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Minutes of 32nd Meeting of the Academic Council

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The 32nd meeting of the Academic Council of Doon University was held on 22nd July 2023 at 11.00 A.M. on Google meet in online mode. Prof. Surekha Dangwal, Vice Chancellor presided over the meeting. The following members were present in the meeting:

1. Prof. Tejinder Sharma, Dept. of Commerce, Kurukshetra University.
2. Prof. H. C. Purohit, Professor & Head, School of Management
3. Prof. R.P. Mangain, Professor & Head Economics and Coordinator School of Social Sciences.
4. Dr. Rajesh Kumar, Associate Professor & I/c Head, SOMCS.
5. Dr. S. S. Suthar, Associate Professor, SENR
6. Dr. Reena Singh, Associate Professor, SoM.
7. Dr. Narendra Rawal, Associate Professor & I/c Head Computer Science, SoPS.
8. Dr. Chetana Pokhriyal, Associate Professor & I/c Head English and Coordinator SoL.
9. Dr. Harsh Dobhal, Visiting Professor SoMCS, Doon University. (Invitee)
10. Dr. Suneet Naithani, Assistant Professor, SENR
11. Dr. Rashmi Mishra, Assistant Professor, SoMCS, Doon University.
12. Dr. Mala Shikha, Assistant Professor & I/c Head, Dept. of Spanish Studies, SoL.
13. Ms. Sikha Ahmad, Assistant Professor, Dept. of Economics, SoSS.
14. Ms. Deepika Bhatia, Assistant Professor & I/c Head, Dept. of Japanese Studies, SoL.
15. Dr. Achlesh Daverey, Assistant Professor, SENR & Coordinator SoBS Doon University.
16. Dr. Arun Kumar, Assistant Professor & I/c Head, Dept. of Chemistry, SoPS.
17. Dr. Himani Sharma, Assistant Professor & I/c Head, Dept. of Physics, SoPS.
18. Dr. A. R. Gairola, Assistant Professor & I/c Head, Dept. of Mathematics, SoPS
19. Dr. Savita Karnatak Tiwari, Visiting Assistant Professor & I/c Dept. of Psychology.
20. Dr. Richa Joshi Pandey, Assistant Professor, English
21. Ms Shubhra Kukreti, Assistant Professor and I/c Head Dept. of French, SoL.
22. Dr. Shanky Chandra, Assistant Professor & I/c Head, Dept. of Chinese, SoL.
23. Ms. Dhirti Dhaundiyal, I/c Head, SoD.
24. Dr. Vipul Goswami, Assistant Professor & I/c Head, Dept. of German Studies, SoL.
25. Dr. Preeti Mishra, Assistant Professor, Computer Science, SoPS.
26. Dr. Avijit Sahay, Assistant Professor and I/c Head Dept. of Geography.
27. Dr. Vipin Kumar, Assistant Professor and I/c Head Dept. of Geology.
28. Dr. Ashish Kumar, University Librarian
29. Shri Har Singh Bonal, Finance Controller, Doon University.
30. Dr. Mangal Singh Mandrawal, Secretary, Academic Council & Registrar

Prof. Kusum Arunachalam, Head, SENR did not attend the meeting because of her prior assignments. Dr. Ashish Sinha, Assistant Professor also did not attend the meeting due to his engagement in the Admission process of MBA as informed by him.

At the outset, the Chairperson welcomed the members of the Academic Council present in the meeting. Thereafter, the action taken report on the resolutions of 31st meeting of the Academic Council was presented and the agenda items were taken up one by one for discussion.

Item 2022:31:02 Confirmation of Minutes of 31st meeting of the Academic Council held on 22 July 2022.

Since no comments were received from the members, the Academic Council confirmed the Minutes of 30th meeting of the Academic Council

Item 2022:31:03 Review of the Action Taken Report on the resolutions of 31st meeting of the Academic Council.

The Academic Council reviewed the Action Taken Report on the resolutions of its 31st meeting and approved it.

Item 2023:32:04 To consider and approve the syllabus of 3rd semester of 4-year B.A. Hons with Research in French as per NEP-2020

Having considered the agenda, the Academic Council approved the syllabus of 3rd semester of 4-Year B.A. Hons with Research in French as per NEP-2020 as submitted by the Department of French duly considered and recommended by the Academic Advisory Committee of the Department.

Item 2023:32:05 To consider and approve the syllabus for 2nd year of B.A. Hons with Research in Chinese as per NEP-2020

Having considered the agenda, the Academic Council approved the syllabus of 2nd year of 4-year B.A. Hons with Research in Chinese as per NEP-2020 submitted by the Department of Chinese duly considered and recommended by the Academic Advisory Committee of the Department.

Item 2023:32:06 Agenda pertaining to the School of Management-

Having considered the agenda items and after due deliberations, the Academic Council resolved to approve the following:

1. The syllabus and course structure of Executive MBA (EMBA) weekend program for the year 2023-24.
2. The syllabus and course structure of MBA 2 years' full-time program for the year 2023-24.
3. The syllabus and course structure of Ph.D. Management program for the year 2023-24.
4. The syllabus and course structure of BBA (Hons and Research) program for the year 2023-24.
5. The syllabus and course structure of B.Com. (Hons and Research) program for the year 2023-24.

6. Introduction of a two-year MBA (Health Care Management) program from the session 2023-24 with 20 seats under the self-financed scheme and its course structure.

While approving a two-year MBA (Health Care Management) program from the session 2023-24, the Academic Council noted the fact that the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Uttarakhand has consistently emphasized that the health care services are to be made more accessible and approachable to the rural and remote locations of the state which need efficiency enhancement of the health workers across the state. The Academic Council also advised the School concerned to run this programme with the help of HNB Medical University Uttarakhand because they might have necessary resources and skills for such a programme, for which the School/University may enter into an MOU.

During the deliberations over the agenda items, the Hon'ble Vice Chancellor made a special mention of commendable efforts made by HoD School of Management Prof. H.C. Purohit in shaping the School and making it vibrant with more than 400 students within its fold.

Item 2023:32:07 To consider and approve the agenda items pertaining to Dept. of English.

Having considered the agenda items and after due deliberations, the Academic Council resolved to approve the following as proposed by the department:

1. Ability Enhancement Compulsory Course (AECC) syllabus of B.A. III and IV semester as per the norms of NEP.
2. Syllabus of Children's Literature in Generic and Discipline Specific Generic in B.A. III semester.

Item 2023:32:08 To consider and approve syllabus of M.A. Anthropology.

Having considered the agenda, the Academic Council approved in principle the syllabus of M.A. Anthropology for four semesters (theory/practical) according to UGC norms.

However, the Academic Council highlighted the fact that it becomes difficult to run a department and any academic programme in which number of students is less than 10. It's a matter of concern and all departments must think over it. On this, Dean School of Social Sciences, Prof. R.P. Mamgain suggested that the University might review all its academic programmes every three years.

Item 2023:32:09 Agenda Pertaining the School of Environment and Natural Resources.

1. **To provide post facto approval for revision in title of Ph.D. Thesis of Abhijeet Kadam.**

Having considered the agenda item and after due deliberations, the Academic Council granted post facto approval for the revision in title of Ph.D. thesis of Abhijeet Kadam in order to protect the interest of the research scholar.

However, the Academic Council emphasized that all faculty members of the School must go through the Ph.D. Ordinance of the university and abide by the stipulations therein. The research scholars should also be made aware of different provisions in PhD ordinance of the university.

2. To approve the course content of skill development and value added courses to be offered to the undergraduate students under NEP-2020.

Having considered the agenda item, the Academic Council approved in principle the syllabi of the courses developed for the UG students under Skill development/Value addition courses by the SENR duly considered and approved by its AAC, as below:

Skill Development: Water Quality Testing, Green Innovation, Resource Recovery from Waste.

Value Added Courses: Indian Knowledge System, Disaster Management

Dr. S.S. Suthar apprised the Academic Council that the syllabi of above courses are ready. While approving the syllabi of proposed Skill Development courses, the Academic Council directed that the syllabi of Value Added Courses should be given to Dr. Narendra Rawal who will be reviewing its content. After due review, Dr. Rawal will put it before the Vice Chancellor for approval, and then these courses may be put in the basket of Value Added Courses being offered by the university under NEP programmes.

Item 2023:32:10 To consider and approve the following agenda items pertaining to Dept. of German

- 1. To approve the B.A. 2nd year courses as per the NEP 2020**
Having considered the agenda item, the Academic Council approved it.
- 2. To update the information on Department of German Studies generic elective for BA 1st year.**
Having considered the agenda item, the Academic Council approved it.
- 3. To remove the ability courses (GRA201: Appreciation of German Cinema I, and GRA251: Appreciation of German Cinema II) from the approved courses list.**

Having considered the agenda item, the Academic Council approved it.

While approving the above agenda items, the Academic Council suggested that all departments of School of Languages should plan and offer courses in close coordination and cooperation with one another.

Item 2023:32:11 To consider and approve the modification in the exit options of undergraduate certificate and undergraduate diploma programme Bachelor of Science (Hons.) with Research in Physics.

The minimum credits to be earned by the student per semester are 22 credits. However, in order to have exit from undergraduate certificate and undergraduate diploma, a student has to complete 4 credits each in skill enhancement courses. This provision is meant to provide students the comfort of the flexibility of semester-wise academic load and to learn at his/her own pace. However, the mandatory number of credits which have to be secured for the purpose of award of Undergraduate Certificate/Undergraduate Diploma/Appropriate Bachelor's Degree in Physics are listed in the table as below:

S. N.	Name of Award	Stage of Exit	Mandatory
1	Undergraduate certificate in Physics	After successful completion of Semester II	44 + 4 credits skill enhancement courses
2	Undergraduate diploma in Physics	After successful completion of Semester IV	88+ 4 credits skill enhancement courses
3	Bachelor of Science Physics (Hons.)	After successful completion of Semester VI	132
4	Bachelor of Science Physics (Hons. with Research	After successful completion of Semester VIII	176
5	Bachelor of Science Physics (Hons.) with Research in Physics (Major) and Discipline - 2 (Minor)	After successful completion of Semester VIII with minimum 28 GE credits in discipline -2 (minor)	176

Having considered the agenda item, the Academic Council approved it.

The Academic Council also resolved that all such exit made by the student shall be preceded by a training course of a minimum of 02 credits to be given to the students opting for exit. This has to be mandatorily adhered by all departments and a proper record must be maintained by respective schools/departments.

Item 2023:32:12 To consider and approve following agenda items pertaining to the Department of Japanese:

Having considered the agenda items, the Academic Council approved the following as proposed and duly considered and recommended by AAC of the Department:

1. Syllabus of B.A. 2nd year (III and IV sem) of Dept. of Japanese as per nomenclature/structure provided under NEP 2020 (DSC, SEC and GE/DSE).
2. Revised title and content of B.A. 1st year (Semester I and II) Skill Enhancement Course (SEC) from Communicative Japanese I and II to reading Comprehension I and II respectively.

3. Revised title and content of B.A. 1st year (Semester II) core course from JPC 153: Reading Comprehension & Composition to JPC 153: Reading and Writing Kanji.
4. Introducing Ph.D. program in Japanese from the session 2023-24 and syllabus of Ph.D. Coursework of Ph.D. Japanese. Dr. Ravi Kumar, Assistant Professor as a Ph.D. Supervisor.

Item 2023:32:13 To consider and approve following agenda items pertaining to Dept. of Spanish.

Having considered the agenda items, the Academic Council approved the following as proposed and duly considered and recommended by AAC of the Department:

1. Contents of 2nd year i.e. 3rd & 4th Semester Courses of Four year B.A. based on NEP.
2. Revised syllabus of M.A. 1st and 3rd Semester courses i.e. SLS-403- Cultural History of Spain, SLS-404, Introduction to Linguistics, SLS-501 Spanish Literature: Enlightenment, Romanicism & Realism and SLS-504 Applied Linguistics with reference to teaching Spanish as a Foreign Language.
3. Dr. Ranjeeva Ranjan, Assistant Professor, Universidad catolica del Maule, Talca, Chile as the Co-supervisor for Tanya Narang's doctoral research work under the Memorandum of Understanding between the Universidad catolica del Maule, Talca, Chile and Doon University.

Item 2023:32:14 To consider and approve Agenda items pertaining to the Department of Economics.

1. To consider Inviting following person for Adjunct/Visiting Professorship

As proposed by the Dept. of Economics, the Academic Council approved to invite following eminent persons as adjunct visiting professors for strengthening the Department and its branding:

- a) Prof. D. K. Nauriyal, IIT Roorkee
- b) Dr. Alka Mittal, Former CMD, ONGC
- c) Prof. A. Subramaniam, Adam Smith Business School, University of Glasgow
- d) Prof. Manoj Pant, former Director General, Indian Institute of Foreign Trade, New Delhi

2. To consider starting an Annual Journal/Magazine of the Department of Economics

Having considered the agenda item, the Academic Council approved it.



3. To consider and approve introduction of a course/subject on Data Analytics

Having considered the agenda item, the Academic Council approved it in principle to introduce the course on Data Analytics jointly with the Department of Computer Science of the University. However, the Academic Council resolved that this shall be subject to devising of syllabus for the proposed course duly considered and recommended by the AAC of related departments/schools, which shall be put before the Academic Council for approval.

4. To approve correction in the course name under NEP

Keeping in view the uniqueness of the economics program, the Academic Council approved to keep the name of the program as B.Sc. Economics (Hons/with Research) as the Department has been offering an Integrated M.Sc. Economics program since its inception, it has been renamed under NEP as B.A. Economics Program., it is proposed

Item 2023:32:15 To consider and approve agenda items pertaining to Dept. of Geology.

1. Introduction of Ph.D. program in Geology from the session 2023-24 and to approve syllabus of Ph.D. Coursework of Geology.

Having considered the agenda item, the Academic Council approved it.

2. To consider and approve introduction of B.Sc. Hons with Research in Geology and syllabus.

Having considered the agenda item, the Academic Council approved it. However, The Academic Council advised that the department should keep a close watch over the number of students being enrolled and it should not be less than 10 students.

Item 2023:32:16 To consider and approve agenda items pertaining to Dept. of Geography.

1. Introduction of Ph.D. program in Geography from the session 2023-24 and to approve syllabus of Ph.D. Coursework of Geography.

Having considered the agenda item, the Academic Council approved it.

2. To consider and approve introduction of BA/B.Sc. Hons with Research in Geography and syllabus.

Having considered the agenda item, the Academic Council approved it. However, The Academic Council advised the department to keep a close watch over the number of students being enrolled in this programme and it should not be less than 10 students.

Item 2023:32:17 To consider and approve introducing B.Tech. Computer Science & Engineering and its syllabus.

As proposed by the Dept. of Computer Science the Academic Council approved introducing B.Tech. Computer Science & Engineering from the academic year 2023-24. The Academic Council approved the syllabus for the same.

The Academic Council also resolved to form a committee which will look into the issue of putting B.Sc. Computer Science under the School of Technology of the University. The Vice Chancellor was authorized to constitute a committee for this purpose.

Item 2023:32:18 To report adopting new grading system for the students admitted under NEP.

The Academic Council having considered the matter, keeping view all the aspects, granted its approval for adopting the UGC grading system as the University grading system is different from the grading system proposed by the UGC under NEP.

Item 2023:32:19 To Consider and approve amendment in the policy regarding disposal of old answer sheets.

Having considered the agenda item, the Academic Council approved that the old answer sheet will be kept for a period of 01 (One) year after completion of examination and after that it shall be disposed of. This disposal process may be taken up in the months of January and July of a calendar year on completion of one year of examinations. It was also approved to dispose of other items (Cancelled Grade Transcripts/Cancelled Degree/Cancelled Certificate/ Cancelled Admit card and others) at the time disposing of answer sheets.

Item 2023:32:20 To approve degrees of the students of passing year 2022 & 2023.

Having considered the agenda item, the Academic Council approved for awarding degrees in the forthcoming convocation of the University to the UG and PG students of passing year 2022 & 2023 and Ph.D. Degree to scholars whose viva have been conducted up to 31st October 2023.

Keeping in view the fact that many of the pass out students request for issuing their degree and transcript as these are required in original for admission in other institution or abroad for higher study, the Academic Council resolved that such students be issued their original degree certificates and transcripts before the Convocation is held so that they can get admission.

Item 2023:32:21 To discuss the proposal regarding making provision for sports of relaxation in admission merit list from Sports.

Having considered the agenda item, the Academic Council resolved that a committee under the chairmanship of Dr Suneet Naithani, Chairman, Sports of the university shall frame a policy or provision for students who approach the University for admissions from the sports quota.

The Academic Council authorized the Vice Chancellor to form this committee for the given purpose and to approve its recommendations and for its implementation.

Item 2023:32:22 To consider and approve establishment of coaching center for preparations of Civil Services.

Having considered the agenda item and after due deliberations, the Academic Council granted its approval for establishment of a coaching center for preparations of Civil Services (UPSC) as desired by the Hon'ble Chancellor and the Governor in the meeting held on 7th July 2023 in the Uttarakhand Rajbhawan.

The Academic Council also resolved that this coaching centre may initially enroll 39 students selected through a selection process as devised by the University. Girl students may be encouraged to enroll themselves in this coaching centre. The Academic Council authorized the Vice Chancellor to frame detailed policies and guidelines for this coaching centre.

Item 2023:32:23 To adopt the UGC Regulations (Minimum Standards and Procedures for Award of Ph.D. Degree) Regulations, 2022.

Having considered the agenda item, the Academic Council approved to adopt the UGC Regulations (Minimum Standards and Procedures for Award of Ph.D. Degree) Regulations, 2022.

Item 2023:32:24 To consider the recommendation of the Committee, constituted regarding amendments in Doon University PhD Ordinance 2021 in context of (a) requirement of publication in PhD and (b) PhD in Part Time Mode

Having considered the agenda item, the Academic Council approved and accepted the amendments in Doon University Ph.D. Ordinance 2021 as recommended by a committee constituted for this purpose. The Academic Council took note of the fact that these amendments do not violate UGC Regulations (Minimum Standards and Procedures for Award of Ph.D. Degree) Regulations, 2022 in any manner. This revised and amended Doon University Ph.D. Ordinance 2023 may be circulated to all schools/departments of the university and may also be put on university website so that all stakeholders could know the provisions therein.

Item 2023:32:25 To consider and approve the following agenda points:

- 1. Two Minutes videos of Ph.Ds-** The Academic approved implementing a practice of creating two-minutes videos for each awarded Ph.D. In these videos, the research scholar can discuss their Ph.D., covering its objectives, hypothesis, methodology, experiments, discussion and outcome. This practice would enable a faster comprehension of the Ph.D. work and could be adopted as one of University best practices. This video should be submitted by the research scholar in the university library on the day of his/her viva-voce for Ph.D. Degree.

- 2. Learning Management System-** The University has an Integrated Learning Management System (ILMS) which has been utilized by a few faculty members to develop courses for the university. Enhancing this system is important for the University as there are marks for LMS in NAAC and NIRF. Since the faculty members have many responsibilities but it can be made mandatory to each school to develop at least a paper of the course.

Having considered the agenda item, the Academic Council approved it. The faculty members will be making a video of 2 hrs 30 minutes which will be submitted to Dr Ashish Kumar, University Librarian for further necessary action.

- 3. Research and Publication Ethics-** This two credit course is mandatory for all Ph.D. scholars. The course covers various topics such as plagiarism, fabrication, falsification, open-access publication, predatory journals, database, and reference management tools which are directly related to library resources. It would be beneficial to assign the responsibility of teaching this course to the library, including conducting the examination. Since the content of this course is relevant across all disciplines, a single examination can be conducted for all Ph.D. Scholars.

Having considered the agenda item, the Academic Council approved it. It was resolved that Dr. Ashish Kumar, University Librarian shall be teaching this course to all PhD scholars of the university.

- Item 2023:32:26 To report approval of Library Rules Guidelines by the Library Advisory Committee.**

Having considered the agenda item, the Academic Council approved the Library Rules and Guidelines.

- Item 2023:32:27 To consider and approval matter of Date of Ph.D. Degree.**

The Academic Council having considered the matter granted approval for issuing a fresh degree to Mr Vineet Singh in which the date of award of degree has been mentioned the same as the date of Viva Voce. This had been done in anticipation of the approval of the Academic Council.

The Academic Council also approved that in the interest of all the Ph.D. scholars, henceforth the date of viva voce be mentioned in all the Ph.D. degrees to be issued in due course of time.

- Item 2023:32:28 Any other Item with the permission of the Chair.**

- Item 2023:32:28:01 To discuss the matter of issue of Mr Piyush Bhardwaj, Student, Dept. of Economics.**

Having considered the matter, the Academic Council constituted a committee comprising of following members:

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| 1. Prof. R. P. Mamgain, Dean, SoSS | Chairman |
| 2. Prof. H.C. Purohit, Professor and DSW | Member |
| 3. Dr. Arun Kumar, Assistant Professor | Member |

The above committee will examine the whole matter regarding M.Phil./Ph.D. of Mr Piyush Bhardwaj and will submit its recommendations/report to the Hon'ble Vice Chancellor.

Item 2023:32:28:02 Approval of MOOCs for SDS-302 & SDS-202 in School of Design

The Academic Council having considered the agenda approved. to adopt the following MOOCs for 2nd and 3rd Year students in the School of Design:

S.N.	Course Code, Title & Credits	MOOC Course	Course Teacher	Year of Study
1	SDS-302 SS/Media & Hegemonies 2 Credits	Design Thinking - A Primer	Prof. Ashwin Mahalingam, Prof. Bala Ramadurai, IIT Madras	III
2	SDS-202 SS/Policy & Politics 2 Credits	Understanding Design	Prof. Nina Sabnani, IIT Bombay	II

Item 2023:32:28:03 To approve the revision in one of the objective of the Ph.D work of Ms. Shelly Verma, SENR as per the recommendation of the Student Research Advisory Committee (SRAC).

The Academic Council having considered the agenda approved the revision in one of the objective of the Ph.D work of Ms. Shelly Verma, SENR as per the recommendation of the Student Research Advisory Committee (SRAC).

Item 2023:32:28:04 To approve proposal of centre of excellence in logistics and supply chain management (CoE-LSCM)

The Academic Council approved the proposal of centre of excellence in logistics and supply chain management (CoE-LSCM).

Item 2023:32:28:05 To consider and approve filling of reserved seat of SC/ST/OBC against the Unreserved category candidates for admission in the year 2023-24.

It was informed that after conducting the Entrance test for admission in the session 2022-23 the result/merit list was prepared and displayed as per the reservation rules of the State Government. After Declaration of result, it was found that some seats of SC/ST/OBC category remained vacant. In fact, candidates from SC and ST did not apply for admission in enough number. In order to timely commencement of the academic session and keeping in view all

the aspects the Academic Council granted approval to fill the vacant seats of SC, ST and OBC category from the candidates of Uttarakhand unreserved category.

Item 2023:32:28:06 To approve Regulations for Prof. Gajendra Singh all round best students of Doon University.

The Academic Council approved the Regulations for the award of Prof. Gajendra Singh all round best students of Doon University.


04-08-2023

(Dr. M. S. Mandrawal)
Registrar & Secretary
Academic Council

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Copy to: All the members present in the meeting for information and further action.