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Minutes of the 30th Meeting of the Academic Council

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On Google meet on line meeting of the Academic Council of Doon University was held on 11 March 2022 at 11.00 A.M. Prof. Surekha Dangwal, Vice Chancellor presided over the meeting. The following members were present in the meeting:

1. Dr. P.P. Dhyani, Vice Chancellor, Uttarakhand Sri Dev Suman University & Uttarakhand Technical University.
2. Prof. P.D. Juyal, Ex V.C., Nanaji Deshmukh Veterinary Science University, Jabalpur, M.P.
3. Prof. Tejinder Sharma, Dept. of Commerce, Kurukshetra University.
4. Prof. Kusum Arunachalam, Professor and Head SENR, Doon University.
5. Prof. R.P. Mangain, Professor & Head Economics and Coordinator School of Social Sciences.
6. Dr. Rajesh Kumar, Associate Professor & I/c Head, SOMCS.
7. Dr. S.S. Suthar, Associate Professor, SENR, Doon University.
8. Dr. Gajendra Singh, Associate Professor, SoM.
9. Dr. Narendra Rawal, Associate Professor & I/c Head Computer Science, SoPS.
10. Dr. Chetana Pokhriyal, Associate Professor & I/c Head English and Coordinator SoL.
11. Dr. Harsh Dobhal, Visiting Professor SoMCS, Doon University.
12. Dr. Nitin Kumar, Assistant Professor, SoMCS, Doon University.
13. Dr. Ashish Sinha, Assistant Professor, SoM.
14. Dr. Mala Shikha, Assistant Professor & I/c Head, Dept. of Spanish Studies, SoL.
15. Ms. Swagata Basu, Assistant Professor, Dept. of Spanish Studies, SoL.
16. Ms. Sikha Ahmad, Assistant Professor, Dept. of Economics, SoSS.
17. Ms. Deepika Bhatia, Assistant Professor & I/c Head, Dept. of Japanese Studies, SoL.
18. Dr. Achlesh Daverey, Assistant Professor, SENR & Coordinator SoBS Doon University.
19. Dr. Arun Kumar, Assistant Professor & I/c Head, Dept. of Chemistry, SoPS.
20. Dr. Himani Sharma, Assistant Professor & I/c Head, Dept. of Physics, SoPS.
21. Ms. Rachana Gusain, Assistant Professor, Computer Science, SoPS.
22. Ms. Shubhara Kukreti, I/c Head Dept. of French, SoL.
23. Dr. Varun Dev Sharma, Assistant Professor & I/c Head, Dept. of Chinese, SoL.
24. Ms. Dhirti Dhaundiyal, I/c Head, SoD.
25. Dr. Vipul Goswami, Assistant Professor & I/c Head, Dept. of German Studies, SoL.
26. Dr. Savita Karnatak Tiwari, Visiting Assistant Professor & I/c Dept. of Psychology.
27. Shri Sunil Kumar Raturi, Finance Controller, Doon University.
28. Dr. Mangal Singh Mandrawal, Secretary, Academic Council & Registrar

External Members, Prof. Prof. N. K. Joshi, Prof. O.P.S. Negi and Prof. Amita Singh did not attend the meeting due to their previous engagement.

Prof. H.C. Purohit, informed that he will be out of station during 10th to 12th March 2022. Dr. Richa Joshi Pandey informed that she is on child care leave. University Librarian Dr. Ashish Kumar could not attend the meeting due to his training programme.

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 29th meeting of the Academic Council was presented and the agenda items were taken up one by one for discussion.

Item 2022:30:02 Confirmation of the Minutes of 29th meeting of the Academic Council held on 23rd April 2021.

No observations/ comments were received. The Academic Council confirmed the Minutes of 29th meeting of the Academic Council held on 23rd April 2021.

Item 2022:30:03 Review of the Action Taken Report on the resolutions of 29th meeting of the Academic Council.

The Academic Council reviewed the Action Taken Report on the resolutions of 29th Academic Council and approved it. Dr. P.P. Dhyani, Hon'ble member of AC and Vice Chancellor, Uttarakhand Sri Dev Suman University suggested that the university should send the agenda at least one week advance, if the nature of meeting is urgent then the agenda should be sent three days advance.

Item 2022:30:04 To consider the matter of Ph.D. students Mr. Sudhir Deoli and Mr. Chetan Pratap Singh Ahada.

Mr. Sudhir Deoli, Ph.D. Research Scholar, School of Media and Communication Studies informed that owing to covid situation he could not complete his field work and substantial part of his thesis is yet to be completed. He has requested that he may be granted one year extension after August 2022, when he will be completing his six years of PhD registration. Having discussed the issue at length, the Academic Council resolved that the research scholar should not be granted extension and he may be asked to submit his thesis by August 2022. The Academic Council also opined that if the scholar failed to complete his work by the deadline, his progress of work and reasons for non-completion may be discussed in the Doctoral Research Committee (DRC). The DRC shall record the pace of his progress and give its recommendations, which may be put in the AC for necessary decision.

The issue of **Mr. Chetan Pratap Singh Ahada**, Ph.D. Scholar, Environmental Science was discussed. The research scholar made necessary corrections and modifications in his doctoral thesis as advised in the evaluation reports of external examiners. But his PhD viva voce examination could not be conducted, and four years have passed ever since. Having discussed the agenda, the Academic Council resolved that the Vice Chancellor may constitute a committee which will look into the whole gamut of the issue and on the recommendations of that committee, the Vice Chancellor may take necessary decision in this matter.

Item 2022:30:05 To consider and approve matter related to scrutiny of Application forms for Assistant Librarian.

It was brought before the Academic Council that some of the applicants of Assistant Librarian had done their M. Lib under 5-years integrated programme. Their B. Lib marks have not been shown separately. Therefore, while scrutinizing their application forms, score for B. Lib could not be awarded. Having discussed the agenda, the Academic Council resolved that the scores for B. Lib may be awarded based on the final pass percentage shown for 5-years M. Lib programme because it's a joint degree programme.

Item 2022:30:06 To consider the proposal regarding reserving seats in Foreign Languages Degree programs.

Having considered the proposal to reserve some seats for NCC C certificate holders' in Foreign Language Degree Programs, the Academic Council resolved that 01 seat over and above of the intake may be reserved for them in each foreign language.

Item 2022:30:07 To consider the communication regarding design of cap wore at the time of Convocation of the University.

Having discussed the agenda, the Academic Council authorized the Vice Chancellor to take necessary decision on this matter.

Item 2022:30:08 To consider and approve the request of two Foreign Students regarding permission to appear them for online semester examination.

The Academic Council having gone through the agenda approved the proposal of two foreign students regarding permission to appear them online semester examination.

Item 2022:30:09 To consider the communication of Delhi Board of School Education (DBSE) on matter of equivalence of DBSE with CBSE and other recognized Boards of India and validation of Certificates issued by DBSE.

The Academic Council approved the agenda.

Item 2022:30:10 To consider and approve agenda items pertaining to the Department of Economics, School of Social Sciences.

The Academic Council having considered, approved the following agenda items of Department of Economics as recommended by the AAC of the Dept.:

1. CBCS course structure and syllabus for M.Sc. 5-year Integrated course w.e.f. 2021-22.
2. Ph.D. Course structure and syllabus w.e.f. 2021-22.
3. To undertake Longitudinal Village Study Program.

Item 2022:30:11 To consider and approve agenda items pertaining to the Department of Chemistry, School of Physical Sciences.

The Academic Council having considered, approved the following agenda items of Dept. of Chemistry as recommended by the respective AAC:

1. Restructured and revised syllabus of the Course entitled “Instrumental Methods of Analysis-I (Course Code: CYC-405”).
2. Restructured and revised syllabus of the course entitled “Instrumental Methods of Analysis-II (Course Code: CYC-455”).
3. Course titles, course codes, credits and syllabi of the core as well as elective courses for Pre Ph.D. course work.

Item 2022:30:12 To consider and approve agenda items pertaining to the Department of Spanish Studies, School of Languages.

The Academic Council approved the following agenda items of the Dept. of Spanish Studies as recommended by the AAC of the Department:

1. Changes in the content of following core courses of the M.A. Integrated program (9th Semester) of Spanish as follows
 - SLS 505: Research Methods for Dissertation
1. To limit the number of intake in the elective course viz. LEL-440 Hispanic World: Culture & Civilization -I and LEL-441 Hispanic World: Culture and Civilization-II offered in third and fourth semester respectively by the Department as follows:
 - 25 students of Dept. of Spanish Studies.
 - 40 students from other departments within School of Languages
2. Introduction of the Ph.D. program and its syllabus for the Department of Spanish Studies.

Item 2022:30:13 To consider and approve agenda items pertaining to the Department of French and Francophone Studies.

The Academic Council approved the following agenda items of Dept. of French and Francophone Studies as recommended by the AAC of the Dept.

1. Usage of other text book(s) alongwith the prescribed textbook *Latitudes* for the teaching of the following courses at the level of BA 1 and BA 2
 - *SLF 101 French through Communicative Approach-I*
 - *SLF 102 French through Creative Activities-I*
 - *SLF 105 French through Communicative Approach-II*
 - *SLF 106 French through Creative Activities-II*
 - *SLF 201 French through Communicative Approach-III*
 - *SLF 202 French through Creative Activities-III*
 - *SLF 205 French through Communicative Approach-IV*
 - *SLF 206 French through Creative Activities-IV*
1. Syllabus of Certificate Course in French.

2. Course content of the SLF-403 History of Culture & Civilization in France & Francophone Countries-Quebec offered at the level of MAI, Sem 1.

Item 2022:30:14 To consider and approve agenda items pertaining to the Department of Physics, School of Physical Sciences.

The Academic Council having considered the following agenda items of Department of Physics and approve as recommended by the respective AAC:

1. As recommended by the AAC of the Dept. that Dr. Himani Sharma to be supervisor and Dr. Ajeet Kumar Maurya as Co-supervisor of Ms Suniti, Ph.D. Scholar, Physics.
2. Courses as elective in IX semester for degree in M.Sc. Integrated Physics as per the following details:

S. N.	Course Name	Credits	Course code
1	Optoelectronics 2 (Optical fiber communication, Integrated nonlinear optics)	4	PHD-511
2	Optoelectronics 3 (Applied Optics)	4	PHD-512
3	Nanotechnology	4	PHD-514
4	Atomistic Modelling and Simulations	4	PHD-515
5	Bio Physics	4	PHD-516
6	Computational structural biology	3	PHD-517

3. Modify the credits of the following elective courses already approved for MSc Physics program (III sem)

S. N.	Course Name	Credits	Course code	Modified credits
1	Optoelectronics 2 (Optical fiber communication, Integrated nonlinear optics)	3	PHD-502	4
2	Optoelectronics 3 (Applied Optics)	3	PHD-503	4
3	Nanotechnology	3	PHD-504	4
4	Atomistic Modelling and Simulations	3	PHD-505	4
5	Bio Physics	3	PHD-506	4

Assign the course code of already approved following elective course of Research Methodology in MSc Physics (III semester) and MSc Integrated Physics (VIII semester).

S.N.	Name of the Course	Course Code	Program	Credits
1	Research Methodology	PHE-501	MSc Physics	3
2	Research Methodology	PHE-511	MSc Intg Physics	3

4. Pre PhD course work according to the Ph.D. Degree Ordinance of the University.

Item 2022:30:15 To consider and approve agenda items pertaining to the School of Environment Sciences.

The Academic Council having considered, approved the following agenda items of School of Environment Science as recommended by the AAC of the School:

1. Evaluation of Society and Environmental Economics Course undertaken by the M.Sc. 2nd Semester students through MOOC- To incorporate the credit of Society & Environmental Economics course in the transcript of third semester instead of second semester to give sufficient time to the students to complete the course online.
2. Code to the Ph.D. course on Research and Publication Ethics- The code EES 715 will be allocated to the Research & Publication Ethics course offered for the Ph.D. course work.

Item 2022:30:16 To consider and approve agenda items pertaining to the School of Media and Communication Studies.

The Academic Council considered and approved new syllabus of the Pre Ph.D. course work in accordance with the Doon University new Ph.D. Degree Ordinance as approved by the AAC of the School.

Item 2022:30:17 To consider and approve agenda items pertaining to the School of Biological Sciences

The Academic Council having considered, approved the following agenda items proposed by the SoBS as recommended by the respective AAC:

1. Course structure of B.Sc. (Hons) Biological Science to be adopted under CBCS recommended by the UGC. The course structure shall be improved further as soon as the regular faculty joins the school
1. Biostatistics; Macromolecules of Life; Computational Biology; World of Animal; Bioethics and Biosafety; Environment and Public Health shall be offered to the students as Generic electives.
2. Offering Environmental Science (AE-1) as ability enhancement compulsory course to the students of B.Sc. (Hons) Biological Science.
3. Following Course code of courses to be offered in first semester:
 - Core Course: For example: "BS01C1" where BS stands for Biological Sciences, next two digits for first semester, next alphabet stands for core course while the last digit refers to the course number.
 - Generic Elective (Any four): It will be same as for core course except the C is replaced with GE (Generic Elective) and will be offered in first, second, third and fourth semester.

- Ability enhancement courses (Two) To be coded as “BS01AE1” and “BS02AE0” for third and fourth semesters respectively.
- Skill enhancement elective course (Any two): To be coded as “BS03SE1” and “BS04SE2” for third and fourth semester respectively.
- Discipline Specific Elective (Any four): To be coded as “BS05DSE1” and “BS05DSE2” for fifth semester “BS06DSE3” and “BS06DSE4” for sixth semester.

Item 2022:30:18 To consider and approve agenda items pertaining to the School of Design.

The Academic Council having considered, approved the following agenda of School of Design as recommended by the AAC of the School

1. Ordinance, Course Structure & Curriculum of 5 Year M.Des. Integrated.
2. Ordinance, Course Structure & Curriculum of 2 year M.Des. course.
3. MOOCs being offered in School of Design- integration of MOOCs into the curriculum for theoretical subjects, in a phased manner.

Item 2022:30:19 To consider and approve agenda item pertaining the Dept. of Computer Science.

The Academic Council having considered the agenda approved revised course structure for pre Ph.D. course work of Computer Science finalized by AAC of the Department

Item 2022:30:20 To consider and approve agenda items pertaining to Examination Section.

The Academic Council having considered the matter resolved that Vice Chancellor of Doon University may constitute a committee for form full proof guidelines for the following agenda point:

1. Policy regarding disposal of answer sheets.
2. Policy regarding showing of evaluated answer sheets (Mid/End term) to the students.
3. Policy regarding grievances related to exam results.

The report of the committee will be submitted before the Academic Council in its next meeting.

4. The Academic Council approved degrees of all UG/PG 2021 pass out students.
5. The Academic Council approved that “for distinction and 1st position student will pass all courses without any backlog / improvement exam.

Item 2022:30:22 To authorize the Vice Chancellor for preparing the panel of Experts for Interview for selection of faculty positions.

The Academic Council approved the proposal and authorize the Vice Chancellor to prepare the panel of experts for interview for selection of faculty positions.

Item 2022:30:23 To consider and approve “Earn While You Learn Scheme Ordinance.

The Academic Council discussed the agenda item at length. The AC opined that the said scheme, “**Earn While You Learn**” may be a good initiative by the University which will encourage students to contribute significantly in different sections and departments of the university which may help in university workings. For e.g., students of computer department may contribute in designing a software/ programme for some specific task to be accomplished by the university or students with UGC-JRF may contribute in university teaching and research for which they may be paid some amount. Similarly, students of Media & communication may plan and produce some TV/Radio or other format of programmes for the university or for some state govt. departments, for which they may be paid.

After due deliberations, the Academic Council approved the scheme. The AC also resolved to put this matter in Finance Committee of the university so that some sort of financial arrangement could be created for paying students who join the scheme.

Item 2022:30:24 To consider and approve the Grievance Cell at the level of each school

Having considered the agenda, the Academic Council approved the agenda. Keeping in view the interest of the students Hon’ble member of AC Prof. Tejendra Sharma suggested that before at the level of school, first it should be addressed by the student mentor/ mentee.

Item 2022:30:25 To Report implementation of LMS (Learning Management System) in the University.

The Academic Council having gone through the agenda approved the proposal to introduce implementation of LMS (Learning Management System). The Academic Council opined that it should be encouraged and should be handled from the Departments and Schools.

Item 2022:30:26 To consider and approve proposal for establishment of Software Development Cell.

The Academic Council having gone through the agenda approved the proposal for establishment of Software Development Cell.

Item 2022:30:27 To approve the proforma for Ph. D. students at the time of registration and Ph. D. thesis submission.

The Academic Council having gone through the agenda approved the proposal of proforma for Ph. D. students at the time of registration and Ph.D. thesis submission with minor correction suggested by Achlesh Daverey, Assistant Professor, SENR & Coordinator SoBS Doon University.

Item 2022:30:28 To report about the criteria and process adopted for shortlisting of candidates for interview for faculty positions.

The Academic Council took note and approved the criteria and process for shortlisting of candidates for interview for faculty positions on the recommendations of the IQAC as follows:

1. The Screening Committee will draw a list of all the candidates indicating the marks scored by them in the descending order i.e. starting from the candidate getting the highest marks towards the candidate getting the lower marks.
2. In case of tie in the marks of two or more candidates, the candidates having the higher/highest marks at eh Master's level shall be ranked above the other(s).
3. For appointment in the University Department, all candidates securing 50 marks and above as per criteria for short listing of candidates shall be called for interview for the post of Assistant Professor. A minimum of 15 candidates per post for the vacant post shall be called for interview in order of their ranks in the list prepared by the Screening Committee on the basis of marks scored by the candidates.
4. The marks awarded to the candidates during the process of screening of applications shall not have any weightage during assessment/interview of the candidates by the Selection Committee as these marks shall be used only for screening/shortlisting purposes.
5. The time taken by the candidates to acquire. M.Phil./or Ph.D. Degree shall not be considered as teaching/research experience to be claimed for appointment to the teaching positions. Further the period of active service spent on pursuing research degree simultaneously with teaching assignment without taking any kind of leave shall be counted as teaching experience for the purpose of direct recruitment/promotion.
6. The maximum number of candidates to be called for interview for Associate Professor shall be 10 candidates against 1 post.
7. In case of any dispute with regard to screening of the applications, the decision of the Screening Committee shall be final.
8. The Status of short-listing will be made available on the University website for applicant's information.

Item 2022:30:29 To approve revised syllabus of B.A. Hons English, School of Languages.

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

Item 2022:30:30 Any other Item with the permission of the Chair.

Item 2022:30:30:01 To approve the agenda items pertaining to the School of Environment and Natural Resources.

The Academic Council having considered approved the following agenda items of School of Environment Natural Resources as approved by the AAC of the School:


1. Revision in the Pre-Ph.D. course work offered in School of Environment and Natural Resources
2. Allocation of course code EES-590 to “Atmosphere Modelling” course being offered in MSc-IIIrd Sem as Elective Course.

Item 2022:30:30:02 2nd cycle NAAC assessment of the university.

The Vice Chancellor sought opinion of the Academic Council members with regard to 2nd Cycle assessment of the university by the National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC). The AC unanimously resolved that the university may go for 2nd cycle assessment by this year end or by early 2023. Pending AQAR reports may be submitted at the earliest so that SSR report could be uploaded in the university website.

The Vice Chancellor and the Chairperson, Academic Council directed all the Heads and I/c Heads of Schools and Departments to necessarily seek approval of the Vice Chancellor for their Academic Advisory Committee (AAC) resolutions and decisions. It has been observed that some of the decisions made by the Academic Advisory Committee (AAC) of schools/ departments were beyond its mandate and jurisdictions. Therefore, after due deliberations it was resolved that all schools and departments of the university should necessarily seek approval of the Vice Chancellor for their Academic Advisory Committee (AAC) resolutions. All decisions and resolutions of AACs of respective schools/ departments could be implemented and/ or put in Academic Council only after the approval of the Vice Chancellor.

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


29-03-2022
(Dr. M. S. Mandrawal)
Registrar & Secretary
Academic Council

Copy to: All the Members of the Academic Council present in the meeting for information and reference.