

**Doon University,
Indira Nagar, Dehradun- 248006**

**Proceedings of the first meeting of the Executive Council of Doon University
held on November 8, 2006 at 11:00 am in the Board Room of Indian Institute
of Technology, Delhi.**

The following members were present

Prof. Gajendra Singh	Chairman
Shri S. Raju	Member
Prof. M.G.K. Menon	Member
Prof. G.R. Kulkarni	Member
Prof. Prem Vrat	Member
Prof. D.C. Thapliyal	Secretary
Shri Ramesh Chandra Agrawal	Invitee

Item 2006:1:1 Introductory remarks by the Chairman/ Vice-Chancellor

The Chairman/Vice-Chancellor greeted the members of the Executive Council and expressed his gratitude to them for having made it possible to attend the meeting. He hoped that the presence of eminent academicians like Prof. M.G.K. Menon, Prof. Prem Vrat, and Prof. G.R. Kulkarni, and the Secretary, Higher Education Shri S. Raju would make the deliberations fruitful for the University. He also lauded the contributions of the former Chief Secretary, Shri M. Ramachandran; and Principal Secretary, Finance Shri I.K. Pandey to the development of Doon University. He expressed his deep sense of appreciations for the help provided by Shri Alok Kumar Jain, Principal Secretary, Finance and Member, Executive Council of Doon University who could not be present in the meeting due to certain urgent engagements. He placed on record University's deep sense of gratitude to the H.E. the Governor, Uttaranchal and Chancellor, Doon University, Shri Sudarshan Agarwal and the Chief Minister Shri N.D. Tiwari for providing all necessary encouragement and support to the University.

The Vice-Chancellor informed the Council about the appointment of Shri R.C. Agrawal and Prof. D.C. Thapliyal as Finance Controller and OSD/Registrar, respectively.

The Executive Council noted the remarks made by the Chairman/Vice-Chancellor.

(Action: No action required)

2006:1:2 An overview of activities of Doon University since its inception in September 2005

The Executive Council noted the information provided by the Vice-Chancellor in regard to the vision and mission, and organizational, infrastructural and administrative activities being undertaken by the university in order to make it a Centre of Excellence in



higher education. The Council appreciated the steps taken by the university to get the Detailed Project Report (DPR) prepared by the Indian Institute of Management, Bangalore by providing its input in the form of the Concept Paper developed by Doon University.

The Executive Council was apprised of the decision of the State Government to approve 93 positions for the University of which 60 positions have been earmarked for the four Schools which are slated to admit students during the academic session: 2007-08, viz., Schools of Management, Social Sciences, Mass Communication and Environment and Natural Resources. The Executive Council approved the proposal of constituting Search and Select Committee under the Chairmanship of the Vice-Chancellor to select suitable persons for each of the Schools to plan the academic/course programme and to provide a road map for the development of the Schools concerned. As proposed, the Council authorized the University to make short term appointments of 10-12 such persons in various Schools.

The proposal to appoint Deans in various Schools was discussed in detail by the Executive Council. The Council decided that full time Deans be appointed in the Schools. The Deans should be persons of eminence and academically active. Persons having been engaged in active teaching and research should be picked up for providing the leadership to the Schools concerned.

The Council decided that only academically active persons be appointed as Professors to the Endowed Chair(s) in the University. It was decided that details of Chair(s) to be appointed be worked out so that suitable persons are selected. The university may find ways so that age bar does not prevent appointment of eminently suited persons to Endowed Chairs or other senior positions in the Schools/faculties. The Chair(s) should provide to the university a detailed plan of activities to be carried out and yearly progress in this regard.

The Council noted the progress of construction work being carried out by the U.P. Rajkiya Nirman Nigam, Dehradun at the Kedarapuram campus of the University.

(Action: Registrar/Finance Controller)

2006:1:3 Appointment of Senior Faculty on contract for developing Course Programmes to be initiated during 2007-08

The Vice-Chancellor/Chairman informed the Committee that it is proposed to admit the students to four Schools of Studies, viz., Schools of Environment and Natural Resources, Management, Mass Communication and Social Sciences during 2007-08 academic session. It is, therefore, desired that suitably qualified faculty is put in place immediately to take appropriate steps for preparing the respective course programmes and initiating the admission process. The Executive Committee discussed the matter and approved the proposal of the University to constitute a three member Search and Select Committee for each area of study including the Vice-Chancellor who would be the



Chairman of the Committee and at least one Expert. The appointments shall be made for varying periods depending upon the merit of the cases and requirements of the university on a negotiated pay package. The Council also decided that for such appointments competence and eminence of the person, and not the age limit, should be the sole criteria of selection. If necessary, the university may frame appropriate Statutes in this regard.

The Council advised the University to study the provisions made in this context by the Government for faculty appointments in one of its Medical Colleges (Srinagar) in the State.

(Action: Registrar/Finance Controller)

2006:1:4 Authorization to the Vice-Chancellor to take appropriate decisions in regard to providing suitable accommodation and other facilities to the newly recruited faculty

Considering the need of appointing and retaining high quality faculty in the University, the Council authorized the Vice-Chancellor to take all necessary steps to attract competent faculty and provide them befitting facilities. At this juncture the Council directed the University to have a position of Dean (Development) for the development of partnerships and coordination of activities between the University and other agencies including the Government.

(Action: Registrar/Finance Controller)

2006:1:5 Balance sheet and general financial status of the University

The Council noted the details of the Balance sheet and the financial status of the University for the years 2005-06 and 2006-07 as given in the agenda note, and adopted the same as proposed. The Council directed that only the issues relating to the Government funding may be taken to the Expenditure and Finance Committee for its consideration and not the issues related to the funds that the university receives/generates from outside sources to carry out its activities. It also suggested that detailed budgetary procedures may be adopted by the university.

(Action: Finance Controller)

2006:1:6 Features of the draft Statutes of the University

The Council appreciated the benchmarks identified for drafting the Statutes of the University which included promotion of academic freedom, sustainability of academic programmes, faculty participation in university's governance, transparency in selection, democratic and disciplined student body and conducive environment, to attract good faculty. The Council also decided that the statutes be aligned to the provisions as outlined in the DPR prepared by the IIM-B. The Council further decided that the provisions should not promote bureaucratic functioning in the University. It was decided that the Finance



Controllor of the University may act as non-member Secretary of the Executive Council and the Registrar may be invited to the meetings as an invitee. In regard to ensuring the student discipline it decided to adhere to the recommendations of the Lyngdoh Committee on the subject.

(Action: Registrar)

2006:1:7 Circulation for information of the logo/common seal of Doon University as released by the Governor/Chancellor, Doon University on 9th October, 2006

The Vice-Chancellor provided the background information about the logo/seal of the University which was prepared by the National Institute of Design, Ahmedabad on the basis of the inputs and the prototype given by the University. The Council appreciated the logo/seal and noted the details as provided in the agenda note.

(Action: No action required)

2006:1:8 Discussion on the Detailed Project Report to be submitted by the Indian Institute of Management, Bangalore

The Council went into the details of the draft Report as presented at the Brainstorming Session on October 9, 2006 by the team of IIM-B consultants and appended with the Agenda notes. The Council expressed its satisfaction on the draft Report and decided that the University seek the approval of Expenditure and Finance Committee of the Government for the allocation of total funds required for establishing and developing Doon University on the basis of the budgetary requirements as projected in the DPR prepared by the IIM-B.

(Action: Finance Controller)

2006:1:9 Recruitment of Faculty in the university without limiting the numbers to be recruited in each of the categories of Faculty, viz., Professor, Associate professor and Assistant Professor

The Council discussed the matter in detail and approved the proposal of the University to fix the number of faculty positions for the university as a whole as is being done in IIMs and IITs, and not limit the number to be recruited in each category of the faculty in order to afford flexibility and sustainability of the academic programmes. The Council also desired that the University be developed as a residential one with no affiliation of out side institutions with it to ensure quality.

(Action: Registrar)

2006:1:10 Any other Item with the permission of the Chair

1. Special pay package for the faculty appointed on contract

The issue had been discussed under Agenda Item No. 2006:1:4.



2. **Acquiring hotel accommodation on hire for Officers/Officials of Doon University visiting different cities/institutions in the country.**

The Council discussed the issue and decided that the University enter into agreements with various universities/organizations in the country for mutual facilitation of their Officers/Officials during their visits. In the meantime the Vice-Chancellor was authorized to approve payments on the basis of actual expenditure incurred by the visiting employees and pay honoraria to outside experts attending meetings and consultants invited by the University from time to time using his discretion.

(Action: Finance Controller)

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


(D.C. Thapliyal)
Registrar