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CENTRAL UNIVERSITY OF HIMACHAL PRADESH



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OF

21st MEETING OF THE ACADEMIC COUNCIL

HELD ON 29th October, 2018 at 11:00 AM

VENUE: Dhauladhar Parisar-I, CUHP, Dharamshala, District Kangra H.P.-176215.

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1. The 21st Meeting of Academic Council of the Central University of Himachal Pradesh, Dharamshala was held on 29th October, 2018 at 11.00 A.M. at Dhauladhar Parisar-I, Dharamshala, Central University of Himachal Pradesh, District Kangra H.P. - 176215. The following Members were present:

S. NO.	NAME AND ADDRESS OF THE MEMBERS	
1.	Prof. Kuldip Chand Agnihotri Vice Chancellor, Central University of Himachal Pradesh	CHAIRMAN
2.	Prof. H. R. Sharma Pro Vice-Chancellor, Central University of Himachal Pradesh	MEMBER
3.	Prof. Sukesh Chander Sharma Department of Biochemistry, Panjab University, Chandigarh	MEMBER
4.	Dr. Jai Dev CSK HPKV, Palampur, District Kangra, H.P.	MEMBER
5.	Prof. I. V. Malhan Dean, School of Mathematics, computers & Information Sciences, Central University of Himachal Pradesh, TAB, Shahpur	MEMBER
6.	Prof. Roshan Lal Sharma Dean, School of Humanities & Languages, Central University of Himachal Pradesh, Dhauladhar Parisar-I, Dharamshala	MEMBER
7.	Prof. Manoj Kumar Saxena Dean, School of Education, Central University of Himachal Pradesh, Dhauladhar Parisar-I, Dharamshala	MEMBER

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8.	Dr. Pradeep Kumar Dean, School of Journalism, Mass Communication & New Media, Central University of Himachal Pradesh, Dhauladhar Parisar-I, Dharamshala	MEMBER
9.	Dr. Bhag Chand Chauhan Dean, School of Physical & Material Sciences, Central University of Himachal Pradesh, TAB, Shahpur	MEMBER
10.	Dr. Sanjeev Gupta Dean, School of Business & Management Studies, Central University of Himachal Pradesh, Dhauladhar Parisar-II, Dharamshala	MEMBER
11.	Prof. Mushtaq Ahmad Professor & Dean, School of Earth & Environmental Sciences, Central University of Himachal Pradesh, TAB, Shahpur	MEMBER
12.	Dr. Bhagwan Singh Head, Department of Marketing & Supply Chain Management, Central University of Himachal Pradesh, Dhauladhar Parisar-II, Dharamshala	MEMBER
13.	Dr. Asutosh Pradhan Dean, School of Social Sciences, Central University of Himachal Pradesh Dhauladhar Parisar-I, Dharamshala	MEMBER
14.	Mr. Keshav Singh Rawat Assistant Professor, Dept. of Computer Science & Informatics, Central University of Himachal Pradesh, TAB, Shahpur	MEMBER
15.	Dr. Vikram Singh Assistant Professor, Centre for Computational Biology & Bioinformatics, Central University of Himachal Pradesh, TAB, Shahpur	MEMBER
16.	Registrar Central University of Himachal Pradesh, Camp Office, Dharamshala	Ex-Officio Secretary

2. The following members could not attend the meeting due to their prior commitments and unavoidable reasons and were granted leave of absence.

S. NO.	NAME AND ADDRESS OF THE MEMBERS	
1.	Prof. N. Sathyamurthy Director (IISER), Mohali, Chandigarh	MEMBER
2.	Prof. Rajnish Arora Former Vice-Chancellor, PTU, Jalandhar	MEMBER
3.	Prof. Girish Chandra Tripathi Vice-Chancellor, Banaras Hindu University, Varanasi	MEMBER
4.	Shri K.G. Suresh Director General, Indian Institute of Mass Communication JNU New Campus, New Delhi	MEMBER
5.	Dr. Deepti Dharmani Department of English, Ch. Devi Lal University, Barnala Road, Sirsa	MEMBER
6.	Prof. A.D.N. Bajpai Former Vice-Chancellor, Himachal Pradesh University, Shimla	MEMBER

7.	Prof. Inderjeet Singh Department of Economics, Punjabi University, Patiala-147002	MEMBER
8.	Dr. Ganesh Dutt Bhardwaj Ex-Chairman, Himachal Sanskrit Academy C/o Shiv Medical Store, VPOKuthera, Teh. Ghumarwin, Dist. Bilaspur, H.P. -174026	MEMBER
9.	Prof. A. K. Mahajan Dean, School of Life Sciences, Central University of Himachal Pradesh, TAB, Shahpur	MEMBER

3. The Vice-Chancellor welcomed all the members and thanked them for being available for attending this meeting.

4. Thereafter, the Vice-Chancellor invited Brig. Jagdish Chand Rangra, YSM (Retd), Registrar-cum-Secretary to take up the agenda items.

THEREAFTER, THE AGENDA WAS TAKEN UP AS UNDER:

Item No. 21.1: Confirmation of the Minutes of 20th Meeting of the Academic Council held on 10th November, 2017.

The Minutes of the 20th Meeting of the Academic Council held on 10th November, 2017 placed at ANNEXURE-21.1 were confirmed.

Item No. 21.2: To place before the Academic Council the Report about the Action Taken on the decision of its 20th Meeting held on 10th November, 2017.

The Academic Council noted the action taken on the decisions of 20th Meeting of the Academic Council dated 10th November, 2017, placed at Annexure- 21.2.

ITEM(S) FOR CONSIDERATION AND RATIFICATION

Item No.21.3: To ratify the action taken by the Vice-Chancellor under sub-section (3) of Section 11 of the Central Universities Act 2009 with regard to approval of University Prospectus 2018-19 for admission to Certificate/ Under-Graduate/ Post-Graduate Programmes.

In order to start the process of admissions to the approved Certificate/ Under-Graduate/ Post-Graduate Programmes, the prospectus of the University was drafted out by the Committee consisting of all Deans of different Schools and Deans Students' Welfare, under the direction and supervision of the Vice-Chancellor. A copy of the University Prospectus 2018-19 is placed before the Academic Council at ANNEXURE-21.3(A).

As per Statute 14(d), the power to frame such regulations and rules consistent with the Statutes and Ordinances regarding the academic functioning of the University, discipline, residence, admission, award of fellowship and studentships, fees, concessions, corporate life and attendance is vested with the Academic Council of the University. As such, the Prospectus of the University for the Academic Year 2018-19 for admission to Certificate/Under-Graduate/Post-Graduate Programmes was required to be considered and approved by the Academic Council.

Since the process of making admissions could not be started until the prospectus is approved by the competent authority i.e. Academic Council and it was not possible to convene the meeting of the Academic Council, in view of the fact that the admission process is an important and time bound activity, the Prospectus 2018-19 of the University was approved by the Vice-Chancellor, in exercise of the powers vested in him vide sub-section (3) of Section 11 of the Central Universities Act 2009, in anticipation of the approval of the Academic Council.

The Academic Council noted and ratified the decision taken by the Vice-Chancellor.

Item No.21.4:

To place before the Academic Council the recommendations of the Committee constituted to enter into MoU for Skill Development, Outcome Based Trainings, Placement, R&D Services and Related Services.

A Committee vide Notification No. 1-8/CUHP/Acad./2015/3927-28 dated 1st December, 2017 was constituted to examine the proposals received from various service providers to enter into Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) for Skill Development, Outcome Based Trainings, Placement, R&D Services and Related Services with Deen Dayal Upadhyay Kaushal Kendra, Central University of Himachal Pradesh.

The Committee after examining the proposals recommended that an MoU may be signed between the following for the purpose shown against each **(ANNEXURE-21.4)**:

Sr. No.	Subject	Service Providers
1.	Journalism	(a) Divya Himachal (b) NIIT, Dharamshala
2.	Finance & Marketing	(a) Big Bazaar (b) Rana Associates, Dharamshala (c) School of Digital Marketing, Dharamshala

The Academic Council noted and ratified the decision taken by the Vice-Chancellor.

ITEM(S) FOR CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL

Item No.21.5: To place before the Academic Council the matter to seek advice for holding the fifth Convocation of the University.

As per Clause 1 of the Ordinance 43, Convocation for the purpose of conferring Degrees, Diplomas and other distinctions of the university shall ordinarily be held every year on such date and place as may be fixed by the Executive Council. The fifth Convocation of the University is likely to be held shortly. The advice of the Academic Council on the following issues is solicited:

- 1) Date for holding the Convocation
- 2) The dignitary to be invited as Chief Guest
- 3) The proposal, if any for conferring Honorary Degree(s)

The Academic Council deliberated on issues and approved the following:

- 1) The Convocation shall be held in the month of February, 2019.**
- 2) The Vice-Chancellor is authorized to invite the Chief Guest for the Convocation.**
- 3) The Bio-data of Sh. Tsering Dorje of Lahual-Spiti be invited and considered for conferring Honorary Degree.**

Item No.21.6 To place before the Academic Council the recommendations of various School Boards for consideration and approval.

Clause 15(2) of the Statute provides that every school shall have a School Board and the members of the first School Board shall be nominated by the Executive Council for a period of three years. Ordinance 22: Constitution, Powers and Functions of the School Board provides that, "The Board shall hold at least two ordinary meetings in an Academic year, one in each semester". The minutes of the following School Boards received and are placed below for the consideration and approval of the Academic Council:

1. Minutes of the 5th Meeting of the School Board, School of Physical & Material Sciences held on 26th February, 2018 (**ANNEXURE-21.6A**).
2. Minutes of 6th Meeting of the School Board, School of Earth & Environmental Sciences held on 20th June, 2018 (**ANNEXURE-21.6B**).
3. Minutes of the 3rd Meeting of the School Board, School of Humanities & Languages held on 10th August, 2018 (**ANNEXURE-21.6C**).
4. Minutes of 4th Meeting of the School Board, School of Social Sciences held on 11.09.2018(**ANNEXURE-21.6D**)
5. Minutes of the 1st Meeting of the School Board, School of Art & Arts Education held on 5th October, 2018(**ANNEXURE-21.6E**).

6. Minutes of the 4th Meeting of the School Board, School of Mathematics, and Computer & Information Science held on 20th August, 2018(ANNEXURE-21.6F).

The Minutes of the School Boards(s) of the above mentioned Schools are approved by the Academic Council and further recommended to the Executive Council for its approval. Further, the students admitted for Ph.D. Programme in the Departments where no faculty/teacher is available and the supervisor has been allotted from other department of the University, the same is approved as a special chance and it shall not followed as precedence in future. The Academic Council also approved that in future no admission shall be done in the Department where no faculty/teacher is available.

The Executive Council in its 35th meeting held on 27th November, 2018 vide Item No.35.6 considered the minutes of Academic Council and also the minutes of various School Boards. The Committee deliberated on the minutes and discussed points brought up during the meeting. The Executive Council noted the fact and authorized the Vice-Chancellor of the University to take necessary action as per provisions of the University Ordinances.

Item No. 21.7: To place before the Academic Council the matter regarding registration of students for 4 credits from the courses available on SWAYAM portal in each semester

The University Grants Commission vide letter D.O. No.F.1-100/2016 (MOOCs/e-content) dated 1.8.2017 has informed that Central University of Himachal Pradesh will be the Host Institution for offering 7 MOOCs Courses and allow transfer of the credits.

In response to the above, the University has consented to facilitate for delivery of following MOOCs courses:

- a. Digital Libraries – 5 credits
- b. Information Source System and Services – 5 credits
- c. Research Ethics: Anti-Plagiarism Issues and Tools – Non-credit
- d. Information and Communication Technology for Libraries – 5 credits
- e. Information Storage and Retrieval – 3 credits
- f. Informetrics and Scientometrics – 3 credits
- g. Knowledge Society – 3 credits
- h. Management of Libraries and Information Centres and Knowledge Centres – 5 credits

Further, the students of the University have also registered themselves for various MOOCs courses available on SWAYAM platform(ANNEXURE-21.7A). Therefore, to facilitate with guidelines for departments/centres to allow

students to register for courses up to 4 credits from courses available on SWAYAM MOOCs platform in each semester is required. In this context, each Department/centre may consider allowing registration of students on online courses of MOOCs depending upon the following:

1. Availability of desired courses with required credits on SWAYAM-MOOCs platform.
2. Overall academic requirement of a degree and courses including learning content and involving instruction that can potentially enhance the skills, competencies and employability of learners.
3. Non-availability of particular suitable teaching staff for running a course in the University
4. Elective courses sought by the students are not on offer in a department/ Centre's curriculum but are available on SWAYAM platform
5. The courses available on the SWAYAM platform that supplements the teaching-learning.
6. Courses nearly beginning at the time of registration of students and completing within the duration of semester.

The Academic Council decided that the Central University of Himachal Pradesh will transfer credits for the following on-going courses of MOOCs in Library and Information Sciences :

- a. **Digital Libraries – 5 credits**
- b. **Information Source System and Services – 5 credits**
- c. **Research Ethics: Anti-Plagiarism Issues and Tools – Non-credit**
- d. **Information and Communication Technology for Libraries – 5 credits**
- e. **Information Storage and Retrieval – 3 credits**
- f. **Informetrics and Scientometrics – 3 credits**
- g. **Knowledge Society – 3 credits**
- h. **Management of Libraries and Information Centres and Knowledge Centres – 5 credits**

The Academic Council further decided that the students be encouraged to register for courses upto 4 credits from various courses available on SWAYAM platform in each semester, depending upon the following :

1. **Availability of desired courses with required credits on SWAYAM-MOOCs platform.**
2. **Overall academic requirement of a degree and courses including learning content and involving instruction that can potentially enhance the skills, competencies and employability of learners.**
3. **Non-availability of particular suitable teaching staff for running a course in the University**
4. **Elective courses sought by the students are not on offer in a department/ Centre's curriculum but are available on SWAYAM platform**

5. **The courses available on the SWAYAM platform that supplements the teaching-learning.**
6. **Courses nearly beginning at the time of registration of students and completing within the duration of semester.**

Item No. 21.8

To place before the Academic Council matter regarding amendment in Regulation No. 7 which deals with residing and behavior of resident students in Hostels for consideration and approval.

A proposal from Dean Students' Welfare has been received to make necessary amendments in **Regulation No. 7** which deals with the Rules for the Hostel Residents as recommended by the Provost. The following are some points to be placed before the Academic Council for its approval and further recommended to Executive Council for its approval:

- (i) The Regulation No. 7 as amended is enclosed as **ANNEXURE-21.8(A)**.
- (ii) The existing one time refundable Security Fee/amount i.e. Rs. 1,000/- is not sufficient to meet out the defaults, if any. Therefore, it has been proposed to be enhanced to Rs. 5,000/-.
- (iii) The allotment of the seats for PG students(2nd Year) in the Hostel will be done on the basis of reservation rules of Govt. of India and the score of 1st Semester.
- (iv) The allotment of the seats for PG students (1st Year) in the Hostel will be done on the basis of reservation rules of Govt. of India and the composite score to be calculated as follows:
*Matric(10th) = 25%; *Higher Secondary (10+2) = 25%; *Graduation = 50%.

The Academic Council deliberated on the issues and approved the amendment in Regulation No. 7. The Academic Council also recommend that Sr. No. 3(e) should be replaced as "A research degree student will be allowed to stay in the hostel for a maximum of three (3) years for pursuing research degree".

Item No. 21.9

To place before the Academic Council the amendments to Ordinance No. 2, 30 and 43 for consideration and approval.

The UGC vide letter F.No. 52-2/2010(CU) dated 12th September, 2017 has advised to reframe the University Ordinance No. 2 as per their observations that, "*The Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016 making a provision of 5% reservation in admission for persons with benchmark disabilities. Further, the UGC advised to add one more clause on Remittance and Refund of Fees in view of UGC Notification on Remittance and Refund of Fees and other student-centric issues*". Therefore, the necessary amendments as per suggestions made by UGC **in Ordinance No. 2:** deals with Admission of Students has been made and placed as **ANNEXURE-21.9(A)**.

The proposal from Controller of Examinations has been received to make **Amendments in Ordinance No. 30**: deals with Medium of Instruction, Examination, Evaluation and Grading System for Programmes of Studies Other than the Research Degree Programme. The amended Ordinance No. 30 is placed as **ANNEXURE-21.9(B)**.

The Department of Higher Education, MHRD has suggested that traditional convocation dresses as well as Indian convocation dressed may be selected. In pursuance to letter of MHRD the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor has constituted a Committee to recommend suitable amendments in the Ordinance 43. The recommendations of the Committee is placed at **ANNEXURE-21.9(C)**.

Ordinance No. 43 dealing with Convocation is approved by the Academic Council and further recommended to the Executive Council for its approval.

The amended/repealed/reframed Ordinances No. 2 and 30 are considered by the Academic Council and referred back to the Committee for reconsideration in the light of discussions.

The Academic Council also approved to include Prof. Mushtaq Ahmed as member of the Committee constituted for Review of Ordinances.

ITEM NO: 21.10

To place before the Academic Council the matter to start new Department of Biotechnology & Genome in the School of Engineering Sciences and Technology.

The University has made its 11 Schools functional and has started 24 Departments and 1 Center under these Schools vide UGC sanctioned letter F.No. 1-1/2013(CU) dated 5.02.2014. Now, the University intends to start new Department of Biotechnology & Genome in the School of Engineering Sciences and Technology. The UGC vide letter F.No. 54-1/2016-CU.III dated 7.09.2017(**ANNEXURE-21.10A**) has advised the University to obtain prior approval before establishment of any departments/centres. Therefore, we may approach the UGC for the assent of establishment of the new Department of Biotechnology & Genome in the School of Engineering Sciences and Technology after approval of the University Authorities.

The Agenda was discussed in the Academic Council. The Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor also apprised the members that as per directions of UGC vide letter F.No. 54-1/2016-CU.III dated 7.09.2017, the University has to approach to the UGC to obtain prior approval before the establishment of new department of Biotechnology & Genome in the School of Engineering Sciences and Technology.

The matter regarding establishment of new Department of Biotechnology & Genome in the School of Engineering Sciences and Technology has been considered by the Academic Council and it has been approved that the name of the Department shall be Department of Biotechnology & Genomeic Studies and further recommended of Executive Council for its approval.

ITEM NO: 21.11 To place before the Academic Council the Annual Report 2017-18 of the University for the period from 1st April, 2017 to 31st March, 2018.

The Central Universities Act, 2009 provides that the "Annual Report" of the University shall be prepared under the direction of the Executive Council, which shall include, among other matters, the steps taken by the University towards the fulfillment of its objects and shall be submitted to the Court on or before such dates as may be prescribed by the Statutes and the Court shall consider the report in its annual meeting. The Court shall submit the annual report to the Visitor along with its comments, if any and a copy of the Annual Report, as prepared shall also be submitted to the Central Government, which shall as soon as may be because the same to be laid before both the Houses of Parliament.

The Academic Council deliberated on Annual Report for the period 1st April, 2017 to 31st March, 2018 approved as per ANNEXURE-21.11 and further recommended to the Executive Council for its approval.

ITEM NO. 21.1(T): To place before the Academic Council the Minutes of Third Meeting of Advisory Committee of Deen Dayal Upadhyay Kaushal Kendra (By Circulation).

The meeting of the 3rd Advisory Committee of DDU KAUSHAL Kendra held by Circulation is placed at ANNEXURE-21.1(T) before the Academic Council.

The Minutes of the Third Meeting of Advisory Committee of Deen Dayal Upadhyay KAUSHAL Kendra are approved by the Academic Council and further recommended to the Executive Council for its approval.

ITEM NO. 21.2(T): To place before the Academic Council the recommendations of 6th School Board Meeting of School of Physical & Material Sciences held on 23rd October, 2018 by Circulation.

The meeting of the 6th School Board Meeting of School of Physical and Material Sciences was held on 23rd October, 2018 by Circulation.

The minutes of the 6th School Board Meeting of School of Physical and Material Sciences held on 23rd October, 2018 are approved by the Academic Council and further recommended to the Executive Council for its approval.

The Chairman apprised the Academic Council that we may approach the University Grants Commission for the positions of one Yoga Instructor and one instructor for Kangra Paintings/Basauli Painting for starting the certificate courses in the subjects concerned. Further, the Chairman also placed the matter regarding establishment of School of Physical Education in the University and a proposal in this regard shall be forwarded to University Grants Commission for its approval.

The Academic Council approved the same and further recommended to the Executive Council for its approval.

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair

-Sd/-

**Brig. Jagdish Chand Rangra, YSM (Retd.)
Ex Officio Secretary &
Registrar, CUHP, Dharamshala**

Confirmed

-Sd/-

**Prof. (Dr.) Kuldip Chand Agnihotri
Chairman &
Vice-Chancellor, CUHP, Dharamshala.**