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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE 14TH REGULAR MEETING OF EXECUTIVE COUNCIL
HELD ON 28 OCT 2021 AT 11AM THROUGH ZOOM APP

14th regular meeting (on-line) of the Executive Council was held on 28 Oct 2021 at 11AM through Zoom App. **Following were present: -**

Prof. Annpurna Nautiyal, Vice-Chancellor	Chairperson
Prof. Sumitra Kukreti	Member (Visitor Nominee)
Prof. Raj Kumar	Member (Visitor Nominee)
Prof. Dinesh Kumar Nauriyal	Member (UGC Nominee)
Dr. Kailash Chandra Sharma	Member (Chancellor Nominee)
Prof. V.A. Bourai	Member (Principal)
Prof. Y.P. Raiwani	Member (Dean)
Prof. J.S. Chauhan	Member (Dean)
Prof. S.K. Gupta	Member (Dean)
Prof. M M S Rauthan	Member (Senior Most Professor)
Prof. Arun Singh Rawat	Invited Member
Sh. Prashant Mohla, Legal Council	Invited Member
Dr. Ajay Kumar Khanduri, Registrar, HNBGU	Secretary (Ex-Officio)

At the outset, Prof. Annpurna Nautiyal, Vice-Chancellor/Chairperson, welcomed the Hon'ble members of the Executive Council and expressed special gratitude to the outside members who, despite their busy schedules, very graciously spared time to attend the meeting.

Thereafter, the Registrar/Member Secretary presented agenda items before the Council for discussion and approval.

Agenda Item No. 14.1:

Confirmation of Minutes of 13th Meeting of the last meeting of Executive Council held on 23 Aug 2021 and emergent meeting of Executive Council held on 23 Sep 2021.

Minutes of the meeting were circulated to all members. Copy of the minutes of the regular meeting of Executive Council held on 23 Aug 2021 (**Annexure-1**) and emergent meeting of Executive Council held on 23 Sep 2021 (**Annexure-2**) are placed for confirmation.

Submitted for kind confirmation/ratification by Executive Council, please.

Resolution 14.1:

Executive Council perused and confirmed the minutes of 13th Meeting of the last meeting of Executive Council held on 23 Aug 2021 and emergent meeting of Executive Council held on 23 Sep 2021.

Agenda Item No. 14.2:

Action Taken Report on the minutes of 13th meeting of Executive Council held on 23 Aug 2021.

Action taken reports as provided by Administration section is attached (**Annexure-3**) for kind perusal and ratification by the Executive Council, please.

Resolution 14.2:

Executive Council perused the ATRs submitted and noted the same.

Agenda Item No. 14.3:

To consider and approve the recommendation(s) made by the Selection Committee(s)/ Screening-cum-Evaluation Committee(s) for promotion under Career Advancement Scheme (CAS).

Selection Committee(s)/Screening-cum-Evaluation Committees have made the recommendation for the promotion proposals of following eligible faculty members under the Career Advancement Scheme (CAS)-

S. No.	Name of Faculty Members	Subject	Stage		Date of Interview	
			From	To		
1.	Dr. Satish Chandra Sati	Chemistry	Stage - 3	Stage – 4	27-09-2021	
2.	Dr. M.C. Purohit			Stage – 3		
3.	Dr. Namrata Ghildiyal		Stage – 2	Stage – 3		
4.	Dr. Prashant Kandari	Economics	Stage - 3	Stage – 4		
5.	Dr. U.S. Negi	Mathematics	Stage - 3	Stage – 4		
6.	Dr. K.C. Petwal					
7.	Dr. Shankar Lal					
8.	Dr. Jagat Prakash Mehta	Botany & Microbiology	Stage - 3	Stage – 4	28-09-2021	
9.	Dr. Bhupendra Singh Bhandari			Stage – 3		Stage – 4
10.	Dr. Prabhawati Tiwari					
11.	Dr. L.R. Dangwal		Stage – 2	Stage – 3		
12.	Dr. Rajendra Singh Fartyal	Zoology	Stage – 3	Stage - 4		
13.	Dr. Deepak Singh					
14.	Dr. Ravindra Singh		Stage – 2	Stage – 3		
15.	Dr. C.B. Kotnala					
16.	Dr. Gopal Krishna Joshi	Biotechnology	Stage – 3	Stage - 4		
17.	Dr. Pooja Saklani					
18.	Dr. Brijesh Gangil	Mechanical Engineering	Stage – 2	Stage – 3	04-09-2021	
19.	Dr. Alok Sagar Gautam	Physics	Stage – 1	Stage – 2	23-10-2021	
20.	Dr. Archana Shah	Home Science	Stage – 4	Stage - 5	23-10-2021	
21.	Dr. Jyoti Tiwari		Stage – 3	Stage – 4		
22.	Dr. Anita Sati					
23.	Dr. Laxmi Prasad Lakhera	Geography	Stage – 4	Stage - 5		
24.	Dr. J.P. Bhatt	Sociology & Social Work	Stage – 3	Stage – 4		
25.	Dr. Uma Bahuguna					
26.	Dr. Kusum Dobriyal	Sanskrit	Stage – 3	Stage – 4		
27.	Dr. Narendra Kumar Arya					
28.	Dr. Ashutosh Gupta					

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The sealed envelopes of recommendations of the Selection Committee(s)/Screening-cum-Evaluation Committee(s) are placed before the Council for consideration and approval by the Executive Council, please.

Resolution 14.3:

Sealed envelopes containing proceeding of the CAS were shown to the EC.

Executive Council directed the Registrar to open the sealed envelopes containing the recommendations of the Selection Committee(s) for promotion under Career Advancement Scheme (CAS) in the different subjects as mentioned in the agenda. All envelopes were opened by the Registrar.

The Executive Council considered and unanimously approved the recommendation(s) of the Selection Committee(s). The Executive Council further authorised the Vice Chancellor to notify the list of selected candidates and issue Promotion Orders to the selected candidates immediately.

Action: DR (Administration-Teaching)/DR (Recruitment)

Agenda Item No. 14.4:

To consider ratification of Study Leave/EOL granted by the university

As per attached agenda provided by Administration (**Annexure-4**), Study leave was sanctioned to Prof. D.P. Saklani, Department of History, Sh. Gambhir Singh Kathait, Department of USIC and EOL was sanctioned to Prof. Mohan Singh Panwar, Department of Geography.

Submitted for kind ratification by the Executive Council please.

Resolution 14.4:

Executive Council discussed on this agenda and ratified the Study Leave/EOL as proposed in above agenda.

Action: DR (Administration-Teaching)

Agenda Item No. 14.5:

To consider and approve the proposal for acceptance of resignation of Dr. Joshep Singh, Asst. Prof., Department of Physical Education.

Dr. Joshep Singh, Asst. Prof. Department of Physical Education, has submitted the resignation from the post of Assistant Professor, consequent upon the completion of period of lien/regularization on their new appointments vide office order no. HNBGU/Administration (Teaching) 2021/260 dated 25 Aug 2021 (**Annexure-5**).

Submitted for kind approval/ratification by the Executive Council please.

Resolution 14.5:

Executive Council discussed and ratified the decision taken by the university as proposed in above agenda.

Action: DR (Administration-Teaching)

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Agenda Item No. 14.6:

To consider and approve the minutes of Academic Council held on 22 Aug 2021.

Meeting of Academic Council was held on 22 Aug 2021. Minutes are attached (Annexure-6).

Submitted for kind approval/ratification by the Executive Council please.

Resolution 14.6:

Executive Council was informed that the date of Academic Council be read as 22 Oct 2021 as it typo in the agenda. EC noted the same. EC deliberated and approved all minutes of the Academic Council held on 22 Oct 2021.

Action: DR (Academic)

Agenda Item No. 14.7:

To consider punitive action/ withdrawal of affiliation against defaulter institutions affiliated with the University as per the procedure prescribed under Rule – 8 the U.G.C. (Affiliation of Colleges by Universities) Regulations, 2009.

A number of private institutions affiliated with the University are found indulged in mal practices in terms of grant of admission to the students and conduct of examinations thereupon. The examination section of the University has barred the declaration of results for such enrolments where discrepancies are revealed in terms of admission of students over and above the sanctioned seat to the affiliated institutions, admissions granted without permission of the University, conduct of examinations without permission of the University and admission granted on EWS seats without any valid proof of the same. It is also observed that upon barring declaration of the results by the University for such unlawful admissions by the institutions, the students/institutions concerned filed various writ petitions in the court. Recently, in one of such case the University Advocate advised as follows-

"The University may proceed for withdrawal of Affiliation as per the procedure prescribed in Regulation – 8 of the U.G.C. (Affiliation of Colleges by Universities) Regulations, 2009 as giving unlawful admission without due Category Certificates may amount to a conduct prejudicial to the Academic and Administrative Standards and interest of the University."

Further, the Council of the University also provided a draft letter/ show cause notice to be issued to such defaulter institutes which is enclosed herewith for consideration and approval of the Executive Council.

In the light of above, a committee is constituted vide OO. No. हे.न.ब.ग.वि.वि/शैक्षणिक/2021/451 dated 25-10-2021 to deliberate upon the issue and the committee submitted its report dated 26-10-2021 (Annexure-7, 7A, 7B) to the Hon'ble Vice Chancellor recommending withdrawal of affiliation as per rules for such institutes after approval of the competent authority.

The matter is submitted for kind consideration and further directions of the Executive Council.

Resolution 14.7:

Controller of Examination and Legal Consultant of the university presented the case in the meeting and briefed the EC about this agenda. The Executive Council deliberated on this issue and resolved that a consolidated and comprehensive list of such affiliated colleges is prepared

who are indulged in such serious breach of affiliation conditions and defy of the directions of the university. Serious view was taken by the Executive Council directing the Controller of Examinations that the list referred to above should reflect the anomalies / misdoings of each college in a tabular form so that anomalies / misdoings of each college are taken on record. Furthermore, it is resolved that show cause notice(s) to such college(s) are sent, citing their anomalies / misdoings asking as to why appropriate action(s) including de-affiliation should not be initiated against them. The committee referred hereinabove is empowered to deliberate upon the responses on a case-to-case basis, received from such colleges and is to recommend suitable action(s), if required.

Action: COE/DR (Affiliation)

Agenda Item No. 14.8:

To consider the further course of action on UGC letter No. F.13-1/2018(JCRC) dated 05th Oct, 2021 regarding service conditions of posts/incumbents of Department of Adult, Continuing Education and Extension

The Deptt. of Adult Continuing Education & Extension under School / Faculty of Education (initially started as the Adult Education Centre) is functioning at HNB Garhwal University, Srinagar and Dr. S. S. Rawat (DoJ: 19.11.1981) and Dr. A K Bahuguna (DoJ: 04.05.1984) were appointed on the posts of Project Officer in the Pay scale Rs. 700-1300 in the department. The UGC vide Letter No. F. 1-1/92 (NFE-I) dated 06-11-1995 communicated to the University that the staff working in the department / Centre for Adult Continuing Education and Extension Programmes may be treated at par with other teaching staff working in other faculties of the University. Further, the UGC issued Guidelines for Adult, Continuing Education, Extension & Field Outreach / Lifelong Learning & Extension during various Plan Periods after Xth Plan onwards for the above mentioned posts as Professor / Director, Reader /Assistant Director and Lecturer / Project Officer. Subsequently, the incumbents of the posts of Project Officer were granted the benefits of Academic Pay Scales / Grade Pay corresponding to the Teaching posts (Reader / Professor) under the Career Advancement Scheme by the University.

1. The University administration received a representation dated 05.06.2018 from Prof. P K Joshi, Department of Education, challenging the cadre seniority and deanship related to it by stating that the posts of the incumbents working in the Department of Adult Continuing Education & Extension does not fall into category of teaching staff.
2. Hence, the matter was referred by the University to the UGC for clarification vide Letter Ref. No. HNBGU/Admin/2018/1209 dated 04.07.2018. The UGC Vide Letter No. F.21-2/2016(PS/PMO/PG) dated 24th August, 2018 clarified that:
" Pay scale for Academic Staff and Colleges and University Science Instrumentation Centre should be equivalent to those of the Teachers of the corresponding levels and they should have same designation and channel of promotion provided that they have equivalent qualification."
3. Another letter for clarification on service conditions of staff appointed in the Deptt. of Adult Continuing Education & Extension was sent by the University vide Letter No. RO/2018/372 dated 12.09.2018 and the UGC responded vide its letter No. F.13-1/2018(JCRC) dated 11th Sept, 2018 as follows:



*" I'm directed to inform you that initially University treated this post (**Project Officer**) as Non-Teaching post and appointment was also made accordingly, and later extended the benefits CAS. Further, University has also not mentioned the details of approval obtained for change of nomenclature and rules for extending such benefits to the incumbent.*

*Therefore, as per the norms the applicable to the "**Non-teaching post**" the age of superannuation for the post Project Officer would be **60 years**."*

4. Subsequently, a letter was sent by the HNB Garhwal University Teaching Association vide Letter No. HNBGVTS/2019/35 dated 22nd August 2019, and in its response, the UGC communicated vide letter F. No. 21-2/2016 (PS/PMO/PG/VIP) dated 21st Oct. 2019 that:
" I'm directed to enclose Clause 2.2 of UGC Notifications on Revision of Pay Scales, Minimum Qualification for Appointments of Teacher in Universities, College, and other Measures for Maintenance of Standards, 1998 which is self- explanatory."

5. Subsequently, in response to the clarification sought by the University vide its earlier letter dated 18.01.2019, the UGC has recently responded vide its letter No. F.13-1/2018(JCRC) dated 05th Oct, 2021 wherein it has referred its earlier letter No. F.13-1/2018(JCRC) dated 11th Oct, 2018 and states that:

" In view of the foregoing, the Standing Committee has decided that the pay parity of the Staff of Adult Education shall not entitle them to any others benefits as admissible to teachers; and for all purposes, they shall be entitled to the benefits being admissible to the regular Non-teaching employees of the university."

In wake of above directions of the UGC, the Hon'ble Vice-chancellor constituted a committee with the Office Order No. 280/ 2021, dated 13.10.2021 (**Annexure-8**). The Committee after deliberation on subject matter submitted its report (**Annexure-9**) to the Hon'ble Vice-chancellor. Report is submitted before the Executive Council for further consideration and necessary directions.

Submitted for kind decision by the Executive Council please.

Resolution 14.8:

Executive Council deliberated on this issue and noted that university is bound to comply with the order of UGC received vide its letter No. F.13-1/2018(JCRC) dated 05thOct, 2021. The recommendations of the committee on point of reference No. 1 and 2 are accepted and approved. Accordingly, adhering to the directions of the UGC, Dr. A.K. Bahuguna shall superannuate. However, acknowledging the services he had rendered to the University and to ensure that he retires with grace it is resolved that Dr. Arun Bahuguna is to retire from the services of the university on 30thNov 2021. Dr. Arun Bahuguna is required to complete formalities related to his retirement on superannuation.

As the committee constituted in this behalf had, in their recommendation on point of reference No. 3 has recommended that ".....The post-retirement benefits may be calculated and assessed by the University keeping in view of the directions of the UGC directions....." and the UGC in its letter has directed that "....." *they shall be entitled to the benefits being admissible to the regular Non-teaching employees of the university..*" hence it is resolved that all the post-retirement benefits of Dr. S.S. Rawat and Dr. Arun Bahuguna shall be that of a 'Non-teaching' employee and the salary drawn by them at their respective age of 60 yrs. shall form the basis of calculating such post-retirement benefits.

Agenda Item No. 14.9:

To consider and ratify the order no. HNBUG/Administration (Teaching)/2021/005 dated 3 Apr 2021.

As per order no. HNBUG/Administration (Teaching)/2021/005 dated 3 Apr 2021 (**Annexure - 10**), Dr. Jaspal Singh Chauhan, Assistant Professor was appointed as Head of the Department in Himalayan Aquatic Biodiversity as he is the only faculty in his department. He has been Head of the Department since last 7 years.

Submitted for kind approval/ratification by the Executive Council please.

Resolution 14.9:

Executive Council discussed and ratified the order no. HNBUG/Administration (Teaching)/2021/005 dated 3 Apr 2021 as stated in the above agenda.

Action: DR (Administration-Teaching)

Agenda Item No. 14.10:

To consider and approve office order no. HNBGU/Administration/2021/1902 dated 28 Sep 2021

Sh. Mayank Joshi, Laboratory Attendant has been promoted to the post of Laboratory Assistant vide office order no. HNBGU/Administration/2021/1902 dated 28 Sep 2021(**Annexure -11**).

Submitted for kind approval/ratification by the Executive Council please.

Resolution 14.10:

Executive Council discussed and ratified the order HNBGU/Administration/2021/1902 dated 28 Sep 2021.

Action: AR (Administration)

Agenda Item No. 14.11:

To consider the case of Nav Chetna college as per NCTE Letter No. NRC/NCTE/UR/69/355(Virtual) Meeting /2021/215356-62 dated 18th August 2021 regarding continuation of affiliation for BEd-session 2021-22.

In case of the Nav Chetna College the NCTE, North Regional committee vide its Letter No. NRC/NCTE/UR/69/355(Virtual) Meeting/2021/215356-62 dated 18th August 2021 has withdrawn its earlier order and communicated accordingly regarding continuation of affiliation for BEd-session 2021-22 (**Annexure-12, & 12A**).

Submitted for kind decision by the Executive Council please.



Resolution 14.11:

Executive Council discussed but did not approve the continuation of affiliation for BEd-session 2021-22 as stated in the above agenda.

Action: DR (Affiliation)

Agenda Item No. 14.12:

To consider the case of Govt. Law College, Gopeshwar, Chamoli for continuation of affiliation with the HNBGU

The University had issued letters that no new admissions will be taken for the session 2021-22 in the affiliated colleges. In that reference, the State Govt. vide Letter No. Degree-Plan/3225/2021-22 dated 04th Oct, 2021 received from Director Higher Education, Govt. of Uttarakhand along with the request of the Principal of Govt. Law College, Gopeshwar has requested that the affiliation with HNB Garhwal University may be continued as there is no Law faculty at Sridev Suman University where the new affiliation may be taken by the Govt. Law College, Gopeshwar, Chamoli **(Annexure -13)**.

Submitted for kind decision by the Executive Council please.

Resolution 14.12:

Executive Council deliberated on this issue and considering the letter of State Govt. as stated in the above agenda, approved continuation of affiliation of Govt. Law College, Gopeshwar till the period Law program is not started in Sridev Suman University and affiliation is not given by Sridev Suman University to Govt. Law College, Gopeshwar.

Action: DR (Affiliation)

Agenda Item No. 14.13:

To consider the office order no. HNBGU/Administration/2021/1921 dated 6 Oct 2021

In compliance with the order of Executive Council (Agenda no. 2 of EC held on 23 Sep 2021) in the case of Sh. Sudip Kumar, Daily Wager, Physical Education Department, an office order no. HNBGU/Administration/2021/1921 dated 6 Oct 2021 has been issued **(Annexure -14)**.

Submitted for kind approval/ratification by the Executive Council please.

Resolution 14.13:

Executive Council discussed and ratified the order no. HNBGU/Administration/2021/1921 dated 6 Oct 2021 as stated in the above agenda.

Action: AR (Administration)

Agenda Item No. 14.14

Any other agenda with the permission of the chair.

Prof. Dinesh Kumar Nauriyal, Hon'ble Member informed the council that Prof. Kusum Dobhal, Tehri Campus had approached him regarding releasing of her salary for the leave period that she spent in Canada during pandemic and same may be dealt with as per rules by the Administration.

Registrar informed the EC that Prof. Kusum Dobriyal was retired on superannuation and her leave period was settled by debiting leave from her due leave before superannuation and nothing is due to be paid to her for the leave period she spent in Canada during pandemic.

At last, Registrar conveyed his heartfelt thanks to all Hon'ble members.

Meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the chair.



(Dr. Ajay Kumar Khanduri)
Registrar
Secretary



(Prof. Annpurna Nautiyal)
Vice Chancellor
Chairperson