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CENTRAL UNIVERSITY OF HIMACHAL PRADESH



Minutes

of

**61st MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL
HELD ON 31ST MAY, 2023 AT 11:30 A.M.
THROUGH ONLINE MODE.**

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MINUTES

1. The 61st Executive Council Meeting of the Central University of Himachal Pradesh, Dharamshala was held on 31st May, 2023 at 11:30 A.M. (Online) at VC's Secretariat, Dharamshala, District Kangra, H.P. -176215. The Meeting was held through Google Meet/online (<https://meet.google.com/vbb-qnvu-bgf>)
2. The following members were present in the meeting:

Sr. No.	NAME AND ADDRESS OF THE MEMBERS	
1.	Prof. Sat Parkash Bansal Vice Chancellor, Central University of Himachal Pradesh	CHAIRMAN
2.	Prof. Rajnish Kumar Shukla, Vice-Chancellor, Mahatma Gandhi International Hindi University, Wardha, MH.	MEMBER (online)
3.	Prof. Tankeshwar Kumar Vice-Chancellor, Central University of Haryana	MEMBER (online)
4.	Dr. (Mrs.) Pankaj Mittal, Secretary General, AIU, New Delhi	MEMBER (online)
5.	Prof. Niranjana Kumar, Nominee of UGC Chairman	MEMBER (online)
6.	Prof. Nagesh Thakur Professor, Department of Physics, H.P. University Shimla	MEMBER (online)
7.	Prof. Naresh Kumar Mahajan, Former Principal, Rajkiya Kanya Mahavidhyalaya, Shimla, H.P.	MEMBER (online)
8.	Dr. Ruchi Badola, Scientist-G/Senior Professor, Bhartiya Vanyajeev Sansthan, Dehradun	MEMBER (online)
9.	Sh. Ashwani Kaushal, Industrialist Member, SHEC	MEMBER (online)

10.	Prof. Pardeep Kumar, Dean (Academics), Central University of Himachal Pradesh	MEMBER
11.	Prof. Ambrish Kumar Mahajan, Dean Students' Welfare, CUHP	MEMBER
12.	Prof. Asutosh Pardhan, Professor, Department of Social Work	MEMBER
13.	Prof. Mohinder Singh, Dean, School of Commerce & Management Studies	MEMBER
14.	Prof. Hum Chand, Dean, School of Physical & Material Sciences	MEMBER
15.	Dr. Brihaspati Mishra, Associate Professor, Department of Sanskrit, Pali & Prakrit	MEMBER
16.	Dr. Khem Raj Sharma, Assistant Professor, Department of English	MEMBER
17.	Sh. Narender Thakur, Finance Officer, Central University of Himachal Pradesh	SPECIAL INVITEE
18.	Prof. Vishal Sood, Registrar, Central University of Himachal Pradesh	Member Secretary

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

Sr. No.	NAME AND ADDRESS OF THE MEMBER	
1.	Secretary (or his /her nominee), Department of Higher Education, MoE, New Delhi	Not Present
2.	Secretary (Higher Education), Government of Himachal Pradesh, Shimla, H.P.	Not Present
3.	Prof. Sanjeev Jain, Vice-Chancellor, Central University Jammu	Not Present
4.	Prof. C.L. Chandan, Vice-Chancellor(Retd.), Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel Cluster University Mandi, HP.	Not Present
5.	Prof. Rama Maikhuri, Education Department, Hemwati Nandan Bahuguna Garhwal University, Uttarakhand	Not Present

4. The Vice-Chancellor welcomed the members and thanked them for sparing their valuable time for attending this meeting. The Vice-Chancellor appraised the Executive Council that stage-1 FCA clearance for the forest land proposed for construction of North Campus of Central University of Himachal Pradesh at Jadrangal (Dharamshala) has been accorded by MoEF and soon, the construction work at Jadrangal will start after receiving of stage-2 FCA Clearance. He also appraised the Executive Council that the construction work at dehra site is steadily moving ahead. Thereafter, the Vice-Chancellor invited Prof. Vishal Sood, Registrar-cum-Ex Officio Secretary to take up the agenda items.

5. The registrar extended warm welcome to all the members of the Executive Council of the university and presented the agenda items as follows:-

Item No. 61.1: To place before the Executive Council the matter regarding adoption of the University Grants Commission (Redressal of Grievance of Student) Regulations, 2023.

The University Grants Commission vide D.O. No. 1-13/2022(CPP-II dated 12th April, 2023 notified the UGC (Redressal of Grievance of Student) Regulations, 2023 to provide opportunities for redressal of certain grievances of students already enrolled in any institution and accordingly all Higher Education Institutions have been directed to circulate these Regulations. This Regulation provides for the constitution of the Student Grievance Redressal Committee(s) (SGRC) and the appointment of an Ombudsman in the institution.

In pursuance to this, it is submitted before the Executive Council that the Vice-Chancellor as per powers vested in him under clause 11(3) of Central Universities Act, 2009 has appointed Dean Students Welfare of the University as Ombudsman vide Office Order F.No. 1-4/CUHP/Acad./2010/Vol.II/3373-83 dated 29 May, 2023[Annexure-61.1(A)].

The Executive Council approved and ratified the decision taken by the Vice-Chancellor regarding adoption of University Grants Commission (Redressal of Grievance of Student) Regulations, 2023 and approved appointment of DSW as Ombudsman for this purpose.

Item No. 61.2: To place before the Executive Council, the matter regarding recommendations of various Selection Committee(s) for various Teaching positions under direct recruitment.

The University conducted interview for the post of Assistant Professor, Department of Computer Science and Informatics on 23.05.2023 advertised vide Employment Notice No. 001/2022 dated 15.06.2022 and the recommendations of said Selection Committee is being placed before the Executive Council in sealed envelope for its consideration and decision.

In addition, the following matter is placed before the Executive Council for its ratification and approval of action taken by the Vice-Chancellor:-

1. Ratification of the decision taken by the Vice-Chancellor regarding:

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- (a) Decision of the Vice-Chancellor regarding constitution of Screening Committee, Document Verification Committee for the post of Assistant Professor, Department of Computer Science and Informatics alongwith the approval of the recommendations of these committees.
- (b) Decision of the Vice-Chancellor to place the requests/objection/representation so received from the candidates to the screening committee for updation of status till the interview is conducted to ensure that none of the eligible candidate is deprived from the opportunity to face the interview.
- (c) Decisions of the Vice-Chancellor regarding constitution of Selection Committee and nomination of confidential officer for coordinating with the selection committee for lodging and boarding arrangements.

The Executive Council ratified and approved all the above decisions of the Vice-Chancellor in this regard. The Executive Council also accorded its approval to the recommendations of selection committee and to issue appointment letters to the selected candidates.

Item No. 61.3: To place before the Executive Council the matter regarding decision on grant of lien to Dr. Mushtaq Ahmad, Associate Professor, Department of Environmental Sciences and Dr. Bhagwan Singh, Associate Professor, Department of HPKV Business School.

The Executive Council is apprised that consequent upon his appointment to the post Professor at Central University of Jammu, Dr. Mushtaq Ahmed, Professor, Department of Environmental Sciences was relieved by the university on 10.12.2019 vide office order No. PVC/2-3/Gen/CUHP/2019/ 3204-12 dated 10.12.2019 by retention of lien for a period two years till 11.12.2021 on the permanent post held by him in this university i.e. Associate Professor, Department of Environmental Sciences. Further, as per request of the teacher the lien was extended for another one year till 11.12.2022 since his services were not confirmed at Central University of Jammu. The currency of three years of lien held by the teacher in this university has been completed on 11.12.2022, but the teacher has not intimated about his status of confirmation at Central University of Jammu.



Similarly, in another case consequent upon his appointment to the post Professor at Central University of Jharkhand, Dr. Bhagwan Singh, Associate Professor, Department HPKV Business School was relieved by the university on 11.03.2020 vide office order No. HPKVBS/4-1/CUHP/2019/666-672 dated 11.03.2020 by retention of lien for a period two years till 10.03.2022 on the permanent post held by him in this university i.e. Associate Professor, Department of HPKV Business School. Further, as per request of the teacher the lien was extended for another one year till 10.03.2023 since his services were not confirmed at Central University of Jharkhand. The currency of three years of lien held by the teacher in this university has been completed on 10.03.2023, but the teacher has not intimated about his status of confirmation at Central University of Jharkhand.

It is pertinent to mention here that Sl. No. 06 & 07 of Annexure to DoPT, Government of India OM No. 28020/1/2010/Estt(C) dated 26.12.2013 **[Annexure-61.3(A)]** provides following regarding retention of Lien for appointment in another Central Government Office/ State Government:

Sl. No. 06:

*"When a Government servant has joined a department/office where he is not confirmed within a period of 2 years due to some reasons, **he may, in exceptional cases, be permitted to retain the lien in the parent department/ office for one more year.** While granting such permission, a fresh undertaking similar to the one indicated above may be taken from the employee."*

Sl.No. 07:

"Timely action should be taken to ensure extension/ reversion/ resignation of the employees to their parent cadres on completion of the prescribed period of 2/3 years. In cases, where employees do not respond to instructions, suitable action should be initiated against them for violating the agreement/ undertaking given by them as per (3) and (4) above and for termination of their lien. Adequate opportunity may, however, be given to the officer prior to such consideration."

It is pertinent to mention here that these aforesaid teachers have duly submitted the requisite undertaking while seeking extension in lien.

In view of above provisions of the Government of India, it is apprised that 03 (2+1) years currency of lien held by aforesaid teachers have been completed as per mentioned above. The matter was placed before the

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Vice-Chancellor and it was ordered to place the matter Executive Council for further decision/directions in the matter.

The Executive Council discussed the matter in detail and observed that the university has already granted additional lien of one year(above 2 years) to both the teachers which is a privilege to the teachers concerned. The Executive Council further observed that the probation period for the University teachers appointed on direct recruitment basis is initially for a period of one year and it can be extended upto a maximum of two years (double the period of initial one year). After completion of the double of the prescribed probation period, any employee is considered suo-moto confirmed irrespective of the fact that the conformation letter is issued or not. The Executive Council after deliberations in the matter decided that three months extension in lien from the date of this Executive Council meeting be granted to both the teachers concerned. In the meantime, the status of confirmation of services of these teachers (Dr. Mushtaq Ahmad, and Dr. Bhagwan Singh) be obtained from their present Institutions along with any reasons for non-confirmation(if not confirmed) and the Executive Council approved that it shall also be informed to their present institution that the lien retained by them in Central University of Himachal Pradesh shall be terminated after three months time.

Item No. 61.4: To place before the Executive Council the matter to revert one post of Professor to original Department i.e. Department of Journalism and Mass Communication.

The Executive Council is apprised that as per approval of the Executive Council vide item No. 52.19 in its 52nd meeting held on 04.10.2021 the one vacant post of Professor in the Department of Journalism and Mass Communication (Un UR Category) was Shift/Transfer in the Centre for Promotion of Ecological, Adventure, Health & Cultural Tourism to be filled on deputation basis initially for a period of 02 years to kick start the newly activated centre.

As per above approval of the Executive Council the above transferred post of Professor in Centre for Promotion of Ecological, Adventure, Health & Cultural Tourism was advertised vide Employment Notice No. 001/2021 dated 21.10.2021 alongwith other vacant teaching positions in various departments/ centres of the university. It is apprised that Dr. Prashant Gautam was selected to the post of Professor in Centre for Promotion of Ecological, Adventure, Health & Cultural Tourism on deputation basis initially for a period of 02 years, but he did not join the post within the stipulated time granted to him.

Now, another Professor namely Prof. Mohinder Chand has joined in the Department of Tourism, Travel and Hospitality Management and granted additional charge of Director, Centre for Promotion of Ecological, Adventure, Health & Cultural Tourism.

In view of above, it is proposed that the one post of Professor so shifted in Centre for Promotion of Ecological, Adventure, Health & Cultural Tourism be transferred to its original Department i.e. Department of Journalism and Mass Communication.

The Executive Council approved the proposal of the University to revert the post of Professor to its original Department i.e. Department of Journalism and Mass Communication.

Item No. 61.5: To place before the Executive Council the matter regarding status of recruitment of Teaching posts in the university.

The Executive Council is apprised that as per earlier decision of the vide item No. 60.13 in its 60th meeting held on 15.05.2023, the interview for the post of Assistant Professor, Department of Computer Science and Informatics was conducted on 23.05.2023.

Now, the Executive Council is informed that recruitment process for various Teaching positions advertised vide employment notice 001/2022 dated 15.06.2022 have been completed/exhausted and the university shall re-advertised all the vacant teaching positions which could not be filled up in the earlier recruitment process (employment notice 001/2022 dated 15.06.2022).

The Executive Council noted the matter and directed the University to advertise all the vacant teaching positions which could not be filled up in the earlier recruitment process(Employment Notice No. 001/2022 dated 15.06.2022).

Item No. 61.6: To place before the Executive Council the matter regarding adoption of the UGC Guidelines for engaging Professor of Practice in University.

It is submitted before the Executive Council that the University Grants Commission vide D.O. No. F. 9-1/2010(PS/Misc)PT-I dated 14th November, 2022 [Annexure-61.6(A)] has issued the Guidelines for engaging Professor of Practice in the Universities to develop courses and curriculum to meet the industry and societal needs and enable the HEIs to work with industry experts on joint research projects and consultancy services which will be mutually beneficial, to bring



distinguished experts from various fields such as engineering, science, technology, entrepreneurship, management, chartered accountancy(CA), commerce, social sciences, media, literature, fine arts, civil services, armed forces, legal profession and public administration into the academic institutions & to enable the higher education institutions to formally associate with persons of eminence and encourage them to participate in experiential learning, research, training, skilling, entrepreneurship and extension and to play mentoring role.

The Executive Council accorded its approval to adopt the UGC Guidelines for engaging Professor of Practice in the University. In this regard, Central University of Himachal Pradesh shall prepare final guidelines on the basis of these UGC guidelines as per its requirements for engaging Professor of Practice in Central University of Himachal Pradesh. The Executive Council further approved that one post of professor reverted back from Centre for Promotion of Ecological, Adventure, Health & Cultural Tourism to its original department i.e. department of Journalism and Mass Communication be filled as Professor of Practice(Journalism and Mass Communication). The Executive Council after discussions in the matter opined that although there is requirement of 10 years of experience for the post of professor, but to improve quality of academics and research as well as to enhance institution-industry linkage in future, the post of Professor of Practice in any department of the Central University of Himachal Pradesh be filled by appointing a senior and experienced professional having at least experience of 20 years in the concerned subject/discipline.

Item No. 61.7: To place before the Executive Council the matter regarding grant of charge of Additional Controller of Examination.

The Executive Council is appraised that as per approval of Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Mahesh Kulharia, Director, Centre for Computational Biology and Bio-informatics has been granted the additional charge of Additional Controller of Examination in addition to his present responsibilities. The above orders have been notified vide office order No.1-2/CUHP/Rectt/2015/Vol.III/3340-57 dated 26.05.2023 [Annexure-61.7(A)].

The Executive Council approved and ratified the decision taken by the Vice-Chancellor in this regard.

Item No. 61.8: To place before the Executive Council the matter regarding approval of the recommendations of the committee constituted for

updating Ordinance 42 dealing with Medium of Instruction, Examination, Evaluation and Grading system for the Award of Doctor of Philosophy in the University as per UGC(Minimum Standards and Procedures for Award of Ph.D. Degree) Regulations, 2022.

The University Ordinance 42 Deals with admissions, Medium of Instruction, Examination, Evaluation and Grading system for the Award of Doctor Philosophy in the University.

The University Grants Commission (Minimum Standards and Procedure for Award of Ph.D. Degree) Regulations, 2022 **[Annexure-61.8(A)]** have been notified in the Gazette of India vide notification No. 1-3/2021(QIP) dated 07 Nov, 2022. These Regulations contains the provision for admission in Ph. D. and award of Ph.D. in the Universities.

The University has constituted a committee for recommending the necessary amendments in the Ordinance 42 dealing with Admission, Medium of Instruction, Examination, Evaluation and Grading system for the Award of Doctor of Philosophy in the university vide Notification No. 3-3/CUHP/GA/2010/Vol.IV/5944-54 dated 01.09.2021 **[Annexure-61.8(B)]**.

The aforesaid committee after studying the UGC (Minimum Standards and Procedure for Award of Ph.D. Degree) Regulations, 2022 has made certain recommendations. The committee has observed that the Ordinance 42 dealing with Admission, Medium of Instruction, Examination, Evaluation and Grading system for the Award of Doctor of Philosophy in the university is almost in consonance with the UGC(Minimum Standards and Procedure for Award of Ph.D. Degree) Regulations, 2022, however there are certain provisions in the said UGC Regulations, 2022 which need to be incorporated in Ordinance 42 of the University and committee has given certain recommendations in accordance with said UGC Regulations, 2022 for incorporation in University Ordinance 42 and these certain recommendations are attached in **[Annexure-61.8(C)]**. These certain recommendations shall be only applicable for the candidates getting admission in Ph. D. programme in any subject in the University in year 2023 and onwards until and unless UGC further notifies any new guidelines in this regard in future.

The Executive Council approved the recommendations of the committee and also approved that these recommendations be inducted in the Ordinance 42 of the University and also be placed before the Academic Council for information. After discussion on the recommendations of committee vis-a-vis University Ordinance

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42 and UGC Regulation 2022, the Executive Council approved that while submitting panel of 10 external examiners (as per existing University Ordinance 42 clause 14.1), it must be ensured that atleast 02 external examiners recommended by RDC should be from outside India. This decision/approval shall be initially applicable for the departments of the University belonging to science discipline/subjects.

Item No. 61.1(S): To place before the Executive Council the matter regarding sanction of study leave to Sh. Munish Kumar, Section Officer to persue PhD and decision of the Hon'ble High Court of Himachal Pradesh.

The Executive Council is appraised that the instant matter was placed before the Executive Council in its 60th Meeting held on 15th May, 2023 vide item no. 60.18 and the decision of the Executive Council is placed as **Annexure-61.1(S)(A)**. The Matter was listed before the Hon'ble High Court of Himachal Pradesh on 29.05.2023 and the order of the court dated 29.05.2023 passed on it are appended below:-

"Learned Deputy Solicitor General of India states that the matter regarding six months leave has been taken with the Executive Council.

Let Executive Council take a decision and report compliance before the next date of hearing."

The Executive after detailed discussions and perusal of record in the matter approved that no further study leave(beyond already sanctioned one year study leave vide Office Order no. 7-24/CUHP/ Estt./2011/Vol.II/2481-85 dated 10.04.2023 be granted to the employee concerned by keeping in view the crunch of the non-teaching employees in the University. The Executive Council observed that it is the prerogative of the University to sanction any kind of leave to its employees or to recall the employees availing any kind of leave depending on the requirements of the University. The Executive Council also directed that the Hon'ble High Court of Himachal Pradesh be informed accordingly.



Item No. 61.2(S): To place before the Executive Council the matter regarding payment of Honorarium/sitting fees to the external members of various meeting of committee/Council.

It is submitted before the Executive Council that the University organizes meetings of following Statutory / Board of Governance from time to time:

- i. Academic Council
- ii. Finance Committee
- iii. Executive Council
- iv. University Court
- v. University Works Committee
- vi. University Library Committee
- vii. School Board
- viii. Board of Studies
- ix. University Technical/IT Infrastructure Development Committee
- x. Committee Constituted for various service matters of Teaching Staff (vide Office Order no. 4-12/CUHP/Estt./ 2021/2148-52 dated 15.03.2023)
- xi. Committee Constituted for various service matters of Non-Teaching Staff (vide Office Order no. 4-11/CUHP/Estt./ 2011/2009-13 dated 12.03.2023)

During these meetings, some of the members give their consent to join through On-line mode as per their convenience or sometimes these meetings are organized through online mode. The University requires to pay their Honorarium / sitting fee to the members. As per norms, the University get the Honorarium Form filled / signed by the attending members and process the payment by getting approval of the Vice-Chancellor. In case of member attending the meetings online mode, the form is forwarded to those members and after receipt of filled / signed hard copy of the Honorarium is processed for payment.

In view of the above, it is submitted before the Executive Council that some of the members could not submit their Honorarium Form duly signed by them and payment of the sitting fee of the respective meeting could not be released by the University for want of not obtaining the Honorarium Form duly signed by them.

The Executive Council after detailed discussions in the matter approved that in case(s) where the meeting(s) of the above bodies are convened through 'Online Mode' or through hybrid mode (both offline & online) and in the instances where due to emergent situations, the members of these committee/bodies are permitted/allowed to attend the meeting(s) through 'Online Mode', the University shall not obtain any hard signed copy of Honorarium claim bill form from such members. However in such case(s) the concerned head/Controlling officer/Chairman of the respective



bodies or convener of the committee meeting shall certify the attendance of such members who attended meeting through 'Online Mode' and submit such certificate / certified undertaking to the Finance Office for the purpose of payment of honorarium to the concerned member without any further requirements of documents.

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

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02/06/23

(Prof. Vishal Sood)

Registrar-cum-Ex-Officio Secretary

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S.P. Bansal
02/06
(Prof. S.P. Bansal)

Chairman & Vice- Chancellor

