

Doon University, Dehradun Office of the Registrar

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Minutes of 28th Meeting of the Academic Council

28th meeting of the Academic Council of Doon University was held on 15th September 2020 in the Senate Hall of the University at 11.00 A.M. Prof. A.K. Karnataka, Vice Chancellor presided over the meeting. Following members were present in the meeting:

- 1. Dr. Rajendra Dobhal, Director General, UCOST, Dehradun.
- 2. Prof. P.D. Juyal, Ex V.C., Nanaji Deshmukh Veterinary Science University, Jabalpur, M.P.
- 3. Prof. H. C. Purohit, Professor and Head & DSW, Doon University.
- 4. Dr. Rajesh Kumar, Associate Professor & I/c, SOMCS
- 5. Dr. Gajendra Singh, Associate Professor, SoM and I/c Dept. of Economics and English
- 6. Dr. S. S. Suthar, Associate Professor, SENR, Doon University.
- 7. Dr. Harsh Dobhal, Visiting Professor SoMCS, Doon University.
- 8. Dr. Nitin Kumar, Assistant Professor, SoMCS, Doon University.
- 9. Mr. Chandrika Kumar, Assistant Professor & I/c Dept. of German Studies, SoL
- 10. Mr. Madhurendra Kumar Jha, Assistant Professor & I/c Dept. of Chinese, SoL
- 11. Ms Swagata Basu, Assistant Professor & I/c, Dept. of Spanish Studies, SoL
- 12. Mr. Ravi Kumar, Assistant Professor & I/c, Dept. of Japanese Studies, SoL
- 13. Dr. Arun Kumar, Assistant Professor & I/c Dept. of Chemistry, SoPS
- 14. Dr. Himani Sharma, Assistant Professor & I/c Dept. of Physics, SoPS
- 15. Ms. Rachana Gusain, Assistant Professor & I/c Dept. of Computer Science, SoPS
- 16. Dr. Savita Karnatak Tiwari, Assistant Professor & I/c Dept. of Psychology.
- 17. Ms. Sikha Ahmad, Assistant Professor, Dept. of Economics, SoSS
- 18. Dr. Richa Joshi Pandey, Assistant Professor, Dept. of English, SoL,
- 19. Dr. Achlesh Daverey, Assistant Professor, SENR, Doon University.
- 20. Dr. Smita Tripathi, Assistant Professor, SoM, & Assistant Coordinator of Examination.
- 21. Dr. Udita Negi, In-charge Central Library.
- 22. Prof. Rekha Naithani, Professor Home Science, HNB Garhwal University, Special Invitee.
- 23. Prof. D. D. Chauniyal, Visiting Professor, Dept. of Geography, Special Invitee
- 24. Dr. Mangal Singh Mandrawal, Dy. Registrar, Secretary, Academic Council

External Members, Prof. Vijay Dhasmana, Prof. K.S. Dhindsa, Prof. N. K. Joshi, Prof. P.P. Dhyani, Prof. O.P.S. Negi did not attend the meeting due to ongoing covid-19 situation.

Prof. Kusum Arunachalam, informed that she will be out of station during 1st to 6th Sept. 2020. Finance Controller and Dr. Asharam Gairola, did not attend the meeting.

At the outset, the Chairperson welcomed the external members of the Academic Council and other members present in the meeting. Thereafter, the action taken report on the resolutions of

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27th meeting of the Academic Council was presented and the agenda items were taken up one by one for discussion.

Item 2020:28:02 Confirmation of the Minutes of 27th meeting of the Academic Council held on 25th October 2019.

It was informed that on the agenda item 2019:27:07 of the 27th AC meeting, Dr. Ujjwal Kumar, Assistant Professor SENR and then Member, AC put his observation and informed via email that the Chairman, Academic Council Hon'ble VC also referred to its relevance and suggested to expand the reach of this course so that students from different streams other than Environmental Science can also opt it. He has requested to incorporate this suggestion and the decision of the Academic Council in the AC minutes.

The Academic Council agreed to incorporate this suggestion. No other observations/comments were received. The Academic Council confirmed the Minutes of 27th meeting of the Academic Council.

Review of the Action Taken Report on the resolutions of 27th meeting of Item 2020:28:03 the Academic Council.

The Academic Council reviewed the Action Taken Report on the resolutions of 27th Academic Council and approved it.

Besides, the Academic Council also approved following three items which were circulated earlier by email.

Item No. 01: Merger of mid-semester exam with the end-semester exam for the semester Jan-June 2020, thus making it 80 marks examination.

Item No. 02: Hundred per cent Internal evaluation of Masters Dissertation/Project work and also for any other course for which external evaluation is in place for the ongoing semester, Jan-June, 2020.

Item No. 03: To admit students during the session 2020-21 in Graduate and Post Graduate programs of the Doon University based on marks obtained by applicants in their qualifying examinations. Ph.D. admissions to be notified later on.

Item 2020:28:04 To report about the promotion of Intermediate Semester students on the basis of internal assessment.

With reference to the UGC guidelines on the matter of semester examination students of Intermediate semester have been promoted on the basis of internal assessment. The criteria were as follows:

- i. Grading of intermediate semesters students could be composite of 50% marks on the basis of internal evaluation and the remaining 50% marks on the basis of previous semester performance only, i.e. previous semester SGPA*5.
- ii. All the intermediate students would be allowed to carry forward i.e. no drop due to poor performance in even semester 2019-20 (As per formula given in point no. i) and all the students would be promoted to

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next semester/year. Such students have to clear their backlog in the upcoming semester when course will be offered and exam conducted.

- iii. If the student wishes to improve the grade, he/she may appear in improvement exams for such subject during upcoming semester when course will be offered and exam conducted.
- iv. For backlog and improvement aspirant students, a separate back paper/improvement examination might also be conducted in next semester if situation permits.
- v. Result of intermediate examination will be declared on or before 5th August 2020.

The Academic Council took note of the above and approved it.

Item 2020:28:05

To inform the Academic Council about conducting Terminal Semester Examination and Back Paper Examination in the University.

The Academic Council took note of the information of conducing Terminal Semester Examination in online mode during 14th to 30th September 2020 keeping in view COVID-19 pandemic situation and guidelines of UGC. The Academic Council considered the agenda Council approved it.

Item 2020:28:06

To approve Academic Calendar of the University for the academic year 2020-21 and commencement of academic session.

The Academic Council considered and approved both the Academic Calendars prepared separately for the continuing students and new students for the session 2020-21.

Item 2020:28:07

To apprise the Academic Council about the online study.

The academic Council appreciated the effort being taken by the university in the wake of the unprecedented situation in view of COVID-19. Dr. Rajendra Dobhal, Hon'ble member of the Academic Council suggested that some e-books may also be provided to the students and the university may also subscribe some online platform for conducting classes.

Item 2020:28:08

To consider and approve modification in the Character Certificate issued to students.

The Academic Council considered the agenda and approved following modification in point no.3.10 of academic ordinance:

a. The student has not been awarded any punishment by the Proctorial Board (Central Disciplinary Committee) of the University.

Item 2020:28:09

To apprise the Academic Council about the proposal of starting School of Cinematic Study.

The Academic Council was apprised that as resolved in a meeting with Hon'ble Chief Minister of Uttarakhand held on 31st July 2020, a School of Cinematic Studies under the aegis of Doon University is proposed to be established. To begin with, this proposed School of Study will offer Under Graduate (UG) academic programs for preparing skilled professionals for Film Industry. The Academic Council took note the proposal.

Item 2020:28:10 To co

To consider and approve syllabus of MSW program.

Having considered the agenda, the Academic Council approved the syllabus with the condition that the syllabus should be vetted by some subject experts. Only after vetting the syllabus by the experts it will be brought in the use.

Item 2020:28:11

To approve the syllabus of M.Sc. Home Science program.

The Academic Council having gone through the agenda approved the proposal to introduce M.Sc. Home Science program under the School of Social Science. Syllabus for M.Sc. Home Science prepared by the Subject Experts was also approved.

The Academic Council opined that those aspiring for admissions in this programme should have B.A./B.Sc. in Home Science.

Item 2020:28:12

To take the decision on the Ph.D. registration/submission of 3 students of 2013-14 academic session.

Having considered the agenda, the Academic Council expressed displeasure at this delay in submission of thesis by Four Ph.D. students viz, Ms. Srishti Verma, Mr. Vineet Singh and Mr. Kheema Nand of Environment Science. Dr. Rajendra Dobhal, Hon'ble Member of Academic Council & DG, UCOST emphasized that a doctoral research must be completed within the given time frame.

The Academic Council approved that these research scholars should submit their thesis within 06 (six) months' time positively. However, this exemption may be granted as an exceptional case and it may not be cited as a precedent in future.

Item 2020:28:13

The admission of Ph.D. students in SENR.

Having considered the agenda, the Academic Council suggested to wait for covid situation to improve before initiating admission process for Ph.D. in any School/Dept. of the University.

Item 2020:28:14

To allow the SENR to undertake online course through Swayam, MOOC, Coursera etc, in place of summer training of 4 credits of the M.Sc./M.Tech students.

Discussing the agenda item, the Academic Council observed that Summer Training should be an important component of SENR academic programs so that students could have firsthand idea of ground situation. Dr. Rajendra Dobhal, Hon'ble Member of Academic Council & DG, UCOST averred that field training & exposure/ industrial training must be imparted to the students so that they could gather field experiences so as to make them employable after they complete their academic programs at the School.

Having considered the agenda, the Academic Council suggested that this issue might be discussed at the level of School Academic Advisory Committee and further necessary action may be taken by the School as resolved by the School AAC. However, this may be done for covid-19 period only.

Item 2020:28:15

To consider and approve revision of B.A. English Syllabus as approved by the Academic Advisory Committee of the Department.

The Academic Council approved the revision of B.A. English Syllabus as approved by the Academic Advisory Committee of the Department of English.

Item 2020:28:16

To consider request of Dr. Richa Joshi Pandey seeking guidance of the matter of few changes in the B.A. English Hons syllabus.

Having considered the agenda, the Academic Council approved the agenda keeping in view the interest of the students it. However, the AC suggested to get the syllabus vetted by external experts in future.

Item 2020:28:17

To approve the document/format of the Anti-Plagiarism reports.

Having discussed the agenda item, the Academic Council decided to defer it and directed to put this in the next meeting. The Academic Council also directed that Shri Ashish Kumar, Asstt. Librarian who prepared this proposal should also be invited during deliberations over this issue in the next meeting.

Item 2020:28:18

To consider and approve that the field of specialization of passing out students will be declared in integrated M.Sc. program after completion of $10^{\rm th}$ semester.

Having considered the agenda, the Academic Council approved that the field of specialization of passing out students will be declared in integrated M.Sc. program after completion of 10^{th} semester.

Item 2020:28:19

To consider and approve the availability of three different fields of specialization within chemistry for the students of 10th semester of integrated M.Sc. program

Having considered the agenda, the Academic Council approved the availability of three different fields of specialization within chemistry for the students of 10th semester of integrated M.Sc. program

Item 2020:28:20

To consider and approve the mode of declaration of specialization.

Having considered the agenda, the Academic Council approved that the field of specialization be declared in the result of 10th semester by mentioning one of the three (viz. Inorganic Chemistry, Organic Chemistry or Physical Chemistry) as the field of specialization at the mark sheet/grade sheet of final semester, i.e. 10th semester in case of integrated M.Sc. program or 4th semester in case of a 02 year M.Sc. program.

Item 2020:28:21

To consider and approve the basis/criterion on which it may be declared that a particular candidate is specialized in inorganic, organic or physical chemistry.

Having considered the agenda, the Academic Council approved that Academic Advisory Committee (AAC) or a subject expert committee (having members recommended by AAC for all the three fields) will consider ambiguities, subjectivities or interdisciplinary aspects in the field or related aspects of dissertation work and/or term paper, and subsequently decide as well as recommend the field of specialization of students on the basis of subjective assessment of the term paper or dissertation work done by the students in their 10th semester.

Item 2020:28:22

To consider and approve that internal supervisors will be assigned for such students of 10th semester of integrated M.Sc. who will carry out their dissertation work in any organization, industry or department other than Chemistry department of Doon University.

The Academic Council considered and approved that the internal supervisors within the department will be assigned to mentor and/or monitor the progress and other related aspects of research work and also handle unforeseen issues of such students of 10th semester of integrated M.Sc. who will carry out their dissertation work in any organization, industry or department other than chemistry department of Doon University. Such internal supervisors within the department may be regular, temporary, ad-hoc, contractual, guest faculty members (engaged by the university for chemistry department for a period of at least one semester), research associates, senior research associates, DST-INSPIRE faculty members, UGC-FRP faculty members, SERB research scientists, NPDFs, UGC Kothari Fellows or other kind of teaching and research experts (excluding JRF and SRF), provided that they fulfill minimum essential qualifications as laid down by UGC for Assistant Professors.

Item 2020:28:23 To consider and approve a liberty to the DRC to refine and fine tune the title of the thesis of Ph.D. at the time of submission or Pre Ph.D. seminar

The Academic Council expressed displeasure at this proposal of the Deptt. of Chemistry. Dr. Rajendra Dobhal, Hon'ble Member of Academic Council & DG, UCOST observed that this sort of non-serious approach and attitude in the realm of science & technology research may not be brooked, particularly in a university like Doon University which was conceived as a seat of cutting-edge research and innovation.

After due deliberations, the Academic Council refused to entertain such request and pointed out that the provision for 'minor' changes in thesis title is already in the Ph.D. regulations of the university. The department should follow the due procedure for 'minor' changes in title of research as stipulated in those rules. The department should also duly inform the university administration about this change and seek a fresh order of confirmation of registration for the research scholar concerned with modified title of thesis mentioned therein.

Item 2020:28:24

To consider and approve ten to be minimum number of students as a criterion for offering a Discipline Specific Elective (DSE) course in integrated M.Sc. chemistry program

Having considered the agenda, the Academic Council approved that for offering a Discipline Specific Elective (DSE) course in any semester of the integrated M.Sc. chemistry program, number of students opting for that course should be a minimum of ten (10).

However, the Academic Council granted this permission up till the faculty strength improves in the department.

Item 2020:28:25

To consider and approve CPE-506 to be the code of a course entitled 'Advanced Physical Chemistry Lab' which is present in the list of courses for 9th semester of integrated M.Sc. chemistry

Having considered the agenda, the Academic Council approved CPE-506 to be the code of a course entitled 'Advanced Physical Chemistry Lab' which is present in the list of courses for 9th semester of integrated M.Sc. Chemistry.

Item 2020:28:26

Discussion of Anshika Baunthiyal, a case of direct entry in 3rd Semester in the Session 2019-2020, MA Int. Media and Communication Studies and resolution for grade transferring process from her parent institute to Doon University based on the recommendations of constituted committee in this regard.

The Academic Council was informed that Ms Anshika Bauthiyal was granted admission directly in the 3rd semester of B.A. Media and Communication Studies in the session 2019-20. She studied first two semesters in Vanasthali Vidhyapeeth, Rajasthan. A Committee was constituted to decide the matter of grades transferring from her parent Institute to Doon University.

Having considered the agenda, the Academic Council approved the report/recommendations of the committee constituted for the purpose.

Item 2020:28:27

Regarding merger of mid/make-up examinations with end semester examination for old students while conducting online classes for newly admitted students for the ODD semester 2020-21:

Having considered the agenda, the Academic Council approved the agenda item proposed by the Examination Section of the university as below:

- (a) It is proposed to merge Mid/ Make-up examinations with END semester examination of ODD semester 2020-21 for old students which is scheduled during December 11-22, 2020. In December examination may be conducted online /offline as per the situation and whatever guidelines will be issued by UGC and government in this regard.
- (b) It is proposed to start semester for newly admitted students from November 01, 2020 in online mode. Their mid semester examination as proposed in December, 2020 may be conducted online/offline as per the situation and whatever guidelines will be issued by UGC and government in this regard.

Item 2020:28:28

To consider and approve revision in grace marks policy of the University.

The Academic Council having considered the agenda item approve revision in grace marks policy of the University as follows:

- i. It is proposed that upto maximum six (06) grace marks in maximum two subjects will be permissible. In a particular subject, upto max three (03) grace marks will be permissible.
- ii. Grace marks should be given only in the condition that student will be passed and eligible to get degree as per University rules after awarding grace marks according to point (i).
- iii. Grace marks as per point (i) and (ii) will be awarded only in the:
 - (a) 4th Semester for normal Master programme to get PG degree.
 - (b) 6th Semester for normal Integrated Master programme to get UG degree.
 - (c) 10th Semester for normal Integrated Master programme to get PG degree.
 - (d) 8^{th} Semester for B.Des. program to get UG degree.



- (e) Last semester for any other duration programme (UG/PG/Diploma etc).
- (f) If none of the above case then, in any odd or even semester of additional grace period of two years (i.e. additional four semesters) as per 27th AC meeting/minutes (Item no 2019:27:18).
- iv. It is proposed that the student may not be allowed to give improvement exams in the grace marks awardees subjects.
- v. It is proposed that a grace marks awardees student will not be considered as a candidate to award distinction/ toper/university gold medalist etc.
- vi. The necessary updating in exam software is also required.

Having considered the agenda, the Academic Council approved it. However, it was resolved to implement this revised grace marks policy for the academic sessions which fall under the covid situation.

Item 2020:28:29

Approval of award of degrees for the students passed in academic session 2018-2019 in the following programs:

Having considered the agenda, the Academic Council approved to award degree to students who have passed out and have cleared their academic programs successfully in the session 2018-19: Details of programs are as follows:

S.No.	School Name	Program Name	Degree	Batch
			Awarded	
1	School of	MA Int. Chinese	Bachelor	2016
	Languages	MA Int. German	Bachelor	2016
		MA Int. Spanish	Bachelor	2016
		MA Int. French	Bachelor	2016
		MA Int. Japanese	Bachelor	2016
		MA English	Master	2017
		MA Int. Chinese	Master	2014
		MA Int. German	Master	2014
		MA Int. Spanish	Master	2014
		MA Int. Japanese	Master	2014
2	School of Media	MA Int. Media and	Bachelor	2016
	and	Communication Studies		
	communication	MA Int. Media and	Master	2014
	Studies	Communication Studies		
		MA Media and	Master	2017
		Communication Studies		
3	School of Social	M.Sc. Int. Economics	Bachelor	2016
	Sciences	M.Sc. Int. Economics	Master	2014
		MA Economics	Master	2017



4	School of	M.Sc. Environmental	Master	2017			
	Environment and	Sciences					
	Natural	M.Sc. Environmental	Master	2017			
	Resources	Sciences(NRM)					
		M.Tech. Environmental	Master	2017			
		Technology					
5	School of	IMBA	Bachelor	2016			
	Management	IMBA	Master	2014			
		MBA	Master	2017			
6	School of	MCA Integrated	Bachelor	2016			
	Technology						
7	School of	M.Sc. Int Physics	Bachelor	2016			
	Physical Sciences	M.Sc. Int Chemistry	Bachelor	2016			
		M.Sc. Int Mathematics	Bachelor	2016			
		M.Sc. Int Computer	Bachelor	2016			
		Science					
		M.Sc. Physics with opto	Master	2017			
		electronics					
		M.Sc. Mathematics	Master	2017			
8	School of Design	B.Des.	Bachelor	2015			
9.	Ph.D. Degree to all those students whose viva-voce will be						
	conducted successf	conducted successfully till September 30, 2020.					

Item 2020:28:30

To Approve list of Gold Medalist

The Academic Council approved the list of Gold Medalist for Integrated UG Batch 2016, Integrated PG Batch 2014, Master Batch 2017 and B.Des. Batch 2015 passed in the session 2018-19 as per following details:

S.No	Session	Program	Student Name & ID	OGPA	Degree	Type of Medal
Schoo	l of Langu	ages				
		M.A Intg.	Resham Bhambhani			Normal
1	2016-19	Chinese	SLC-507	8.72	UG	
		M.A Intg.	Shailja Sharma			Normal
2	2016-19	German	SLG-557	8.44	UG	
		M.A Intg.	Isha Negi			Normal
3	2016-19	Spanish	SLS-489	8.08	UG	
		M.A Intg.	Aditi Hirnwal			Normal
4	2016-19	French	SLF-545	8.70	UG	
		M.A Integ.	Ashish Sharma			Normal
5	2016-19	Japanese	SLJ-584	8.46	UG	
			Raina Singh			Normal
6	2017-19	M.A English	SLE-740	9.25	PG	
SOMO	CS					
7	2016-19	M.A. Intg.	Priya Tyagi	8.01	UG	Normal



		Communication	SCMI-270			
			Angela Anugrah			Normal
		M.A. Intg.	John			
8	2017-19	Communication	SCMI-144	8.14	PG	
SOSS						
		M.Sc. Intg.	Kritika Sharma			Normal
9	2016-19	Economics	SSEI-282	9.47	UG	
		M.A.	Nivedita Negi			Jindal
10	2017-19	Economics	SSE-71	8.88	PG	
		M.Sc. Intg.	Aakriti Sharma			Jindal
11	2017-19	Economics	SSEI-144	8.42	PG	
SENE	2		9			
		M.Tech(Enviro				Jindal
		nmental	Richa			
12	2017-19	Technology)	SEMT-77	8.28	PG	
			Deepti Negi			Jindal
13	2017-19	M.Sc. EVS	SEM-262	9.07	PG	
SoM						
			Arya Verma			Normal
14	2016-19	Intg. MBA	SMS-550	8.42	UG	
			Anshi Aswal			Normal
15	2017-19	Intg. MBA	SMS-312	8.82	PG	
			Aarti Bhandari			Normal
16	2017-19	MBA	SMS-610	8.81	PG	
SOT						
			Sumendra Bhandari			Normal
17	2016-19	Intg. MCA	SOT-53	8.07	UG	
SoPS						
		M.Sc. Intg.	Reena			Normal
18	2016-19	Physics	16PH-35	9.68	UG	
		M.Sc. Intg.	Deepali Sharma			Normal
19	2016-19	Chemistry	16CY-11	9.20	UG	
		M.Sc. Intg.	Anchal Sharma			Normal
20	2016-19	Mathematics	16MA-04	8.33	UG	
		M.Sc. Intg.				Normal
		Computer	Sukhbindra Singh			
21	2016-19	Sciences	Rawat 16CS-19	8.55	UG	
		M.Sc. Physics				Normal
		with opto	Vivek Panwar			
22	2017-19	electronics	17PH-70	8.73	PG	
		M.Sc.	Vaibhav Sharma			Normal
23	2017-19	Mathematics	17MA-59	8.85	PG	
SoD						-1
			Pragati Srivastava			Normal
24	2015-19	B.Design	SOD-001	8.25	UG	

The Academic Council advised the Examination section to minutely check the list of Gold Medal recipients, spelling of names, academic programs etc.



Item 2020:28:31 Any Other Item with the permission of the Chair.

Item 2020:28:31:01 To consider the matter of changes in the Ph.D. Thesis Title of D.R.M. Samudraiah, Ph.D. Scholar in Environment Science.

The Academic Council expressed serious concern over this lackadaisical attitude in the realm of research. Dr. Rajendra Dobhal, Hon'ble Member & DG, UCOST observed that the change in topic of doctoral research did not seem to be a minor one; and it may have been done to justify whatever the research scholar and the guide could do during the course of this research.

The Academic Council directed to issue an Advisory to the members of Doctoral Research Committee (DRC) of the research scholar saying that this sort of lackluster approach in doctoral research should be avoided. The Academic Council also directed to issue a letter of warning to the Guide concerned saying that this sort of lapse should not happen in future and the Guide should follow all stipulated rules and regulations while making any change in topic of doctoral research. In the event of any change in topic of doctoral research (minor or major), the Guide should also seek a fresh letter of confirmation of registration from the University administration with the revised topic of research mentioned therein.

Keeping in view the interest of the research scholar and knowing the fact that the viva-voce examination for Ph.D. has already been conducted, the Academic Council approved the change in topic of research as a special case, not to be cited in future. Notification in this regard may be issued.

At the end of the meeting, Prof. P.D. Juyal, Hon'ble Member of Academic Council & Ex V.C., Nanaji Deshmukh Veterinary Science University, Jabalpur, M.P. suggested that small/ routine academic affairs and issues should be discussed and decided at School/ Department level only; and only the issues which need special attention and discussion with policy ramifications should be brought before the Academic Council.

The meeting ended with the Vote of thanks.

(Prof. A.K. Karnatak)

Vice Chancellor &

Chairman, Academic Council

Copy to: All members of the Academic Council for information and reference.

(Dr. Mangal Singh Mandrawal)

Dy. Registrar/ Secretary

Academic Council