Minutes of the 28th Meeting of the Executive Council January 25, 2024 (Thursday)



HEMVATI NANDAN BAHUGUNA GARHWAL UNIVERSITY (A Central University)



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The 28th Meeting of the Executive Council of Hemvati Nandan Bahuguna Garhwal University, Srinagar Garhwal, is convened in Online mode on Thursday, January 25, 2024, from 03:00 PM onwards to deliberate on the agenda circulated earlier and to take decisions on the agenda items.

The following members were present: -

Prof. Annpurna Nautiyal, Vice-Chancellor - Chairperson Prof. R.C. Bhatt, Pro Vice-Chancellor - Member

Prof. Rama Shanker Dubey - Member (Visitor's Nominee)

Prof. Manu Pratap Singh, DBRAU, Agra - Member (Visitor's Nominee)

Prof. Shivani Sharma, Punjab University, Chandigarh - Member (Visitor's Nominee)

Prof. Manu Kataria - Member (Visitor's Nominee)

Sh. Praveer Saxena, US (CU-V), MoE, GoI - Member (Nominee of Secretary

Higher Education, MoE, GoI)

Prof. M.P. Thapliyal - Member (Dean) Prof. Rama Maikhuri - Member (Dean) Prof. Himanshu Bourai - Member (Dean)

Dr. Gautam Veer, Principal, BSM College, Roorkee - Member (Senior Most Principal)

- Member (Professor) Prof. M.M.S. Rauthan

Dr. Indira Singh - Member (Associate Professor) Dr. Lalatendu Mohanty - Member (Assistant Professor)

- Secretary (Ex-Officio) Dr. Dhiraj Sharma, Registrar

At the outset, the Chairperson welcomed all the distinguished members of the Executive Council and expressed gratitude to the Hon'ble members of the EC for sparing their valuable time for participation in the meeting. Chairperson welcomed and introduced newly appointed Visitor's Nominees Prof. Rama Shanker Dubey and Prof. Manu Kataria on the Executive Council of the University.

Thereafter, the Registrar/Secretary of the Executive Council apprised the Council with the comments received from the Bureau, Department of Higher Education, MoE vide F.No. 53-6/2023-CU-V, dated 24-01-2024 on agenda items of the 28th meeting, and thereafter agenda items were taken up for consideration by the Executive Council.

Agenda No.28.1	Confirmation of the Minutes of the 27th Meeting of the Executive Council dated 28-12-2023.
	Draft minutes of the 27th Meeting of the Executive Council held on December 28, 2023, were circulated to all the members through email inviting suggestions/comments on the recording of the minutes and after the incorporation of suggestions/comments received, final minutes are issued.
	The Minutes are placed before the Executive Council for confirmation.
	Annexure-1
	Resolution:
	Minutes of the 27 th Meeting of the Executive Council held on December 28, 2023, are Confirmed by the Council.
	Action: DR (Meeting Cell)





Agenda No.28.2

To report the Action Taken Report (ATR) on the resolutions taken by the Executive Council in its 27th Meetings dated December 28, 2023.

Action Taken Report on the resolutions passed by the Executive Council in its 27th Meeting dated 28-12-2023 is submitted for reporting of the Executive Council.

Annexure-2

Resolution:

ATR of the 27th meeting of the Executive Council has been noted by the council.

Action: DR (Academic)/(Adm.)

Agenda No.28.3

To consider and approve the minutes of the 21st Meeting of the Academic Council dated 23-01-2024.

The 21st Meeting of the Academic Council is scheduled on 23-01-2024. The minutes of the AC Meeting shall be placed after commencement of the meeting for kind consideration and approval by the Executive Council.

Annexure-3

Resolution:

The Minutes of the 21st meeting of the Academic Council are approved by the Executive Council.

Action: DR (Academic)

Agenda No.28.4

To Consider recommendation(s) of the Selection Committee(s) for Appointment on the Teaching posts.

In continuation with the recruitment process being carried out by the university under mission mode recruitment, interviews have been conducted on vacant teaching posts as per the following details –

S.N.	Advt. No	Subject/ Department	Posts	Details of Post	Date of Interview	
1.			Associate	ODC 01	8 th Jan. 2024	
2.	HNBGU/Rec ruitment(T)/ 2023/1280 Dated 25-01- 2023		Professor	OBC-01		
3.		Education	Assistant Professor	UR-03	8 th – 9 th Jan. 2024	
4.				SC-05	9 th ,10 th &11 th Jan. 2024	
5.				ST-01	12 th Jan. 2024	
6.				OBC-04	12 th - 13 th Jan. 2024	
7.				EWS-02	15 th Jan. 2024	
	To	otal Post			16	

The Sealed envelopes of recommendations of the Selection Committee(s) are placed before the Council (on the table) for consideration and approval.

Submitted for kind consideration and approval of the Executive Council.

Annexure -3 (To be placed on table)

Resolution:

The Executive Council directed the Registrar/Member Secretary to open the sealed envelopes containing the recommendations of the selection committee(s).

The recommendations of the selection committee(s) are as follows:

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S.N.	Subject/Depa rtment	Post	Category	Name of Selected Candidate	Waiting List
1		Associate Professor	ОВС	NFS (None Found Suitable)	- -
2			UR I	Puneet Walia (AGR 25129)	1. Naved Hassan Khan
3			UR 2	Siddharth Lohani (AGR 20655)	(AGR21602) 2. Shamsher Alam (AGR 26344 3. Jijo Varghese (AGR 26874)
4			UR 3	Shankar Singh (AGR 26525)	
5			SC 1	Dr. Sapna Sen (AGR 20359)	
6		eation Assistant Professor	SC 2	Suman Lata Tiruwa (AGR 25911)	1. Akhilesh Kumar Gautam (AGR 24580) 2. Arvind Kumar (AGR 24852 3. Rajesh Kumar (AGR 20529)
7			SC 3	Deivam M (AGR 20298)	
8	Education		SC 4	Dr. Praveen Kumar (AGR 22773)	
9			SC 5	Prasenjit Roy (AGR 22693)	
10			ST	Ujjala Singh (AGR 21504)	1. Hem Raj (AGR 20429) 2. Anjana Bisht (AGR 25173)
11			OBC 1	Nagendra Kumar Yadav (AGR 22945)	1. Sushil Kumar (AGR 25313 2. Sahcen Pravcen (AGR 218 3. Virendra Singh Chaudhary (AGR 22638)
12			OBC 2	Dr. Anu Rahi (AGR 26039)	
13			OBC 3	Manoj Prasad Nautiyal (AGR 26851)	
14			OBC 4	Suman Lata (AGR 20736)	
15			EWS 1	Dr. Amarjeet Singh (AGR 22110)	1. Deewan Singh Rana (AGR 26338)
16			EWS 2	Neeraj Joshi (AGR 26835)	2. Dr. Poonam Srivastava (AGR 21773)

The Executive Council considered the recommendations and unanimously approved the recommendations of the selection committee(s).

Action: DR (Adm.)

Agenda No.28.5

To Report the Sanctioned Study Leave of Teaching Faculty

The following teaching faculty has been sanctioned Study Leave to pursue higher education (Ph.D.) as per the provision of UGC Regulation 2018-

S.N.	Name, Designation & Department	Office Order No.	Type of Leave	Period	Duration
1.	Mr. Vijay Prakash Bijalwan, Assistant Professor, Department of Computer Science and Engineering.	in(T)/2023/30	Study Leave	01.01.2024 to 31.12.2025	Two Years

The matter is placed before the Executive Council for reporting and approval. Annexure-5

Annexure-5

Resolution:

The Executive Council noted and ratified the study leave sanctioned to Mr. Vijay Prakash Bijalwan, Assistant Professor, Department of Computer Science and Engineering.

Action: DR (Adm.)

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Agenda No.28.6

To Report the Empanelment of Adjunct Faculty

As per the UGC Guidelines for Empanelment of Adjunct Faculty in Universities and Colleges following Adjunct Faculty has been appointed in the Department of Music:

Sr. No.	Name	Department	Period
1.	Dr. Asha Pande	Music	One years from the date of Joining

The matter is placed before the Executive Council for reporting and approval.

Annexure-6

Resolution:

The Executive Council noted and ratified the appointment of Dr. Asha Pande as Adjunct Faculty in the Department of Music.

Action: DR (Adm.)

Agenda No.28.7

To report extension of joining time to Dr. Anil D Shukla, on appointment as Associate Professor in the Department of Geology.

To report extension of joining time to Dr. Anil D Shukla, on appointment as Associate Professor in the Department of Geology. On the basis of request from Dr. Anil D Shukla, two month extension for joining up to 10-03-2024 has been permitted to Dr. Shukla as per the approval of Hon'ble Vice chancellor vide letter no HNBGU/Admin(T)/2023/3007 Dated 30-12-2023.

The matter is placed before the Executive Council for reporting and approval.

Annexure-7

Resolution:

The Executive Council noted and ratified the extension of joining time granted to Dr. Anil D Shukla for the post of Associate Professor in Department of Geology.

Action: DR (Adm.)

Agenda No.28.8

To report the reliving of the faculty members consequent to direct recruitment on higher faculty posts in HNBGU

Consequent upon appointment under direct recruitment on higher position in HNBGU following members have been relived on technical resignation with lien to join the new posts per detail below.

S.	Name, Designation &	Office Order No.	Appointed	Lien Period
N.	Department			
1	Dr. Mahendra Babu Kuruva,	HNBGU/Admin(T)/202	Professor	30.12.2023
	Assistant Professor, Department of	4/3083		to
	Business Management.	Dated 10-01-2024		29.12.2024
2-	Dr. Surendra Kumar, Assistant	HNBGU/Admin(T)/202	Associate	30.12.2023
	Professor, Department of Business	4/3082	Professor	to
	Management.	Dated 10-01-2024		29.12.2024

The matter is submitted for approval and report.

Annexure-8

Resolution:

The Executive Council noted and ratified the reliving granted to faculty members mentioned in the agenda.

Action: DR (Adm.)



Agenda No.28.9

To consider further action on the resolution passed by the Executive Council in its 25th meeting dated 04-11-23 under Table Agenda No. 25.13 for continuation of services of the Pro-Vice-chancellor on lien basis.

The Executive Council in its 25th meeting dated 04-11-23 under Table Agenda No. 25.13 considered the matter regarding taking services of the present Pro Vice-Chancellor Prof. R.C. Bhatt appointed by the Executive Council on the post of Pro Vice-Chancellor on lien basis from his parent post of Professor of the Department of History and Archaeology, H.N.B. Garhwal University. At present, Prof. Bhatt is dispensing additional duties as Pro Vice-Chancellor in addition to his duties on parental post of the Professor in the Department of History and Archaeology.

The Executive Council resolved to seek comments of the UGC before proceeding further in the matter as per comments of the Ministry of Education communicated vide F.No. 53-6/2023-CU-V, dated 06-12-2023. (Annexure – 9.1)

The University has received the comments of the UGC vide letter noNo.F.52-13/2021(CU) C-105017 Dated 05-01-2024 whereby the UGC informed that "lien on the post of Professor can be upto the date of superannuation of this post only. However, in order to address any anomaly in the Central University Act, the University may take up the matter with the Ministry of Education." (Annexure – 9.2)

The matter is placed before the Executive Council for further consideration and directions.

Resolution:

The Executive Council is apprised with the following comments received from the MoE vide F.No. 53-6/2023-CU-V, dated 24-01-2024 on subject agenda -

The agenda 25.13 for continuation of services of the Pro-Vice-chancellor on lien basis had been received. We had asked the University to seek comments of UGC. Further University had incorporating the comments of UGC which are as follows. lien on the post of Professor can be upto the date superannuation of this post only. However, in order to address any anomaly in the Central University Act, the University may take up the matter with the Ministry of Education."

It appear that the main issue under consideration is to enhance the retirement age of Pro-VC to 70 years from 65 years and his term of appointment to 5 years from 3 years. Some Central Universities like AMU, BBAU etc provide for 5 years tenure of Pro VC. which, in turn, may have the effect of enhancing the age of retirement to Pro-VC upto 70 years. Hence we may have no objection to the proposal. However, UGC's comments may be kept in view in regard to lien.

The Executive Council deliberated on the matter in the light of comments received from the UGC & MoE and unanimously resolved that the services of Prof. R.C. Bhatt may be taken on the post of Pro-VC after the day of superannuation from his parental post of the Professor on the basis of Pay-minus-Pension subject to other provisions of the University Act/Statutes/relevant Ordinances.

Action: DR (Adm.)

Agenda No.28.10

Regarding imposing minor penalty against Dr. D.S. Bagri.

The Executive Council in its 22^{nd} regular meeting held on 30.05.2023 vide agenda number 22.17, directed the university for imposing minor penalty on Dr. D.S. Bagri.

However, it is brought to the notice of the university that Lucknow Bench of Hon'ble High Court of judicature at Allahabad, passed an order on 14.02.2013 in case no 37398 of 2012, that exonerated Dr D.S. Bagri from all the charges. Therefore, the direction of the Executive Council is sought if the minor penalty should still be imposed in light of the judgment cited above.



The matter is placed before the Executive Council for consideration and directions.

Annexure-10

Resolution:

The Executive Council is apprised with the following comments received from the MoE vide F.No. 53-6/2023-CU-V, dated 24-01-2024 on subject agenda-

"No penalty needs to be imposed as the Court has quashed the proceedings."

In the light of above mentioned comments of the MoE, the Executive Council unanimously resolved to revoke the directions passed by the EC in its 22nd regular meeting held on 30.05.2023 vide agenda number 22 for imposing a minor penalty on Dr. D.S. Bagri.

Action: CVO/DR(Adm.)

Agenda No.28.11

Regarding Tenure appointment in Department of Naturopath & Yoga.

The UGC has sanctioned 1 post of Professor, 1 post of Associate Professor, 2 posts of Asstt. Professors and 5 posts of Adjunct Faculty (Yoga Teacher/Therapist/Instructor) for 1st year vide its letter No. F.NO.6-4/2016(CU) dated 28 Feb, 2017 along with sanction of additional funds under salary/recurring /non-recurring heads for 5 years. (Annexure-1)

As per the approval of the competent authority, the university had advertised the above positions on "Tenure Basis" vide HNBGU/Rect(T)/2019/02 dated 22.08.2019. Against this advertisement, as per the recommendation of selection committee and approval of the Executive Council following faculty members have been appointed on Tenure Basis-

Dr. Anuja Rawat, Associate Professor (UR) (Academic Pay Level- 13A of UGC)

Dr. Rajni Nautiyal, Assistant Professor (UR) (Academic Pay Level- 10 of UGC)

Dr. Kiran Verma, Assistant Professor (SC) (Academic Pay Level- 10 of UGC)

Accordingly, the above faculty members have accepted the offer of appointment and joined the university on tenure posts.

The following faculty members (Assistant Professor) have been requesting for five non-compounded advance increment for possessing Ph.D. degree as per UGC Regulation.

Sl. No.	Assistant Professor (on tenure basis)	Subject (Ph.D.)
1	Dr. Rajni Nautiyal	Philosophy
2	Dr. Kiran Verma	Yoga

As per the suggestion of higher officials, the matter regarding admissibility of advance increment to the above faculty members is placed before the Executive Council for consideration and directions.

Annexure-11

Resolution:

The Executive Council is apprised with the following comments received from the MoE vide F.No. 53-6/2023-CU-V, dated 24-01-2024 on subject agenda-

"In this matter comments of UGC may be taken. It may be noted that one candidate. namely Ms. Rajni Nautiyal has obtained Ph.D. in Philosophy, not in yoga Naturopathy."

Regarding above mentioned observations of the MoE, the Member Secretary/ Registrar further apprised the Council that the UGC vide F.No.6-4/2016(CU) dated 28-02-2017 sanctioned 09 teaching positions (04 Regular Posts + 05 Adjunct Faculty) with additional funds approved for 05 years. Accordingly, 04 regular posts were advertised for recruitment as teaching post on tenure basis with other regular vacant posts of the University in the year 2019. Appointment on these posts of the Department of Naturopath & Yoga was done as per provisions of the UGC Regulations 2018 and with due approval of the Executive Council of the University, therefore the eligibility of the candidate namely Ms. Rajni Nautiyal for the subject post of Assistant Professor is as per the provisions of the UGC Regulations 2018. The proposal earlier sent to the UGC and now placed before the EC is for consideration of converting these tenure posts into the regularly sanctioned posts as the selection precess on these posts was exactly as per the UGC Regulations which have been applied for filling up all similar regular teaching positions.



The Executive Council after extensive discussion on all the aspects is of the opinion that as the subject faculties are appointed according to prescribed procedure of selection as per UGC regulations on regular UGC pay scales approved for the corresponding teaching posts, therefore, these faculties also need to be extended the same benefits of the increments as per rules, however, the University administration shall seek ratification of the same from the UGC.

Action: DR(Adm.)

Agenda No.28.12

To consider the proposal for creation of additional teaching and non-teaching posts submitted to UGC/MoE.

As per the direction of UGC, the University has submitted a proposal for creation of additional teaching and non-teaching posts (Teaching-320, Non-Teaching- 235) along with justification and financial implication as mandated by UGC vide university letter no. HNBGU/RO/2023/261 dated 15.12.2023. An online presentation was also made by Hon'ble Vice Chancellor before the UGC Expert Committee on 16.01.2024 in this regard.

The proposal submitted to the UGC and presented before UGC Expert Committee is reported for approval of the Executive Council please.

Annexure-12

Resolution:

The Executive Council approved the proposal with directions to follow up the clearance of the proposal with the UGC and MoE.

Action: DR(Adm.)

Agenda No.28.13

To consider extension of Extra Ordinary Leave (EOL) to Professor Surekha Dangwal, Professor, Department of English, Modern European and Other Foreign Languages currently serving as Vice Chancellor, Doon University, Dehradun.

Prof. Surekha Dangwal, Department of English, Modern European and Other Foreign Languages of this university was relived on EOL (for 3 years w.e.f. 19.01.2021 to 18.01.2024) to join as Vice Chancellor, Doon University, Dehradun vide university O/o no. HNBGU/Prasashan(T)/2021/1009 dated 18.01.2021. In view of extension of term as Vice Chancellor in Doon University, Dehradun, Prof. Surekha Dangwal has requested for an extension of Extra Ordinary Leave for another six month or till the appointment of next vice chancellor in Doon University on regular basis.

Annexure-13

The matter is submitted before the council for consideration and approval.

Resolution:

The Executive Council approved the proposed extension of EoL to Prof. Surekha Dangwal, Department of English, Modern European and Other Foreign Languages.

Action: DR(Adm.)

Agenda No.28.14

To consider the Action Taken on the resolution passed by the Executive Council in its 26th meeting under Agenda Item No. 26.7.

The Executive Council in its 26th meeting under Agenda Item No. 26.7 directed the Registrar HNBGU to examine and consider the representation of the petitioner as per orders passed by the Hon'ble High Court of Uttarakhand and obtain the approval of the Executive Council by circulation. Accordingly, the Registrar vide email dated 16-01-2024 circulated the report made in the subject matter to the Hon'ble members of the Executive Council for further consideration. Copy of email circulation with report of the Registrar is annexed at Annexure 14.

The matter is placed before the Executive Council for consideration and direction.

Resolution:

The Executive Council approved the report of the Registrar on the subject matter and directed to proceed with further action as per orders passed by the Hon'ble High Court of Uttarakhand.

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	Action: Registrar/DR(Adm.)
Agenda No.28.15	To consider the draft of Cadre Recruitment Rules for such Non-Teaching posts which are not covered by existing approved Cadre Recruitment Rules of the University.
	A committee was constituted for drafting Cadre Recruitment Rules for such Non-Teaching posts which are not covered by existing approved Cadre Recruitment Rules of the University. Accordingly, the committee submitted the draft of CRR for the Non-Teaching post of Centre for Folk Performing Arts and Culture, Guest House and Museum Cadre. Draft of CRR was circulated to the Hon'ble members of the Executive Council vide email dated 04-01-2024 for consideration and approval. Copy of email circulation with draft CRR is annexed at Annexure-15 .
	The matter is placed before the Executive Council for consideration and approval.
	Resolution:
	The Executive Council after extensive discussion on draft of proposed additional Cadre Recruitment Rules for Non-Teaching posts resolved as follows-
	 Draft recruitment rules proposed for the sanctioned posts of the Centre for Folk Performing Arts and Culture are approved, further, considering the unavailability of any regular Faculty/Non-Faculty in the Centre, in the interest of the students, the University administration may proceed with the recruitment process on subject posts as per the CRR approved hereby the Executive Council and as per provisions of the Central University Act 2009 and Statutes. Draft recruitment rules proposed for the Guest House and Museum Cadre may be redrafted considering the appropriate age limit for application and in conformity with the UGC model guidelines. Recommendations made by the committee for the posts of USIC Cadre are not accepted and the University administration shall follow the observations of the UGC in this regard. Action: DR(Adm.)

The meeting ended with thanks to the Chair.

Registrar/ Secretary (Ex-Officio)

Vice-Chancellor/Chairperson