MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE 15TH REGULAR MEETING OF EXECUTIVE COUNCIL HELD ON 30 NOV 2021 AT 3.30PM IN ONLINE/OFFLINE - BLENDED MODE

15th meeting of the Executive Council was held on 30 Nov 2021 at 3.30PM through on-line/offline-blended mode. **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. 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)
Dr. Indira	Member (Senior Most Associate Professor)
Dr. B.P. Chamola	Member (Senior Most Assistant Professor)
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. 15.1 : To consider and approve the minutes of the Academic Council held on 30 Nov 2021. Academic Council has been requested to approve this agenda among others: -

The ninth convocation of the university for conferring of various Degrees is scheduled to be held on 1st December, 2021 in an online/offline (blended) mode. Shri Dharmendra Pradhan, Hon'ble Education Minister, Govt. of India shall be the Chief Guest and shall deliver Convocation address. The Chancellor Dr. Yogendra Narain, IAS (Retd) shall preside over at the Convocation of the University. General Bipin Rawat, Chief of Defence Staff, Ministry of Defence, Govt. of India (Guest of Honour) will deliver the special address on the occasion of convocation.

All P.G. Students (3659) of three campuses of the University who have studied and completed their degrees in Academic Session 2020-21, M.Phil (10) and scholars of PhD (147) who have completed their PhD program between 20 Nov 2020 to 20 Nov 2021 will be awarded Degrees. Course wise list for award of PhD, M.Phil and P.G. degrees who have registered for convocation, including list of Gold Medallist is placed at **Annexure – A, B and C.**

The minutes of Academic Council shall be read during the meeting itself as meeting of Academic Council is scheduled on 30 Nov 2021 at 3 PM.

Submitted for kind consideration and approval by Executive Council on all the minutes of the Academic Council held on 30 Nov 2021 at 3 PM please.

Resolution 15.1:

Executive Council discussed and approved the minutes of the Academic Council held on 30 Nov 2021 at 3 PM.

Agenda Item No. 15.2 : To consider the order of Hon'ble High Court of Uttarakhand at Nainital vide order dated 19th February 2020 passed in Writ No. 584/2019

The Hon'ble High Court of Uttarakhand at Nainital vide order dated 19th February 2020 passed in Writ No. 584/2019, was pleased to direct the University to decide the representation dated 15-03-2019 moved by Dr. S.C. Singh, formerly working as Director in the College Development Council. The Hon'ble Vice Chancellor was pleased to appoint Mr A.K. Saxena, Retd. Judge to deliberate and recommend upon the representation of Dr SC Singh.

The recommendations in form of report have been received by the University. The matter is taken up for final decision on the recommendations upon the representation dated 15-03-2019. (Copy of representation dated 15-03-2019 is attached herewith).

Submitted for kind consideration and orders by Executive Council please.

Resolution 15.2:

The report in the form of recommendations has been placed before the Executive Council. It is clear from record that Dr. S.C. Singh did not provide any services to the department of Geography, since he left for the C.D.C. The recommendations put forth by Mr A.K. Saxena, Retd. Judge were deliberated upon and it was resolved to approve the report submitted by him. It was also resolved that the copy of Report be made annexure to the minutes of the meeting. The council further directed Registrar/Secretary to communicate Dr. S.C. Singh with decision taken by the council.

Agenda Item No. 15.3 : To consider and decide about amending the statute and university act of HNBGU making provision for Student Union instead of Student Council.

The Central University Act, 2009 and Statues mandate that Student Council be constituted in the University. The matter was taken up to Hon'ble High Court of Uttarakhand in Writ No.132 of 2019; Amit Pandey vs HNBGU and Another. The Hon'ble High Court has held ".....The mere fact that the Statue of the University requires a student Council to be constituted does not necessitate an inference that the students are disabled from organization themselves as a union to ventilate their grievances before the university administration....."

There has been a continuous demand from the Student organizations that the University allows them to conduct elections for the student's union. Representations of Student organizations have been moved to conduct elections of students' union. The consistent agitation by student organizations has been creating impediments in the day to day functioning of the University. The matter is put forth before the Executive Council for an appropriate decision thereon.

Resolution 15.3:

Executive Council discussed the matter in detail and also took note of the prevailing situation, directions passed by Hon'ble High Court of Uttarakhand in the writ No.132 of 2019; Amit Pandey vs HNBGU and Another, and representations of students' organisations presented before the council. In the light of facts and circumstances, it was unanimously resolved to forward the representations of various students' organisations to the Ministry of Education, Govt. of India, with a request to consider them for necessary amendments in the Central University Act, 2009 regarding constitution of students union in the university campuses so that election for constitution of student union may be initiated from academic session 2022 onwards accordingly as per the direction of the Ministry of Education.

Agenda Item No. 15.4 : Any other agenda with the permission of the chair.

With the permission of the chair, Registrar proposed an agenda for appointment of Pro Vice Chancellor.

He stated the position of the Central University Act, 2009 wherein in the second schedule of Statute, the appointment of Pro Vice Chancellor has been given. **Clause no. 4(1) of the second schedule of Statute states that :-**

"The Pro Vice Chancellor shall be appointed by the Executive Council on the recommendation of the Vice Chancellor."

Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor also briefed the hon'ble members of Executive Council about the urgent need to have a Pro Vice-Chancellor so as to improve the functioning and focus of the university functionaries. At the end of her briefing, she forwarded the name of Prof. R.C. Bhatt, Department of Ancient Indian History, Culture and Archaeology for above position.

During the detailed discussion, two more names of Prof. S.K. Gupta and Prof. J.S. Chauhan cropped up. The Executive Council considered the candidatures of all the three professors of the university.

Resolution 15.4:

After due deliberation, Executive Council unanimously approved the candidature of Prof. R.C. Bhatt, Department of Ancient Indian History, Culture and Archaeology for the post of Pro Vice-Chancellor.

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

Meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the chair.

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(Dr. Ajay Kumar Khanduri)
Registrar
Secretary

1.12.2021

(Prof. Annpurna Nautiyal)
Vice Chancellor
Chairperson