



**Doon University, Dehradun**

Office of the Registrar

**Minutes of 35<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Academic Council**

The 35<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Academic Council of Doon University was held on 23<sup>rd</sup> December 2024 at 3:00PM. in online mode. Prof. Surekha Dangwal, Vice Chancellor presided over the meeting. Following members were present in the meeting:

1. Prof. Shrawan K. Sharma, Former HoD/Dean, English, Gurukul Kangri University
2. Prof. Y. S. Rawat, Former Head Dept. of Botany, Kumaun University
3. Prof. H. C. Purohit, Dean, School of Management
4. Prof. R P Mamgain, Head and Professor, Economics
5. Prof. Rajesh Kumar, Dean and Head, School of Media and Communication Studies
6. Prof. S. S. Suthar, Dean and Head, School of Environment and Natural Resources
7. Prof. Gajendra Singh, Head, School of Management
8. Dr. Narendra Kumar, I/c Head and Associate Professor, Computer Science
9. Dr. Arun Kumar, I/c Head and Associate Professor, Chemistry
10. Dr. Himani Sharma, I/c Head and Associate Professor, Physics
11. Dr. Swati Bisht, Coordinator, Global South Centre for Urban Studies
12. Dr. Achlesh Daverey, Coordinator SoBS
13. Dr. Suneet Naithani, Associate Professor, SENR
14. Dr. Ashish Sinha, Associate Professor, SoM
15. Dr. Archana Sharma, Assistant Professor, SENR
16. Dr. Swagata Basu, Assistant Professor, Spanish
17. Ms. Deepika Bhatia, I/c Head and Assistant Professor, Japanese
18. Dr. Vipul Goswami, I/c Head and Assistant Professor, German
19. Mr. Shanky Chandra, I/c Head and Assistant Professor, Chinese
20. Ms. Shubhra Kukreti, I/c Head and Assistant Professor, French
21. Dr. A. R. Gairola, I/c Head and Assistant Professor, Mathematics
22. Dr. Rajesh Bhatt, I/c Head and Assistant Professor, Psychology
23. Dr. Dhriti Dhaundiyal, I/c Head and Assistant Professor, SoD
24. Dr. Vikas Sharma, Assistant Professor, Dept. of Physics
25. Dr. Charu Dwevedi, Assistant Professor, Chemistry
26. Dr. Richa Joshi Pandey, Assistant Professor, English
27. Dr. Karuna Sharma, Assistant Professor, SoMCS
28. Dr. Anuj Kumar, Assistant Professor, Computer Science
29. Dr. Vipin Kumar, I/c Head and Assistant Professor, Geology
30. Dr. Avijit Sahay, I/c Head and Assistant Professor, Geography
31. Shri Durgesh Dimri, Secretary, Academic Council & Registrar



At the outset, the Chairperson welcomed the members of the Academic Council present in the meeting. The Chairperson informed the Academic Council that Doon University has been accredited by NAAC, Bengaluru with 'A' grade for a period of 5 years upto September 2029. The members appreciated the efforts of the University made regarding evaluation and assessment and congratulated the University for this achievement. Thereafter the agenda items were taken up for discussion as below:

**Item 2024:35:02 Confirmation of Minutes of 34<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Academic Council held on 21<sup>st</sup> April 2024.**

Since no observations and comments were received from the members, the Academic Council confirmed the minutes of the meeting.

**Item 2024:35:03 Review of the Action Taken Report on the resolutions of 34<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Academic Council.**

The Academic Council reviewed the Action Taken Report on the resolutions of its 34<sup>th</sup> meeting and approved it.

**Item 2024:35:04 To apprise the Academic Council about holding 5<sup>th</sup> Convocation of Doon University.**

The Academic Council was apprised about holding of 5<sup>th</sup> Convocation of the University. It was informed that total 691 degree (UG 398 & PG 293) will be conferred by the University in the convocation. Gold Medal will be given to 37 topper students of various UG and PG programs. Besides, 25 Ph.D. Scholars who have successfully defended their viva voce, will also be awarded with the Ph.D. Degree. 5 distinguished Alumni and 2 awardees of Dr. Gajendra Singh All Round Best Students award will be felicitated in the Convocation.

The Academic Council took note of it and allowed holding the 5<sup>th</sup> Convocation for awarding UG, PG, and Ph.D. Degree (passed out in 2023) and felicitating Alumni and best Students awardees in the Convocation.

**Item 2024:35:05 To consider taking admission by adopting the UGC public notice regarding National Eligibility Test (NET) as an Entrance Test for Admission to Ph.D.**

The Academic Council approved to adopt the UGC public notice no. F.4-1 (UGC NET Review Committee)/2024(NET)/140648 dated 27<sup>th</sup> March 2024 regarding determination of the eligibility of NET for different categories in Ph.D. admission, as below:

Qualified for	Eligible for		
	JRF	Assistant Professor	Ph.D. Admission
Category-1 Award of JRF and appointment as Assistant Professor	Yes	Yes	Yes
Category-2 Appointment as Assistant Professor and admission to Ph.D.	No	Yes	Yes
Category-3 Admission to Ph.D. only	No	No	Yes



The Academic Council resolved to constitute a committee for determining eligibility for Ph.D. admission keeping in view the above UGC public notice and other UGC guidelines. The Academic Council authorized the Vice Chancellor to take decision on the recommendations of the Committee.

**Item 2024:35:06 To consider and approve Doon University Ordinance for UG and PG programs under NEP 2020.**

Having considered the agenda, the Academic Council approved the draft of Ordinances for UG and PG programs under NEP 2020 including the criteria of lateral entry admission in undergraduate programs as per National Education Policy (NEP) 2020, prepared by the committee constituted for the purpose. It was resolved that the approved ordinances be implemented and circulated among all the Schools/Departments and faculty members for information and reference.

**Item 2024:35:07 To approve Syllabus for 3<sup>rd</sup> year of B.A. Hons German.**

The Academic Council considered the agenda and approved the syllabus for 3<sup>rd</sup> year of B.A. Hons German program as per NEP framework.

**Item 2024:35:08 To approve Syllabus for 3<sup>rd</sup> year of B.A. Hons Chinese.**

The Academic Council having considered the agenda and approved syllabus for 3<sup>rd</sup> year of B.A. Hons Chinese program as per NEP framework.

**Item 2024:35:09 To approve Syllabus for 5<sup>th</sup> semester of B.A. Hons French.**

The Academic Council considered the agenda and approved the syllabus for 3<sup>rd</sup> year of B.A. Hons French program as per NEP framework.

**Item 2024:35:10 To consider the matter of Ph.D. Thesis submission by Ms Nazia Qureshi.**

The Academic Council, considering it as an extra ordinary issue and resolved that the Ph.D. scholar Ms Nazia Qureshi may be re-registered for Ph.D. Program in Management from the session after she did not deposit fee. All requisite fee with late payment must be paid by her. This should not be taken as precedent in future

**Item 2024:35:11 To consider and approve the introduction of 02 Credit Course on IPR as SEC / VAC / AEC for the University under NEP.**

The Academic Council considered and approved to introduce 02 Credit Course on IPR as VAC for the University under NEP which will be introduced in 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> semester starting from 2025-26. The students can opt it once in either of the semester.

**Item 2024:35:12 To consider and approve increasing seats in masters' programs in Geology and Geography.**

The Academic Council approved to increase the seats from 20 to 30 in the PG programs of Geology and Geography, keeping in view the recent academic infrastructural developments of both the Departments.



**Item 2024:35:13 To consider and approve certain updates and revisions to the curriculum of programs of SoM.**

The Academic Council considered and approved the following agenda items of School of Management:

1. Rectification as approved by AAC in the syllabus for MVA for session 2022-24.
2. Introduction of a 4-credit course, COG 201 Corporate Accounting in lieu of Financial Analysis in Sem 3 of B.Com. batch 2022-25.
3. Inclusion of a 4-credit course COE-110 International Finance, instead of Investment Management in Sem 6 of B.Com.
4. Augmentation of the credit value of course COP 301 Internship Report in Se 5 pf B.Com. from 2 to 6 credit. Revision in course nomenclature as Internship Report with a credit distribution of 3 credit for viva and 3 credit for the internship report.
5. Nomenclature from Supply Chain to Digital Marketing for course under the BBA programs.

**Item 2024:35:14 To consider and approve following agenda points of School of Design.****1. To approve the Revision in Syllabus of Existing NEP Courses.**

The Academic Council approved revision in following courses:

S.N.	Old Course	Revised Course	Salient Changes
1	DNC151 Design Sketching II	DNC154 Digital Sketching	Introducing digital media for sketching & visualization in the foundation year of study
2	2 DNG151 Introduction to Photography & Computer Graphics	DNG152 Digital Methods	Focusing the course on digital methods of representation and design; Include layouts and grids
3	3 DNG201 Advanced Photography	DNG202 Photography for Documentation	Adding applied methods and contextual study to the course that currently concentrates on skills only.

**2. To approve the introduction of New NEP Course.**

The Academic Council approved to introduce a new Skill Enhancement course for Semester III. The syllabus of the current Film Appreciation course will be integrated with the Filmmaking elective in Semester VI.

S.N.	Old Course	Replaced By
1	DNS201 Film Appreciation	DNS202 Display & Exhibition

2024:35:15:

**To consider and approve following agenda items pertaining to Dept. of Psychology:**

**1. To revise nomenclature, i.e., M.Sc. in Applied Psychology.**

Having considered the agenda item, the Academic Council, approved revising the nomenclature of M.A. Psychology to M.Sc. in Applied Psychology from the session 2024-25. This will allow students to pursue a higher degree in applied Psychology i.e. considered beneficial for the employment of the students. The M.A. in Psychology will discontinue after the revised nomenclature.

**2. To consider and approve the syllabi of the MSc in Applied Psychology program with specializations in (Counseling Psychology and Psychotherapy) or (Industrial/Organizational Psychology).**

The Academic Council approved the structure and syllabi for the two-year M.Sc. in Applied Psychology program.

**3. To approve the modification in structure of B.Sc. Psychology syllabi.**

The Academic Council approved the modifications in the structure of the B.Sc. Psychology syllabi as outlined below:

6 <sup>th</sup> Semester					
	Old	New			
1	DSC 17	DSC 16	4	PYC351	Cognitive Psychology-II
2	DSC 18	DSC 17	4	PYC352	Research Methodology-II
3	DSC 19	DSC 18	4	PYC353	Psychological Statistics-II
7 <sup>th</sup> Semester					
1	DSC 20	DSC 19	4	PYC401	Rehabilitation Psychology
8 <sup>th</sup> Semester					
1	DSC 21	DSC 20	4	PYC451	Psychological Assessment for Abnormal Behavior

**4. To approve the revised nomenclature i.e., B.Sc. in Applied Psychology.**

The Academic Council considered and approved revising the nomenclature of B.Sc. Psychology to B.Sc. in Applied Psychology for the current batches of B.Sc. in Psychology. This will apply on NEP Course only, i.e. from 2022-23 onwards.

2024:35:16:

**To consider and approve revising nomenclature of UG and PG Degrees in Geography to B.Sc. and M.Sc. in Geography.**

The Academic Council considered and approved to revise the nomenclature of UG and PG degrees from B.A./B.Sc. Geography and M.A./M.Sc. Geography to B.Sc. Geography and M.Sc. Geography as proposed and recommended by the Department and AAC.



**2024:35:17: To consider and approve the changed nomenclature of the program Master of Social Anthropology to M.A./M.Sc. Anthropology.**

The Academic Council approved to change the nomenclature of the program Master of Social Anthropology to M.A./M.Sc. Anthropology. The provision of new nomenclature will be as follows:

1. Student from B.A. stream completing Postgraduation in Anthropology will be given M.A. Anthropology Degree.
2. Students from B.Sc. in Anthropology in Anthropology completing Postgraduation in Anthropology will be given M.Sc. Anthropology Degree

**2024:35:18: Any other item with the permission of the Chair.**

**2024:35:18:01 To approve Syllabus for 3<sup>rd</sup> year of B.A. Hons Japanese.**

The Academic Council approved syllabus for 3<sup>rd</sup> year of B.A. Hons Japanese program as per NEP framework.

**2024:35:18:02 To approve establishing Centre of Hindu Studies and M.A. program in Hindu Studies in the University.**

The Dept. of Higher Education, Govt. of Uttarakhand vide its letter no. 667 dated 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2024 directed the University to provide proposal for establishing Centre of Hindu Studies. The Academic Council approved establishing the Centre of Hindu Studies and to introduce M.A. Program in Hindu Studies from the session 2025-26 under the Centre.

The Academic Council directed that all the agenda items discussed and approved in AAC should be submitted to the Registrar office for the approval of the Vice Chancellor. Only such AAC minutes will be placed before Academic Council for further approval.

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



(Durgesh Dimri)  
Registrar/Secretary  
Academic Council

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Copy to all the members for information, observation and reference.



(Durgesh Dimri)  
Registrar/Secretary