

To consider and approve starting of BA LLB course in Tehri Campus.

A proposal has been received from Director, Tehri Campus (**Annexure-9**) for starting of 5 years integrated course of BA LLB in Tehri Campus.

Academic council may please take a view on this.

Resolution:

The Academic Council appreciated the proposal to start the BA LLB course in Tehri Campus. However, Dean Law informed the Academic Council that presently BCI is not giving affiliation for new courses.

Academic Council noted the above and approved the proposal in principle and directed the university to start the BA LLB course after vetting the infrastructure, resources, faculty and fund position required for starting the course and upon taking consent from Bar Council of India and also approval from the UGC to start the same.

Agenda Item No. 8:

To consider and ratify the NOC issued by the university to Sri Guru Ram Rai Mission, Dehradun.

An NOC has been issued to Sri Guru Ram Rai Mission, Dehradun for disaffiliation of B.Ed and M.Ed courses being run by them w.e.f. 2017-18 session vide university letter no. Affiliation/6456 dated 04 Jul 2017 (**Annexure-10**).

Submitted for kind ratification by Academic Council please.

Resolution:

The Academic Council discussed, and ratified the order as stated in agenda.

Agenda Item No. 9:

To consider and ratify the order issued for constitution of "Institutional Academic Integrity Panel (IAIP).

As per university_order no. Academic/2020/243 dated 3 Jul 2020 (**Annexure-11**), an IAIP has been constituted. It is also submitted that university may adopt IAIP regulations in toto as per the UGC guidelines.

Submitted for kind consideration, approval and ratification of above issued order and adoption of IAIP regulation in toto by Academic Council please.

Resolution:

The Academic Council discussed, and ratified the order as stated in above agenda and also approved to adopt and implement IAIP regulations in toto.

Agenda Item No. 10:

A) To consider and approve entering of MoU with Indian Council of Forestry Research and Education (ICFRE).

A request email has been received from ICFRE for entering into MoU with them for activities related to forestry research, education and extension (**Annexure-12**). Prof. R.C. Sundriyal, Department of Forestry and Natural Resources has been nominated as Coordinator/Nodal officer for the same.

B) To consider and approve entering of MoU with Uttarakhand Science Education & Research Centre (USERC) by Department of Computer Science and Engineering.

A proposal has been received from the Department of Computer Science and Engineering that they wish to enter MoU with Uttarakhand Science Education & Research Centre (USERC) to promote science education and technology among the learning community. Draft MoU is annexed (**Annexure-13**).

C) To consider and approve entering of MoU with ICAR-National Bureau of Agriculturally Important Microorganisms, Mau, U.P.

A MoU has been executed on 29 Nov 2019 with ICAR-National Bureau of Agriculturally Important Microorganisms, Mau, U.P. by Department of Botany and Microbiology of HNBGU (**Annexure-14**).

D) To consider, approve and ratify entering of MoU with ISF College of Pharmacy, Moga, Punjab as provided by Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences.

Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences has provided the following agenda for consideration of Academic Council (**Annexure-15**).

Functionalization of MoU between Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences, HNB Garhwal University and ISF College of Pharmacy, Moga Punjab.

The objective of MoU is to foster and promote cooperation in education and research between the two Institutions. This proposal shall be helpful for the exploration of the following collaborative activities:-

1. Academic visits/Exchange of faculty
2. Joint teaching programme, research activities, and publications
3. Participation in seminars and academic meetings
4. Jointly organizing conferences/seminars/workshops/debates

Above agenda is already approved in the BoS meeting of Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences on 08 Sep 2019 and MOU have also been executed by the Department with ISF College of Pharmacy, Moga on 22 Feb 2020.

E) To consider and approve the MoU by HAPPRC with Jivanti Welfare and Charitable Trust, Delhi for financial assistance.

HAPPRC Department has submitted one MoU that has been executed by them on 15 Sep 2020 with Jivanti Welfare and Charitable Trust, Delhi for financial assistance (**Annexure-16**).

Academic Council is requested to consider, and approve all MoU that needs to be executed and also ratify the MoU that have been executed by the university.

Resolution:

The Academic Council discussed in detail, approved all MoUs and also ratified the MoUs that have been executed by the University as stated in above agenda.

Some members also brought to the notice of Academic Council that there are other few MoU that have either been executed or in pipeline but have been passed by respective BoS and School Board.

Considering the matter in length, Academic Council approved and ratified all those MoU that have been recommended by various School Boards and such minutes of School Boards have been approved by the Vice Chancellor after last 9th regular meeting of Academic Council and until 9 Oct 2020. Academic Council also directed the university that henceforth all MoU should be routed through RCC cell to Academic Council by respective School Boards for approval of Academic Council.

Agenda Item No. 11:

To consider 'Constitution of separate BOS for Microbiology'.

BOS, Department of Botany and Microbiology has recommended the constitution of separate BOS and departmental committee for Microbiology in its meeting held on April 16, 2014 (Annexure-17). They have requested to submit it before Academic Council for its consideration.

Submitted for kind consideration by Academic Council please.

Resolution:

The Academic Council discussed that the proceeding is quite old and should have been put up 6 years before to the Academic Council by concerned department. Academic Council directed that the proposal in question should be put up afresh before the concerned BoS and School Board and be placed before Academic Council in its next regular meeting for any further consideration.

Agenda Item No. 12:

Consideration of different agendas passed by BoS, Rural Technology (Annexure-18).

Rural Technology Department has passed following agenda in their BoS and has requested for placing before Academic Council for consideration: -

Agenda item A. The Convener BOS placed a clarification before the BOS regarding the **concerned/relevant/allied subjects** in the eligibility criteria of Assistant Professor in Rural Technology, apart from the minimum qualifications of Assistant Professor as per UGC regulation.

Resolution by BoS: The BOS discussed the matter in length and unanimously agreed and approved that eligibility criterion on related to **concerned/relevant/allied subjects** apart the minimum qualifications for the post of Assistant Professor in Rural Technology will be as:

Concern subject: Master's degree in Rural Technology with Ph. D. in Rural Technology.

Relevant subject: None

Allied Subject: None

Keeping in view the multidisciplinary nature of the subject, in future all the posts of Assistant Professors should be advertised with specialization of the various fields of Rural Technology. The details of the specialization will be provided by the Head of the Department.

Resolution by Academic Council:

The Academic Council discussed in detail and directed that the concerned department should clearly specify the allied subjects and put up before next Academic Council through their School Board and also the focus of National Education Policy of multidisciplinary approach in such subjects should not be overlooked.

Agenda item B. Consideration of a proposal to Establishment of Mushroom Spawn Production Unit in the Department of Rural Technology.

Resolution: BOS agreed and approved the proposal of Establishment of Mushroom Spawn Production Unit in the Department of Rural Technology.

Resolution by Academic Council:

The Academic Council discussed in detail and directed that the concerned department should clearly specify whether the establishment of Mushroom Spawn Production Unit is for commercial purpose or for research purpose.

Dr. Tahir Hussain, Visitor's Nominee, hon'ble member of Academic Council also appreciated the proposal and added that this is a good step towards making our nation as 'Atam Nirbhar'.

Academic Council agreed in principle to the proposal of establishing this unit but also directed the concerned department to come up with detailed proposal and should put up before next Academic Council through their School Board.

Agenda item. Consideration of a proposal to conduct a 5 days training program on Mushroom Cultivation Techniques.

Resolution: BOS agreed and approved the proposal to conduct 5 days training program on Mushroom Cultivation Techniques in the Department of Rural Technology, minimum two training program in a year from November 2020 onwards.

Submitted for kind consideration of Academic Council please.

Resolution by Academic Council:

The Academic Council appreciated the proposal, discussed in detail and approved this proposal.

Agenda Item No. 13:

To consider ratification of approval of the names of external members of conducting Board of Studies of various departments of the university which have been already approved by VC in anticipation of Academic Council.

As per the Ordinance for Board of Studies, clause 2 (ii) (4), two external members (i.e. members not in the service of the University) professing the subject or subjects assigned to the Board, nominated by the Academic Council for a term of two years.

In this regard, conveners of various BOS of different departments of the university have submitted names of the external members to Hon'ble Vice Chancellor and the Vice-Chancellor had nominated members on behalf of the Academic Council from time to time on completion of tenure of members.

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submitted for kind consideration and ratification by the Academic Council of such decision taken by Vice Chancellor.

Resolution:

The Academic Council discussed and ratified the decisions taken by the Vice Chancellor as stated in above agenda.

Agenda Item No. 14:

To consider proposal of Research Consultancy Cell (Annexure-19B TO 19K).

RCC has provided the following proposal for consideration of Academic Council:-

1. Sponsored Research & Consultancy Rules, Guidelines & Related Information.
2. H.N.B. Garhwal University, Srinagar Garhwal Research Policy.
3. Research action plan 2019 to 2024.
4. Ethical Review Board (ERB) Standard Operating Procedures (SoP) For Researches on Humans, Plant & Environment.
5. Intellectual Property Rights (IPRs) Policy (2020).
6. Different Schemes and Proposals by RCC Cell, HNBGU for FY 2020-21.
7. Proposal for Award to Faculties/Researchers for Excellence in Research BY H.N.B. Garhwal University, Srinagar Garhwal Uttarakhand.
8. Memorandum of Understanding between other universities/institutions and H.N.B. Garhwal University, Srinagar Garhwal Uttarakhand India.
9. H.N.B. Garhwal University (A Central University) Srinagar Garhwal Conducting Webinars/Online event by University Department /Staff

Submitted for kind consideration of Academic Council please.

Resolution:

The Academic Council appreciated the efforts made by RCC, discussed in detail on above proposals and approved all the proposals as stated in above agenda.

Agenda Item No. 15:

To consider and approve intake of 20 students for admission in M.Sc (Biotechnology) for session 2020-21 (Annexure-19A).

An email has been received from Dr. Pramesh C. Lakhera, Professor & Head, Department of Biotechnology,- HNB Garhwal University for allowing them an intake of 20 students for admission in M.Sc. Biotechnology candidates for session 2020-21.

It has already been recommended for approval by the School Board, School of Life Sciences on 30.06.2020.

Submitted for kind consideration of Academic Council please.

Resolution:

The Academic Council discussed in detail. Prof. Tahir Hussain, Visitor's Nominee, hon'ble member of Academic Council stated that he is in touch with a company which is in solid waste management and by collaborating with them may fetch good recognition to our university and it will be easy for our students to get job opening in solid waste management and allied areas.



Academic Council welcomed this suggestion and directed the university to execute the MoU with this company as suggested by Prof. Tahir Hussain.

Academic Council also approved the proposal in principle with a condition that University should obtain permission from Department of Biotechnology, Government of India on above before implementation it in admission process in the department university, if same is vital.

Agenda Item No. 16:

To consider starting of M.Tech Course in Manufacturing and Design in Mechanical Engineering Department (Annexure-20).

Mechanical Engineering Department has submitted a proposal for introducing M.Tech Course in Manufacturing and Design in Mechanical Engineering Department from 2020-21 session onward. The proposal has been approved by their BOS on 03 Mar 2020.

Submitted for kind consideration of Academic Council please.

Resolution:

Prof. S.C. Bagri, brought to the notice of Academic Council that one letter from the UGC has been received few months back that if any department of the university wish to start any new course, first it needs to be vetted by the committee. Prof. S.C. Bagri has been nominated as convener of such committee by the university. As such, all concerned departments should first put up such proposal before this committee who shall vet the proposal in terms of infrastructure and resources required to start the course, and financial viability/availability.

The Academic Council agreed on above and directed the department to first get the proposal assessed by such committee in terms of infrastructure and resources required to start the course, finance viability/availability to run the course and put up before next regular meeting of Academic council if found in order and viable.

Agenda Item No. 17:

Consideration about modification in syllabus as passed by BoS of various departments.

Many departments have proposed modification/change in syllabus of various courses of different classes and have also got those passed in their respective BoS and School Board.

Academic Council may please consider and approve such syllabuses that have been recommended by schools' boards.

The academic council may take decision about finalization of session for adoption of such syllabus.

Submitted for kind consideration of Academic Council please.

Resolution:

The Academic Council discussed and approved the above agenda but directed the university that all departments should implement the revised syllabus from academic session 2021-22 onwards. However, Academic Council also agreed that if any department who wish to implement this revised syllabus from 2020-21 session onward, they can do so if such departments think that they are capable enough to implement the same from this session onward, after obtaining specific approval from the Vice Chancellor.

Agenda Item No. 18:

Consideration of proposal for opening university extension centre at Rishikesh, Uttarakhand under self-finance mode.

A proposal has been received from Prof. Bagri of the Department CMTH which he prepared at the behest of the university for opening university's extension centre at Rishikesh under self finance mode for imparting the following courses:-

Six-month certificate course in yogic science

Six-month certificate course in mental health and spirituality

Six-month certificate course in tourist guide training

Detailed proposal may please be seen at **Annexure-21**.

Submitted for kind consideration of Academic Council please.

Resolution:

Dr. Neera Narang, and Prof. Tahir Hussain, the Visitors' Nominee on the AC and other members of the Academic Council appreciated this proposal developed by Prof. S.C. Bagri. Academic Council discussed and approved the above agenda in principle and directed the university to send the proposal to UGC for its consent after assessing the proposal at university level in terms of infrastructure and resources required to start the course, and financial viability/availability with the university to run the course.

Agenda Item No. 19:

To consider and approve ONLINE modes for presentation/viva-voce etc. associated with practical/ seminar/ field work/ project work/ dissertation/ internship/lab work etc. of Terminal Semester of UG & PG for the session 2019-20.

As per the resolution under agenda item no. 5 of Academic Council meeting dated 20.05.2020 and subsequent O/o- No. HNBGU/Academic/2020/174 dated 29 May, 2020, due to COVID-19 pandemic the university has adopted online modes, as feasible, for presentation/viva-voce etc. associated with practical/ seminar/ field work/ project work/ dissertation/ internship/lab work etc. of the terminal semesters of various UG & PG courses for the session 2019-20 by the Internal Examiners Committee at department/college level in addition to existing methods as per the approval of Hon'ble Vice Chancellor. Accordingly, same has already been notified vide No. COE/2020/422 dated 02.09.2020 with the approval of Hon'ble Vice Chancellor. **(Annexure-22)**

The matter is submitted before the Academic Council for approval and ratification.

Resolution:

The Academic Council discussed and ratified the notification issued by the university as stated in above agenda.

Agenda Item No. 20:

To consider for conduction of a Special Terminal End Semester Examination for the session 2019-20 due to COVID-19 Pandemic.

As per the UGC Guidelines on Examinations and Academic Calendar for Universities in view of COVID-19 Pandemic and Subsequent Lockdown dated April 29, 2020 and resolution of Academic Council of the University in its meeting dated 20.05.2020; it was decided to conduct the Terminal End Semester/Year Examinations of 2019-20 for UG & PG courses by adopting

MCQ/OMR based method. Accordingly, examinations are being conducted in the month of September, 2020 onwards.

However, in view of UGC Revised Guidelines on Examinations and Academic Calendar for Universities in view of COVID-19 Pandemic dated July 6, 2020; it was decided by the university to conduct a Special Terminal End Semester Examination for the session 2019-20 only, as and when feasible, by giving an opportunity for the students of Terminal Semester/Year who are unable to appear in the examination conducted by the university during September, 2020 for what so ever reason(s) may be. This provision shall be applicable only for the current academic session 2019-20 as a one-time measure. Accordingly, same has already been notified vide No. COE/2020/25 dated 08.09.2020 with the approval of Hon'ble Vice Chancellor (**Annexure-23**).

The matter is placed before the Academic council for approval and ratification please.

Further, the grading system for declaration of results of the above special examination may also be discussed and decided.

Resolution:

The Academic Council discussed and ratified the notification issued by the university as stated in above agenda.

Academic Council authorized the Vice Chancellor to constitute a committee to decide about the grading system for declaration of results of the above special examination and also to approve and implement the recommendation of such committee as deems fit to VC.

Agenda Item No. 21:

To consider and approve Ordinance for Examination Committee (Annexure-24).

As per the resolution of the Academic Council in its meeting dated 23.10.2019 under Agenda Item No. 20, the Vice Chancellor has been authorised to nominate a committee for framing the Ordinances for Examination Committee. Accordingly, the committee constituted vide O/o No. HNBGU/Academic/2019/2075 dated 7.11.2019 has prepared a Draft Ordinance for Examination Committee which has already been approved by Hon'ble Vice Chancellor to be put up before the Academic Council for its approval.

Submitted for kind consideration of Academic Council please.

Resolution:

The Academic Council discussed and approved the ordinance of examination committee as stated in above proposal and directed the university to send it to UGC/MHRD for their consent after approval of Executive Council.

Agenda Item No. 22:

To report the matter regarding deviation/incompletion in/of Tabulation charts related to LL.B. course during 1974 to 1982.

The Tabulation charts containing the academic marks/records of students are preserved in two copies. As per practice, one copy is stored in Pre-Exam Section and the other copy is preserved in Confidential Section. During 2017, in the process of preparation of final degree of former student, it has come to notice that there is some deviation/incompletion in Tabulation Charts pertaining to LL.B. course for the session 1974 to 1982. University has constituted a committee under the convenership of Dean, School of Law and the recommendation of the committee

which has been approved by the Hon'ble Vice Chancellor is placed before the council for consideration and approval (**Annexure-25**).

Submitted for kind consideration of Academic Council please.

Resolution:

The Academic Council discussed and ratified the approval accorded by Vice Chancellor as stated in above agenda.

Agenda Item No. 23:

Decision about next convocation scheduled on 1 Dec 2020.

Last convocation of the university was held on 1 Dec 2019. However, considering the ongoing pandemic situation due to Covid-19, decision about conducting next convocation on 1 Dec 2020 needs to be taken.

Submitted for kind decision of Academic Council please.

Resolution:

The Academic Council discussed in detail on this issue considering the ongoing pandemic due to Covid-19 and directed the university to conduct online convocation scheduled on 1 Dec 2020.

Agenda Item No. 24:

Conducting of school internship of students of B.Ed 3rd Semester.

Following agenda has been received from Department of Education that they have passed in their BoS and have requested to place before Academic Council for its consideration and approval.

A) Following agenda was put up in the meeting of BoS of Education Department:

The entire 3rd semester of the B.Ed. curriculum is dedicated to the School Internship. Due to the spread of the COVID 19 pandemic, it is not possible to conduct school internship of the students as per university curriculum, due to the non-availability of the practicing schools. It is felt that we could not afford to wait endlessly for things to get improved, as it may cause loss of semester to the students.

The matter has been brought to the notice of the Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, who has advised to route it through the BoS.

As such, it is proposed that the 3rd and 4th semesters may be mutually exchanged as a via-media. Universities like Kumaun University, Nainital, IP University, New Delhi and some other universities have already adopted such emergency measures.

Following resolution has been made by BoS

Keeping in view the COVID 19 pandemic and the non-availability of internship schools and in order to save the academic session of the B.Ed program, it is recommended that the entire curricula of the third and fourth semesters of the academic session 2019-21 may be mutually exchanged, meaning by that the student shall pursue the curriculum of the fourth semester in the third semester and vice versa, in the academic year 2020-2021 only.

This emergency arrangement shall be treated as a onetime exception (**Annexure-26**).

Submitted for kind consideration of Academic Council please.

Resolution by Academic Council:

The Academic Council discussed in detail on this issue considering the ongoing pandemic due to Covid-19 and approved the above stated agenda as a special case.

B) Agenda Item

Decision about conducting of exams of 1st semester of the B.Ed. session 2019-21 and the 3rd semester of the B.Ed. session 2018-20 (Annexure-27).

Following agenda was put up in the meeting of BoS of Education Department:

University issued the list of examiners to all the colleges/campuses where the B.Ed. program is in progress, before the lockdown, however, the final presentation/viva-voce etc. associated with the practicum/field work/teaching/project work/internship etc. of the 1st semester of the B.Ed. session 2019-21 and the 3rd semester of the B.Ed. session 2018-20 could not be conducted due to the COVID 19 lockdowns. As such, these exams are still pending.

In the light of COVID 19 pandemic, online mode of evaluation has come into existence. As such it is proposed that the pending exams as above may also be conducted online / in the existing mode.

Following resolution has been made by BoS

It is recommended that in view of the COVID 19 pandemic, as a onetime exception, the final presentation/viva-voce etc. associated with the practicum/field work/teaching/project work/internship etc. of the 1st semester of the B.Ed. session 2019-21 and the 3rd semester of the B.Ed. session 2018-20 may be conducted by adopting online mode / in the existing mode as feasible. In any case, strict adherence to the COVID 19 guidelines, as issued by the governments from time to time, shall be responsibility of the concerned department/college.

Submitted for kind consideration of Academic Council please.

Resolution by Academic Council:

The Academic Council discussed in detail on this issue considering the ongoing pandemic due to Covid-19 and approved the above stated agenda as a special case.

Agenda Item No. 25:

Confirmation of office order no. HNBGU/Academic/2020/255 dated 9 Jul 2020 issued for giving extension of 6 months time to all Ph.D Scholars for thesis submission (Annexure-28).

An office order no. HNBGU/Academic/2020/255 dated 9 Jul 2020 has been issued by the university allowing students of Ph.D six months' time for submitting their thesis due to Covid-19 pandemic.

Submitted for kind consideration and ratification by Academic Council please.

Resolution:

The Academic Council discussed, and ratified the office order as stated in above agenda.

Agenda Item No. 26:

Implementation of order no. F.No. -7(2)/E-Coord/2020 dated 4 Sep 2020.

An office order no. F.No.-7(2)/E-Coord/2020 dated 4 Sep 2020 has been received from Ministry of Finance, Department of Expenditure, New Delhi (**Annexure-29**).

University may adopt and implement the same with immediate effect. To curtail expenditure, it is also proposed that henceforth, university may send the Ph.D & M.Phil thesis for evaluation to examiner only in soft copy and also all Ph.D Viva Voce should be conducted online only. This shall save good amount of money of students, university and our country. Further, decision about taking fee for issuing Ph.D regulation certificate (4th Amendment) 2009/2016 or any other certificate issued by Academic Cell for which no fees is charged for issuing these certificates presently needs to be taken. This is to submit that some fee is always charged for issuing any certificate by examination section and no certificate is issued free of cost.

Submitted for kind consideration and decision by Academic Council please.

Resolution:

The Academic Council appreciated the proposal and deliberated on the issue and approved the above proposal. It directed the university to adopt and implement the above office order issued by Ministry of Finance, Department of Expenditure, New Delhi as stated in above agenda.

Academic Council also approved that henceforth all thesis should be sent only in soft/digital mode to all examiners for evaluation and all Viva-Voce should be conducted only in online mode as this shall save huge amount of money of the university, students and our nation. Taking only one hard copy of thesis from the research scholar is enough to keep in the library for reference purpose.

Some members also raised the issue about enhancing the honorarium being paid by the university for evaluation of thesis and conducting of viva voce.

Academic Council authorized the Vice Chancellor to constitute a committee for deciding fee to be taken by the university for issuing Ph.D regulation certificate (4th Amendment) 2009/2016 and other certificates issued by Academic Cell for which no fees is being charged at present by them and also to decide about hike in honorarium being paid by the university for evaluation of thesis and conducting of viva voce to experts/examiners. Academic Council also authorized Vice Chancellor to approve and implement the recommendation of such committee as deems fit to the Vice Chancellor.

Academic Council also directed the university that no provisional certificate should be issued to scholar upon completion of his/her viva voce till signature in original are received by the university on the recommendation sheet by internal and external examiner. However, Academic Council also approved that provisional certificate can be issued to scholar when proceedings of viva voce are signed by internal examiner, and the scan signature of external examiner are endorsed by concerned HoD and Dean of the School.

Agenda Item No. 27:

Proposal for authorising the Vice Chancellor for nominating names for sending thesis to any examiner for evaluation without choosing any name from the list submitted by Supervisor and HOD to University.

As per prevailing practice, name of four experts each for sending the thesis of Ph.D and M.Phil for evaluation are obtained from Supervisor and Head of Department. Then, 3 members are selected by Vice Chancellor out of these eight members.

It is proposed that Vice Chancellor may be authorized to nominate another examiner/s that may not be listed in the list provided by Supervisor and Head of Department for sending such thesis for evaluation in case name/s proposed by Supervisor and Head of Department are not found appropriate by Vice Chancellor.

Submitted for kind consideration and approval of Academic Council please.

Resolution:

The Academic Council discussed this issue and directed the university that all efforts should be made by the university to nominate examiners for evaluation of M.Phil/PhD thesis who are from IIT, IIM, NIT, IISc and reputed Central, or State Universities of India and renowned universities/educational institutions of abroad.

Academic Council directed that while nominating experts by Supervisor and HoD, it should be remembered by them that at least one expert should be from well-established university/educational institution of pan India (other than Uttarakhand state) and one from well-established university/educational institution of other country so that thesis is well evaluated and recognition of our university improves.

Academic Council also directed that all Departments should get approved 30 names of experts for thesis evaluation for one year from their BoS and School Board and provide the list of such names to VC's Secretariat. While finalizing such expert's names by BoS, it should be taken care of by the BoS that out of such 30 experts, names of at least 10 experts should be from well-established university/educational institution of pan India (other than Uttarakhand state) and 10 experts from well-established university/educational institution of other countries. Concerned BoS through School Board should provide list of new experts to the university upon completion of one year of such experts' names.

Academic Council authorized Vice Chancellor to choose any name out of this list of 30 experts provided by the Department if the name/s proposed by Supervisor or/and HoD are not found appropriate by the Vice Chancellor.

Agenda Item No. 28:

Giving additional time of six months for submission of thesis to Ph.D/M.Phil Scholars.

Academic Council in its meeting held on 20 May 2020 approved giving additional time of six months for submission of thesis to PhD/M.Phil Scholars due to Covid-19 pandemic. Accordingly, office order no. HNBGU/Academic/2020/169 dated 26 May 2020 (Annexure-30) was issued by the university. However, it is observed that Government had increased lockdown and Government recently has issued order of Unlock-5. Many students are approaching with a request to give them additional time to complete their work and submit the thesis and requests are being received from various HoD/faculty members for this purpose as well.

As such, it is proposed that some additional time i.e. six months may be given to all Ph.D and M.Phil scholars to submit their thesis

Submitted for kind consideration of Academic Council please.

Resolution:

The Academic Council discussed this issue considering the ongoing pandemic due to Covid-19 and difficulties being faced by Scholars to complete their work and submit the thesis on time. Academic Council approved that all such students who are supposed to submit their thesis by 10 Oct 2020 to the university can submit the same in next six months i.e. by 9 Apr 2021. However, no fellowship shall be paid for such additional time granted to them by the university for thesis submission.

Agenda Item No. 29:

To consider the ordinance and byelaws of University Alumni Association.

An email dated 6 Oct 2020 (**Annexure-31**) has been received from Prof. S.C. Bagri, President University Alumni Association along with draft Memorandum, rules, regulation, and byelaws for consideration of Academic Council.

Submitted for kind consideration of Academic Council please.

Resolution:

The Academic Council discussed and approved the ordinance and byelaws of University Alumni Association as stated in above proposal and directed the university to send it to appropriate authority for consent/recognition after approval of Executive Council.

Agenda Item No. 30:

To ratify decision taken in the case of Sh. Sher Bahadur Yadav and Sh. Atul Kumar, PhD Scholars (Annexure-32).

This is to bring to kind information of Academic Council that above both scholars had registered themselves for pursuing their Ph.D. on 2-4-2014 and were pursuing their research. They were supposed to complete their research work and were to submit their thesis(s) on or before 1-4-2018. As both the research scholars could not complete their research work within the stipulated period of 4 years, their time for submission of thesis was extended for one year vide resolution dated 24-7-2018 passed by the competent authority. Now, the research scholars were supposed to complete their research work on or before 1-4-2019.

As per the proviso to ordinance 11 (a) if the thesis is not submitted by the research scholar within the permitted time, including the extension thereof, the admission of such research scholar shall be terminated and all such fees shall be forfeited.

Both scholars submitted application for re-registration on 10-1-2020 i.e. with a delay of more than 9 months. However, BoS did not recommend their cases and just forwarded to School Board on 17-2-2020 without any of their recommendation. The School Board in their meeting held on 31-7-2020 allowed both the research scholars to re-register themselves in light of guidelines of UGC issued during the pandemic period.

The guidelines issued by the U.G.C. for examinations and academic calendar in view of COVID-19 pandemic issued on 29-4-2020 were advisory in nature. The guidelines of the U.G.C. are issued for the pandemic period and are merely advisory in nature that too only for those cases wherein the period for submission of thesis has expired or is due to expire during the pandemic consequent lockdown.

Board of Studies, prior to forwarding the matter to the School Board and also the School Board prior to granting approval to such recommendations for re-registration did not mention the quantum of work completed by the research scholar(s). The School Board while approving the recommendation for re-registration has taken refuge of the UGC guidelines dated 29-04-2020.

The facts of the case are that the application for re-registration was moved on 10-1-2020 which was much prior to the declaration of the pandemic and consequent lockdown. Thus, the research scholars have moved the application for re-registration after a lapse of more than 9 months from the date of expiry of their course period and have failed to explain any reasons for such delay.

Advise was taken from our legal advisor on above cases and he advised the following:

“In my considered opinion the case of Mr. Sher Bahadur and Mr. Atul Kumar does not attract any relaxation and are not entitled to re-registration in light of proviso to Ordinance 11(a). As far as the proviso to Ordinance 11 (a) are concerned, they ought not to applied, mechanically. They are to be applied for maintaining standards of research and also looking in to the quantum of research work concluded- qualitatively and quantitatively, both. In the present case neither of the scholars has substantiated the quantum of their research work.”

Accordingly, on the basis of advise by legal adviser and upon approval by Vice Chancellor, letters were issued to both the scholars that their applications were not acceded to by the university and they were not allowed to have re-registration to complete their PhD.

Meanwhile, a letter No. NCBC/06/09/373/2020 dated 07-9-2020 was received from Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment, Department of Social Justice & Empowerment, National Commission for Backward Classes, Trikot -1 Bhikaji Cama Place, New Delhi-110066 related to above scholars on above issue and reply has also been sent to them by the university on 03 Oct 2020.

Submitted for ratification of the decision taken by the university by Academic Council please.

Resolution:

Prof. Mridula Jugran, Dean, ACL, showed her dissent on this issue and stated that the decision taken by the School Board be implemented and both research scholars should be given chance to re-register themselves for completion of their Ph.D.

However, the Academic Council noted that School Board has gone beyond its right and limit and has taken decision, which was neither recommended by the BoS nor permissible as per ordinance of the university. It also directed the Dean to follow rules of the university and not to violate them. Academic Council directed that all Departments/sections must follow rules and regulations as provided in the ordinances and Act.

Academic council discussed this issue in detail, and ratified the decision taken by the Vice Chancellor on this issue as stated in above agenda.

Academic Council also directed that henceforth no scholar should be allowed for re-registration if he/she does not apply for re-registration to BoS well before the due date of re-registration and such re-registration is allowed by the BoS before starting of his/her re-registration period.

Agenda Item No. 31:

Consideration of proposal given by Dr. Ajay Semalty, University SWAYAM Coordinator related to SWAYAM MOOCs (Annexure-33).

Following proposal have been given by Dr. Ajay Semalty, University SWAYAM Coordinator related to SWAYAM MOOCs for credit transfer and he has requested to place before the Academic Council for its consideration: -

Agenda A

As assigned by the last AC, the 24 MOOCs (as attached) have been selected for credit transfer by SWAYAM cell after consultation with the concerned Head of the departments. The credits will be transferred to the students after passing the selected MOOCs (with the limit of one paper per semester). The final decision of awarding credits will be of HoDs in case of any issue.

Agenda B

If the theory paper is of 6 credits in university syllabi and it is of 4 credits in SWAYAM MOOCs then University will take the call for credit and 6 credits may be given for the same after the due approval of competent authorities. The call for credit may be allowed for giving credit to unmatched number of credits.

Agenda C

As an alternate measure during COVID, For all UG/PG students who have to do dissertation work will do "Academic Writing" MOOC of university and submit the course completion certificate along with an accepted/ published review paper on the concerned subject area in Scopus/Web of Science/ UGC CARE listed journals of repute. The credits for dissertation work may be given from the SWAYAM MOOC.

Agenda D

For all Ph D students who have to do Pre Ph D work if successfully complete "Academic Writing" MOOC of university and submit the course completion certificate along with an accepted/ published review paper on the concerned subject area in Scopus/Web of Science/ UGC CARE listed journals of repute will be given credits at par with the Research and Publication Ethics paper introduced by UGC.

Agenda E

For next semester and in future, the MOOCs to be offered for credit transfer shall be approved by Hon'ble VC on the recommendation SWAYAM cell and/or the individual departments. This will save the procedural time in approval of credit transfer through selected MOOCs in every semester.

Resolution:

Academic Council authorized Vice Chancellor to constitute a committee under the convenorship of Prof. C.S. Sood so that committee can have detailed view on all agendas as stated in this above agenda. The VC should place recommendation of such committee before the next meeting of regular Academic Council upon approval.

Agenda Item No. 32:

To ratify case of Ms. Monika Gupta, Ph.D Scholar, English giving her extension beyond 6 years to complete her PhD work.

Ms. Monika Gupta, Ph.D Scholar, English had completed her period of 6 years for Ph.D and requested the university for further extension. She also visited Hon'ble High Court of

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Uttarakhand. On approval by BoS on 2-3 Mar 2020, considering the rule position given in the ordinance at 4.4, and upon approval by Vice Chancellor, she was given further extension to complete her Ph.D and submit the thesis at the earliest vide office order no. Academic/2020/206 dated 19 Jun 2020 (Annexure-34).

Submitted for kind consideration and ratification by Academic Council please.

Resolution:

The Academic Council discussed, and ratified the decision taken by the Vice Chancellor on this issue as stated in above agenda.

Agenda Item No. 33:

To ratify case of Ms. Babita Bist, Ph.D Scholar, Drawing & Painting giving her extension beyond 6 years for submitting the thesis.

Ms. Babita Bist, Ph.D Scholar, Drawing & Painting had completed her period of 6 years for Ph.D and requested the University for further extension. On approval by BoS on 15 Feb 2019, considering the rule position given in the ordinance at 4.4, and upon approval by Vice Chancellor, she was given further extension to submit the thesis and her thesis was submitted on 1 Jul 2020 (Annexure-35).

Submitted for kind consideration and ratification by Academic Council please.

Resolution:

The Academic Council discussed, and ratified the decision taken by the Vice Chancellor on this issue as stated in above agenda.

Agenda Item No. 34:

To consider agenda of Department of Philosophy passed in BoS.

An email has been received from Prof. Indoo Pandey Khanduri, Department of Philosophy to place the following agendas that have been approved by different BoS of Department of Philosophy.

- A. Agenda: Modifications in the syllabi of UG and Pre-Ph.D. courses [Approved by BOS Committee held on 07.03.2020]
- B. Agenda: Proposal for starting Short-term Ethics course on "Ethics and Human Values" [Approved by BOS Committee held on 07.03.2020]
- C. Agenda: Cancellation of Admission of Mr. Manvinder Singh in Pre-Ph.D. Course [Due to his absence as reported, discussed and recommended by BOS Committee held on 07.03.2020]
- D. Agenda: Cancellation of admission of Mr. Virendra Kumar in Ph.D. Course due to his absence [as reported, discussed and recommended by BOS Committee held on 07.03.2020 and 11.7.02020].

Department of Philosophy has requested to place these Agendas before Academic Council for its consideration in anticipation of approval of School Board Meeting.

Submitted for kind consideration by Academic Council please.

Resolution:

The Academic Council discussed in detail and directed that all proceeding as mentioned in above agenda should be put up before School Board first (if the same has not been put up so

far) and be placed before Academic Council in its next regular meeting. However, if the proceeding of above agendas has been recommended by the School Board and approved by the Vice Chancellor before 10 Oct 2020, then it shall be considered as approved.

Table Agenda Item No. 1:

To discuss about nominating five persons not in the service of the University co-opted by the Academic Council for their special knowledge in educational progress and development as per Statutes 14 (i) as per the Gazette Notification No- HNBGU/RO/2013/448 Srinagar, the 14th May 2013 Amendment to Statute 13 and 14 of the Central Universities Act, 2009 (Attached).

Resolution:

The Academic Council discussed in detail and authorized the Vice Chancellor to nominate five persons as stated in above agenda.

Five persons nominated by Vice Chancellor are as follows: -

1. Dr. Vijay Dhasmana, Vice Chancellor, Swami Rama Himalayan University, Dehradun
2. Dr. Sanjay Kumar, Director, CSIR-IHBT, Palampur, H.P.
3. Dr. Hem Chandra, Vice Chancellor, HNB Uttarakhand Medical Education University, Patel Nagar Dehradun, Uttarakhand, India
4. Prof. J.S. Rawat, National Geospatial Chair Professor of the Department of Science and Technology, Government of India, and Professor and Head of the Department of Geography, Kumaun University
5. Dr. Ravindra Korisetar, Senior Academic Fellow, Indian Council of Historical Research, New Delhi -110011

Academic Council discussed and approved above names as proposed by the Vice Chancellor.

Table Agenda Item No. 2:

To consider ratification of office order no. HNBGU/2020/132 dated 19 Aug 2020

Registrar informed the Academic Council that above office order was issued by the university upon the recommendation of the committee constituted on the demand of students which is related to waiving off cultural fee, sports fee, magazine fee and requested the Academic Council to consider and ratify the same.

Resolution:

The Academic Council discussed in detail and ratified the office order as stated in above agenda.

Table Agenda Item No. 3:

To consider request of the students to waive 100% fee for BPL students and 50% for API students

Registrar informed the Academic Council that university have received many representations from students' unions to waive 100% fee for BPL students and 50% for APL students as they are not able to pay the fee due to ongoing covid-19 pandemic. He also informed that University has written letter to UGC in this regard vide university letter no. HNBGU/RO/2020/174 dated 29 Sep 2020. He further informed the Academic Council that the university to consider the demands of such students' union and submit its recommendation constituted a committee.


Such constituted committee also submitted its recommendation to the university on 30 Sep 2020 and it was finally decided and approved by the VC that this matter be placed before the Finance Committee of the university and thereafter to Executive Council since it is a policy matter and there are financial implications involved.


Resolution:

Academic council discussed in length on this issue and directed the university to refer this case to Finance Committee of the university for their further decision.

Registrar expressed his gratitude to all Visitor's nominees, external members, all Directors, all Deans, DSW, Proctor, COE, Librarian, HoDs, F.O., all D.R. and all other members who attended the meeting.

Meeting ended with vote of thanks to the Chair.


(Prof. N.S. Panwar)
Registrar
Secretary


12.10.2020
(Prof. Annpurna Nautiyal)
Vice Chancellor
Chairperson