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Minutes of the 31st Meeting of the Academic Council

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The 31st meeting of the Academic Council of Doon University was held on 22nd October 2022 at 11.30 A.M. on Google meet in online mode. Prof. Surekha Dangwal, Vice Chancellor presided over the meeting. The following members were present in the meeting:

1. Prof. Tejinder Sharma, Dept. of Commerce, Kurukshetra University.
2. Prof. Kusum Arunachalam, Professor and Head SENR, Doon University.
3. Prof. H. C. Purohit, Professor & Head, School of Management
4. Prof. R.P. Mamgain, Professor & Head Economics and Coordinator School of Social Sciences.
5. Dr. A. C. Joshi, Chair Professor, NTPC, Centre for Public Policy.
6. Dr. Rajesh Kumar, Associate Professor & I/c Head, SOMCS.
7. Dr. Reena Singh, Associate Professor, SoM.
8. Dr. Narendra Rawal, Associate Professor & I/c Head Computer Science, SoPS.
9. Dr. Chetana Pokhriyal, Associate Professor & I/c Head English and Coordinator SoL.
10. Dr. Harsh Dobhal, Visiting Professor SoMCS, Doon University.
11. Dr. Suneet Naithani, Assistant Professor, SENR
12. Dr. Rashi Mishra, Assistant Professor, SoMCS, Doon University.
13. Dr. Ashish Sinha, Assistant Professor, SoM.
14. Dr. Mala Shikha, Assistant Professor & I/c Head, Dept. of Spanish Studies, SoL.
15. Ms. Sikha Ahmad, Assistant Professor, Dept. of Economics, SoSS.
16. Ms. Deepika Bhatia, Assistant Professor & I/c Head, Dept. of Japanese Studies, SoL.
17. Dr. Achlesh Daverey, Assistant Professor, SENR & Coordinator SoBS Doon University.
18. Dr. Arun Kumar, Assistant Professor & I/c Head, Dept. of Chemistry, SoPS.
19. Dr. Himani Sharma, Assistant Professor & I/c Head, Dept. of Physics, SoPS.
20. Dr. A. R. Gairola, Assistant Professor & I/c Head, Dept. of Mathematics, SoPS
21. Dr. Savita Karnatak Tiwari, Visiting Assistant Professor & I/c Dept. of Psychology.
22. Dr. Richa Joshi Pandey, Assistant Professor, English
23. Dr. Varun Dev Sharma, Dept. of French, SoL.
24. Dr. Shanky Chandra, Assistant Professor & I/c Head, Dept. of Chinese, SoL.
25. Ms. Dhirti Dhaundiyal, I/c Head, SoD.
26. Dr. Vipul Goswami, Assistant Professor & I/c Head, Dept. of German Studies, SoL.
27. Dr. Preeti Mishra, Assistant Professor, Computer Science, SoPS.
28. Dr. Ashish Kumar, University Librarian
29. Shri Sunil Kumar Raturi, Finance Controller, Doon University.
30. Dr. Mangal Singh Mandrawal, Secretary, Academic Council & Registrar

Dr. S.S. Suthar did not attend the meeting.



At the outset, the Chairperson welcomed the external members of the Academic Council and other members present in the meeting. Thereafter, the action taken report on the resolutions of 30th meeting of the Academic Council was presented and the agenda items were taken up one by one for discussion.

Item 2022:31:02 Confirmation of Minutes of 30th meeting of the Academic Council held on 11 March 2022.

Since no comments were received from the members, the Academic Council confirmed the Minutes of 30th meeting of the Academic Council

Item 2022:31:03 Review of the Action Taken Report on the resolutions of 30th meeting of the Academic Council.

The Academic Council reviewed the Action Taken Report on the resolutions of its 30th meeting and approved it. In the matter of Ph.D. research scholars, Mr. Sudheer Deoli (SoMCS) and Mr. Chetan Pratap Singh Ahada (SoENR), the Academic Council was informed that Mr. Sudheer Deoli has now submitted his final thesis and therefore, no further action is needed; and in the matter of Mr. Chetan Pratap Singh Ahada (SoENR), the Vice Chancellor directed Prof. H.C. Purohit, IQAC Director to prepare a report addressing the whole gamut of issues in his case so that further necessary action could be taken.

Item 2022:31:04 To consider the matter of introducing another program at M.Sc. level in place of M.Sc. Home Science as resolved in the meeting with the Secretary, Higher Education.

Having gone through the agenda item, the Academic Council resolved to send a proposal to the State Govt. for launching an M.Sc. in Food and Nutrition programme on the lines of similar programme run by the G.B. Pant University of Agriculture & Technology University.

Item 2022:31:05 To consider and approve filling of reserved seat of SC/ST/OBC against the Unreserved category candidates for admission in the year 2022-23.

Having considered the agenda item, the Academic Council approved it.

Item 2022:31:06 To consider the letter of Secretary Higher Education regarding effective implementation of National Education Policy 2020.

The Academic Council took note of the fact that the Doon University has already implemented the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 from academic session 2022-23. The Vice Chancellor briefed the AC members about the preparedness and other necessary actions undertaken by the university for implementation of the NEP.

The Academic Council expressed pleasure over this development.

Item 2022:31:07 To report the resolution made by the committee with regard to declaration of results in case of pending marks award lists of LGN-401 and LGN 402 from the last Academic Year 2021-22.

Having discussed the agenda, the Academic Council resolved that in the interest of students, the examination cell will provide an aggregated result of the courses, LGN-401 and LGN-402 and the exam cell will devise a formula for the same supervised by the respective department.

Item 2022:31:08 To consider and approve Curriculum design for a Four Years Bachelor Programme (with multiple entry & exit options) in Media & Communication Studies as per National Education Policy (NEP) 2020.

Having gone through the agenda, the Academic Council approved the Curriculum design for a Four Years Bachelor Programme (with multiple entry & exit options) in Media & Communication Studies as per National Education Policy (NEP) 2020.

Item 2022:31:09 To consider and approve the following agenda pertaining to the Dept. of German.

1. To consider and approve the syllabus of 4 years B.A. Hons with research in German as per NEP 2020.
2. To consider and approve introducing the Ph.D. in German and to approve Pre-Ph. D. coursework.

Having considered the agenda, the Academic Council approved it.

Item 2022:31:10 To consider and approve following agenda item of Dept. of French and Francophone Studies.

1. To approve the curriculum structure of 4 years B.A. Hons with research programme in French as per NEP 2020.
2. To approve the syllabus of the Pre-PhD coursework in French.

Having considered the agenda, the Academic Council approved it.

Item 2022:31:11 To consider the approval of syllabus for undergraduate degree programme (Bachelor of Science (Hons.) in Physics or Bachelor of Science (Hons.) with Research in Physics) as per NEP 2020 in the Department of Physics.

Having considered the agenda, the Academic Council approved it.

Item 2022:31:12 To consider and approve following agenda item of School of Design.

1. To consider and approve B.Des. Revised NEP 2020 Syllabus & New Course Codes.
2. To consider and approve Revision of Syllabus for 2nd, 3rd & 4th Year.

Having considered the agenda, the Academic Council approved it.

Item 2022:31:13 To consider and approve the course structure for Four-year B.A. Hons. in Spanish.

Having considered the agenda, the Academic Council approved it.

Item 2022:31:14 To consider and approve the following agenda item pertaining to the School of Management.

1. Course structure & syllabus of 02 year MBA program.
2. Course structure & syllabus of 02 year Executive MBA (Weekend) program.
3. Course structure & syllabus of first two semesters of BBA as per NEP-2020.
4. Course structure & syllabus of first two semesters of B.Com. (Hons.) as per NEP-2020.
5. Course structure & syllabus of Ph.D. Management.
6. To consider and decide uniform pattern of assessment and award of MBA program for first two batches (2012 and 2013 pass out).
7. To consider the case of Ms Gaganjot Kaur, Ph.D. Scholar, School of Management.

Having considered the agenda items, the Academic Council approved the items at sr. nos. 1-6.

As for sr. no. 7, the Academic Council after due deliberations resolved that the research scholar Ms Gaganjot Kaur may be re-registered from the year 2019 and all requisite fee must be paid by her.

Item 2022:31:15 To consider and approve the following agenda items pertaining to the Dept. of Computer Science.

1. To approve the opening of M. Tech (Computer Science & amp; Engineering) programme from current academic session (2022-2023) and to approve course structure for the same.
2. To approve the course structure for four years B. Sc. (Computer Science) programme as per NEP 2020.

Having considered the agenda, the Academic Council approved it.

Item 2022:31:16 To consider and approve the syllabus of BA English as per NEP 2020.

Having considered the agenda, the Academic Council approved the syllabus of BA English as per NEP 2020.

Item 2022:31:17 To consider and approve syllabus of B.Sc. Mathematics as per NEP 2020 of Dept. of Mathematics:

Having considered the agenda, the Academic Council approved the syllabus of B.Sc. Mathematics as per NEP 2020.

Item 2022:31:18 To consider and approve the following agenda pertaining the School of Environment and Natural Resources.

1. **To discuss and approve the modifications/revision in Course structure/Course content in the Syllabus of M.Sc.-EVS, M.Sc-NRM and M.Tech. Environmental Technology.**

Having considered the agenda, the Academic Council approved it as proposed.

2. **To consider and approve the minimum credits to be offered to the students through online platforms such as MOOC, Swayam, NPTEL etc. for M.Sc. and M.Tech. programs.**

Having considered the agenda, the Academic Council approved it as proposed.

3. **To discuss about the status of the Ph.D. registration of students of 2014 Academic Session (Ms. Gunjan Sharma, and Ms. Bhawna) and Mr. Deepak Mishra of 2016 academic session.**

Having considered the agenda, the Academic Council approved it as proposed.

4. **To consider the matter regarding cancellation of Ph.D. registration of Ms. Rita Gusain registered under Dr. S.S. Suthar (Minutes of AAC and recommendation of DRC attached).**

Having considered the agenda, the Academic Council approved it as proposed.

5. **To consider introduction of a new Master's program on Sustainability Science from next academic session.**

Having discussed the agenda item, the Academic Council authorized the Vice Chancellor to constitute a high-powered committee to look into the matter and prepare a detailed report thereof. The report so prepared shall be submitted in the next Academic Council meeting for further deliberations and necessary decision.

Item 2022:31:19

To consider and approve the following agenda items pertaining to the School of Biological Sciences.

- (i) **To approve the general elective courses for the 3rd and 4th semester of B.Sc. (Hons) Biological Sciences (2021-22 batch):**

Having considered the agenda, the Academic Council approved it.

- (ii) **To approve the Skill Enhancement Courses for the 3rd and 4th semester of B.Sc. (Hons) Biological Sciences (2021-22 Batch):**

Having considered the agenda, the Academic Council approved it.

- (iii) **To approve the Structure for undergraduate program in Biological Sciences in accordance with NEP-2020 and First year syllabus for undergraduate program in Biological Sciences:**

AAC recommended the course structure and syllabus for first year undergraduate program in Biological Sciences.

The first year courses include:

DSC for First Semester: Chemistry – I (Basic concepts of Organic Chemistry), Light and Life, and Biodiversity.

DSC for Second Semester: Chemistry – II (Physical Chemistry for Bioscience), Biophysics, and Ecology.

GE for First Semester: Biostatistics

GE for Second Semester: Natural Resource Management

SEC for First Semester: Wildlife Conservation and Management – I

SEC for Second Semester: Wildlife Conservation and Management – I

Having considered the agenda, the Academic Council approved it.

Item 2022:31:20 To consider and approve the syllabus for B.A. Japanese as per NEP-2020.

Having considered the agenda, the Academic Council approved it.

Item 2022:31:21 To consider and approve the following agenda items pertaining to the Department of Chinese.

1. To consider and approve syllabus of B.A. Chinese prepared as per NEP-2020 and approved by AAC.

Having considered the agenda, the Academic Council approved it.

2. To reduce the number of characters in MA thesis writing from ten thousand to seven thousand and discuss the possibility of writing a MA thesis in Chinese and English.

Having considered the agenda, the Academic Council approved it as proposed.

3. To approve a viva conducted by the Department of Chinese studies for MA applicants.

Having considered the agenda, the Academic Council approved it.

Item 2022:31:22 To consider and approve new course structure and syllabus for the UG programme in Economics in the light of implementation of NEP 2020.

Having considered the agenda, the Academic Council approved it.

Item 2022:31:23 To consider and approve the following agenda items pertaining the Dept. of Psychology.

1. To apprise the Academic Council of the preparation of the syllabi of the courses of B.A. (Hons) psychology and the revision made in the syllabi of the courses of M.A. psychology

2. To apprise the Academic Council of the preparation of the syllabi of the Pre Ph.D. courses, modifications in the syllabus of the course (Title: Statistical Methods for Psychological Research-I, Code: C-PSY-112) of B.A. (Hons) Psychology.

3. To consider and approve the program structure, curriculum and syllabi of the courses for Undergraduate Certificate in Psychology,

**Undergraduate Diploma in Psychology, B.A. (Hons)
in Psychology and BA (Hons) with Research in Psychology.**

Having considered the agenda items, the Academic Council approved it.

Item 2022:31:24 To consider and approve Syllabus for Value Addition Course and Ability Enhancement Course prepared as the requirement of NEP.

Having considered the agenda, the Academic Council approved Syllabus for Value Addition Course (VAC) and Ability Enhancement Course (AEC) prepared as the requirement of NEP 2020.

Item 2022:31:25 To consider and approve the program structure, curriculum and syllabi of the courses for Undergraduate Certificate in Chemistry, Undergraduate Diploma in Chemistry, B.Sc./B.Sc. (Hons) in Chemistry and B.Sc./B.Sc. (Hons) with Research in Chemistry.

Having considered the agenda, the Academic Council approved it.

Item 2022:31:26 To consider and approve the following agenda items pertaining the Research and Innovation Cell.

1. To consider and approve the revised nomenclature i.e., '*Research and Development Cell (RDC)*' for the Research and Innovation Cell.
2. To consider and approve the adoption and incorporation of the guidelines [prescribed by the UGC vide F. No.1 -5/2021 (NEP/DESK-PARL) dated 14th March 2022] into the existing guideline.

Having considered the agenda items, the Academic Council approved it.

Item 2022:31:27 To consider and approve agenda items proposed by the Examination Section.

Proposed Agenda Items: These agenda items for students enrolled under 4-year degree program as per NEP-2020.

1. **Regarding escaping Mid –Term /End Term, examination by the student**
2. **Regarding promotion to the next semester.**
3. **Student may be allowed to give improvement in only those courses where he/she secured D or E grade.**
4. **Exit/Entry policy of programs--The following policy for exit/entry is proposed:**
 - (i) If a student earned 44 credits upto second semester and want to exist from the program, he/she will be awarded with under graduate certificate in that discipline.

- (ii) If a student earned 88 credits upto forth semester and want to exist from the program, he/she will be awarded with under graduate diploma in that discipline.
- (iii) If a student earned 132 credits upto Sixth semester and want to exit from the program, he/she will be awarded under graduate degree in that discipline with honors.
- (iv) If a student earned 176 credits upto eighth semester he/she will be awarded under graduate degree honours with research in that discipline.

5. Classification of Division

- (i) 4.00 to below 5.00 CGPA – Division Pass
- (ii) 5.00 to below 6.00 CGPA - Division Second
- (iii) 6.00 to below 8.00 CGPA - Division First
- (iv) 8.00 to 10.00 CGPA – Division First with Distinction

Having considered the agenda items, the Academic Council approved it. As for sr. no. 1, the AC directed the examination section to specifically mention that there will not be any Make up examinations for missed Mid-term examinations in any case; and the students should be informed about these changes in examination rules. This should also be mentioned in the university admission prospectus.

Item 2022:31:28

To consider and approve slight revision in the format of confirmation of Ph.D. Registration.

Some members of the Academic Council opined that the provision of “publications in UGC listed journal” may be removed as mentioned in the format for furnishing details of paper publications by the Ph.D. scholars; and in place of that, “papers published in peer-reviewed/ refereed journals” may be incorporated. The IQAC Director also opined that UGC has recently resolved to do away with the mandatory requirement of paper publications for Ph. D. research scholars and rather concentrate on their doctoral research.

On this, the Vice Chancellor directed the IQAC Director, Prof. H.C. Purohit to prepare a report on this issue.

Having discussed the agenda, the Academic Council approved the revised format incorporating “paper publications in a peer-reviewed/ refereed journal” as opined by the members.

Item 2022:31:29

To consider the proposal of NTPC Centre for Public Policy regarding introducing Ph.D. Program.

Having considered the agenda, the Academic Council approved it in principle with the following conditions:

- i) The NTPC Centre may offer a Ph.D. Programme in multi-disciplinary/ Inter-disciplinary topics and subjects.
- ii) A regular faculty member from other School/ Deptt. having interest/ expertise in the offered multi-disciplinary/ Inter-disciplinary topics and

subjects shall be the main Guide. The NTPC Chair Professor shall be the Co-Guide.

- iii) The regular faculty member Guiding a doctoral student of NTPC Centre for Public Policy will be supernumerary for him/ her, i.e., it won't be counted in the total numbers of Ph.D. Scholars under a Professor, an Associate Professor and an Assistant Professor as stipulated in the university Ph.D. Ordinance.

Item 2022:31:30 To report the following policy made and implemented by the University

1. Doon University Incentivization Policy entitled “*Encomium*”
2. Anti-Drug and Student’s Empowerment Campaign in the University
3. Doon University Research Policy & Research Ethics
4. Doon University Consultation Policy
5. Doon University Incentivization Policy entitled “STIMULUS
6. Policy for Anti- Ragging Committee
7. Centre of Innovation, Incubation, Entrepreneurship and Industrial Relations
8. Divyangjan Policy
9. Policy for Anti-Sexual Harassment Committee & Gender Sensitization
10. IT Policy & Maintenance Policy
11. Revision in Vision and Mission of the University.
12. Infrastructure Maintenance Policy
13. Centre for Wellness
14. Happiness Laboratory
15. Yoga Health Care Centre

The Academic Council took note of it.

Item 2022:31:31 Any other Item with the permission of the Chair.

Item 2022:31:31:01 To shift the B. Sc. (CS), M. Tech. (CSE) and Ph. D. (CS) from School of Physical Sciences to School of Technology.

Having discussed the agenda item, the Academic Council resolved that the high-powered committee constituted by the Vice Chancellor for agenda **Item no. 2022:31:18 (5)** shall also look into this matter and prepare a detailed report thereof. The report so prepared shall be submitted in the next Academic Council meeting for further deliberations and necessary decision.

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

(Dr. M. S. Mandrawal)
Registrar & Secretary
Academic Council