



**Minutes of the Emergent Meeting of the Academic Council
April 10, 2026 (Friday)**

The Emergent Meeting of the Academic Council of the Hemvati Nandan Bahuguna Garhwal University is convened in the Online mode on Friday, April 10, 2026, at 02:30 PM 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 Chair's permission, the Registrar/Member Secretary presented the agenda items to the Council for deliberation.

I. Agenda for Consideration

Agenda Item No. 1	(i) To consider the minutes of the Admission Committee 2026-27 held on 8th April, 2026.
	The meeting of the Admission Committee 2026-27 of the University was held on 8 th April, 2026. <p style="text-align: right;">Annexure-1</p> The minutes of the Admission Committee 2026-27 are placed before the Academic Council for confirmation. Resolution: <i>Confirmed.</i> <p style="text-align: right;"><u>Action: DSW/All Concerned</u></p>
	(ii) To consider the Academic Calendar for the Academic Session 2026-27.
	The Academic Calendar for the Academic Session 2026-27 is submitted for consideration and approval of the Academic Council. <p style="text-align: right;">Annexure-2</p> Resolution: <i>Approved.</i> <p style="text-align: right;"><u>Action: DSW/All Concerned</u></p>
	(iii) To consider the Revised Fee Structure of various Programmes and other fee for the Academic Session 2026-27.
	The Revised Fee Structure of various Programmes and other fee for the Academic Session 2026-27 is submitted for consideration and approval of the Academic Council. <p style="text-align: right;">Annexure-3</p> Resolution: <i>Approved with observation that proposed tuition fee for newly introduced MLIS (Masters in Library & Information Science) programme is being approved in principle subject to submission of syllabus and other information in forthcoming regular meeting of the AC.</i> <p style="text-align: right;"><u>Action: DSW/All Concerned</u></p>

<p>(iv) To consider the Intake of 1-Year & 2- Year PG Programme under NEP 2020 w.e.f. Academic Session 2026-27.</p>
<p>The Intake of 1-Year & 2- Year PG Programme under NEP 2020 w.e.f. Academic Session 2026-27 is submitted for consideration and approval of the Academic Council.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Annexure-4</p> <p>Resolution: <i>Approved with observation to report the changes, if any, in the proposed intake in the forthcoming meeting of the AC.</i></p> <p style="text-align: right;">Action: DSW/All Concerned</p>
<p>(v) To consider the minutes of the Committee constituted vide O/o HNBGU/Acad/2026/954 dated 01-06-2026 for allocation of B.Sc. Computer Science Course under the appropriate school.</p>
<p>The minutes of the Committee constituted vide O/o HNBGU/Acad/2026/954 dated 01-06-2026 for allocation of B.Sc. Computer Science Course under the appropriate school is submitted for consideration and approval of the Academic Council.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Annexure-5</p> <p>Resolution: <i>The Council approved the allocation of B.Sc. Computer Science Course under the Deptt. of Computer Science & Engineering.</i></p> <p style="text-align: right;">Action: DSW/Dean(School of Engineering)/HoD</p>
<p>(vi) To consider the Reservation Roster for Ph.D. Admission 2025-26.</p>
<p>The Reservation Roster for Ph.D. seats had been prepared in accordance with the prescribed norms of the Reservation Policy (SC/ST/OBC/EWS/UR) and relevant guidelines of UGC/MoE, Govt. of India.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Annexure-6</p> <p>The matter is placed before the Academic Council for consideration and approval.</p> <p>Resolution: <i>Approved.</i></p> <p style="text-align: right;">Action: DSW/All Concerned</p>
<p>(vii) To consider a valid score in GATE, GPAT, ICAR and other equivalent national level examination for admission to Ph.D. in Engineering, Pharmacy and Agriculture respectively where UGC does not conduct NET examination.</p>
<p>The NEP Coordinator submitted a note to the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor (approved on 27-02-2026) proposing that valid scores in GATE, GPAT, ICAR, and other equivalent national-level examinations be considered for Ph.D. admissions in Engineering, Pharmacy, and Agriculture (in subjects where UGC-NET is not conducted) to ensure quality, standardization, and transparency in the admission process.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Annexure-7</p> <p>The matter is placed before the Academic Council for consideration and approval.</p> <p>Resolution: <i>Approved.</i></p> <p style="text-align: right;">Action: DSW/All Concerned</p>

	<p>(viii) To consider the process of Ph.D. Admission 2025-26.</p> <p>To consider the process of Ph.D. Admission 2025-26 vide notification HNBGU/EE/2026/02 dated 27-02-2026, whereby, admission to Ph.D. programmes was done through UGC NET score including CSIR-NET/GATE/GPAT/CEED/ICMR NET/DBT NET/ ICAR NET or any other national level tests score and interview jointly. However, with reference to emergent meeting held on 17-03-2026 and subsequent approval of the Hon'ble Vice Chancellor on 20-03-2026, Ph.D. Entrance Examination for the academic session 2025-26 is proposed to be conducted in the month of May 2026. The assessment index of 100 marks for admission is also proposed.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Annexure-8</p> <p>The matter is placed before the Academic Council for consideration and approval.</p> <p>Resolution: <i>Approved.</i></p> <p style="text-align: right;">Action: DSW/All Concerned</p>
	<p>(ix) To consider the process of the University Entrance Examination (UET) 2026-27.</p> <p>To consider the process of University Entrance Examination (UET) 2026-27 with reference to University letter no. HNBGU/RO/2025/456 dated 31-12-2025. The cell has also prepared eligibility criteria with paper code and pool of subjects for conducting the University Entrance Test (UET) 2026-27 with the consultation of concerned Dean/HoD.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Annexure-9</p> <p>The matter is placed before the Academic Council for consideration and approval.</p> <p>Resolution: <i>Approved.</i></p> <p style="text-align: right;">Action: DSW/All Concerned</p>
	<p>(x) To consider the Amendment regarding Viva Voce in UG and PG Programmes.</p> <p>In the resolution to Agenda Item No. 24.11 of the 24th Academic Council meeting held on 11 November 2025, it was resolved that viva voce, as a component of end-term assessment, shall be offered only in the fourth year of Undergraduate (UG) programmes and the final year of two-year Postgraduate (PG) programmes, in alignment with the requirements of NEP 2020 and in accordance with the specific academic needs of the respective disciplines.</p> <p>Proposed Amendment: Since the fourth year of the Undergraduate Programme under the Four-Year Undergraduate Programme (FYUP) is regarded as academically equivalent to the first year of a Postgraduate programme, it is proposed that viva voce may also be included as a component of the end-term assessment in the first year of a two-year Postgraduate programme under NEP 2020. Accordingly, the changes incorporated in U.G. 3rd year course structure.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Annexure-10</p> <p>The matter is placed before the Academic Council for consideration and approval.</p> <p>Resolution: <i>The Council deliberated the proposal in detail and resolved to authorise the Vice-Chancellor to take an appropriate decision after due examination of the proposal.</i></p> <p style="text-align: right;">Action: DSW/All Concerned</p>



II. Agenda for Reporting

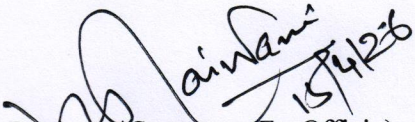
Agenda Item No. 2	(i) To report the Amendments in the Academic Ordinances under NEP-2020.
	<p>The following amendments in the Academic Ordinances have been carried out/are proposed to be implemented from the academic session 2026–27:</p> <p>A. Postgraduate Programmes</p> <p>1. Amendment in Clause 12: Course Structure and Credit Distribution Revision of course structure for two-year and one-year PG programmes with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">i. Inclusion of SEC and Non-CGPA courses in each semesterii. Inclusion of both theory and practical components within courses, wherever applicable, Additionally, for theory-based courses, a separate practical course shall not be offered. <p>2. Insertion of Clause 11.A(c): Non-Credit (Non-CGPA) Courses non-CGPA courses shall not be counted towards SGPA/CGPA; however, passing them shall be mandatory for award of the degree.</p> <p>3. Inclusion of Additional Programmes under NEP 2020 MCA, M.Tech, M.Sc. (Information Technology), and M.Sc. (Computer Science) to be brought under NEP 2020 framework.</p> <p>B. Undergraduate Programmes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a. B.A./B.Sc./B.Com Programmes<ul style="list-style-type: none">i. Removal of skill courses as optional course, linked with Major/Minor in first and second semestersii. Revision of credits: Major reduced from 6 to 5, Major-based SEC increased from 2 to 3.iii. Renaming of M.D. courses as M.D.-SEC coursesb. Single Major (Interdisciplinary Programmes) Applicable to Commerce, Yogic Sciences, Mass Communication, and Management:<ul style="list-style-type: none">i. Offering of only one Minor in first yearii. Introduction of M.D.-SEC courses in first yearc. Clause 13.C (B.Tech Programmes) B.Tech programmes aligned with AICTE model curriculum with 176 credits over eight semesters from session 2026–27.d. Clause 13.D (Interdisciplinary Programmes) Adoption of ICAR model curriculum for B.Sc. Forestry and B.Sc. Horticulture.e. Clause 13.E (ITEP Programme) Amendment in ITEP structure comprising 176 credits (170 CGPA + 6 non-CGPA) with defined distribution across Education major, disciplinary major, and minor.f. Clause-11 (Changes in the contents of “Outline of National Education



	<p>Policy” in the UG ordinances)</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Annexure-11</p> <p>The agenda item is submitted for information and reporting of the Academic Council.</p> <p>Resolution:</p> <p><i>Noted.</i></p> <p style="text-align: right;"><u>Action: DSW/All Concerned</u></p>
	<p>(ii) To report the Finalisation of Diploma Nomenclature and Course Structure.</p>
	<p>The University has entered into an MoU with the Garhwal Rifles Regimental Centre, Lansdowne, for awarding a diploma to Agniveers of the Garhwal Rifles, as approved in the 24th Academic Council meeting held on 11 November 2025.</p> <p>i. The nomenclature of the diploma has been revised from “Diploma in Junior Level Defence Management” to “Diploma in Defence and Security Management.”</p> <p>ii. The course structure and credit framework have been finalised.</p> <p>iii. Registration for Agniveer Batch AV-08 has already commenced.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Annexure-12</p> <p>The agenda item is submitted for information and reporting of the Academic Council.</p> <p>Resolution:</p> <p><i>Noted.</i></p> <p style="text-align: right;"><u>Action: DSW/All Concerned</u></p>
	<p>(iii) To report the Amendment in Provisions for Entry and Exit under FYUP.</p>
	<p>In accordance with the provisions of NEP 2020, the amendments have been incorporated in the existing entry and exit framework of the Four-Year Undergraduate Programme (FYUP):</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Annexure-13</p> <p>The agenda item is submitted for information and reporting of the Academic Council.</p> <p>Resolution:</p> <p><i>Noted.</i></p> <p style="text-align: right;"><u>Action: DSW/All Concerned</u></p>
	<p>(iv) To report the Introduction of the course and Syllabus Updation under NEP 2020.</p> <p>The following academic updates have been introduced in alignment with the provisions of NEP 2020:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Introduction of a course titled “Heritage of Indian Languages” in lieu of one existing language course under the Four-Year Undergraduate Programme (FYUP). 2. Updation of syllabi to incorporate the following components: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Indian Knowledge System (IKS) • Indian Culture, Traditions, and Moral Values <p>These changes are aimed at strengthening the integration of Indian knowledge</p>

	<p>traditions and value-based education within the curriculum framework.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Annexure-14</p> <p>The agenda item is submitted for information and reporting of the Academic Council.</p> <p><u>Resolution:</u></p> <p><i>Noted.</i></p> <p style="text-align: right;"><u>Action: DSW/All Concerned</u></p>
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The meeting ended with the National Anthem.


Registrar/ Secretary (Ex-Officio)

Vice-Chancellor/Chairperson

