# MINUTES OF THE ELEVENTH REGULAR MEETING OF ACADEMIC COUNCIL
# DATE: 19 MAR 2021 | TIME: 11 AM | MODE: THROUGH ZOOM APP

An online meeting of the Academic Council was held on 19 Mar 2021 at 11 am through Zoom App due to ongoing Covid-19 pandemic. More than 60 members attended the meeting.

In the beginning, Vice-Chancellor welcomed all members and especially 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. 11.1:**
Confirmation of Minutes of 10th Meeting of the last regular Academic Council and Special Academic Council held on 30 Nov 2020.

Minutes of the meeting were circulated to all members. Copy of the minutes of regular meeting held on 10 Oct 2020 **(Annexure-1)** and Special Meeting of Academic Council held on 30 Nov 2020 **(Annexure-2)** are placed for confirmation.

Submitted for kind consideration and confirmation by Academic Council please.

**Resolution:**
The Academic Council confirmed the minutes of 10th Meeting of the last regular Academic Council and Special Academic Council held on 30 Nov 2020.

It was informed by the HoD, Biotechnology and Dean, Life Science that as per decision of Academic Council in its last meeting held on 10 Oct 2020, it was decided that the proposal for increasing intake of seats from existing 13 to 20 students for admission in M.Sc (Biotechnology) for session 2020-21 should be sent to Department of Biotechnology, Government of India before implementation.

However, HoD, Biotechnology and Dean, Life Science mentioned that there is no need to send the proposal to Department of Biotechnology, Government of India as it does not concern with them. They also informed that University can increase the seats on its own.

Academic Council noted the comments of HoD, Biotechnology and Dean, Life Science and allowed to increase the intake of seats from existing 13 to 20 students for admission in M.Sc (Biotechnology) for session 2020-21. Academic Council also directed that no extra faculty, staff, facility or infrastructure shall be provided by the university to Department of Biotechnology for such extra seats.

***Action:*** *Dean, Life Science*

**Agenda Item No. 11.2:**
To consider Action Taken Reports (ATR) received from various Departments/Sections.

Action Taken Reports as received from different departments/sections on the Minutes of Academic Council held on 10 Oct 2020 are placed at **Annexure-3** for kind perusal of Academic Council Please.

**Resolution:**
The Academic Council approved the Action Taken Reports on the Minutes of Academic Council held on 10 Oct 2020.

**Agenda Item No. 11.3:**
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 board after last the meeting of Academic Council i.e., 10 Oct 2020. Though few departments had conducted their BoS/School Board meeting before 10 Oct 2020 but they could not submit their proceedings before Academic Council in-time. The scanned copies of BoS and School Board are attached.

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 have been put before the Vice Chancellor after 10 Oct 2020 (**Annexure-4).**

**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 last meeting of Academic Council i.e., 10 Oct 2020 and other proceeding of different BoS and School Board that were submitted to University for approval after 10 Oct 2020.

**Agenda Item No. 11.4:**
To consider and approve the award of D.Phil/D.Lit/PhD Degree.

The detail of Research Scholars whose Viva-Voce have been successfully conducted (36) between 21 Nov 2020 to 5 Mar 2021 for award of D.Phil/D.Lit/PhD Degree is placed at **Annexure-5.**

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 36 Research Scholars whose Viva-Voce have been successfully conducted between 21 Nov 2020 to 5 Mar 2021 for award of D.Phil/D.Lit/PhD Degree.

***Action:*** *AR (Research Section)*

**Agenda Item No. 11.5:**
To ratify the approval accorded by Vice-Chancellor of the names of external members for conducting Board of Studies of various departments of the university which have been already approved by the Vice Chancellor in anticipation of approval of the 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, are 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.

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. 11.6:**
To consider and approve 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 and submitted to the Hon'ble Vice Chancellor for approval after 10 Oct 2020.

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

Decision about finalization of session for adoption of such syllabus may also be taken by the academic council.

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. Academic Council also noted that many departments have already adopted new syllabus from 2020-21 onward and ratified the same.

***Action:*** *Academic Section*

**Agenda Item No. 11.7:**

To consider the following agenda received from Department of Physical Education: -

"The Department of Physical Education has received order for initiation of M.P.Ed. course from the session 2021-22 with the condition to comply with the NCTE regulations 2014 particularly Sufficient teaching Staff **(Annexure-6)** before the commencement of the session. At present the Department has 07 regular teaching posts sanctioned and they need additional 06 posts (01 Professor, 02 Associate Professors and 03 Assistant Professors) for running the M.P.Ed. course (As per the NCTE Regulations 2014). The Department of Physical Education proposes to hire 06 teaching faculties on Adhoc/contractual basis to comply with the NCTE regulation 2014 before starting the M.P.Ed. course from forthcoming session i.e. 2021-22.

As such, it is proposed that Academic Council may please consider and approve to hire 06 teaching faculties on Adhoc/contractual basis on yearly basis to run the M.P.Ed course till regular faculty is approved by the UGC and regular faculty against the vacant posts is recruited by the University.

It is also proposed that Academic Council may please consider and approve to send a proposal to UGC for appointment of 06 regular teaching faculties to run the M.P.Ed Course in HNBGU besides the existing teaching positions.

It is also proposed that Academic Council may please consider and approve to start the M.P.Ed Course in HNBGU from the next academic session i.e. 2021-22.

Submitted for kind consideration of Academic Council please.

**Resolution:**

Academic Council noted that university is facing financial crunch as of now due to shortage of internal receipt. As such, it will not be possible to start the M.P.Ed course in regular mode. However, University may start the M.P.Ed course in self finance mode initially from 2021-22 onward. Detailed proposal about the fees to be charged from the students, amount to be paid to faculty, and other details should be submitted by Department of Physical Education to the university for its vetting.

Academic Council also approved and directed the university to send a proposal to UGC for appointment of 06 regular teaching faculties to run the M.P.Ed Course in HNBGU besides the existing teaching positions of the department. M.P.Ed course shall run in self finance mode till regular faculties is approved by UGC and the same are recruited by the university.

***Action:*** *Department of Physical Education*

**Agenda Item No. 11.8:**
To consider and decide the period for submission of thesis after the Pre- Submission of the research work by a Ph.D. student.

Many Research Scholars are approaching the Academic Section of the University for submission of their thesis after a gap of several months or even after one year their Pre-Submission. As time limit is not fixed for submission of thesis after completion of their Pre-Submission therefore Academic Council is requested to consider and fix some time limit i.e. one month/two months for submission of thesis by the Research Scholar upon completion of their Pre Submission. In case, any Research Scholar approaches the Academic Section after the period as decided by the Academic Council, then he/she should be charged a penalty to the university say Rs. 100 per day that shall be counted from last day of pre submission as decided by the Academic Council.

Submitted for kind consideration and decision of Academic Council please.

**Resolution:**
Detailed discussion was held on this agenda by the Academic council. After deliberation, Academic Council resolved that University should issue an office order for the information of all departments, schools and research scholars advising students to submit their thesis within 3 months from the date of pre submission.

Academic Council also directed that one external expert must be invited by the BoS whenever there is any agenda of Pre-Submission. If BoS passes any agenda of Pre-submission without the presence of external expert, then same shall not be considered by the university and summarily rejected.

Academic Council also directed the university that if any Research Scholar does not submit his thesis within 90 days of pre-submission and wish to go for second time pre-submission, then he/she has to submit an application to HoD of concerned department stating the reason for the same and has to pay a fee of Rs. 5000 to the university for second time pre-submission. This fee may be waived off by the BoS if he/she submits medical certificate issued by Medical Board of the district where research scholar is residing.

The above decision shall be applicable to all scholars who approach the university after the order is issued by the university communicating above decision of Academic Council to all stakeholders.

***Action:*** *Academic Section*

**Agenda Item No. 11.9:**
To consider and decide the mode of End Semester Examination (odd semester) 2020-21 of all UG & PG courses as per request received from Exam Section.

As per the decision of the university office order No. HNBGU/Academic/2021/20/14 dated 21.01.2021 **(Annexure-7)**, current End Semester Examinations of UG & PG courses of all odd

semesters 2020-21 shall be conducted through MCQ/OMR method. Accordingly, process of filling up exam form of all odd semester (except first semester) has been started.

Submitted for kind consideration, approval and ratification of Academic Council please.

**Resolution:**
Academic Council discussed on this agenda and approved to hold current End Semester Examinations of UG & PG courses of all odd semesters 2020-21 through MCQ/OMR method.

***Action:*** *COE*

**Agenda Item No. 11.10:**
To consider and decide the mode of practical/seminar/field work/project work/ dissertation/internship/lab work etc. of Odd Semesters of UG & PG for the session 2020-21 as submitted by COE.

Submitted for kind consideration and decision of Academic Council please.

**Resolution:**
Academic Council decided that practical/seminar/field work/project work/ dissertation/internship/lab work etc. of Odd Semesters of PG classes for the session 2020-21 will be held on offline/online mode as per the prevailing situation of the Covid-19 at the time of exams.

For above PG exams for the students of all campuses, exam shall be conducted by the Departmental committee and for all affiliating colleges external examiner will be appointed by the university for practical/seminar/field work/project work/dissertation/internship/lab work etc. of Odd Semesters of PG classes.

Academic council also decided that practical/seminar/field work/project work/ dissertation/internship/lab work etc. of Odd Semesters of UG classes for the session 2020-21 of all campuses of the university and all affiliating colleges will be conducted as decided by the departmental committee of concerned campus/college for the session 2020-21 only. No external examiner shall be appointed by the university.

It was also resolved that if any student is awarded more than 80% in any subject(s), either internal theory and/or practical/seminar/field work/project work/dissertation/internship/lab work etc., the hard copy of the assignment/internal answer book/practical answer book need to be submitted to university with award list for future reference. This shall be applicable prospectively from the odd semester of 2020-21.

***Action:*** *COE*

**Agenda Item No. 11.11:**
To consider the proposal as received from Examination Section and decide about conducting examination for the compulsory paper of Environmental Studies/Elementary Book Keeping of the students enrolled before 2015-16.

Before the implementation of CBCS, as per the order of Hon'ble Supreme Court; a paper on Environmental Studies was made compulsory but the score was not included for preparation of grade/marks. Some students who had qualified their main course but could not qualify the compulsory paper of Environmental Studies (BA/B.Sc./B.Com/B.Ed.) and Elementary Book Keeping (B.Com) during the maximum duration to complete the course are requesting to conduct the examination of these papers. On conduct of the above examination now, if any student qualifies the paper, what will the year of completion of course and award of degree.

Submitted for kind consideration and decision of Academic Council please.

**Resolution:**

Academic Council discussed on this agenda and noted that Environment Science is only qualifying in nature. As such, students who have passed out earlier but could not appear in EVS exam due to any problem or clear the exam should be allowed by the university to appear in the EVS exam whenever they approach and request the university (in next term exam when EVS exams are held and not to have special exam). However, they should be penalized for appearing in the exam after their scheduled period of completion. Student has to pay a penalty fee of Rs. 2500/- towards EVS exam in addition to the EVS exam fee as mentioned in the prospectus if he/she does not complete the same in his actual session or within 6 years from the date of admission.

Academic Council also directed that such student/s who completes their EVS exam after their scheduled period of completion should be issued separate marksheet for Environment Science only. However, year of degree shall be same as his/her passing of his/her all exams except EVS i.e. if student has passed his all papers in 2012 but completing his EVS exam in 2021 then, his passing year shall be considered as 2012 only and Degree be issued by the university for 2012.

***Action:*** *COE*

**Agenda Item No. 11.12:**

To consider and decide about the minimum period for attendance/residency to complete the PhD.

As per UGC regulation, minimum period of completion of PhD is 3 years and maximum is 6 years **(Annexure-8)**. In case of female students, maximum period is 8 years case to case basis. Sometimes, few Research Scholars get selected in Govt/Private jobs and leave the PhD in between. Later on, such Research Scholars approach the university and request to allow them to complete their PhD as their period of 3/6/8 years is not over. They state that they completed their pre PhD course in time but could not complete Ph.D. as they had to join their new services. They argue that it is no where mentioned in the UGC ordinances that Research Scholars have to be actually present in the university/affiliated college for entire period i.e. 3/6/8 years to complete their Ph.D. They also offer to relinquish their fellowship that they might have got from the university in case they were doing their Ph. D. from the

university campus. Such matters are being sent to HoD and Deans, but they are also not able to take decision as the rules are not clear.

Such students also request the university that they be allowed to attend the university to complete their Ph.D. in different splits i.e. sometimes by taking few days or 1-2 month leave from their parent organization and again after a few months by taking more leave from their parent organization.

Representation given by some students may be seen at **Annexure-9.** A note on the issue dated 9 Nov 2020 may be seen at **Annexure-10.**

As such, Academic Council may please consider the minimum period of attendance/residency that may be imposed on Research Scholars as one of the criteria to complete their Ph.D.

Academic Council may also consider and decide that in how many splits Research Scholar can complete their minimum attendance/residency period.

Academic Council may also consider and decide that if such students are allowed (if Academic Council permits so), then will they be getting fellowship or not.

**Resolution:**

Detailed discussion was held by the Academic Council on this agenda. Academic Council took a note of existing UGC Regulation for completion of PhD. As per this regulation, there are two types of PhD i.e. one in regular mode and another in Part time mode. University has so far adopted regular mode and all PhD are being carried out in regular mode only.

Academic Council decided that regular mode means a PhD Research Scholar has to present himself/herself in his/her department continuously for minimum period of 3 years from the date of his admission in Pre-PhD. In case any PhD Research Scholar wishes to go on leave due to any reason after completion of 3 years residency period, then he/she has to apply in writing and take prior permission from the HoD concerned and also from Dean of the School before leaving the station. Leave shall be granted to him/her as per admissible rules as per discretion of sanctioning authority.

It was also directed by the Academic Council that Research Scholar can complete his/her PhD during the period as admissible and given in UGC Regulations even in different splits after he/she has completed his/her minimum 3 years residency period continuously.

In case any PhD student remains absent even for one day without the prior permission of HoD, then BoS has the right to cancel his registration.

It was also resolved by the Academic Council that Fellowship shall be given to students only for the period as mentioned in UGC Regulations.

***Action:*** *Academic Section*

**Agenda Item No. 11.13:**
To consider transfer of students from Affiliated Colleges to Campus seat and also from one campus of the university to other campus of the university.

Presently, university is preparing the merit list of the students who pass the PhD entrance exams and clear the further process i.e. interview etc. In the merit list itself it is mentioned whether the student has got campus seat or seat in affiliated college.

Sometimes, a few students who get the campus seat do not join the pre Ph.D and as such their seats remain vacant. Many students who get seats in affiliated colleges/or other campuses of university are approaching the university to allow transfer of the seats either from affiliated college to campus or from one campus to another campus. Presently, university is not allowing transfer of such students as there is no clear-cut rule given in the ordinance or UGC regulation for such transfer.

Few representations as received from few students are attached at **Annexure-11.**

As such, Academic Council may consider and decide whether such students be allowed to get them transfer either from affiliated college to campus or from one campus to another campus.

If the above is allowed by Academic Council, then decision about the maximum period by which such type of transfer can be allowed and also whether fellowship shall be given to such students may also be taken by the Academic Council.

Academic Council may also consider the cases where no fellowship is to be paid by the university i.e. if student has some fellowship from other agency and student is requesting for transfer of his/her seat from affiliated college to campus or from one campus to another campus.

Submitted for kind consideration and decision of Academic Council please.

**Resolution:**
Detailed discussion was held by the Academic Council on this agenda. Academic Council directed that transfer of the seats either from affiliated college to campus/campus to affiliated college/one affiliated college to another affiliated college or from one campus to another campus be allowed by the university only to such research scholar who are at no. 1 in the merit list of affiliated college. But, before allowing transfer, such research scholar who wishes to get transfer needs to obtain prior permission in writing from the Principal of affiliated college/Director of Campus and also from the HoD of the concerned department of the university where he is willing to take admission. The transfer to scholar shall be allowed who approach the university within one month from his/her date of admission in Pre PhD, if found in order by the university.

Academic Council also directed that transfer shall be allowed only against same category i.e. transfer of seats from SC seat to SC seat, ST seat to ST seat, OBC to OBC seat and UR to UR seats only. Transfer shall not be allowed from one category to another category even if seat

is vacant in other category. While transfer from the affiliated college/campus to other campus will be based on the merit list only.

***Action:*** *Academic Section*

**Agenda Item No. 11.14:**
To consider and finalize minimum term for the members of School Board.

Presently, in university ordinance of School Board clause 2 (vi) and 2 (vii) **(Annexure-12)**, the term of members who are appointed is not given. As per existing practice, 3-year period is being given to such members.

Academic Council may please consider and fix term of such members who are nominated by the university under School Board clause 2 (vi) and 2 (vii).

**Resolution:**
Academic Council discussed and approved 2-year period to such members as proposed in the agenda.

***Action:*** *Academic Section*

**Agenda Item No. 11.15:**
To consider modification of Department's name as proposed by Department of Zoology.

Department of Zoology has requested **(Annexure-13)** that the MoU between Department of Zoology and Biotechnology, HNB Garhwal University with University of Copenhagen Denmark and National Bureau of Fish Genetic Resources (ICAR) Lucknow should henceforth be read as "Department of Zoology and University of Copenhagen, Denmark and, National Bureaus of Fish Genetic Resources (ICAR) Lucknow.

Academic Council may please consider and approve this modification please.

**Resolution:**
Academic Council discussed and approved the modification of Department's name as proposed by Department of Zoology in above agenda.

***Action:*** *Department of Zoology*

**Agenda Item No. 11.16:**
To consider nomination of Dean Academic.

Presently, many cases are received by the university which needs to be vetted from Academic point of view. It shall be in the interest of the university that one Professor is nominated as Dean Academic. It shall be easy for the university to resolve Academic cases promptly if university is having Dean, Academics.

Academic Council may please consider nominating a Dean Academic for the period of two years.

Submitted for kind consideration of Academic Council please.

**Resolution:**
Academic Council discussed and noted that at present Deans in every school is nominated as per Central University Act, 2009. In this act, there is no provision of Dean, Academic.

Academic Council directed that Chairman, RCC should be given additional responsibility to function as 'Director, Academic' to handle and resolve academic cases as per need from time to time.

***Action:*** *Academic Section*

**Agenda Item No. 11.17:**
To consider the request of Prof. A.N. Purohit, to give cash award of Rs. 10000 to the student of MA (Journalism) who gets highest marks **(Annexure-14).**

Prof. A.N. Purohit has sent a letter to the university that he is willing to transfer some amount to university to give cash award of Rs. 10,000 annually to the student of MA (Journalism) who gets highest marks. He has requested the university to confirm the amount that he needs to pay the university so that interest gained by the university comes to Rs. 12,000 per year and out of this Rs. 10,000 can be used for giving cash award to the meritorious students of MA Journalism. Accordingly, university has conveyed to him that he needs to deposit Rs. 5 lacs in the university account **(Annexure-15).**

Submitted for kind perusal and approval of Academic Council please.

**Resolution:**
Academic Council discussed and approved the request of Prof. A.N.Purohit, to give cash award of Rs. 10000 to the student of MA (Journalism) who gets highest marks as proposed in above agenda no. 11.17

***Action:*** *Academic Section*

**Agenda Item No. 11.18:**
To consider starting of **Bishnu Dutt Uniyal 'Parvatiya' Academic Excellence Award In Journalism [Including Cash Prize].**

An email has been received from Dr. Seema Uniyal Mishra, Chairperson, B.D. Uniyal (Parvatiya) Charitable Trust that this trust wish to institute **(Annexure-16)** *Bishnu Dutt Uniyal 'Parvatiya' Academic Excellence award in Journalism*, to be given on an annual basis to the highest scoring student amongst the female students and the highest scoring student amongst the male students.

The said ***Bishnu Dutt Uniyal 'Parvatiya' Academic Excellence award in Journalism*** is proposed to include a medal and a cash award of INR 10,000 (INR Ten thousand only) to each of the two awardees [one female student and one male student, as aforesaid].

Submitted for kind perusal and approval of Academic Council please.

**Resolution:**
Academic Council discussed and approved starting of **Bishnu Dutt Uniyal 'Parvatiya' Academic Excellence Award In Journalism [Including Cash Prize] as stated in above agenda no. 11.18.**

Academic council also instructed to inform the donor to deposit Rs. 10 Lacs as corpus fund in the university account for initiating this award.

***Action:*** *Academic Section*

**Agenda Item No. 11.19:**
To consider penalty to be imposed on Dr. T.S. Tomar.

As per agenda no. 38 and its resolution of the meeting of Academic Council held on 23 Oct 2019, following was directed by the Academic Council to the university:

*The Academic Council took note of DAIP ordinance in this regard and directed the university to constitute a DAIP committee at each department level.*

*Academic council also directed the concerned research scholars to submit revised thesis free of plagiarism within six months of issuing orders in this regard by the university. Academic council also noted the lapse in this regard that have been committed by the supervisor while checking the thesis of concerned scholars and directed the university to seek an explanation from concerned supervisors in this regard and debar them for two years to work as research supervisor from the date of issuance of order by the university if their explanations are not found satisfactory by the Vice Chancellor.*

Accordingly, letter of explanation were sent to both the research scholars i.e. Shruti Jain and Akshita Saini that why plagiarism was found in their thesis. The reply given by both Shruti Jain and Akshita Saini may be seen at **Annexure-17.**

Their thesis were sent to fourth examiner who had given the following comment **(Annexure-18)**:-

*The candidate had to go through the pain of a resubmit due to problems of plagiarism in the earlier version of the thesis, and, consequently the delay in the thesis evaluation processing. The guide/ supervisor should have taken more care and ensured plagiarism check before signing up the thesis for submission, in the first place.*

Accordingly, it is crystal clear that Dr. Tomar did not take proper care to check the thesis for plagiarism while signing up the thesis. As such, both the students had to suffer for more than one year for their viva-voce and it was a mental trauma for the students.

Academic Council may please take a view on above issue and direct some punitive action against Dr. T.S. Tomar.

**Resolution:**
Academic Council discussed in detail and directed the university neither to send any thesis to Dr. T.S. Tomar nor to make him Supervisor/Research Guide for the period of 2 years due to above lapse done by him as stated in above agenda no. 11.19

***Action:*** *Academic Section*

**Agenda Item No. 11.20:**
To consider ratification of office order no. HNBGU/RO/2021/51 dated 13 Mar 2021**(Annexure-19)**.

University has allowed different departments of the university to fill up vacant seats of OBC from the General Category and issued office order no. HNBGU/RO/2021/51 dated 13 Mar 2021. This will help the university to fill up vacant seats.

Submitted for kind perusal and ratification by Academic Council please.

**Resolution:**
Academic Council discussed and ratified office order no. HNBGU/RO/2021/51 dated 13 Mar 2021 as stated in agenda no. 11.20

**Agenda Item No. 11.21:**
To consider execution of MOU with NIT, Srinagar **(Annexure-20).**

University has executed an MOU with NIT, Srinagar on 16 Mar 2021. This shall be really helpful for the university.

Submitted for kind perusal and ratification by the Academic Council please.

**Resolution:**
Academic Council discussed and ratified execution of MOU with NIT, Srinagar.

***Action:*** *RCC Cell*

**Agenda Item No. 11.22:**
To consider execution of MOU with Rishikesh Yogpeeth **(Annexure-21)**

University has executed an MOU with Rishikesh Yogpeeth on 16 Mar 2021. This shall also be helpful for the university for its expansion.

Submitted for kind perusal and ratification by Academic Council please.

**Resolution:**
Academic Council discussed and ratified execution of MOU with Rishikesh Yogpeeth.

***Action:*** *RCC Cell*

**Agenda Item No. 11.23:**
To decide about the discontinuation of agreement with the Donors **(Annexure-22)**

Presently, there are 15 donors who have donated some funds to the university for providing medals to meritorious students. Out of this university has been giving medals to the students but it is observed that now it is not possible to give gold medals from the funds given by these donors as the amount is very less. Moreover, address and MOU with the donors through which these were executed by the university are also not traceable.

However, after discussion with few retired employees of HNBGU, 5 addresses of such Donors have been located. Letters were written to these 5 Donors on 5 Mar 2020 with reminder on 17 Feb 2021 requesting them to send sufficient amount to the university if they wish to continue these gold medal to Topper students. But no reply has been received from any of them. Addresses/agreements of other donors could not be traced despite best efforts. As such, it is not possible to make any communication with other 10 donors and ask them to increase the amount of donations for the continuation of those gold medals.

As it is not possible for the university to continue giving gold medal to topper students with the currently available money of Donors therefore Academic council may please consider and decide further course of action on the above matter.

**Resolution:**
Academic Council discussed in detail and directed the university to discontinue giving medals to meritorious students out of the funds of 15 Donors as stated in above agenda no. 11.23

***Action:*** *Academic and Finance Section*

**Agenda Item No. 11.24:**
To consider and decide returning of money deposited to provide medal by Mr. D.K.Painuli.

A request letter dated 21 Nov 2019 **(Annexure-23)** has been received from Mr. D.K.Painuli that he had deposited some amount in the university for awarding Gold Medal to highest scoring Bio-Technology students. He has requested to refund the money back to him with interest as he is not willing to continue the same.

Agreement or papers related to above donation are not traceable in the university.

As such, Academic council may please consider and decide further course of action on the above matter.

**Resolution:**
Academic Council discussed in detail and directed the university to return money to Mr. D.K. Painuli as per his request letter as he is not willing to continue. However, it was also advised to see the MOU papers before releasing amount to him so that any litigation before returning the money is avoided.

***Action:*** *Finance Section*

**Agenda Item No. 11.25:**
To consider and decide about such Research Scholar who leave the university after completion of Pre Ph.D.

An email **(Annexure-24)** has been received from Prof. Monika Gupta and she has raised one important issue. She has mentioned that a few students leave the university after completing their pre Ph.D course. During this pre Ph.D course fellowship is also given by the university. As such, there is a monetary loss to the university and Govt. of India. Apart from monitory loss, there is also a loss of seat which could otherwise be given to some other student who might be in waiting list.

She has requested to decide this issue.

As such, Academic council may please consider and decide further course of action on the above matter.

**Resolution:**
Academic Council discussed in detail on this issue and directed the university that henceforth an affidavit of Rs. 100 stamp paper should be taken from the Research Scholar before starting pre-PhD course where such Research Scholar shall declare that he/she shall refund the money to the university in case he/she leaves the Pre-PhD of PhD program before completion and also return the entire fellowship to the university along with the interest on the amount he/she got.

It was also resolved that after successful completion of Pre PhD course, the student may be allowed to join any other institution for research by the university as UGC NEP also allow for credit transfer.

***Action:*** *Academic Section*

**Table Agenda Item No. 11.1:**
To consider and decide about allocating guides to Faculty Member who are retiring on superannuation within 3 years from the date of admission of Research Scholar in Pre PhD.

It was informed to Academic Council that few teachers are nominated as Research Guide by the BoS even he/she might be retiring within 3 years from the date of admission of Research Scholar in Pre PhD. As such, Research Scholar face the problem at the time of submission of thesis as his/her work does not get completed by that time the faculty member retires. He/she also faces problem as who shall certify his attendance.

Academic Council may please take a view on this and decided whether faculty members who are retiring within 3 years from the date of admission of Research Scholar in Pre PhD should be allowed to become Research Guide or not.

**Resolution:**
Academic Council discussed in detail on this issue and noted that an office order no. HNBGU/Academic/2014/689 dated 26 Aug 2014 has already been issued in this regard by the university. Academic Council directed the university that any faculty member who is retiring within 3 years from the date of admission of Research Scholar in Pre PhD should not be allowed to become Research Guide.

***Action:*** *Academic Section*

**Table Agenda Item No. 11.2:**
To consider and decide about change of bifurcation of Art and Science Stream for admission in B.Ed.

One representation dated 2 Mar 2021 has been received from Chairman, Association of Self Financed Institutes, Uttarkhand. He has stated that many seats are still vacant in the B.Ed for the session 2020-22. University has allocated 60% seats in Art and 40% seats in category for B.Ed admission. He has also stated during last 10 years, university has been allowing all B.Ed colleges to convert both the categories and taking admission. He requested that as per last practices, this year also they be allowed to convert such categories and take admission.

**Resolution:**
Academic Council discussed in detail this issue and directed that this issue be first discussed in the BoS of Education Department and their School Board. After taking a decision, this should be brought to Academic Council for consideration and final decision.

***Action:*** *Department of Education*

**Table Agenda Item No. 11.3:**
To consider and ratify the office order no. HNBGU/RO/2021/57 dated 18 Mar 2021

An office order no. HNBGU/RO/2021/57 dated 18 Mar 2021 has been issued by the university stating that any student/parent who are coming to the university for some work needs to produce report of RT-PCR which should not be older than 72 hours.

Academic Council may please take a view on this and ratify please.

**Resolution:**
Academic Council discussed and ratified the order.

***Action:*** *DSW*

**Table Agenda Item No. 11.4:**
To consider and ratify the office order no. Exam/2020/2236 dated 18 Dec 2020 and HNBGU/2020/04 dated 09 Feb 2021

For the benefit of students at large, the university has started issuing online provisional and migration certificate for the students enrolled from 2015 onward (under CBCS only) and accordingly Office order no. Exam/2020/2236 dated 18 Dec 2020 and HNBGU/2020/04 dated 09 Feb 2021 have been issued by the university in this regard.

Academic Council may please take a view on this and ratify please.

**Resolution:**
Academic Council discussed and ratified the order.

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

***Action:*** *COE*

Meeting ended with vote of thanks to the Chair.

**(Prof. Ajay Kumar Khanduri)**
Registrar
Secretary (Ex officio)

9.4.2021

**(Prof. Annpurna Nautiyal)**
Vice Chancellor
Chairperson