MINUTES OF THE TWELTH REGULAR MEETING OF ACADEMIC COUNCIL
DATE: 30 JUN 2021 | TIME: 11 AM | MODE: THROUGH ZOOM APP

An online meeting of the Academic Council was held on 30 June 2021 at 11 am through Zoom App due to ongoing Covid-19 pandemic. More than 60 members of the academic council attended the meeting.

In the beginning, Vice-Chancellor welcomed all members and especially expressed her gratitude to Visitor's nominee and other external nominated members of Academic council who, despite their busy schedule, attended the meeting. In her inaugural address she emphasized the need to keep safe and follow government protocols during the testing time due to COVID 19 pandemic. The academic council also paid homage to the departed souls who left this world due to corona pandemic.

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

Agenda Item No. 1:
Confirmation of Minutes of 11th Meeting of the last regular Academic Council.

Minutes of the meeting were circulated to all members. Copy of the minutes of regular meeting held on 19 March 2021 **(Annexure-1)** are placed for confirmation.

Submitted for kind consideration and approval by Academic Council please.

Resolution:

In this agenda the members initiated discussion on the minutes of agenda no. 11.8 of 11th meeting of Academic Council. Academic council was informed that 8 research scholars of Microbiology/Botany department have been given relaxation to not to deposit the fee fixed for second time pre-submission due to ongoing pandemic. These scholars were supposed to submit their thesis by 25 Apr 2021 but could not do so as university was not functioning from 18 April 2021 on its full strength due to the severity of the Corona pandemic.

Academic Council directed the university that if during pandemic, some more cases of such nature comes, then university may waive off the pre-submission fee after recommendation of HoD/Dean concerned.

On the minutes of agenda no. 11.12 of 11th meeting of Academic Council, it was directed by the Academic Council that this rule shall not be applicable to research scholars who took admission in 2019-20 session.

Finally, the Academic Council confirmed the minutes of 11th Meeting of the last regular Academic Council held on 19 March 2021 with above decisions.

Action: *AR (Academic & Research)*

Agenda Item No. 2:
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 schools after 19 March 2021. Some departments and schools also submitted the proceeding of their BoS and School Board after 19 March 2021 though they had completed their BoS/School Board meeting before 19 March 2021 therefore, these could not be placed before Academic Council during its regular meeting held on 19 March 2021. Scanned copies of BoS and School Board are attached **(Annexure-2).**

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 placed to Vice Chancellor after 19 March 2021.

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., 19 March 2021 and other proceeding of different BoS and School Board that were submitted to University for approval after 19 March 2021. ***Action:*** *AR (Academic & Research)*

Agenda Item No. 3:
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 **(19)** between 6 March 2021 to 27 June 2021 for award of D.Phil/D.Lit/Ph.D Degree is placed at **Annexure-3.**

Submitted for kind consideration and approval of Academic Council please.

Resolution:
The Academic Council was informed that the viva voce of 24 Research Scholars have been successfully conducted between 6 March 2021 to 29 June 2021 for award of D.Phil/D.Lit/Ph.D Degree.

The Academic Council approved the award of D.Phil/D.Lit/Ph.D Degree to 24 Research Scholars whose Viva-Voce have been successfully conducted during 6 March 2021 to 29 June 2021 for award of D.Phil/D.Lit/PhD Degree. ***Action:*** *AR (Academic & Research)*

Agenda Item No. 4:
To consider and approve the implementation of UGC letter no. F.No. 1-10/2020 (CPP-II) dated 17 Mar 2021 that has been downloaded from the UGC website (Annexure-4).

Following guidelines have been given by UGC as per above letter

In continuation to UGC Public Notice dated 3rd December, 2020 on the above-mentioned subject, and keeping in view the larger interest of the research scholars, a further extension of six months beyond 30.06.2021 i.e., till 31st December 2021, for submission of thesis by

M.Phil/Ph.D students may be granted by the Universities. Extension of six months, as mentioned above, may also be granted for submitting evidence of publication and presentation in two conferences. However, tenure of fellowship will remain five years only.

If agreed, university may adopt the same and allow scholars to submit their thesis by 31st December 2021 whose period is being completed on 30 June 2021 or anytime upto 30 December 2021 either before extension or after extension as permissible under rules.

Submitted for kind consideration and approval of Academic Council please.

Resolution:
Considering the ongoing pandemic and problems being faced by the research scholars for submission of thesis, the academic council approved to accept the UGC order as mentioned in the agenda no. 4. ***Action:*** *AR (Academic & Research)*

Agenda Item No. 5:
To consider and approve implementing the report received from NCC Directorate Bihar & Jharkhand offering NCC as general elective credit course in universities under choice-based credit system to align with new education policy 2020 (Annexure-5)

An email with letter no. 282/Elective Sub/G dated 18 May 2021 has been received from 29 UK Bn NCC, Dehradun. If agreed to, university may implement the same from the 2021-22 session onward.

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

Resolution:
Academic Council discussed in detail and approved in principle that university may implement the same from forthcoming academic session i.e. 2021-22 onward. However, council directed that university should constitute a committee to assess all the parameters given in the report, finalize modalities of its effective implementation where it deems feasible to the university on the basis of report of the committee.

Action: Prof. Anoop Dobriyal Convener NEP 2020

Agenda Item No. 6:
To consider conversion of LLM course from self financed to regular mode

An email has been received from Dean, School of Law **(Annexure-6)** for converting LLM Course from self financed mode to regular mode.

Academic council may please take a view on this.

Resolution:
Detailed discussion was held on this agenda by the members. Council directed the university to send the proposal to UGC/MOE for providing additional faculty required to convert the LLM course from self-financed mode to regular mode. University may convert the LLM course from self-financed to regular mode once required faculty is sanctioned by the

UGC/MOE and appointment of such faculty are made by the university after approval of UGC/MOE.

Action: Dean, Law

Agenda Item No. 7:
To consider the following request of HOD, Geology:-

"One of the supervisors may be included from the following institutes- Physical Research Laboratory Ahmedabad, National Institute of Hydrology Roorkee, Wadia Institute of Himalayan Geology, Indian Institute of Remote sensing Dehradun, Indian Institute of Technology Roorkee and any other institute which may extend the laboratory analysis facilities to our research scholars" **(Annexure-7).**

Academic council may please take a view on this.

Resolution:
Academic Council discussed and approved the agenda no. 7 as proposed by HoD, Geology as per the rules and regulations of the university.

Action: HoD, Geology

Agenda Item No. 8:
To consider and approve the following agenda received from Dr. Abdul Faruk, Head, Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences:-

1. Hike in admission fees for new admissions in B.Pharm., and M.Pharm., w.e.f 2021-22 academic session **(Annexure-8).**

2. Implementation PCI New admission guideline (PCI letter Ref. No. 14-48/2012-PCI/4473 Dated 30.09.2020. (PCI reference letter attached) **(Annexure-9).**

The detail of the same is already approved in the BOS held on 01.05.2021 and is attached herewith for consideration.

Submitted for kind consideration by Academic Council please.

Resolution:
Academic council discussed in detail and directed the university to constitute a committee that shall look into all the aspects of enhancing fee, and recommend the amount that needs to be increased phasewise. Vice Chancellor was authorised to take final decision on the recommendation of the committee.

Academic council approved to implement PCI New admission guideline as proposed by Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences.

Action: Deputy Registrar Academic and HoD, Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences

Agenda Item No. 9:

To consider and approve the request of Chief Warden as per attached letter no. CWO/2021/126 dated 8 Jun 2021 (Annexure-10).

A request letter has been received from Chief Warden requesting that university may keep the tenure of Chief Warden and Warden for the period of 3 years with further extension by 3 years, if considered appropriate by the university upon completion of first period of 3 years.

Submitted for kind consideration by Academic Council please.

Resolution:

Academic council discussed in detail and approved the proposal of Chief Warden of appointing the wardens and Chief warden for a period of 3 years with further extension by 3 years as deems fit to Vice Chancellor upon completion of initial period of 3 years. Academic Council also directed that while allocating duties of Chief Warden/Warden to faculty, University should write in the office order itself that accommodation allocated to such Chief Warden/Wardens needs to be vacated immediately, if he/she is relived from the duties of Chief Warden/Warden either on his/her own request or if University wish to change such Chief Warden/Warden due to any administrative reason.

Action: P.S. to Registrar

Agenda Item No. 10:

To consider request of Dean, ACL to grant permission to research scholars to consider their attendance in online seminar equivalence to offline seminar.

A request as per the attached letter no. 120/2021 dated 28 June 2021 (**Annexure-11)** has been received from the Dean, ACL. She has requested that considering the ongoing pandemic, university may give relaxation to research scholars to attend online seminar/conference instead of attending the offline seminar/conference and same may be given equivalence as prerequisite for PhD thesis submission.

Submitted for kind consideration by Academic Council please.

Resolution:

Academic council discussed in detail and noticed that UGC has already given time till 31 December 2021 for thesis submission. As such, this proposal can not be considered. However, council directed the university to send a proposal to UGC for the same as proposed by Dean, ACL and take further action as per direction/advice given by UGC in response to this proposal.

Action: *Dean, ACL*

Agenda Item No. 11:

To consider and ratify the minutes of the meeting conducted by Hon'ble Chancellor on 18 June 2021.

A meeting was conducted by Hon'ble Chancellor on 18 June 2021 with all Deans, HoD and campus directors. The minutes are attached at **Annexure-12.**

Submitted for kind consideration and ratification by Academic Council please.

Resolution:
Academic council noted the minutes of the meeting conducted by Hon'ble Chancellor on 18 June 2021 as stated in agenda no. 11.

Action: *AR (Academic & Research)*

Agenda Item No. 12:
Consideration and ratification of the minutes of the meeting of Hon'ble Vice Chancellor on 11 June 2021.

A meeting was conducted by Hon'ble Vice Chancellor on 11 Jun 2021 with all Director IQAC, COE, FO, all DR, all AR, EE, and all AE etc. The minutes are attached at **Annexure-13.**

Submitted for kind consideration and ratification by Academic Council please.

Resolution:
Academic council noted the minutes of the meeting conducted by Hon'ble Vice Chancellor on 11 Jun 2021 as stated in agenda no. 12.

Action: *AR (Academic & Research)*

Agenda Item No. 13:
Consideration and ratification of the minutes of the meeting conducted by Hon'ble Vice Chancellor on 9 Apr 2021, 22 Apr 2021, 2 May 2021, 9 May 2021, 15 May 2021, 1 June 2021 and 16 June 2021.

A meeting was conducted by Hon'ble Chancellor on 9 Apr 2021, 22 Apr 2021, 2 May 2021, 9 May 2021, 15 May 2021, 1 June 2021, 16 June 2021 with all Directors, Deans and HoD and others as mentioned in the minutes.

The minutes are attached at Annexure-14 to 20.

Submitted for kind consideration and ratification by Academic Council please.

Resolution:
Academic council perused and noted the minutes of the meeting conducted by Hon'ble Chancellor on 9 Apr 2021, 22 Apr 2021, 2 May 2021, 9 May 2021, 15 May 2021, 1 June 2021, and 16 Jun 2021 as stated in the agenda no. 13.

Action: *AR (Academic & Research)*

Agenda Item No. 14:
To consider the agenda requested by COE: -

As per the earlier decision of the academic council, the end (odd) semester (except semester-I) examinations of odd semesters 2020-21 for all UG & PG courses started in the month of March 2021 by adopting MCQ/OMR method but some papers in some centers could not be completed due to lockdown and curfew imposed on account of an unprecedented surge in COVID cases. As per the state government and district administration's order the university decided to postpone the examination and notified that remaining papers shall be conducted when the situation gets normalized with a notice period of 15 days.

Meanwhile form filling-up of 1st Semester examination 2020-21 for all UG & PG courses has been started.

The matter is submitted before the august body for kind perusal and necessary direction for conducting the left-over examinations, examinations of other semesters and evaluation in view of the present situation.

Resolution:

1. Academic Council directed that average marking should be done in left over theory papers of odd semester (except 1st semester) which were to be held after 24 Apr 2021 of UG/PG students of 3, 5 & 7 semester exams on the basis of theory papers of same semester in which they have already appeared as university has postponed the same due to ongoing Covid-19 pandemic.

2. Academic Council also directed that university should conduct MCQ test in online mode (or offline mode depending on the situation of pandemic) by framing question papers containing 30 questions for PG and 35 questions for UG for the students of end semester. All Deans/HoD were directed to prepare question papers and submit the same to Controller of Examination by 31 July 2021 so that exams can be conducted after August 20, 2021 by the university. This process of online exams will include all the centre superintendents and their teams for smoothly conducting such online exams.

3. It was also directed by the council that all affiliated colleges and all campuses of the university shall make internal committee at their own level to conduct online exam as per direction of the university. The COE will conduct an online meeting with all centre superintendents of all four campuses and affiliated colleges for discussing the modalities of conducting such online exams at the earliest.

4. It was also directed by the academic council that the students of 1st semester will be promoted on the basis of their sessional exams.

5. The examination of terminal semester (last sem - even sem) will start from last week of third week of August 2021 in online/offline mode as per pandemic conditions at that time.

6. The examination of intermediate even sem will be held in last week of September 2021, if possible (as per pandemic situation). Otherwise the students of intermediate even semester may also be promoted on the basis of their sessional exams. All HOD, Deans of 3 campuses, Principals and Director/Head of the affiliated colleges/institutes

will be responsible for submitting award on line and also submit the same in hard copy within time after conducting sessional examination.

Condition/point 4 and 6 shall not be applicable to the students where regulatory bodies do not permit promotion (LL.B, Pharmacy etc.). They will have to appear in exam in any mode. All HoD and Deans of 3 campuses, Principals and Director/Head of the affiliated colleges/institutes will be responsible for conducting the examinations as per direction of the university.

A proposal by the COE about taking decision on deciding time limit to retain answer books was also discussed, it was decided by the Academic Council that henceforth, university should retain answer books only for 6 months from the date of declaration of result. After 6 months, university may dispose off/auction such answer books as per rules. But before this the COE office will issue a notification in news papers and also upload the same in the university website that university shall not show/provide answer books to students after lapse of 6 months from the date of declaration of result. So that no representations from any quarter are entertained by the COE office after this notification is issued.

Notification in this regard shall be issued by the COE.

Action: COE/HoD/Deans/ **Principals and Director/Head of the affiliated colleges/institutes**

Agenda Item No. 15:

To consider the initiation of extension centre in Rishikesh to run different courses and training program in Yogic Science

Yoga Department has proposed to initiate extension centre in Yogpeeth Rishikesh to run different courses and training programs in Yogic Science. Above agenda has been approved in the BoS of Yoga Department held on 28th May 2021.

Annexed Minutes of BoS of Yoga Department are submitted for kind consideration and approval of Academic Council please.

Resolution:
Academic council discussed and approved the minutes of BOS of Yoga department as stated in agenda no. 15.

Academic Council also directed that the program allowed to be initiated shall in no way be considered as grant of affiliation but would merely an extension centre.

Action: HoD, Yoga Department

Meeting ended with vote of thanks to the Chair.

2.7.2021

(Prof. Ajay Kumar Khanduri)
Registrar
Secretary

(Prof. Annpurna Nautiyal)
Vice Chancellor
Chairperson