# Minutes of 18<sup>TH</sup>REGULAR MEETING OF ACADEMIC COUNCIL (On-line Mode) DATE: 27<sup>th</sup> September 2022 | TIME: 11.00 AM

The 18<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Academic Council of the University was held on 27-09-2022 from 11:00 AM onwards in on-line mode. The meeting was chaired by Prof. Annpurna Nautiyal, Vice-Chancellor. The meeting was attended by other Hon'ble members including Pro Vice-Chancellor, Dean of Schools, Head of the Departments, Campus Directors, DSW, Proctor, Librarian and other internal members.

At the outset, the Chairperson welcomed all the distinguished members of the Academic Council. The Chairperson/Hon'ble Vice-chancellor appraised the Council about the recent academic activities undertaken by the University and various tasks of importance accomplished by various Committees constituted for the purpose. Hon'ble Vice-chancellor appreciated the efforts being made by the Chairperson and members of the Ordinance Committee, Convocation Committees Electricity Audit Committee in particular.

Afterwards, the Registrar/Secretary of the Academic Council presented the agenda items for discussion and approval of the Academic Council.

# Agenda Item No. 18.1:

Confirmation of Minutes of 17<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Academic Council held on 20.05.2022.

Minutes of the meeting were circulated to all members. Copy of the minutes of the 17<sup>th</sup> regular meeting of the AC held on 20 May 2022is placed at <u>Annexure-1</u>.

Submitted for confirmation by the Academic Council, please.

# Agenda Item No. 18.2:

To consider and approve Action Taken Report (ATR) of the resolutions of 17<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Academic Council held on 20.05.2022.

Action Taken Report on the resolutions passed by the Academic Council in its 17<sup>th</sup>meeting held on 20.05.2022 is placed at **Annexure-2**.

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

#### Resolution:

The Academic Council perused and confirmed the minutes of the 17<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Academic Council held on 20.05.2022.

Action: Academic Section

# Resolution:

The Academic Council discussed the Action Taken Report and approved the same with following observations-

1. ATR submitted for Agenda no. 17.7 was discussed in detail. HoD. Mathematics informed the Council that NTRO has communicated that there is no provision of executing MoU with other organizations; however, NTRO has provided NOC for cosupervising the research scholar Ms. Swati Suyal. The Council after detailed deliberations directed that the research scholar be allowed to pursue her Ph.D.

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however, HoD, Mathematics was also directed to explore the possibility of agreement/MoU with NTRO for academic exchange activities.

1. Chairperson AC/Vice-chancellor expressed concern for non-submission of ATRs by the concerned departments and directed that ATR must be submitted by the concerned departments in a time-bound manner so that same may be reported before the AC and EC for necessary information.

Action: All concerned Dean/HoD

# Agenda Item No. 18.3:

To consider and approve the recommendations of the Board of Studies of various Departments of the University.

After 17<sup>th</sup> AC meeting, following departments of the University have conducted meetings of Board of Studies (BoS) and minutes of the same are approved by the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor: -

1. Geology (05-04-2022)	2. Sanskrit (07-04-2022)	3. Mathematics (22/23- 04-2022)
4. Physics (29-04-2022)	5.Geology (10-05-2022)	6. Commerce (30,31-05- 2022)
7. Journalism & Mass Communication (04- 06-2022)	8. Modern European and Other Foreign Languages (07-06- 20)	9. Defence, Strategic and Geo-Political Studies (15-06-2022)
10. Hindi and Modern Indian Languages (28-06-2022)	11. Horticulture (12-07- 2022)	12. Yoga and Naturopathy (27-07- 2022)
13. Biochemistry (05- 08-2022)	14. Education (31-08- 2022)	15. Home Science (02- 09-2022)
16.Commerce (03-09- 2022)	17. Hindi and Modern Indian Languages (07-09-2022)	18. Mechanicals Engg. (09-09-2022)

Minutes of the above mentioned BoS meetings are placed at Annexure-3

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

# Agenda Item No. 18.4:

To consider the continuation/extension of MoU for Academic collaboration executed between Dimitrie Cantemir University, Targu Mures, Romania and Centre for Mountain Tourism & Hospitality Studies and Department of Business Management, HNBGU for a further period of five years (2022-27).

### Resolution:

The Academic Council ratified the approval and comments recorded by the Vice-chancellor in such recommendations of the Board of Studies presented before the Council under agenda no. 18.3.

Typographical error at Sr. no.-8 was also rectified as "English, Modern European and Other Foreign Languages (07-06-2022)"

It was also resolved that BoS meetings shall continue to be organized in on-line mode except in such cases where it is essential to invite external experts in off-line mode as per relevance of the agenda to be discussed after due approval of the competent Authority.

Action: All concerned Dean/HoD

# Resolution:

The Academic Council appreciated the efforts taken for such academic collaborations with other institutions of repute and approved the proposal.

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Action: Dean, SoM/Director, CMTHS

As proposed by the Director CMTHS/Dean, School of Management, Dimitrie Cantemir University, Targu Mures, Romania, had an academic collaboration with Centre for Mountain Tourism & Hospitality Studies and Department of Business Management of School of Management of HNBGU under EU Commission Erasmus+program to support actions in the fields of Education, Training Youth and Sport for the period 2014-20 which was further extended up to June, 2022 due to Covid-19. During that period four visits of faculties of Dimitrie Cantemir University to HNBGU, two visits of faculty of HNBGU and one visit of Students of HNBGU to Romania was executed successfully from the grant of EU Commission Erasmus+program. Now the Dimitrie Cantemir University, Targu Mures, Romania has informed that as per approval of the EU Commission for extension of collaboration, they are interested to further extend this collaboration under Erasmus+program with Centre for Mountain Tourism & Hospitality Studies and Department of Business Management of School of Management of HNBGU for the period 2022-2027. Copy of the letter received from Dimitrie Cantemir University, Targu Mures, Romania with MoU is placed at Annexure-4

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

### Agenda Item No. 18.5:

To re-consider decisions of the Academic Council taken in previous meetings dated 19-03-2021 and 17-02-2022 regarding provision of minimum 3 years' residency period for Research Degree Programme in compliance to order dated 30-06-2022 passed by the Hon'ble High Court of Uttarakhand at Nainital in Writ Petition (M/S) No. 1130 of 2022 (Ashutosh Raturi and others Vs Vice Chancellor and others)

In Writ Petition (M/S) No. 1130 of 2022 (Ashutosh Raturi and others Vs Vice Chancellor and others) the Hon'ble High Court of Uttarakhand at Nainital passed order dated 30-06-2022 with following concluding directions-

"13. Hence, in view of the above, the Writ Petition stands disposed of the direction that the petitioners would not avail the benefit of UGC fellowship and the respondents would not create any impediment in petitioners, pursuing the Ph.D courses in their respective disciplines in the light of the decision of their academic Council, as taken on 19<sup>th</sup> March, 2021 and 17<sup>th</sup> February, 2022"

(Annexure-5.1)

In compliance to above order passed by the Hon'ble Court, the

### Resolution:

The Academic Council ratified the decision taken by the University Administration in compliance to order dated 30-06-2022 passed by Hon'ble High Court of Uttarakhandin Writ Petition (M/S) No. 1130 of 2022 (Ashutosh Raturi and others Vs Vice Chancellor and others).

The issue of minimum 3 years' residency period was discussed extensively and it is resolved that as per provisions of the UGC Ph.D. Regulations adopted by the University and prevailing Ordinances, 3 years' residency period is essential for maintaining standards of the research work and disbursement of the fellowship,

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University issued officer orders regarding permission to complete research degree programme to the petitioners under intimation to respective Research Supervisor, HoD/Dean and other concerned.

# (Annexure-5.2)

Now, the University has again received similar representations from various other research scholars of Economics, Political Science, History and Tourism/CMTHS etc. for permitting them to complete their research work in similar lines.

## (Annexure-5.3)

As above, in the light of order dated 30-06-2022 passed by Hon'ble High Court of Uttarakhand and similar other representations received by the University, the decision regarding minimum residency period, sanction of leave during research programme and payment of fellowship to such scholars is to be considered by the Academic Council.

# (Annexure-5.4)

Submitted for kind consideration and decision by the Academic Council, please.

however, permission for any long leave beyond the existing provisions and payment of fellowship to the concerned scholars shall be decided after due scrutiny of such cases by the concerned BoS and School Boards. An affidavit with leave application shall also obtained from such applicants regarding completion ofminimum residency period within permissible time period prescribed for pursuing research degree programme. All such other cases reported before the Council in the light of order dated 30-06-2022 passed by Hon'ble High Court of Uttarakhand shall be resolved accordingly by the concerned BoS.

Action: All Dean/HoD

#### Agenda Item No. 18.6:

To consider the Regulations for UG & PG Paramedical programmes, UG & PG Nursing Programmes and Bachelor of Dental Surgery Programme.

A committee was constituted vide office order HNBGU/RO/2022/80 dated 11.03.2022 for framing the Regulations for following study programmes being offered by the affiliated institutions of the University –

- 1. Under Graduate Paramedical programmes
- 2. Post Graduate Paramedical programmes
- 3. Under Graduate (Basic B.Sc., Post Basic B.Sc.) Nursing programmes
- 4. Post Graduate Nursing Programme
- 5. Bachelor of Dental Surgery (BDS) programme

The Committee prepared and submitted Regulations for above mentioned programmes which are placed at **Annexure-6.** 

Submitted for kind consideration and approval of Regulations by the Academic Council, please.

# Agenda Item No. 18.7:

To consider maintaining the status quo for intake of seats in UG and PG programmes being offered by the University for the academic session 2022-23 as was prevailing in the previous academic session 2021-22.

#### Resolution:

The Academic Council appreciated the efforts of Dr. Vijay Dhasmana, Chancellor, Himalayan Hospital & Medical University, Jolly Grant/and Chairman of the committee in particular for framing the regulations. The Academic Council approved the Regulations for UG & PG Paramedical programmes, UG & PG Nursing Programmes and Bachelor of Dental Surgery Programme.

Action: CoE/Examination Section

# Resolution:

The Academic Council approved the resolution regarding maintaining status quo for intake of seats in UE and PG

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In view of UG curricular framework as per NEP-2020 and also after estimation of actual admission during the last 3 sessions in various subjects, the intake of seats for the academic session 2022-23 were reduced in some subjects of Schools of Sciences, Life Sciences and Arts, Communication & languages. Aggrieved by the reduction in seat intake, various student groups started agitation to maintain status quo. To address this issue, a meeting of all Deans, Campus Directors and Student representatives was convened by the Dean Students' Welfare and it was unanimously resolved by all the deans and directors to maintain status quo in the intake of seats in UG & PG programmes offered for academic session 2022-23 as in previous academic session 2021-22. It was also resolved that additional inter-disciplinary subjects will be offered as per availability of seats in particular subject at particular campus.

programmes being offered by the University for the academic session 2022-23 as was prevailing in the previous academic session 2021-22.

Action: All Dean/DSW/HoD

# (Annexure-7)

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

To consider and approve the guidelines for foreign students seeking admission to the various programmes offered by the University.

As proposed by the Coordinator FSO, to assist the International Students' Community in acquiring information about the registration, programmes offered, fee structure, eligibility, visa requirements, accommodation, health insurance and their overall welfare through a unique 'single window system', the University has established a Foreign Students' Office. The Coordinator of FSO has submitted the guidelines for functioning of the Foreign Students' Office in the University. The copy of guidelines is placed at Annexure 8.

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

# Resolution:

The Academic Council approved guidelines for foreign students seeking admission to the various programmes offered by the University.

Action: Coordinator, FSO

# Agenda Item No. 18.9:

Agenda Item No. 18.8:

To consider introduction of Value Added Compulsory Courses by the University.

As proposed by the Convener NEP 2020 syllabus framing committee, syllabus of some value added and skill based courses have been prepared by the various committees of the University and accordingly following value added courses are to be included in semester 1-4 after the approval of the academic council-

- 1. Understanding and connecting with Environment (UG 1st Semester) - 2 Credits
- 2. Life Skills and Personality Development (UG-2<sup>nd</sup> Semester) -

# Resolution:

The Academic Council approved the value added compulsory courses with syllabus presented under agenda no. -18.9.

Further as proposed by the HoD, Forestry and Rural Technology for inclusion of few other value added courses the Council resolved that same may

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2 Credits

3. Indian Knowledge System (UG 3<sup>rd</sup> / 4<sup>th</sup> Semester) – 2 Credits

 Additional Multidisciplinary Skill Courses (UG 3<sup>rd</sup> / 4<sup>th</sup> Semester) – 2 Credits

i. ADMSC-1: Nursery Training Course

ii. ADMSC-2: Basic Yoga Practices

iii. ADMSC-3: Physical Education/Sports Management

iv. ADMSC-4: Folk and Culture

v. ADMSC-5: Indian Traditional Music

vi. ADMSC-6: Tour and Travel Operator

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

considered as per the availability of desired faculty and other infrastructure in concerned departments.

Action: All concerned Dean/DSW/HoD /Convener, NEP

# Agenda Item No. 18.10:

To consider the criterion for promotion of teachers under Career Advancement Scheme (CAS) in the Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences.

As proposed by the Administration (Teaching) Section, subsequent to the appointment of teachers of Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences as per the order of Hon'ble Supreme Court and approval/direction of Finance Committee, Executive Council, UGC and MoE, in view of the representations of such teachers the matter regarding promotion under CAS was referred to the UGC and PCI for clarification by the university vide its letter No. HNBGU/ADMIN(T)/2022/214 and HNBGU/ADMIN(T)/2022/215 dated 24.06.2022.

# Annexure-10 (A), (B)

A clarification has been received from the Registrar-cum-Secretary, PCI through email dated 12.08.2022 (Annexure-10.2) and circular No. 14-163/2021-PCI-12730 dated 08.08.2022 (Annexure-10.3) of PCI informing that for designation, appointment, promotion etc of teachers of pharmacy institutions the following criterion shall be followed-

 UGC (Minimum Qualifications for Appointment of Teachers and other Academic Staff in Universities and Colleges and Measures for the Maintenance of Standards in Higher Education) Regulations, 2010 and various amendments there to from time to time.

Accordingly, all such teachers who have applied for promotion was intimated vide letter no. HNBGU/Admin(T)/2022/482 dated 01.09.2022 (Annexure-10.4) to submit APIs for consideration for promotion under CAS as per UGC regulations.

The matter is submitted before the committee for consideration/reporting please.

# Resolution:

The Academic Council perused the matter and resolved that a reminder to the UGC to be sent to obtain clarification in the subject matter.

Academic Council also resolved to authorise the Vice-chancellor to constitute a Committee including external subject experts for necessary recommendations on the subject matter.

Action: DR (Admin-Teaching)

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# Agenda Item No. 18.11:

To consider the recommendations of the Committee constituted as per directions of the Academic Council in its 16<sup>th</sup> meeting dated 17-02-2022 under Agenda Item No.-16.6 regarding approval of the minutes of BoS dated 17-01-2022 of Centre for Mountain Tourism & Hospitality Studies.

As per the directions of the Academic council in its 16th meeting dated 17-02-2022 under Agenda no 16.6 a committee was constituted vide Office Order No.- HNBGU/Academic/2022/771, dated 28-02-2022 to look into the note of dissent recorded by Dr. Rakesh Dhodi, Associate Professor on the agenda no-3 of BoS of CMTHS held on 17-01-2022. As per the recommendations of the committee a letter was sent to the UGC and AICTE to seek further clarification regarding qualification for recruitment on faculty posts for BHM Programme. A clarification letter dated 25-08-2022 from the UGC and letter dated 10-08-2022 from the AICTE has been received by the University. Now in the light of recommendations of the committee and subsequent clarifications received from the UGC and AICTE minutes of the BoS dated 17-01-2022 of CMTHS is to be considered for approval by the Academic Council.

# (Annexure-11)

Submitted for kind consideration and decision of the Academic Council, please.

# Agenda Item No. 18.12:

To consider the case of Mr. Pradeep Khanna regarding certified copy of LLB 6<sup>th</sup> Semester Mark sheet- 1980.

The Examination Section has received an application from Mr. Pradeep Khanna for providing duplicate certified copy of mark sheet for LLB 6<sup>th</sup> Semester. Examination Section was unable to provide the same in absence of records in the section. A committee was constituted to look into the matter and as per recommendations of the committee subject matter is to be placed for decision of the Academic Council.

# Annexure- 12

Submitted for kind consideration and decision of the Academic Council, please.

# Agenda Item No. 18.13:

To adopt the UGC Guidelines for Pursuing Two Academic Programmes Simultaneously-2022.

The "UGC Guidelines for Pursuing Two Academic Programmes Simultaneously-2022" has been circulated by the UGC vide D.O.No.1-6/2007 (CPP-II) dated 13 April, 2022 for implementation by the Universities. Accordingly, these guidelines are proposed to be adopted and implemented by the University.

# Annexure- 13

## Resolution:

The Academic Council perused the recommendations of the committee constituted as per earlier directions of the AC and clarifications received from the UGC & AICTE in this regard. The Council resolved that the BoS and School Board shall re-examine the subject agenda in the light of all facts/ documents/ prevailing rules and regulations with legal aspects and provide clear recommendations for further decision of the Academic Council.

Action: Dean, SoM/Director, CMTHS

#### Resolution:

The Academic Council perused the recommendation of the Committee and resolved that matter should be referred back to the committee for reexamination of the case in the light of complete facts and clear recommendations thereupon.

Action: CoE/Examination Section

# **Resolution:**

The Academic Council approved adoption of the "UGC Guidelines for Pursuing Two Academic Programmes Simultaneously-2022".

Action: All concerned Dean/HoD/DSW

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

# Agenda Item No. 18.14:

To consider relaxation in the essential eligibility conditions for the admission process for the candidates who have appeared in the CUET Entrance Examination-2022 but did not choose the correct combination of subjects.

As proposed by the Dean Students' Welfare, some of the candidates have not filled in the correct combination of subjects while filling their choices on the NTA website, during the application form filling process, hence, they are unable to choose a course programme at the University and as such many of the seats in different courses of the University may remain vacant. In view of this, it is proposed to relax the essential eligibility conditions for the admission process for the candidates who have appeared in the CUET entrance examination but did not choose the correct combination of subjects.

Annexure-14

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# Agenda Item No. 18.15:

To consider matter of continuity of research work with change of research supervisor and transfer from campus to affiliated college in the Department of History including Ancient Indian History, Culture and Archaeology.

As proposed by the HoD, Department of History including Ancient Indian History, Culture and Archaeology, a research scholar namely Mr. Sandeep enrolled in research degree programme session 2020 under supervision of Prof. R.C. Bhatt at Srinagar campus was absent from the department during March-August, 2022 and now requested for permission for continuing the research work with change of research supervisor and transfer from campus to affiliated college D.A.V. (PG) College, Dehradun. As per directions received on the note sheet, subject matter is to be placed before the Academic Council for decision.

Annexure- 15

Submitted for kind consideration and decision of the Academic Council, please.

# Agenda Item No. 18.16:

To consider recommendations made by the BoS and School Boards of the departments/ schools pertaining to policy matters and other matters of importance as a separate agenda item for consideration of the Academic Council.

It is observed that minutes of the BoS and School Boards of the departments/schools including recommendations on important

#### Resolution:

The Academic Council perused the matter and approved the proposal in the interest of students' who have appeared in the CUET entrance examination-2022 but did not choose the correct combination of subjects due to various inadvertent reasons.

Action: All concerned Dean/HoD/DSW

### Resolution:

The Academic Council perused the matter and resolved that such matters need to be discussed and resolved by the concerned Board of Study in the light of order dated 30-06-2022 passed Court of Hon'ble High Writ Uttarakhandin Petition 1130 of (M/S)No. 2022 (Ashutosh Raturi and others Vs Vice Chancellor and others).

Action: All Dean/HoD

# Resolution:

Academic Council approved the proposal for presenting matter of importance separately for consideration of the Academic Council.

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policy matters with other routine matters are being placed before the Academic Council for approval collectively as single agenda item and discussions on the same could not take place extensively. Therefore, it is proposed to issue directions to the all the departments/schools to propose agenda items for such matter of importance separately for consideration of the Academic Council.

Submitted for kind consideration and decision of the Academic Council, please.

# Action: All Dean/HoD

# Agenda Item No. 18.17:

# To consider the issue of note of dissent recorded in the minutes of BoS and School Boards of the University.

It is observed that sometimes minutes of the BoS and School Boards with note of dissent recorded are being sent for further processing of such minutes without any clear/final observations of the concerned BoS/School Boards. In such conditions, unnecessary delays in processing/implementation of the recommendations made by BoS/School Boards hamper the functioning of concerned departments/schools. Therefore, subject matter is proposed to be decided by the Academic Council.

Submitted for kind consideration and decision of the Academic Council, please.

#### Resolution:

The Academic Council perused the matter and resolved that in case of note of dissent expressed by any member(s) on any agenda issue put up before the BoS, School Board or any other competent council, decision shall be considered if passed by majority in conformity with relevant rules and regulations and supported by recommendations. Minutes of the meeting shall be recorded accordingly and forwarded to competent authority for further approval/ratification.

Action: All Dean/HoD

# Agenda Item No. 18.18:

# To consider minimum attendance/period of absence/sanction of leave during Pre.Ph.D. course work.

It is observed that many departments of the University are forwarding matters pertaining to minimum attendance/period of absence/sanction of leave during Pre. Ph.D. course work of the students enrolled for Ph.D. programme. At present, there is no clear provision for minimum attendance /sanction of leave during Pre. Ph.D. course work under prevailing Ph.D. ordinances, however, previous Ph.D. ordinances 2012 was having provision for minimum attendance and relaxation during Pre. Ph.D. course work. As new Ph.D. Ordinances are under process therefore, subject matter is proposed to be decided by the Academic Council.

Submitted for kind consideration and decision of the Academic Council, please.

Agenda Item No. 18.19:

# Resolution:

The Academic Council perused the matter and resolved that matters pertaining to minimum attendance/period of absence/sanction of leave during Pre. Ph.D. course work of the students enrolled for Ph.D. programme is to be examined and resolved by the concerned Board of Study as per procedure.

Action: All Dean/HoD

Resolution:

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# To consider proposal submitted by HoD, Department of Zoology.

The HoD, Department of Zoology has submitted following points for consideration of the Academic Council-

- Provision of separate merit list for Ph.D. admissions (without fellowship) in affiliated colleges.
- Directions on evaluation pattern in accordance with NEP framework.
- 3. Panel for conduct of end term practical examinations in the campuses of the University.
- Exemption to the candidates holding research fellowships from the national bodies like DST-Inspire in Ph.D. programmes.

Proposal submitted by the HoD, Deptt. of Zoology is place at Annexure-16.

Submitted for kind consideration and decision of the Academic Council, please.

Academic Council observed that HoD, Department of Zoology/ member AC was not present in the meeting for discussion on issues proposed, therefore, agenda proposal is deferred.

Action: HoD, Deptt. of Zoology

# Any other items with the permission of the chair

School Sciences Dean, proposed that at present research thesis evaluation report proforma being used by the University need to be revised and modified. The Academic Council resolved that Dean, School of Sciences shall develop modified proforma in consultation with other Dean of Schools of the University and submit the same for consideration of the Council.

Action: Dean, SoS

The meeting ended with thanks to the Chair.

Registrar 016/10/ Secretary (Ex-officio)

Prof. (Annpurna Nautiyal)

Vice-Chancellor/Chairperson