

**MINUTES OF THE NINTH MEETING OF THE ACADEMIC COUNCIL HELD ON 23 OCT 2019 IN
THE VICE CHANCELLOR CONFERENCE ROOM**

Agenda Item No. 1:

Confirmation of Minutes of 8th Meeting of the last regular Academic Council and Special Academic Council.

Minutes of the meeting were circulated to all members. Copy of the minutes of Special Meeting of Academic Council held on 22 Feb 2018, 23 Jul 2018, 30 Nov 2018 and 26th May 2019 are placed at **Annexure-1** for confirmation.

Resolution:

The Academic Council approved the minutes of 8th Meeting of the last regular Academic Council and Special Academic Council held on 22 Feb 2018, 23 Jul 2018, 30 Nov 2018 and 26th May 2019.

Agenda Item No. 2:

Action Taken Reports on the Minutes of Academic Council held on 22 February 2018, 23rd July 2018; 30th November 2018, 26th May 2019 are placed at Annexure-2 for kind perusal.

Resolution:

The Academic Council approved the Action Taken Reports on the Minutes of Academic Council held on 22 February 2018, 23rd July 2018; 30th November 2018, 26th May 2019.

Agenda Item No. 3:

To consider and approve the award of D.Phil/D.Lit/Ph.D Degree.

The detail of Research Scholars whose Viva-Voce have been successfully conducted (**121**) between 11.4.2017 to 18 Oct 2019 for award of D.Phil/D.Lit/Ph.D Degree is placed at **Annexure-3**.

Resolution:

The Academic Council approved the award of D.Phil/D.Lit/Ph.D Degree to 121 Research Scholars whose Viva-Voce have been successfully conducted between 11 Apr 2017 to 18 Oct 2019 by the university.

Agenda Item No. 4:

To consider the Annual Quality Assurance Report (AQAR) 2017-18 of the IQAC.

The Annual Quality Assurance Report (AQAR) for the year 2017-18 has been submitted to NAAC by email on 19 Dec 2018 by IQAC. A copy of the Annual Quality Assurance Report (AQAR) is placed at **Annexure-4**.

Resolution:

The Academic Council approved the Annual Quality Assurance Report (AQAR) 2017-18 of the IQAC.

Agenda Item No. 5:

To consider ratification of approval of the names of external members of conducting Board of Studies of various departments of the university which have been already approved by VC in anticipation of Academic Council.

As per the Ordinance for Board of Studies, clause 2 (ii) (4), two external members (i.e. members not in the service of the University) professing the subject or subjects assigned to the Board, nominated by the Academic Council for a term of two years.

In this regard, conveners of various BOS of different departments of the university have submitted names of the external members to Hon'ble Vice Chancellor and the Vice-Chancellor had nominated members on behalf of the Academic Council from time to time on completion of tenure of members.

Submitted for ratification of the Council.

Resolution:

The Academic Council ratified the decision taken by the V.C. and approved the names of external members of conducting Board of Studies of various departments of the university which have been already approved by VC.

Agenda Item No. 6:

To consider abolishing award of Gold Medal to Meritorious students of the university due to non availability of sufficient funds given by different donors for that particular gold medals.

Presently, there are 15 donors (**Annexure-5**) who have donated some funds to the university. Out of this list, university has been giving medals to the students so far and during the last convocation held on 1 Dec 2018 also, medals were given to meritorious students. But, it was found that it is not possible to give gold medals from the funds given by donors which are available with the university as the amount is very less. Moreover, address and MOU which were executed by the university with the donors are also not traceable. As such, it is not possible to make any communication with these donors and ask them to increase the amount of donations for the continuation of those gold medals.

As such, it is proposed that university may be allowed to discard such gold medals where amount of funds of donors is less from the forthcoming convocation onward. Unspent/balance amount of the amount received from the donors in the past which is available with the university, may be returned to respective donors if they approach the university for refund in future.

Resolution:

The Academic Council approved the proposal of abolishing award of Gold Medal to Meritorious students of the university with immediate effect that needs to be given from the funds of donors due to non availability of sufficient funds given by different donors for that particular gold medals. No gold medal sponsored by donors shall be given from the forthcoming convocation i.e. 1 Dec 2019 onward till the sufficient amount is increased by the donors that may be suffice to give the gold medals.

Agenda Item No. 7:

To consider change in the Qualification and appointment of the supervisors and Co-supervisors proposed by Department of Geology.

Department of Geology has proposed changes to the provision of ordinance clause 2(b) ii of Ordinance for the Doctor of Philosophy Programs (PhD) (**Annexure-6**).

Academic Council may take a view on these changes.

Resolution:

The Academic Council noted that the proposal given by Department of Geology is based on PhD regulations 2009 whereas now PhD regulation 2016 is in force. As such, Academic council directs the Department of Geology to follow the PhD regulation 2016 for appointment of Co-supervisor.

Agenda Item No. 8:

To consider amendment in the provisions of MOU executed with the Wadia Institute of Himalayan Geology on 01 Feb 2011 and which has been further extended upto 17 Mar 2018 Annexure-7.

Department of Geology has suggested few provisions to be incorporated in the MOU with further extension of MOU with Wadia Institute of Himalayan Geology.

Academic Council may take a view on these changes.

Resolution:

The Academic Council did not approve the proposal given by Department of Geology as the same is not in line with university ordinance.

Agenda Item No. 9:

To consider request of Department of Zoology and Biotechnology for executing MOU with 3 organizations. Annexure-8

Department of Zoology and Biotechnology has requested to execute MOU with National Bureau of Fish Genetic Resources, ICAR-Directorate of Coldwater Fisheries Research (ICAR), Nainital and also with University of Copenhagen, Denmark.

Academic council may please take a view on this.

Resolution:

The Academic Council approved the request of Department of Zoology and Biotechnology for executing MOU with 3 organizations namely National Bureau of Fish Genetic Resources, ICAR-Directorate of Coldwater Fisheries Research (ICAR), Nainital and with University of Copenhagen, Denmark.

Agenda Item No. 10:

To consider request of Department of Botany and Microbiology to enter into MOU between ICAR-NBAIM (Annexure-9).

Department of Botany and Microbiology has requested to execute MOU between ICAR-NBAIM so that students can be provided better practical training and research facilities.

Academic council may please take a view on this.

Resolution:

The Academic Council approved the request of Botany and Microbiology to enter into MOU between ICAR-NBAIM.

Agenda Item No. 11:

To consider and approve the recommendations of Board of Studies/School Boards of the University.

The recommendations of the Board of Studies of various Departments and School Boards are placed before the Academic Council for consideration and approval. The details of the Departments, Minutes and recommendations are placed at **Annexure-10**.

Academic Council may please consider and ratify the approval & comments given by Vice Chancellor in each report of Board of Studies/School Boards of the University.

Resolution:

The Academic Council ratified the approval & comments given by Vice Chancellor in each report of Board of Studies/School Boards of the University that have been held in various schools and departments after the last 8th regular academic council meeting.

Agenda Item No. 12:

To consider request of Sh. Ajay Tamta, Hon'ble Minister of State for Textiles, Government of India, New Delhi dated 05 Feb 2019 for giving permission to Sh. Yashpal Singh to submit his thesis (Annexure-11).

Sh. Ajay Tamta, Hon'ble Minister of State for Textiles, Government of India vide his letter no. 511/2019 dated 05 Feb 2019 has requested to allow Sh. Yashpal Singh to submit his thesis as he could not submit the same in time due to illness of his mother.

Academic council may please take a view on this.

Resolution:

Academic council did not approve the request of Sh. Ajay Tamta, Hon'ble Minister of State for Textiles, Government of India, New Delhi dated 05 Feb 2019 for giving permission to Sh. Yashpal Singh to submit his thesis after his scheduled due date as the ordinance of university for PhD doesn't permit it.

Agenda Item No. 13:

To consider request of Sh. Darshan Singh Negi, Assistant Professor, Dept. of English, Govt. PG College, Gopeshwar to allow him to submit the thesis after the scheduled deadline Annexure-12.

Sh. Darshan Singh Negi, Assistant Professor, Dept. of English, Govt. PG College, Gopeshwar has requested to allow him to submit the thesis of D.Phil though the deadline for submitting the thesis was 18 Nov 2018.

Academic council may please take a view on this.

Resolution:

Academic council did not approve the request of Sh. Darshan Singh Negi, Assistant Professor for giving him permission to submit his thesis after his scheduled due date as the ordinance of university for PhD doesn't permit it.

Agenda Item No. 14:

To consider request of Miss Gauri, Research Scholar, Dept. of Physics to allow her to submit the thesis after the scheduled deadline (Annexure-13).

Miss Gauri, Research Scholar, Dept. of Physics has requested to allow her to submit the thesis of PhD though the deadline for submitting the thesis was 27 Feb 2019. Request has been duly forwarded by Dean, School of Science.

Academic council may please take a view on this.

Resolution:

Academic council approved the request of Miss Gauri, Research Scholar for allowing her to submit the thesis after the scheduled deadline on the basis of the ordinance of university for PhD that allows women candidates two additional years to complete the PhD over and above the six years period.

Agenda Item No. 15:

To consider request of Department of Zoology and Biotechnology to add Himalayan component to courses offered by the university Annexure-14.

Sh. Prakash Nautiyal, Principal Investigator, GBPNIHESD Project, Department of Zoology and Biotechnology have submitted a proposal to add Himalayan component to courses offered by the university.

Academic council may please take a view on this.

Resolution:

Academic council approved the proposal in principle with direction to all departments of the university to check the feasibility of adding Himalayan component wherever possible and to put up before the next regular Academic Council for its decision after getting it passed in respective Board of Studies and School Boards.

Agenda Item No. 16:

To consider and approve Minutes of the meeting of the committee constituted to examine the University ordinance for award of PhD Degree Annexure-15.

A committee was constituted by the university vide office order no. HNBGU/RO/2019/427 dated 7 Sep 2019 to examine the University ordinance for award of PhD Degree in the light of UGC notification, dated 16 Oct 2018 and 2nd Amendment Regulation, 2018.

Committee has submitted its report to the university on 11 Sep 2019.

Academic council may please take a view on this.

Resolution:

Academic council approved the Minutes of the meeting of the committee constituted to examine the University ordinance for award of PhD Degree with direction to the university administration to place the same before next Executive Council meeting and to send it to UGC for approval upon recommendation by the Executive Council.

Agenda Item No. 17:

To consider the request of Department of Pharmaceutical Science and Director, IQAC to have discussion about inclusion of online courses in the university for transfer of credits.

Department of Pharmaceutical Science has submitted a proposal for developing MOOC for a theory paper of B.Pharm Vth Semester and submit it online to UGC (Annexure-16).

Academic council may please take a view on this.

Resolution:

Academic council approved the proposal of Department of Pharmaceutical Science and Director, IQAC to include online courses in the university for transfer of credits. Industrial Pharmacy I paper of B. Pharm V semester will be taken from the SWAYAM MOOC and the credits (04) will be given and transferred to all the students of the department and all other students of other Universities who successfully pass the exam of this MOOC. The score (internal/external exam) and credits provided by the SWAYAM will be taken for the credits of the subject.

The department's request to include the Academic Writing MOOC is also approved as additional paper for which credits may not be allowed, but passing the certificate exam would be mentioned in Marksheet.

For inclusion of other subjects/papers, it may be brought for approval by respective Board of Studies and School Boards of concerned department, time to time.

Agenda Item No. 18:

To consider request and approve request of Dr. Ajay Semalty, Department of Pharmaceutical Science, for inclusion of MOOC in ordinance (Annexure-17).

As per request letter of Dr. Ajay Semalty, Department of Pharmaceutical Science, it has been informed that proposal of two MOOC have been finally approved by CEC and UGC. It has been requested to process the modalities to include MOOC in ordinances.

Academic council may please take a view on this.

Resolution:

Academic council approved the proposal of Department of Pharmaceutical Science and Director, for inclusion of MOOC in ordinance of all PG subjects and pre PhD course of University. The council approved the transfer of 4 credits to all the students (of any University) who pass this exam through SWAYAM MOOC. The credits will be transferred to other Universities' students as per the SWAYAM guidelines of MHRD, Govt. of India Gazette.

The Council authorized Vice Chancellor of the university to constitute a committee to finalize the modalities for the inclusion of the course in all PG and/or Pre PhD course and submit the final outcome in next regular meeting of Academic Council Meeting upon getting it approved by respective Board of Studies and School Boards of concerned department.

Agenda Item No. 19:

To consider and approve publicizing of courses under SWAYAM Portal (Annexure-18).

As per letter no. F.1-1/2017 (Secy) dated 13 Jul 2017 received from UGC; it has been requested to publicize the courses under SWAYAM Portal among students.

Academic council may please take a view on this.

Resolution:

The Academic Council approved the proposal of publicizing of courses under SWAYAM Portal. All the Deans and Heads were directed to select the subjects for inclusion in the course curricula from SWAYAM MOOCs or doing a paper of a semester from a SWAYAM MOOCs for students for credit transfer and bring it through BOS in next academic council.

Agenda Item No. 20:

To consider request of Examination section about nominating members for framing of ordinance for examination committee (Annexure-19).

Examination Section has proposed to constitute a committee for framing rules and regulations for constituting an Examination Committee as the same is not available in the university ordinance.

Academic Section may please nominate a committee for the above purpose.

Resolution:

The Academic Council approved the proposal in principal and authorized Vice Chancellor for nominating committee who shall frame the rules and regulation and guidelines on the basis of rules in this regard being followed by other central universities and approve the same on her own.

Agenda Item No. 21:

To consider and approve proposal of the DSW about constituting Student Council (Annexure-20).

A committee was nominated by the university to frame ordinance for constituting Student Council. Committee has submitted its report to the university.

Academic council may please take a view on this.

Resolution:

The Academic Council approved the proposal about constituting Student Council and directed the university administration not to conduct student election from next academic session onward and only constitute Student Council and follow the rules and regulation that have been framed in this regard by the constituted committee upon approval by Executive Council.

Agenda Item No. 22:

To consider disaffiliating of 2 courses of Sidharth College of Science and Management, Dehradun (Annexure-21).

As per letter no. Academic/9286 dated 6 Mar 2019; two courses i.e. BBA and BCA of Sidharth College of Science and Management, Dehradun has been disaffiliated by the university on the request of college concerned.

Submitted for ratification of academic council please.

Resolution:

The Academic Council approved disaffiliating of 2 courses of Sidharth College of Science and Management, Dehradun i.e. BBA and BCA and ratified the order Academic/9286 dated 6 Mar 2019 issued by the university in this regard.

Agenda Item No. 23:

To consider disaffiliating of B.Ed course of Uttaranchal College of Education, Dehradun (Annexure-22).

As per letter no. Academic/6382 dated 23 May 2017; B.Ed course of Uttaranchal College of Education, Dehradun has been disaffiliated by the university on the request of college concerned.

Submitted for ratification of academic council please.

Resolution:

The Academic Council approved disaffiliating of B.Ed course of Uttaranchal College of Education, Dehradun and ratified the letter no. Academic/6382 dated 23 May 2017 issued by the university in this regard.

Agenda Item No. 24:

To consider and approve the request of Ms. Varsha Gundev, Student of LLB (Annexure-23).

A request has been received from Ms. Varsha Gundev, Student of LLB who got admission in LLB 1st year in 2012 in Bishamber Sahai Institute of Law, Roorkee, a college affiliated by the university. As per the application of the student she has completed 2nd year of LLB but could not complete the 3rd year due to family dispute with her husband. She has mentioned in her application that she was thrown out of her house with her son by her In-Laws and now she has been taking tuitions to earn her living. She wish to complete her LLB 3rd year. As per rule, she had to complete the course by 2018.

She is requesting to allow her to complete 3rd year of LLB.

Academic council may please take a view on this.

Resolution:

The Academic Council did not approve the proposal of allowing Ms. Varsha Gundev, Student of LLB to take 3rd year exam of LLB as it is time barred case and UGC orders in this regard and university ordinance does not permit it.

Agenda Item No. 25:

To consider request of HoD, Department of Law, Pauri to stop taking admission in LLB till affiliation by BCI (Annexure-24).

As per letter no. LAW/Insp. BCI/78 dated 8 Apr 2019; it has been informed by HoD, Department of Law, Pauri that LLB course which is being run by the university is not affiliated by the BCI despite best efforts being made by the university. He has requested to stop taking admission in LLB till affiliation by BCI.

Academic council may please take a view on this.

Resolution:

The Academic Council approved request of HoD, Department of Law, Pauri and University administration to stop taking admission in LLB from next academic session onward till affiliation by BCI. Academic Council also directed the Dean, School of Law & HOD Department of Law to personally visit the BCI to follow up with BCI for getting affiliation so that admission in LLB can be continued from next session onward.

Agenda Item No. 26:

To consider and approve request of Biotechnology Department for Re-constitution of Board of Studies of Biotechnology (Annexure-25).

All faculty members of Biotechnology Department have requested vide their request letter dated 5 Apr 2019 for Re-constitution of Board of Studies of Biotechnology.

Academic council may please take a view on this.

Resolution:

The Academic Council took note of 81st Executive Council decision held in 2007 about splitting Biotechnology Department from Zoology Department and directed the university to put up proposal again before next Academic Council once the decision of 81st Executive Council is reviewed by MHRD/UGC for splitting the both the departments.

Agenda Item No. 27:

To consider and approve the request of Kathmandu University to execute MOU with HNBGU for implementing International Collaboration towards academics, research project and programs (Annexure-26).

A request by email has been received on 29 Jul 2018 from Kathmandu University to execute MOU with HNBGU for implementing International Collaboration towards academics, research project and programs. This shall be really fruitful for both the universities.

Academic council may please take a view on this.

Resolution:

The Academic Council approved the request of Kathmandu University to execute MOU with HNBGU for implementing International Collaboration towards academics, research project and programs and university to take further necessary action in this regard.

Agenda Item No. 28:

To consider request of Maharshi Sandipani Rashtriya Vedavidya Pratishthan, Ujjain for recognition of 'VedaBhusa & Veda Vibhushan' courses for admission in Graduate courses (Annexure-27).

A letter no. 1-8/2007/A&F/MSRVVP/Recognitions/4032 dated 12 Dec 2018 has been received from Maharshi Sandipani Rashtriya Vedavidya Pratishthan, Ujjain. They have requested to recognize 'VedaBhusa & Veda Vibhushan' courses for admission in Graduate courses in our university.

Academic council may please take a view on this.

Resolution:

The Academic Council did not approve this proposal.

Agenda Item No. 29:

Admission, Attendance rules and Academic Calendar of the University (Annexure-28).

On the recommendations of admission committee of the University, the admission, attendance rules and the academic calendar with fee details of various courses and examination fees in the form of Prospectus of the University has been approved. All the admissions in UG & PG courses have also been made following the laid down guidelines of University Prospectus. A copy of Prospects for the session **2019-2020** is **Annexed**.

Submitted for ratification please.

Resolution:

The Academic Council approved the Admission, Attendance rules and Academic Calendar of the University and the prospectus of 2019-20.

Agenda Item No. 30:

Reporting of guidelines for screening/short listing of candidates for appointment to the post of Assistant Professor, Associate Professor and Professor in the University (Annexure-29).

Guidelines recommended by the committee and approved by the Vice Chancellor for screening / short listing of candidates for appointment to the post of Assistant Professor, **Associate Professor and Professor** in the University have been notified by the university administration is placed at **Annexure** for perusal.

Submitted for ratification please.

Resolution:

The Academic Council ratified guidelines for screening/short listing of candidates for appointment to the post of Assistant Professor, Associate Professor and Professor in the University and also ratified the decision and order of the university that have been notified by the university administration in this regard.

Agenda Item No. 31:

To consider and approve the list of Experts/Examiners recommended by the Board of Studies of University.

The Academic Council in its last regular meeting approved the panel of experts/examiners submitted by the Departments after the approval of concerned Board of Studies for selections, examinations and other academic activities of the University. The tenure of present panel of experts/ examiners is going to expire soon. The Departments have submitted a fresh list of panel for above purpose. The detailed list of experts/ examiners recommended by the Board of Studies are placed at **Annexure-30**.

Submitted for consideration.

Resolution:

The Academic Council approved the panel of experts/examiners submitted by the Departments which have been recommended by the concerned Board of Studies for selections, examinations and other academic activities of the University. Academic Council also authorized Vice Chancellor to add, delete or change the names of experts as required after the envelopes are opened.

Agenda Item No. 32:

To consider Amendment of Ordinances for UG & PG courses of study "Admissions to courses of study" Annexure-31.

Considering the hardship in implementation of CBCS on the recommendations of the meeting of the Deans and HODs, a committee was constituted to go through the present ordinances and suggest any modifications if any. The committee has suggested some modifications in the ordinances. Detail of the amendments is **Annexed**.

Submitted for consideration.

Resolution:

The Academic Council approved the proposal in principal with direction to the university administration to place the same before next Executive Council meeting and to send it to UGC for final approval upon approval by Executive Council.

Agenda Item No. 33:

To consider and approve the revision/modification of syllabus of various courses of the University.

The University has received Syllabus for various courses from the Departments/Institutes. These Syllabi are revised/ modified by the Departments/ Institutes and approved by the concerned Board of Studies of the University. The details of the Syllabi for various courses are placed at **Annexure 32**.

Submitted for consideration and ratification.

Resolution:

The Academic Council approved the proposal for revision/modification of syllabus of various courses of the University that have been recommended by the concerned Board of Studies/School Boards of the University.

Agenda Item No. 34:

To consider and ratify office order issued by the university about sessional exams (Annexure 33)

An office order no. HNBGU/RO/2019/1874 dated 19 Aug 2019 has been issued by the university allowing students of 6th Sem to appear for special sessional exams. Again a letter no. 2019/385 dated 17 Aug 2019 and further an order HNBGU/2019/RO/437 dated 18 Sep 2019 has been issued by the university allowing students of 5th and 6th Sem to appear for special sessional exams.

Submitted for consideration and ratification.

Resolution:

The Academic Council approved the proposal and ratified the orders issued by the university in this regard.

Agenda Item No. 35:

To consider request of Department of Horticulture for changing of nomenclature of M.Sc and B.Sc (Annexure 34)

Dr. D.K.Rana, Assistant Professor, Department of Horticulture vide his letter dated 9 Feb 2018 has requested to change the nomenclature from M.Sc Horticulture to M.Sc (Agri) Horticulture and B.Sc Horticulture to B.Sc (Hons.) Horticulture.

Academic council may please take a view on this.

Resolution:

The Academic Council directed the university to send the proposal of Horticulture Department for changing of nomenclature of M.Sc and B.Sc to ICAR (Indian Council of Agriculture Research) for approval as ICAR is the body that gives affiliation and validation of the Agriculture courses.

Agenda Item No. 36:

To consider request of Faculty members of Biotechnology Department to separate Department of Biotechnology from Department of Zoology and Biotechnology (Annexure 35).

A committee was constituted vide office order RO/2019/326 dated 29 Jun 2019 to examine and provide recommendation on demand of faculty members of Department of Biotechnology. Committee has submitted its report on 9 Aug 2019 to the university.

Request of Faculty members of Zoology dated 5 Sep 2019 to the university, not to separate Zoology and Biotechnology Department is also attached.

Academic council may please take a view on this.

Resolution:

The Academic Council took note of 81st Executive Council decision held in 2007 about splitting Biotechnology Department from Zoology Department and directed the university to send the detailed proposal to MHRD/UGC for their approval to separate Department of Biotechnology from Department of Zoology and Biotechnology.

Agenda Item No. 37:

To consider request of Dr. Prakash Nautiyal, Department of Zoology & Biotechnology to nurture Postgraduate Program – Himalayan Aquatic Biodiversity (HAB) (Annexure 36).

Dr. Prakash Nautiyal, Department of Zoology & Biotechnology has submitted a proposal on 24 Jul 2019 to the university for nurturing the Postgraduate Program – Himalayan Aquatic Biodiversity (HAB).

Academic council may please take a view on this.

Resolution:

The Academic Council approved the proposal in principal and authorized Vice Chancellor to constitute a committee to frame modalities and develop guidelines to nurture Postgraduate Program – Himalayan Aquatic Biodiversity (HAB) as proposed by Dr. Prakash Nautiyal, Department of Zoology & Biotechnology and approve the same once done by the committee.

Agenda Item No. 38:

To consider request of the committee for Upgradation of the Plagiarism software (Annexure 37) and to decide the penalty to impose on research scholar and supervisor

A committee was constituted vide office order no. RO/2019/273 date 16 May 2019 regarding verification of reports of the PhD thesis (Thesis submitted by Shruti Jain and Akshita Saini). A committee has submitted its report to the university and requested for Upgradation of the Plagiarism software for checking plagiarism.

Apart from above, Prof. H.C.Purohit has also submitted a report to the university where he has also found some plagiarism in one of the thesis.

Committee has also recommended to take action against the these Research Scholar and their Supervisor as some matter has been found plagiarism.

It has also been suggested by the committee that each department of the university should have their own Departmental Academic Integrity Panel (DAIP). Same has also been directed by UGC as well.

Academic council may please take a view on this.

Resolution:

The Academic Council took note of DAIP ordinance in this regard and directed the university to constitute a DAIP committee at each department level.

Academic council also directed the concerned research scholars to submit revised thesis free of plagiarism within six months of issuing orders in this regard by the university. Academic council also noted the lapse in this regard that have been done by the supervisor while checking the thesis of concerned scholars and directed the university to call for explanation from concerned supervisors in this regard and debar them for two years to work as research supervisor from the date of issue of order by the university if their explanations are not found satisfactory by the Vice Chancellor.

Agenda Item No. 39:

To consider initiation of M.Sc Course in Yogic Science (Annexure 38).

A request has been received from Head, Department of Naturopathy & Yoga to initiate M.Sc Course in Yogic Science from the session 2020-21 onward.

Academic council may please take a view on this.

Resolution:

The Academic Council directed the university to send the proposal of Yoga Department for initiation of M.Sc Course in Yogic Science to UGC for approval as UGC is the body that gives affiliation and validation of the yoga courses.

Agenda Item No. 40:

Information about Chief Guest for the 7th Convocation scheduled on 1 Dec 2019.

It is informed that the 7th Convocation is scheduled to be held on 1 Dec 2019. University has invited MHRD Minister as Chief Guest for this convocation. Registration dates for convocation has been fixed as 1-14 Nov 2019.

Submitted for kind information of the Academic council.

Resolution:

The Academic Council noted and ratified the decision taken by the university in this regard.

Agenda Item No. 41:

To consider the request of Examination Section, to give 3rd chance to Ms. Roshni, Student who is visually handicapped to appear in Back paper exam (Annexure 39).

A note has been received from the Examination Section and it has been informed that Ms. Roshni, Student of B.Sc (2015-18) could not clear her back paper despite 2 attempts. It has been requested to allow her to appear in special back paper exam for 3rd time as a very special case.

Academic council may please take a view on this.

Resolution:

The Academic Council approved the proposal as a very special case to give 3rd chance to Ms. Roshni, Student who is visually handicapped to appear in Back paper exam student being visually handicapped.

Agenda Item No. 42:

To consider proposal of DSW about enhancing of minimum marks for admission in various courses of UG and PG and giving gold medal to meritorious students (Annexure 40).

A note has been submitted by DSW on 17 Oct 2019 to University and it has been requested that there should be minimum 50% marks to obtain admission in various courses of UG and PG. It has also been requested that there should be minimum 60% marks to receive gold medal.

Academic council may please take a view on this.

Resolution:

The Academic Council approved the proposal in principle about enhancing of minimum marks for admission in various courses of UG and PG and giving gold medal to meritorious students as the same shall be beneficial for the university to enhance its image in future.

Further, Academic Council also directed that there should be minimum 60% marks and number of students who studied in that course should be 10 and above for awarding the gold medal.

Agenda Item No. 43:

To consider for nomination of five persons not in the service of the University as member to the Academic Council under Statutes 14(1) (xiv).

Resolution:

The Academic Council approved the proposal for nomination of five persons not in the service of the University as member to the Academic Council under Statutes 14(1) (xiv) by the Vice Chancellor of the HNBGU.

Agenda Item No. 44:

To consider the Programme Outcome, Course Outcome and Programme Specific Outcome of the programmes of study offered (as on 19 Oct 2019) (Annexure 41).

List of Programme Outcome, Course Outcome and Programme Specific Outcome of the programmes of study offered (as on 19 Oct 2019) as provided by IQAC is attached.

Academic council may please take a view on this.

Resolution:

The Academic Council approved the proposal of IQAC about the Programme Outcome, Course Outcome and Programme Specific Outcome of the programmes of study offered (as on 19 Oct 2019).

TABLE AGENDA

Table Agenda Item No. 01:

To consider the draft ordinance about Alumni Association, Srinagar submitted by Department of Business Management (Annexure 42).

Draft ordinance have been submitted by Department of Business Management by which Alumni Association shall be governed.

Academic council may please take a view on this.

Resolution:

The Academic Council approved the proposal in-principle and directed to put up before the next Executive Council Meeting for its in-principal approval and forwarding the same to UGC/MHRD for their approval upon recommendation by EC.

Table Agenda Item No. 02:

To consider proposal of Prof. D.S.Negi, HoD Chemistry about readvertising posts for Chemistry Department specialization wise (Annexure 43).

HoD Chemistry has requested to readvertise posts for Chemistry Department specialization wise. It was informed by the Department that UGC has sanctioned 09 new posts in Chemistry Department for diversification of the course and to start new specialization/areas in Chemistry like Inorganic Chemistry, Physical Chemistry and Analytical Chemistry. It was also informed by the Department that the Department is having acute shortage of faculties and is running only one specialization in Organic Chemistry.

Academic council may please take a view on this.

Resolution:

The Academic Council approved the proposal in-principle and directed the university to readvertise posts if the no. of applications that have been received by the university are found to be less to call for interview by the scrutiny committee so that Chemistry Department can get 9 faculties in Physical Chemistry and analytical chemistry as proposed by the department.

Table Agenda Item No. 03:

To consider and approve the proposal for running courses in local and foreign language by Department of Folk and Performing Arts.

It has been proposed by the university that local languages of Uttrakhand & neighbouring states and foreign languages may be taught by Department of Folk and Performing Arts as Executive Council has already approved appointment of Dr. D.R.Purohit as Consultant for the Department of Folk and Performing Arts.

Academic council may please take a view on this.

Resolution:

The Academic Council approved the proposal to run the courses in local languages of Uttarakhand & neighbouring states and also foreign languages by Department of Folk and Performing Arts. The syllabus, guidelines, course curricula extra for Certificate, Diploma and/or PG Diploma Course be finalized by Department of Folk and Performing Arts under the convenership of Dr. D.R. Purohit who has been appointed as Consultant by the University that may be given in local languages of Uttarakhand & neighbouring states and also foreign languages i.e. Spanish, Japanese, French, German, Chinese etc. While finalizing the curricula, other Indian universities may be contacted who are running such courses.

Academic Council also directed the University that in all the departments where the student strength is less than 10, that department should be integrated with the parent department/campus where strength is more than 10.

Table Agenda Item No. 04:

To consider request of President and Secretary of existing union to show marks of Sessional Exams to students.

President and Secretary of existing union requested that students of the university should be shown the marks of sessional exams upon completion.

Academic council may please take a view on this.

Resolution:

The Academic Council approved the proposal and directed the university that all departments of the university and all affiliated colleges must show the marks of sessional exams to each students on request of student/s within 15 days of completion of sessional exams till awards are finally uploaded by the college/department on the university website whichever is later.

Table Agenda Item No. 05:

To consider and approve the proposal to curtail number of Guest Faculties and Outsourcing staff.

It was informed by the Registrar that he has received instructions from the UGC and MHRD to curtail number of Guest Faculties and Outsourcing staff as the UGC is not in a position to grant funding for the same.

Academic council may please take a view on this.

Resolution:

The Academic Council approved the proposal and directed the university to take necessary action in this regard and to keep the Guest Faculties and Outsourcing staff as minimum as possible against the vacant positions only.

Table Agenda Item No. 06:

To consider and approve the proposal to conduct PhD Viva by Skype.

University has informed that it is facing financial crunch and it is becoming difficult to meet out TA/DA of the faculties being nominated to conduct viva of PhD Students and request to allow them to conduct Viva by Skype.

Academic council may please take a view on this.

Resolution:

The Academic Council approved the proposal and directed the university that henceforth viva should be conducted by Skpye or video call only with the Faculty who is not from Srinagar, Utttarakhand. Circular in this regard should be issued by the university and only those Faculty should be nominated as external member to conduct viva who accept to conduct the Viva through Skype/Video Call. This shall surely increase the image of the university and at the same time will help the university to curtail its expenditure to great extent.

Academic Council also directed all Deans and HoD to send the thesis for evaluation to faculty in foreign country wherever possible. Academic council also directed to send the thesis by email to faculties for evaluation wherever possible to save the paper thus resources of our country.

Table Agenda Item No. 07:

To consider and approve change of the name of Department of Defence & Strategic Studies.

University informed the Academic Council that university is running courses in Geo Political Studies and requested to change the name of Department of Defence & Strategic Studies to Department of Defence & Strategic Studies and Geo Political Science.

Academic council may please take a view on this.

Resolution:

The Academic Council approved the proposal to change the name of Department of Defence & Strategic Studies to Department of Defence, Strategic and Geo Political Studies.

Meeting ended with vote of thanks to the Chair.

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