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Minutes of the 22nd Meeting of the Academic Council

22nd meeting of the Academic Council was held on 9th June 2016 in the Conference Hall of the University at 11:00AM. Prof. V. K. Jain, Vice Chancellor presided over the meeting. Following members were present in the meeting:

1. Prof. S. P. Singh, former Vice Chancellor, H.N.B. Garhwal University
2. Prof. H.S. Dhama, Vice Chancellor, Kumaon University
3. Prof. D. R. Purohit, Professor, Dept. of English, HNB Garhwal Central University
4. Prof. Kusum Arunachalam, Professor and Head, SENR
5. Dr. Rajesh Kumar, Associate Professor and I/c Head, SoC
6. Mr. Sanjay Bhatnagar, & I/c Head, School of Design
7. Dr Manoj Bhatt, I/c Head, Dept. of Economics, SoSS
8. Ms Tanvi Negi, Assistant Professor & I/c Deptt. of Chinese Studies, SoL
9. Ms Mala Sikha, Assistant Professor & I/c Deptt. of Spanish Studies, SoL
10. Mr. Chandrika Kumar, Assistant Professor & I/c Deptt of German Studies, SoL
11. Ms. Deepika Bhatia, Assistant Professor & I/c Deptt of Japanese Studies, SoL
12. Dr. Arun Kumar, Assistant Professor & I/c Head, Department of Chemistry, SoPS
13. Dr. Vikas Sharma, Assistant Professor & I/c Head, Department of Physics, SoPS
14. Dr. Sarita Singh I/c Head, Department of Mathematics, SoPS
15. Dr Richa Joshi Pandey, Assistant Professor & I/c Head, Dept. of English, SoL
16. Ms. Rachna Gussain, Assistant Professor & I/c Head, Department of Computer Science, SoPS
17. Mr Ashish Kumar, Assistant Librarian (Invitee)
18. Mr Varun Dev, Assistant Professor, Department of French Studies, SoL (Invitee)
19. Dr. B. M. Harbola, Registrar and Member Secretary, Academic Council.

The Chairperson informed that Prof. Gautam Sinha, Director, IIM Kashipur, has communicated his inability to attend the meeting due to his prior commitments. No information/ communication have been received from Prof. Subhash Dhulia, with regard to attending the meeting. Dr Gajendra Singh, Associate Professor, SoM, Dr Prachi Pathak, Assistant Professor SoM did not attend the meeting as they were engaged in the admission process for admission in MBA programme. Dr. S. S. Suthar, Associate Professor, SENR and Ms Juhee Prasad conveyed that they are on leave. Mrs Sikha Ahmad is on maternity leave. Dr Sudhanshu Joshi I/c, SoM, attended the meeting briefly to present and explain the agenda items related to the School of Management. Dr Vipin Kumar Saini, Assistant Professor, SENR is attending a refresher programme. No information has been received from Dr Harsh Dobhal. Mr Ashish Kumar, Assistant Librarian and Mr Varun Dev Sharma were invited to present and explain the proposals pertaining to their departments.

At the outset the Chairperson extended a warm welcome to all the members of the Academic Council and expressed his gratitude to the members specially the external members for sparing their valuable time to attend the meeting.

Citing the memorandum of eight students dated 9th June 2016 the Chairperson said that our external members have also had an exposure of what is happening in the University. Responding to the memorandum of the students the members of the Academic Council were of the view that Academic Council is an academic body and has no jurisdiction and authority to consider the issues and problems raised by the student in the memorandum as they are of non academic nature.

Thereafter, the action taken report on the resolutions of 21st meeting of the Academic Council was presented and the agenda items were taken up one by one for discussion.

Item 2016:22:02 Confirmation of the Minutes of 21st meeting of the Academic Council held on 23rd December 2015

No observations/comments have been received on the minutes of the 21st Academic Council. The Academic Council confirmed the minutes of the 21st meeting of the Academic Council.

Item 2016:22:03 Review of the Action Taken Report on the resolutions of 21st meeting of the Academic Council.

While reviewing the action taken report on item no 2015:21:11(**To consider and approve the proposal regarding involving Ph.D. /research student having cleared NET/SLET in teaching programme**) Prof. H.S. Dhama re-emphasized not to pay any remuneration to the NET/SLET qualified Ph.D./research scholars when they are engaged in teaching activities. However, they may be given a certificate with regard to their teaching activities as per the UGC guidelines. On item no. 2015:21:12 (**To decide the degree of originality in M.Phil./Ph.D. regarding plagiarism**) Prof. Dhama suggested that the University should obtain information from other Universities and develop a policy with regard to the degree of originality in M.Phil/Ph.D. research work. He also suggested that the IQAC may consider organizing lectures/orientation sessions for the students of masters programme as well as Ph.D. scholars engaged in research work about the importance and significance of Shodhganga and Shodhgangotri platforms created by UGC and also on how to save themselves from the plagiarism by encouraging research students to check for themselves their work by using plagiarism software. Prof. D. R. Purohit suggested that the research scholars should be encouraged to write in their own language. On item no. 2015:21:15:01(**To consider and approve Orientation / Refresher Course requirement for CAS**) Prof. H.S. Dhama suggested that while considering the orientation/refresher course requirement for CAS now new UGC Regulations 2016 are in place. Hence the Academic council can make recommendations for adopting these. However, the recommendations should be further taken to the Executive Council and then to the Chancellor for approval. Any amendments/changes should be a part of the Act/Statutes of the University. The Academic Council also resolved that all the new

guidelines issued by UGC should be presented for the consideration of the Executive Council, and a formal approval should be obtained from the Chancellor

On the item no. 2015:21:15:02 (**To report the constitution of Foreign Collaboration Cell and Foreign Student Advisory Committee in the University**) the Academic Council resolved that the University should obtain approval from the UGC before entering into MoU with any foreign University.

The Academic Council approved the action taken report.

Item 2016:22:04 To consider and approve the Academic Calendar of the University for the Academic session 2016-17

Having considered the item the Academic Council approved the Academic Calendar for the session 2016-17 with the suggestion to make necessary corrections in the list of holidays in terms of the corresponding days on the dates of holidays.

Item 2016:22:05 To consider and approve curriculum and syllabus of PG Certificate programme in Cloud Computing.

The Academic Council having considered the curriculum and syllabus of PG Certificate programme in Cloud Computing approved the agenda. However, Prof. H.S. Dhama suggested that the School should consider engaging industry experts in the implementation of the programme and explore the employment opportunities for the students of the proposed programme.

Item 2016:22:06 To consider and approve agenda items as submitted by the Department of Spanish Studies:

Having considered the agenda item the Academic Council approved following agenda items as submitted by the Department of Spanish Studies:

- a. Corrections of the mistake in the credit assigned to SLS-510 Dissertation in the list of courses and course content
- b. Swapping of semesters and course codes between course SLS-504 History of Ideas: Latin America & India and SLS-509 Applied Linguistics with reference to Spanish as Foreign Language Teaching
- c. Review and amendments in Dissertation guidelines for SLS-510 Dissertation.
- d. Offering of SLS-508 Consecutive and Simultaneous Interpretation in the 5 year M.A. Integrated Spanish.

Item 2016:22:07 To consider the report of three members committee constituted to examine Ms Mala Sikha's request for considering her Erasmus Mundus Masters Degree equivalent to M.Phil. Degree and four increments in the salary.

The Academic Council deferred to consider the item resolving that the item/matter pertains to the jurisdiction of the Executive Council. Hence it should be placed before the Executive Council for consideration.

Item 2016:22:08 To consider and approve proposal for starting one year Bachelor of Library and Information Science and one year Master of Library and Information Science Programme.

Having gone through the agenda item the Academic Council approved the proposal for starting one year Bachelor of Library and Information Science and one year Master of Library and Information Science programme from the academic session 2016-17 alongwith the syllabus and curriculum of the programmes with the suggestions that the University should engage qualified teachers to teach the proposed programme. The Assistant Librarian may facilitate practical hands on training in the University library. The Academic Council also advised that if the Assistant Librarians are also facilitating/teaching classes in the programme their positions should be converted into teaching positions. A proposal in this regard may be presented for the consideration of the Executive Council.

Item 2016:22:09 To consider the issues of difficulties of IISERs and IISc's students in taking admission in the institutions of the Uttarakhand State.

The Academic Council agreed in principle with the contents of the letter of the Secretary, MHRD with regard to overcoming difficulties being faced by the students graduating from IISERs and IISE. However, the Academic Council was of the view that any such matter of equivalence should be examined by an Equivalence Committee comprising of experts. The Academic Council also resolved that as required for admission in academic programmes of Doon University, appearing and qualifying the entrance test will be mandatory.

Item 2016:22:10 To consider and approve structuring of different unit courses of M.A. in Media and Communication Studies

Having considered the agenda item the Academic Council approved structuring of different unit courses of M.A. Media and Communication Studies. Prof. H.S. Dhama suggested to include latest trends including new media such as hacking, cyber laws, cyber crime etc. in the curriculum.

Item 2016:22:11 To consider and approve syllabus of Elective Hindi at the Undergraduate level and syllabus of certificate programme in Hindi

Having considered the agenda the Academic Council approved syllabus of Elective Hindi at Undergraduate level and syllabus of certificate programme in Hindi.

Item 2016:22:12 To consider and approve syllabus of M.A. Social Work.

The Academic Council having considered the agenda approved syllabus of M.A. Social Work.

Item 2016:22:13 **To approve corrections in the title of One year Elective course titled “Indo Japan Relationship – An Overview” to “Indo Japan Relation I” and “Indo Japan Relation II” and to approve course code of these courses.**

The Academic Council approved corrections in the title of One year Elective course titled “Indo Japan Relationship – An Overview” to “Indo Japan Relation I” and “Indo Japan Relation II” and also approved allotment of course code for the course as (1) “Indo Japan Relations I” as LEL-442 (2) “Indo Japan Relations II” as LEL-443.

Item 2016:22:14 **To consider and approve the new credit system of the existing course and introduction of two new courses Introduction of Linguistics and Modern French writers (19th Century onwards).**

The Academic Council having considered the agenda approved the credit system for the B.A. Hons and M.A. courses to be adopted with effect from the next academic session. The Academic Council also approved to introduce two new elective courses in English namely: 1-Introduction of Linguistics 2- Modern French writers (19th Century onwards).

Item 2016:22:15 **To consider and approve the syllabus for Certificate course in French Language.**

The Academic Council having considered the agenda approved the syllabus for Certificate course in French Language.

Item 2016:22:16 **To consider the matter of nomenclature of Department of French Studies**

Having considered the agenda the Academic Council approved the nomenclature of Department of French studies as Department of French and Francophone Studies.

Item 2016:22:17 **To consider issues related to transfer Ph.D. work of students of Central/State University to Doon University.**

Having gone through the agenda the Academic Council resolved that as per the UGC regulations only woman candidates can take benefit of the new policy of transferring Ph.D. work. A committee constituted for the purpose or the Research Advisory Committee should consider such matters on a case to case basis objectively. The recommendations of the supervisor from where the transfer is being sought shall be mandatory while considering the case. Any such request/application for transfer of Ph.D. work should be dealt with as per the latest UGC Regulations/guidelines 2016.

Item 2016:22:18 **To approve the format for progress report of the Ph.D. students.**

The Academic Council approved the format for progress report of the Ph.D. students.

Prof. S. P. Singh suggested when a Ph.D. programme is being implemented in collaboration of other institution there should be a separate format with logos of both the institutions, it should be jointly signed by supervisors of

both the institutions. The Vice Chancellor may constitute a committee to develop a format in this regard.

Item 2016:22:19 To approve pre- Ph.D. course work in the Department of Mathematics so as to launch Ph.D. Programme in Mathematics.

Having considered the agenda the Academic Council approved the pre-Ph.D. course work in the Department of Mathematics so as to launch Ph.D. Programme in Mathematics from the academic session 2016-17.

Item 2016:22:20 To approve syllabus of two new optional courses.

There was a fair amount of discussion on introduction of two new optional courses namely Fluid Dynamics and Fuzzy Set Theory in M.Sc. Mathematics in 3rd semester. Prof. H.S. Dhama was of the view that the proposed syllabus is too elementary in nature and contents. There is a need for changes in the syllabus. He suggested that instead of the Fluid Dynamics it should be Computational Fluid Dynamics and in the Fuzzy Set Theory the Department should consider adding all Fuzzy Algebraic structure. He also suggested that the book/references mentioned in the syllabus are very old hence latest text and reference books should be included in the references. The Department should engage experts from IITs and other premier institutions with regard to suitable changes in the syllabus. The Chairperson directed that the Department should consider the suggestions given by Prof. Dhama and also send a copy of revised /modified syllabus for his consideration.

Item 2016:22:21 To approve pre- Ph.D. course work in the Department of Physics so as to launch Ph.D. Programme in Physics.

Having considered the agenda the Academic Council approved the syllabus of pre Ph.D. course work in the Department of Physics so as to launch Ph.D. Programme in Physics. Dr Vikas Sharma, I/c and Assistant Professor Physics stated the course code EES 701 Research Methodology is actually 710 and needs to be corrected.

Item 2016:22:22 To approve cancellation Ph.D. registration of Mr. Ashutosh Singh and Mr. Pooran Singh Patwal at SENR.

Having considered the agenda item the Academic Council resolved that any cancellation of the Ph.D. registration of any student should be as per the regulations and suggested that both the students should be served one more communication/notice with regard to the cancellation of their Ph.D. Registration.

Item 2016:22:23 To approve Dr. S.S. Samanta, Scientist E, GBPHIED, Kullu as Co-supervisor for Ph.D. of Mr. Amit Singh (ID SEMP-29).

Having considered the agenda the Academic Council approved Dr. S.S. Samanta, Scientist E, GBPHIED, Kullu as Co-supervisor for Ph.D. of Mr. Amit Singh (ID SEMP-29)

Item 2016:22:24

To approve DRC of Ph.D. students registered in the academic year 2014-15.

The Academic Council having considered the agenda approved the following DRC of Ph.D. students registered in the Academic year 2014-15 in SENR.

1. Mr. Sandeep Madwal	1. Dr. Vijay Shridhar- Chairperson 2. Prof. Kusum Arunachalam – Member 3. Dr. Achlesh Daverey - Member 4. Dr. Arun Kumar – Dept. of Chemistry – Member
2. Ms. Anvita Panday	1. Prof. Kusum Arunachalam – Chairperson 2. Dr. Vijay Shridhar- Member 3. Dr. Ujjwal kumar- Member 4. Dr. Arun Kumar- Dept of Chemistry, member
3. Mr. Abhijeet Kadamb	1. Prof. Kusum Arunachalam- Chairperson 2. Dr. Achlesh Daverey –Co-Supervisor 3. Dr. Archana Sharma- Member 4. Dr. Charu Dervadi -Dept of Chemistry, Member
4. Ms.Vandana Yadav	1. Dr. Vipin Kumar Saini - Chairperson 2. Dr. S. S. Suthar- Member 3. Dr. Himani Sharma Dept. of Physics - Member
5. Mr.Bhupen Salam	1. Prof. Kusum Arunachalam-Chairperson 2. Dr. Vijay Sridhar- Member 3. Dr. Achlesh Daverey -Member 4. Dr. Himani Sharma, Dept of Physics, Member
6. Ms. Bhwana Pandey	1. Dr. S. S. Suthar – Supervisor & Chairman 2. Dr. Rajkumar Singh, CSIR-IIP Dehradun – Member 3. Dr. Dinesh Monah, JNU, New Delhi – member
7. Mr. Chetan Pratap Singh Ahada	1. Dr. Brijesh Kumar Yadav , IIT Roorkee –Member 2. Dr. Ibrahim Sohel, CBRI Roorkee – Member 3. Dr. Vipin Kumar Saini - Member Dr. S. S. Suthar – Supervisor & Chairman DRC
8. Ms. Deepika Dimri	1. Dr. Archana Sharma- Chairperson 2. Dr. Ujjwal Kumar - Member 3. Dr. Charu Dwivedi Dept. of Chemistry - Member
9. Ms. Gunjan Sharma	1. Dr. Archana Sharma- Chairperson 2. Dr. Achlesh Daverey- Member 3. Dr. Arun Kumar- Dept of Chemistry - Member

The Academic Council was of the view that the Doctoral Research Committee for the respective Ph.D. student should be considered by the Academic Advisory Committee and should be approved by the Vice Chancellor.

Item 2016:22:25

Introduction of new courses in M. Tech (First and Second Semester).

The Academic Council having considered the agenda approved following new courses in M. Tech (First and Second Semester).

Course	Credits
ETC – 596 Analysis Lab III (Computer Application in Environmental Engineering)	2 Credits
ETC–597 Environmental System Analysis & Modeling (Minor elective)	2 Credits

Item 2016:22:26 To approve the changes in credits of the various courses in M. Tech. programme:

The Academic Council having considered approved the changes in credits of the following courses in M. Tech. programme:

Course	Existing Credits	Proposed Credits
ETC – 530 Solid and Hazardous Waste Management	3 Credits	2 Credits
ETC – 590 Remote Sensing & GIS Application in Environmental Management	3 Credits	2 Credits
ETC- 590 Sustainable Urban Habitats and Green City	3 Credits	2 Credits
ETC-554 Lab I Advance Environmental Instrumentations & Analytical Techniques	4 Credits	3 Credits

Item 2016:22:27 To approve admission of Shri D. R. M. Samudraia, Scientist, IIRS-ISRO for Ph.D. in Environmental Science in Academic session 2015-16 and DRC of Mr. Samudraia.

Having gone through the agenda the Academic Council resolved that any decision in this regard should as per the UGC guidelines. The Chairperson cited the example of MoU between Doon University and Wadia Institute wherein both the main and the co-supervisor are from Wadia Institute. It is not permissible as per the latest UGC guidelines. The Academic Council resolved that if Doon University does not have faculty with core competency to supervisor to supervise the Ph.D. work of a student, the main supervisor from Doon University will take care of the administrative aspects related to the student's work whereas the co-supervisor from other institution shall be academic supervisor. The Academic Council approved the DRC of Mr D. R. M. Samudraia as suggested by AAC of SENR:

1. Dr. A. Senthil Kumar and Dr. Y.V.N. Krishnamurthy, Supervisors, IIRS & ISRO
2. Dr. Ujjwal Kumar, Supervisor, Doon University
3. Dr. Vijay Sridhar, SENR, Member
4. Prof. Kusum Arunachalam, Dean, SENR, Chairperson

Item 2016:22:28 To approve pre- Ph.D. course work in the Department of Chemistry so as to launch Ph.D. Programme in Chemistry.

The Academic Council having considered the agenda approved pre Ph.D. course work in the Department of Chemistry so as to launch Ph.D. Programme in Chemistry.

Item 2016:22:29 To consider issues related to the Examination Section.

A- Issues with regard to students not appeared in mid-term exam in one and more courses.

There was a fair amount of discussion on two cases referred for the purpose of granting exemption from appearing in mid-term examination. The Academic Council was of the view that any such matter should be dealt as per existing rules. If the rules are not existing the examination section or the Standing Committee on Admission and Evaluation should formulate clear cut rules to deal with such cases including the sessional, mid-term and semester final examination.

B- Considering the item related to Ms Akanksha Dhaundiya for granting her permission for giving improvement examination of her bachelor course while she is enrolled in masters programme, the Academic Council resolved that there should be clear cut rules in the University. The Exam Section should check /thoroughly examine the case if any such facility is available /or could be given. If the rules are not existing the examination section should come up with rules in this regard.

Item 2016:22:30 Any other items with the permission of the Chair.

Item 2016:22:30:01 To consider and approve revision in Course Structure and Syllabus of 5 year Integrated MCA programme

The Academic Council having considered the agenda approved revision in course structure and syllabus of 5 year Integrated MCA programme as proposed by the School.

Item 2016:22:30:02 To approve pre Ph.D. course work of the Department of Computer Science

The Academic Council having considered the agenda approved the pre Ph.D. course work of Department of Computer Science as finalized by the Academic Advisory Committee of the Department.

Item 2016:22:30:03 To consider and approve Design Specializations being offered from 2nd Year for B.Des. Programme

Having considered the agenda the Academic Council approved to offer Product Design & Graphic Design as specializations for the Bachelor in Design Degree in the School of Design.

Item 2016:22:30:04 To consider and approve Course Titles & Course Codes for Years 2, 3 & 4 for B.Des. Programme and revision of course structure for foundation Year 1 for B.Des. Programme

The Academic Council having considered the agenda approved the course titles and course code for year 2, 3 & 4 for Bachelor of Design programme and revision of course structure for foundation year 1 for B.Des. Programme as finalized by the Academic Advisory Committee of the School.

Item 2016:22:30:05 To approve Assessment Format followed in School of Design

The Academic Council approved the assessment format followed in the School of Design.

Item 2016:22:30:06 To consider following items pertaining to the School of Management

1. The Academic Council approved to offer Specialization on Operations and Supply Chain Management in Semester II and IV of MBA 2 year programme. Prof. H.S. Dhama suggested to include Hidden Macro Model in the specialization
2. With regard to eligibility in Ph.D. Management the Academic Council resolved that it should be in conformity with the Ph.D. Regulations of UGC.
3. The Academic Council approved offering Specialization on Operations and Supply Chain Management in Ph.D. Management Programme.
4. With regard to the constitution of the Academic Advisory Committee the Academic Council resolved that the School should involve experts from eminent institutions outside the state such as Faculty of Management Studies, University of Delhi, Banaras Hindu University, IIMs etc. The School should submit list of 10 such experts for the consideration of the Vice Chancellor.

The Academic Council also resolved that every School/Department should submit a fresh composition of Academic Advisory Committee of their School/Department in the next meeting of the Academic Council in order to maintain certain standards.

Item 2016:22:30:07 To consider and approve revision in Course Structure and Syllabus of M.A. English programme.

Having considered the agenda item the Academic Council approved revision in course structure and syllabus of M.A. English programme .

Item 2016:22:08 To consider the proposal that only students with requisite percentage of attendance be asked to give feedback on teaching.

The Academic Council having considered the proposal resolved that any feedback on teaching should be as per UGC regulations/guidelines

The meeting ended with the vote of thanks to the Chair.



(Dr. B. M. Harbola)
Registrar & Secretary
Academic Council

Copy to: All members for reference and necessary action