



**Minutes of the 23rd Meeting of the Academic Council (Hybrid Mode)
July 22, 2025 (Tuesday)**

The 23rd Meeting of the Academic Council of the Hemvati Nandan Bahuguna Garhwal University is convened at the Conference Hall of the VC Secretariat in Hybrid mode on Tuesday, July 22, 2025, at 11:00 AM onwards to deliberate on the agenda circulated earlier and to take decisions on the agenda items.

At the outset, the Vice-Chancellor/Chairperson extended a warm welcome to all the Members of the Academic Council.

With the permission of the Chair, the Registrar/Member Secretary extended gratitude towards the outgoing members upon completion of their term in the Council and welcomed new nominated members. Thereafter, the Registrar/Member Secretary presented the agenda items before the Council for deliberations. After extensive discussions and deliberations, the following decisions were taken by the Academic Council:

I. Agenda for Reporting

Agenda Item No. 23.1	Confirmation of Minutes of 22nd Meeting of the Academic Council held on Saturday, 20th July 2024.
	<p>The 22nd Academic Council meeting was held on Saturday, 20th July 2024, and the Minutes were circulated to all members for information and comments, if any (copy is enclosed in Annexure-1).</p> <p>The approved Minutes of the 22nd Academic Council are placed before the Academic Council for confirmation.</p>
	<p><u>Resolution:</u></p> <p><i>The Council confirmed the Minutes of the AC meeting held on 20-07-2024.</i></p> <p style="text-align: right;"><u>Action: All Concerned</u></p>
Agenda Item No. 23.2	Action Taken Report (ATR) of the 22nd meeting of the Academic Council.
	<p>The status of the Action Taken Report (ATR) on the resolutions of the 22nd meeting of the Academic Council is enclosed as Annexure -2.</p> <p>The ATR is placed before the Academic Council for information and approval.</p>
	<p><u>Resolution:</u></p> <p><i>The ATR of the 22nd meeting of the AC was noted.</i></p> <p style="text-align: right;"><u>Action: All Concerned</u></p>

<p>Agenda Item No. 23.3</p>	<p>Confirmation of Minutes of Emergent Meeting of the Academic Council held on Tuesday, 24th June 2024.</p>
	<p>The Emergent Meeting of the Academic Council was held on Tuesday, 24th June 2025, and the Minutes were circulated to all members for information and comments, if any. Suggestions/corrections received from the members are incorporated by the Coordinator NEP in the draft of Academic Ordinances as presented before the Academic Council under Agenda Item No.-3.1 in the Emergent Meeting.</p> <p>The final compiled draft of the three Academic Ordinances with Minutes of the Emergent Meeting of the Academic Council is placed before the Academic Council for approval and confirmation.</p> <p>Resolution:</p> <p><i>The Council confirmed the Minutes of the Emergent Meeting of the Academic Council held on 24-06-2025 with the following observations: -</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <i>i. The Council deliberated upon the attached updated draft of Academic Ordinances presented by the Coordinator NEP and approved for submission before the Executive Council for consideration.</i> <i>ii. The Council observed that a committee is constituted vide Office Order HNBGU/RESEARCH/2025/41 dated 08 07- 2025 to examine the issue of nomenclature for the Ph.D. degree awarded in the area of Yoga/Yogic Science, and the recommendations are being put up for deliberation under Agenda T (2) of this meeting separately.</i> <p style="text-align: right;"><u>Action: All Concerned</u></p>
<p>Agenda Item No. 23.4</p>	<p>To report permission granted for submission of Ph.D. thesis with an additional time period to Mr. Pradeep Kumar, research scholar, in Botany at the affiliated college, PLMS (PG College), Rishikesh.</p>
	<p>Mr. Pradeep Kumar was enrolled in Ph.D. programme in Botany with registration no. LB-17255 at the affiliated college, PLMS (PG College), Rishikesh, and was due for submission of thesis on 13-11-2024 upon completion of an extended permissible seven-year time duration. Mr. Pradeep Kumar came to the University for submission of his thesis with an application forwarded by the supervisor and HoD on the last date, i.e., 13-11-2024; however, due to the time taken in submission of required documents, he was unable to submit the same by the last date. The matter was referred to the Academic Council, but as a meeting of the AC could not be convened since then, therefore, considering the extraordinary circumstances, the Vice-Chancellor allowed submission of the Ph.D. thesis.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><u>Annexure-4</u></p> <p>The matter is submitted for reporting to the Academic Council.</p> <p>Resolution:</p> <p><i>The Council ratified the approval granted by the Vice-Chancellor for submission of the Ph.D. thesis by Mr. Pradeep Kumar (Registration No. LB-17255).</i></p> <p style="text-align: right;"><u>Action: AR (Academic/Research)/Concerned HoD</u></p>

<p>Agenda Item No. 23.5</p>	<p>To report the eligibility criteria for the Ph.D Entrance Examination for the session 2024- 25 as per UGC regulations 2022 and subsequent amendments.</p> <p>The meeting of the committee was held on 05-04-2025 to finalize the eligibility criteria for the Ph.D. Entrance Examination for the session 2024-25 and other subsidiary matters. the recommendation of the committee is submitted before the Academic Council for reporting. Annexure-5</p> <p>Resolution:</p> <p><i>The Council approved the recommendation of the committee and ratified the action taken thereupon by the University.</i></p> <p style="text-align: right;">Action: DSW/Entrance Cell</p>
<p>Agenda Item No. 23.6</p>	<p>To report the appointment of Dean (Recruitment & Promotion of Teaching posts) and Chief Student Advisor.</p> <p>(i) Vide officer order No.-GU/Admin/2025/443 dated 07-07-2025 Prof. Mohan Singh Panwar, Dept. of Geography was appointed Dean (Recruitment & Promotion of Teaching posts) in addition to his regular duties.</p> <p>(ii) Vide officer order No.-GU/Admin/2025/444 dated 07-07-2025 Prof. Madan Mohan Semwal, Dept. of Political Science was appointed Chief Student Advisor in addition to his regular duties.</p> <p>(iii) Vide officer order No.-GU/Admin/2025/452 dated 10-07-2025, University Planning and Development Committee is constituted for effective planning and development of the university works.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Annexure-6</p> <p>Submitted for reporting to the Academic Council.</p> <p>Resolution:</p> <p><i>The Council noted the decision taken by the University.</i></p> <p style="text-align: right;">Action: All Concerned</p>
<p>Agenda Item No. 23.7</p>	<p>To report the mode of admissions after exhausting the list of registered applicants in CUET (UG)-2025 and UET (PG)-2025.</p> <p>The admission process for the academic session 2025-26 is to commence soon, based on CUET (UG)- 2025 and UET (PG)-2025 scores. Recommendations were sought from the Deans of Schools regarding the admission to vacant seats in their respective programmes after the exhaustion of the list of registered candidates under CUET and UET.</p> <p>All Deans of the Schools have recommended that admissions to vacant seats may be made after the exhaustion of CUET and UET lists. However, the School of Education emphasized adherence to NCTE norms for B.Ed., M.Ed., and ITEP courses, while MA Education may be filled on a merit basis. The School of Engineering and Technology proposed admission to B.Tech (First Year) and Lateral Entry, MCA, and M.Tech (CSE) through merit lists based on JEE Main scores or qualifying examinations. The School of Law confirmed no bar on dual mode admissions as per legal norms.</p> <p>The detailed recommendations from each Dean are annexed for reference.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Annexure-7</p> <p>Submitted for reporting to the Academic Council.</p> <p>Resolution:</p> <p><i>The Council approved the recommendation made by the Dean of the Schools and ratified the action taken by the University thereupon with following observations-</i></p> <p>(i) <i>NCTE norms are also applicable to B.PEd. & M.PEd. Programmes.</i></p> <p>(ii) <i>Admissions in programmes offered by the School of Law will be through score of Entrance Test conducted by NTA and/or University Entrance Test as decided in previous Academic Session.</i></p> <p style="text-align: right;">Action: All Dean/HoD/DSW</p>

II. Agenda for Consideration

Agenda Item No. 23.8	To consider the award of Ph.D. Degree.						
	The Details of Research Scholars whose Viva-Voce have been successfully conducted (03) between 23- 06-2025 to 15-07-2025 for the award of Ph.D.						
	S. No.	E.No.	Subject	Name	Date of Viva	Name of the Supervisor	Topics
	1	G172032	Botany	Usha Devi	23-06-2025	Dr. A.B. Bajpai DBS (PG) College, Dehradun	Ethno-Botanical Exploration and Plant Resource Utilization by Jaad-Bhotiya Ethnic Community of Uttarkashi District
	2	G13264268	Hindi	Aakash Deep	12-07-2025	Prof. Guddi Bisht Birla Campus, Sriangar	रघुवीर सहाय एवं कवि पाश (हिंदी में अनूदित) के काव्य का तुलनात्मक अध्ययन
3	G13257292	English	Priyanka	15-07-2025	Dr. Poonam Bisht BGR Campus, Pauri	Dystopian and Ecotopian Imagery I Science Fiction: A Comparative Study of kim Stanley Robinson's Three Californias and Margaret Atwood's the MaddAddam Trilogy	
The agenda item is submitted for information and approval by the Academic Council.							
Resolution:							
<i>While deliberating on the agenda, some of the Heads of Departments informed that besides the above-reported three viva-voce, a few other viva-voce have also been successfully conducted before the commencement of this meeting of the Council, but could not be compiled/reported in the agenda.</i>							
<i>The Council approved the award of Ph.D. degree to reported scholars under Agenda with other such scholars whose viva-voce have also been successfully conducted before the commencement of this meeting of the Council as per rules and regulations.</i>							
<i>Action: AR (Academic & Research)/All HoDs</i>							
Agenda Item No. 23.9	Ratification of the approved recommendations of the Board of Studies/School Boards of various departments/schools of the University.						
	After the 22nd AC meeting, the following departments of the University conducted meetings of the Board of Studies (BoS) and submitted minutes for further approval of the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor. The resolutions/recommendations made by these BoS, which are approved by the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, are submitted for ratification of the Academic Council:						
	S. N	Name of the Department		Date of Board of Studies			
				BoS-1	BoS-2	BoS-3	
	1.	Forestry		08&09 Nov. 2024	17&18 Mar. 2025	-	
2.	HAPPRC		07-12-2024	24-04-2025	-		
3.	Rural Technology		12-04-2025	-	-		
4.	Seed Science & Technology		01-03-2025	-	-		
5.	Chemistry		29-06-2024	03-09-2024	22-02-2025		