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Minutes of the 25th meeting of the Executive Council

25th meeting of the Executive Council of Doon University was held on Monday 26th December 2016 in the Office of the Vice Chancellor. The meeting was chaired by Prof. V. K. Jain, Vice Chancellor and Chairperson of the Executive Council.

Following were present in the meeting:

1. Prof. V. K. Jain, Vice Chancellor, Doon University
2. Prof. R. D. Anand, Advocate, High Court and Supreme Court, Chandigarh
3. Prof. A. N. Purohit, former Vice Chancellor, HNB Garhwal University
4. Shri Nitin Bhadauria, I.A.S., Additional Secretary, Dept. of Higher Education, Uttarakhand Government
5. Prof. Kusum Arunachalam, Dean and Head, School of Environment and Natural Resources, Doon University
6. Prof. H.C. Purohit, Dean Student Welfare and Head, School of Management, Doon University
7. Shri B. C. Tiwari, Finance Controller, (Invitee)
8. Dr B. M. Harbola, Registrar and Secretary, Executive Council

At the outset the Vice Chancellor extended a warm welcome to the eminent members of the Executive Council and expressed his gratitude to the external members, Prof. A.N. Purohit and Prof. R. D. Anand, for attending the meeting and providing valuable inputs, support and guidance in the affairs of the University. The Chairperson also extended a hearty welcome to Mr Nitin Bhadauria, Additional Secretary, Higher Education for attending the meeting and extending support in the development of the University. Expressing his sincere appreciation and gratitude towards the two retired members Dr Sekhar Raha and Prof R. K. Kale the Chairperson informed that Prof. (Dr.) K.S. Dhindsa, Former HoD, Chemistry and Biochemistry, Haryana Agriculture University and Shri Manbir Singh, I.F.S. (Retd.), Former Member, U.P.S.C., Chandigarh have been appointed as the new members of the Executive Council. However, they are not able to attend the meeting due their prior commitments. Prof. M. L. Sharma is also not able to attend the meeting due to his illness while Prof. R. P. Singh is not able to attend the meeting due to his engagement in the NAAC accreditation process in his University. The Chairperson also introduced Prof. H.C. Purohit, Dean Student Welfare and Head, School of Management and Dean Student Welfare and Prof. Kusum Arunachalam, Dean and Head, SENR to the members.

Item 2016:25:02 Confirmation of the Minutes of the 24th Meeting of the Executive Council held on 17th July 2016.

The Executive Council took note of the observations of Prof. R. K. Kale, former member of the Executive Council and his suggestion that the name of the EC member should be avoided while drafting the minutes. Prof. A.N. Purohit was of the view that not mentioning the name of the EC member in the minutes may be necessary in certain matters/cases. The Executive Council resolved that the name of the EC member shall not be mentioned in the minutes in general but may be mentioned in specific matters/cases if deemed necessary.

Since no other observations were received, the Executive Council approved the minutes of the 24th meeting of Executive Council.

Item 2016:25:03 Review of the action taken report on the resolutions of 24^d Meeting of the Executive Council.

The Vice Chancellor presented the Action Taken Report on the resolutions of 24th meeting of the Executive Council for review and update.

While reviewing the ATR on 2016:24:03 the Vice Chancellor informed that keeping in view the NAAC accreditation of Doon University in January 2017 he has requested the Chief Secretary to extend the tenure Dr B. M. Harbola, Registrar for six months, to which he has agreed. Shri Nitin Bhadauria, Additional Secretary, Higher Education was present in this meeting.

On the ATR on item no. 2016:24:07 with regard to the repealing of certain provisions of the Doon University Students' Discipline and Conduct Rules as approved by the EC in its 24th meeting on 17th July 2016 the Chairperson put up the minutes of the meeting of the University authorities, representatives of the agitating students with the District Magistrate on 3rd September 2016 for the consideration of the EC. The Executive Council having discussed the details was of the view that the Students' Discipline and Conduct Rules are well thought out and are in the general interest of the student community and resolved that there is not any need of any amendments in these rules.

On the ATR on item no. 2016:24:08 the Executive Council resolved that the item should be read as establishment of Tribal Research Institute of Doon University. The Registrar furnished the details with regard to the establishment of the Tribal Research Institute which included approvals given by the Statutory Bodies such as the Court, the Executive Council and the Academic Council; the sanction of the Government of India for

the establishment of the Institute along with the funds to the State Government for the construction of the infrastructure as well as human resources; the proposal of creation for posts in the institute; drafting of by-laws for the registration of the institute under the Societies Registration Act 1860 etc. He informed that the Govt. has not created posts for the institute as of now.

Appreciating the progress made in this regard Prof. R. D. Anand said that the Tribal Research Institute (TRI) is an integral part of the University system. It shall perform research and extension activities along with the academic programmes. He suggested that the University should consider starting Integrated B.A. LLB, B.Sc. LLB, Integrated B.Sc. B.Ed., Integrated B.A. B.Ed. programmes.

Mr Nitin Bhadauria, Additional Secretary suggested that the University may consider holding a meeting with the Chief Secretary to give an update on the establishment of the TRI and unresolved issues. Demand for additional funds for the construction of its infrastructure may also be discussed in the meeting.

On the ATR on item no. 2016:24:09 with regard to the representation dated 19-08-2016 of Mr Madhurendra Kumar Jha, Assistant Professor, Dept. of Chinese Studies for granting third year of study leave the Executive Council, taking a lenient view on the matter, resolved that only leave without pay can be considered. Mr Jha should apply separately for the grant of the leave without pay.

On the ATR on item no. 2016:24:10, with regard to considering Erasmus Mundus Masters degree of Ms Mala Sikha equivalent to M.Phil. degree and to grant increments in the salary, the Executive Council resolved that the University should write to the Association of Indian Universities (AIU) New Delhi for the equivalence of the degree. The University should also obtain evidence/list from the Jawaharlal Nehru University, School of Languages of such matters/cases wherein Erasmus Mundus Masters degree has been considered equivalent to the M.Phil. degree.

On the ATR on item no. 2016:24:11, with regard to cancellation and vacating of the allotted house to Dr Gajendra Singh and his removal from the responsibility of the In-charge HoD, School of Management and taking appropriate action, the Executive Council approved the following draft to be sent to Dr Gajendra Singh:

“The writ petition (SB) No. 146 of 2016, preferred in the Hon’ble High Court of Uttarakhand at Nainital by Dr Gajendra Singh against the Vice Chancellor and others, had been dismissed as not pressed vide order dated 04-05-2016 by Division Bench comprising Hon’ble K.M. Joseph, CJ and Hon’ble V.C. Dhyani. Nonetheless, he has not even regretted. After discussion, in conformity with maxim ‘forget and forgive’ it was resolved

that the University should show magnanimity, and no further action be taken in the matter. However, he be cautioned that in future he should conduct his affairs in dignified manner in becoming of a University teacher, maintaining the tranquility of the Campus.”

On the ATR on item no. 2016:24:12, the Vice Chancellor informed that though the case of irregularity in respect of Dr Agnihotri, JNU we are not inclined to engage him as visiting Professor.

On the ATR on item no. 2016:24:13 the Chairperson informed that Ms Rashi Mishra did not comply with the notice for depositing the fee and the late payment fine. The Executive Council expressed its displeasure about the letter sent by Ms Rashi Mishra to Shri Prakash Javdekar Ji, MHRD, at the address of BJP Office, New Delhi and resolved that the faculty member/s of the University, wherever any communication/matter involves the University, should be routed through the University. Therefore, Ms Rashi Mishra should be conveyed a letter of displeasure.

Having considered and discussed the issues related to non payment of fees along with the issue of partial payment of fine of late payment fee as evident in case of Mr Rashi Mishra, Ms Nazia Qureshi, Ms Vineet Kumar and Mr Ashish Soni, all Ph.D. research students the Executive Council considered it as **an agenda item arising out of discussion on item no. 2016:24:13, 14, 15 and 16** and resolved that all the four Ph.D. students should deposit the due tuition fee and 25 per cent of fine imposed as one time measure by 15th of January 2017. Otherwise the registration of these students shall be deemed to be cancelled.

On the ATR on item no. 2016:24:17 the Chairperson informed the members that the first Student Council of the University has been constituted complying with the recommendations of the Lyngdoh Committee. The elected President and Joint Secretary of the Students' Council were allowed to participate in the meeting of the Academic Council in November 2016. However, students have put up a representation demanding a Student Union in place of the Student Council. The Chairperson also informed about the Statutory provisions made in the first Statutes of the University with regard to constitution of the School Societies and the Student Council. Prof. A.N. Purohit was of the view that the students should give details - logical reasoning (why and what) for change from the Student Council to the Student Union. Any change from the Student Council to the Student Union should be considered and approved by the elected Executive Committee of the Student Council which should be okayed by the Executive Council and finally by the Court of the University. The Executive Council approved the suggestions of Prof. A.N. Purohit.

The Executive Council having reviewed and discussed the details approved the Action Taken Report.

Item 2016:25:04 To consider report of the Enquiry Committee on the appointment of Dr S. S. Suthar, Associate Professor, SENR.

Since Prof. Kusum Arunachalam was among one of the complainants she absented physically from the discussions and did not participate. The Chairperson presented the details on the item and read the explanation in verbatim given by Dr. S. S. Suthar on the charge sheet. Having considered and discussed all the details in this regard the Executive Council resolved that the matter should be referred to the legal counsellor of the University for final legal opinion.

Item 2016:25:05 To report grant of extension to Prof. Harsh Dobhal as Visiting Professor, School of Media and Communication Studies.

Having considered the details furnished by the Chairperson the Executive Council resolved to approve to grant extension to Prof. Dobhal till December 2016.

The Chairperson also proposed to re-appoint Prof. Harshpati Dobhal as visiting Professor in the School of Media and Communication Studies for a fresh period of two years. The Executive Council resolved to reappoint Prof. Harshpati Dobhal for a period of two years on the fixed consolidated salary of Rs. 1,06,000/- per month with a break from his existing engagement.

Item 2016:25:07 To consider naming the Centre for Public Policy, School of Social Sciences, Doon University as Dr R. S. Tolia, Centre for Public Policy.

The Executive Council observed one-minute silence as a mark of respect and tribute in the honour of Late Dr R.S. Tolia former Chair Professor NTPC, Centre for Public Policy. Remembering the valuable contribution made by Dr R. S. Tolia in establishing and chairing the Centre for Public Policy, the Chairperson said that since many of the Executive Council members are not present in the meeting, I propose that the item may be considered in the next meeting of Executive Council. He also suggested that alternatively an annual memorial lecture series may be instituted in the memory of Dr R. S. Tolia.

Having considered the arguments, the Executive Council deferred the item for its next meeting.

Item 2016:25:08 To consider and approve a committee for determining the terms and conditions of the NTPC supported position of Chair Professor.

The Executive Council having discussed the item resolved to constitute a committee for determining the terms and conditions of the NTPC Chair Professor in the Centre for Public Policy as follows:

1. Prof. R. D. Anand, Member Executive Council- Chairperson
2. Prof. H.C. Purohit, Dean, School of Management, Member
3. Prof. Kusum Arunachalam, Dean, SENR, Member
4. Finance Controller- Member
5. Registrar – Member
6. The Vice Chancellor may add one or more members/invitees in the committee

Item 2016:25:09 To consider the representation of Ms Swagata Basu, Assistant Professor for granting study leave.

Having discussed the details, the Executive Council authorized the Vice Chancellor to take a decision on the representation of Ms Swagata Basu.

Item 2016:25:10 To adopt the UGC guidelines- amendments in the clause 5.5, 5.6 and 5.11 for General Development Assistance to the Universities

The Executive Council having considered the agenda item approved to adopt UGC guidelines- amendments in the clause 5.5, 5.6 and 5.11 for General Development Assistance to the Universities.

Item 2016:25:11 To permit conversion of teaching posts in the School of Social Sciences.

The Chairperson presented the case for conversion of teaching posts in the School of Social Sciences with the background details and arguments. The Additional Secretary wanted to know whether it will have any implications on the roster of positions and why only positions of Assistant Professor in Psychology are being reallocated whereas the two positions of Social Work are also available. The Registrar informed that reallocation of the proposed two positions from Psychology to Economics will not affect the roster since the roster has been applied on the overall cadre of Assistant Professors.

Prof. A. N. Purohit said that he does not agree to refer the proposal to the Government. He was of the view that the University has allocated the 12 teaching positions in four subjects earlier, in view of the emergent situation it is a prerogative of the University to reallocate the positions. He was strongly of the view that referring the matter to the Government is an encroachment in the autonomy of the University.

Item 2016:25:12 To consider and approve engaging Adjunct Professors in various Departments of the University.

The Executive Council having considered the agenda approved to engage following persons as Adjunct Professors in various departments:

| S.N. | Name of Person | School/Department |
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| 1 | Prof. R.P. Mangain, Giri Institute of Development Studies, Lucknow | Department of Economics |
| 2 | Prof. Ram Singh, Delhi School of Economics | Department of Economics |
| 3 | Prof. M.M.S. Rawat, retd. Professor, HNB Garhwal University | Dept. of Chemistry |
| 4 | Prof. Ajai K. Singh, IIT Delhi | Dept. of Chemistry |
| 5 | Prof. Rajendra Prasad, retired Prof. IIT Kanpur | Dept. of Physics |
| 6 | Prof. V. D. Vankar, IIT Delhi, | Dept. of Physics |
| 7 | Prof. Sanjay Puri, School of Physical Sciences, JNU | Dept. of Physics |
| 8 | Prof. P.K. Jain, Delhi University | Dept. of Mathematics |
| 9 | Dr Minni Sawhney, University of Delhi | Dept. of Spanish Studies |
| 10 | Dr Santosh Rangnekar, Professor, IIT Roorkee | School of Management |
| 11 | Dr K. N. Badhani, IIM Kashipur | School of Management |
| 12 | Prof. (Retd.) Atish Aikant, HNB Garhwal University | Dept. of English |
| 13 | Prof. Manjushri Chauhan, Jawaharlal Nehru University | Dept. of Japanese Studies |

Item 2016:25:13

To report creation of staff positions as approved by the State Government, Department of Higher Education and to consider and approve modifications in the eligibility criteria /qualification.

The Executive Council took note of creation 11 positions of staff as approved by the Government of Uttarakhand. However, the Executive Council did not agree with the suggested modifications and resolved that the qualifications shall remain as approved.

Item 2016:25:14

To consider engaging Mr Bhanu Pratap Mer, Advocate, Hon'ble High Court of Uttarakhand as Standing Council for Doon University in the High court of Uttarakhand.

Having considered the matter, the Executive Council approved to engage Mr Bhanu Pratap Mer, Advocate, Hon'ble High Court of Uttarakhand as Standing Council for Doon University in the High Court of Uttarakhand.

Item 2016:25:15 To consider and approve Annual Report of the University for the year 2015-16

The Executive Council having considered, approved the draft of Annual Report of the University for the year 2015-16.

Item 2016:25:16 Any other item/ issue with permission of the Chair.

Item 2016:25:16:01 To establish a Centre for Nano Technology in Doon University.

The Executive Council having considered the idea approved to establish the Centre for Nano Technology in the University and advised that the University should prepare a concept note and blueprint comprising of the vision, mission, objectives, relevance, etc. Mr Nitin Bhadauria, Additional Secretary suggested that such a center should tie up with some of the companies and should get some sponsored chair(s) for the center. The Chairperson requested the Additional Secretary to suggest the names of some of the companies and guide the faculty in setting up the Centre.

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



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

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