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Minutes of 37th Meeting of the Academic Council

The 37th meeting of the Academic Council of Doon University was held on 30th July 2025 at 04:00 PM in online mode. Prof. Surekha Dangwal, Vice Chancellor presided over the meeting. Following members were present in the meeting:

1. Prof. Y. S. Rawat, Former Head Dept. of Botany, Kumaun University
2. Prof. Shrawan K. Sharma, Former HoD/Dean, English, Gurukul Kangri 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 Ashish Kumar, University Librarian
9. Dr. Harshpati Dobhal, Visiting Professor and Coordinator MSW
10. Dr. Narendra Kumar, I/c Head and Associate Professor, Computer Science
11. Dr. Chetna Pokhariyal, I/c Head, Dept. of English
12. Dr. Arun Kumar, I/c Head and Associate Professor, Chemistry
13. Dr. Himani Sharma, I/c Head and Associate Professor, Physics
14. Dr. Swati Bisht, Coordinator, Global South Centre for Urban Studies
15. Dr. Achlesh Daverey, Coordinator SoBS
16. Dr. Suneet Naithani, Associate Professor, SENR
17. Dr. Ashish Sinha, Associate Professor, SoM
18. Dr. Swagata Basu, I/c Head & Assistant Professor, Spanish
19. Ms. Deepika Bhatia, I/c Head and Assistant Professor, Japanese
20. Dr. Vipul Goswami, I/c Head and Assistant Professor, German
21. Mr. Shanky Chandra, I/c Head and Assistant Professor, Chinese
22. Ms. Shubhra Kukreti, I/c Head and Assistant Professor, French
23. Dr. A. R. Gairola, I/c Head and Assistant Professor, Mathematics
24. Dr. Rajesh Bhatt, I/c Head and Assistant Professor, Psychology
25. Dr. Dhriti Dhaundiyal, I/c Head and Assistant Professor, SoD
26. Dr. Charu Dwivedi, Assistant Professor, Chemistry
27. Dr. Richa Joshi Pandey, Assistant Professor, English
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. Dr. Ankit Nagar, Assistant Professor, Dept. of Economics
32. Shri Durgesh Dimri, Secretary, Academic Council & Registrar

Dr. Karuna Sharma did not attend the meeting as she is on maternity leave. and Dr. Vaishali Assistant Professor did not inform about not attending the meeting.

At the outset, the Chairperson welcomed the members of the Academic Council present in the meeting. Thereafter the agenda items were taken up for discussion one by one:

Item 2025:37:02 Confirmation of Minutes of 36th meeting of the Academic Council held on 28th April 2025.

It was informed that no observations and comments were received from the members, the Academic Council confirmed the minutes of the meeting.

Item 2025:37:03 Review of the Action Taken Report on the resolutions of 36th meeting of the Academic Council.

Hon'ble Vice Chancellor informed that the resolutions made in the 36th meeting of A.C. were approved and accordingly were implemented by the concerned School/Departments.

Item 2025:37:04 To consider and approve revised Doon University Ordinance for UG and PG programs under NEP 2020.

Doon University Ordinance for UG and PG Programmes under NEP in accordance with UGC (Minimum Standards of Instruction for the Grant of Undergraduate Degree and Postgraduate degree) Regulations, 2025 dated 26th March 2025 was reviewed by the Committee. Having considered and discussed all the aspects, the Academic Council resolved to award degrees with the following nomenclature:

- After 3 years (6 semesters) – Bachelors in respective Discipline.
- After 4 years (8 semesters) – Bachelors Hons or Bachelors Hons with Research in respective Discipline.

However, keeping in view various aspects and the interest of the students of the academic session 2022-23, and in view of the facts that they have taken admission with the hope that they will be awarded a Bachelors Hons degree after three years only as mentioned in their admission prospectus, the Academic Council resolved to award a Bachelor Hons degree to the students of academic session 2022-23, who have completed their three years in July 2025.

For the students of academic session 2023-24 and 2024-25, a committee may be constituted by the Hon'ble Vice Chancellor to look into the whole gamut of issues pertaining to the degrees to be awarded to them. The Notification no. 294/R-DU/2025 dated 19th May 2025, issued earlier in this regard, shall stand superseded in respect of the above batches.

The Academic Council also considered and discussed the existing pattern of examination and evaluation and marks distribution. This item was put for consideration as a separate agenda vide item no. 2025:37:25. Having discussed the matter, the Academic Council resolved to amend the existing examination and

evaluation process as it does not seem to be aligned with NEP 2020. Keeping in view of all the aspects, it has been decided that from now following pattern will be implemented for the examination and evaluation process in the University:

End semester examination – 70 marks (the mode of examination shall depend upon of the nature of the course). The duration of examination shall be three hours.

Continuous and comprehensive evaluation – 25 marks [it may comprise class tests (written or verbal), presentations, quizzes, assignments etc. depending upon the nature of the course].

Five (05) marks to be awarded by the attendance portal based on attendance percentage of the students. Those having 75% and above attendance shall be awarded 5 marks in respective course by the system itself.

Mid semester examination shall be discontinued for UG and PG First semester from the present Academic Session i.e. 2025-26.

Another agenda item *“To consider and approve one time opportunity for students of NEP/Non-NEP”* which was also put as a separate agenda vide item no. 2025:37:27 was also discussed. The Academic Council resolved that the provision for special back paper as mentioned in the previous Ordinance shall be available for one time only. A special back paper exam shall be organized in August 2025 without any teaching assistance on payment of requisite fee. After which, this provision shall stand scrapped keeping in view the fact that availability of faculty members during summer vacation may not be ensured.

All the above revisions shall be incorporated in the revised Doon University Ordinance for UG and PG programs under NEP 2020, as resolved by the Academic Council. Revised Ordinances as approved by the Academic Council, be circulated for information and reference of the concerned.

Item 2025:37:05 To consider and approve the matter of Duty Leave for the faculty.

The members were informed that this agenda point be read as ‘to make provision of duty leave for the faculty members in an academic year’. In the previously circulated agenda ‘10 days’ was typed erroneously. Hon’ble Vice Chancellor briefed the members about the necessity of putting this matter for consideration of the Academic Council. It was informed that the University follows leave rules of the State Government as per the Government order no. 1424/XXIV(4)/2029-01(28)/2016 Dated 6th September 2019 which were approved by the Hon’ble Chancellor and the Governor and was incorporated in the Doon University Statutes accordingly. Provision of Duty Leave to the faculty has not been made in the State Government leave rules but in the Doon University statutes the same had been provided earlier and the University has been following the same till now. The University has been receiving queries from time to time from the higher authorities about the provision of duty leave for the University faculty members.

The Academic Council discussed the matter. Most of the members were of the view that Doon University should follow the UGC guidelines and accordingly the

faculty members should be granted duty leave. It was decided that if any query is made in future regarding duty leave, the University shall inform about the resolution of the Academic Council in the matter.

Item 2025:37:06 To consider and approve filling of reserved seat of SC/ST against the Unreserved category candidates for admission in the year 2025-26.

The Academic Council considered and discussed the matter and resolved that the University should follow the resolution made by the Executive Council in its 38th meeting held in August 2024 to fill the seats this year and the coming years as well, if seats remain vacant after conducting drives and due to unavailability of candidates, so that the academic session be commenced timely. During the period of admission process if any candidate of the above categories approaches for admission, he/she shall be considered for admission against the vacant category seat as per rule.

Item 2025:37:07 To consider and approve Syllabus, Course framework and fee structure of Hindu Studies.

The Academic Council considered and approved the following agenda points pertaining to the Center for Hindu Studies:

1. Two year/4 semesters full time PG program with intake of 20 seats.
2. Generic Elective courses for UG across the disciplines.
3. Syllabus of Generic Elective (GE) for UG minor degree in Hindu Studies based on NEP 2020.
4. Value added courses as proposed.
5. Fee structure of M.A.: Proposed Rs 8000/- (Rs 5000/- Tuition fee and Rs 3000/- Other fee.

Item 2025:37:08 To consider and approve Syllabi for the 4-year B.A. Hons with Research in French and 2-year M.A. French Program as per NEP.

The Academic Council considered and approved Syllabi for the 4-year B.A. Hons with Research in French and 2-year M.A. French Program prepared as per NEP.

Item 2025:37:09 To consider and approve agenda items pertaining to School of Media and Communication Studies.

The Academic Council considered and discussed the agenda items of School of Media and Communication Studies and resolved as follows:

1. The Academic council approved the following syllabi of the School:
 - Four-Year Bachelor Programme in Media and Communication Studies and
 - Two-Year Master of Arts Programme in Media and Communication Studies
 - One-Year Master of Arts Programme in Media and Communication Studies
2. **To consider and approve Rate Card for Recorded/Live Productions/Still Photography on Consultancy Project basis by the SoMCS.**

Having discussed the matter some of the members were of the view that the rates for various services seem to be high for internal School/Departments. Dean and Head, SoMCS informed that the rates for university school/department have been fixed after survey of Market and have been kept 50% of half of market rates.

It was also informed that for any program, in case budget is short or is not available for this purpose, the concerned PI may contact the Dean and Head, SoMCS and he will put the matter before the Vice Chancellor for any concession/relaxation. The Vice Chancellor shall have discretion to decrease or increase the rates in the interest of the University.

Item 2025:37:10 To consider and approve the Syllabi of Dept. of Japanese:

The Academic Council considered and approved the following syllabi of Dept. of Japanese Studies prepared in accordance with the NEP-2020:

1. 2- year M.A. Programme in Japanese.
2. 4th Year B.A. Hons/ Hons. with Research in Japanese.

Item 2025:37:11 To consider and approve agenda points pertaining to Dept. of Spanish.

The Academic Council considered and approved following syllabus submitted by Dept. of Spanish has submitted:

1. Syllabus of 4- Year B.A. Hons/ Hons. with Research in Spanish as per NEP.
2. Syllabus of 2 Year M.A. in Spanish as per NEP.
3. Syllabus of 1 Year M.A. in Spanish as per NEP.
4. Syllabus of two courses namely PSP- 003(C) Identity in Literature, Culture and Society of Spain and Latin America and PSP-004 (C) Visual Culture of Spain and Latin America (Focus on Cinema and Art), as part of the Ph.D. Course Work of the Department of Spanish Studies.

Item 2025:37:12 To consider and approve agenda points pertaining to Dept. of Geology.

The Academic Council considered and approved following agenda items of Dept. of Geology:

- NEP Syllabus for 2- year M.Sc. Geology .
- Revision made to the Non-NEP Course sequence for M.Sc. Geology program.

The Academic Council also considered introducing Post Graduate Diploma in Remote Sensing & GIS jointly by the Dept. of Geology and Geography. Hon'ble Vice Chancellor wished to know about the duration of Certificate and Diploma course. I/c Head Geology informed that the duration for Certificate and Diploma in the said program may be 6 month and 12 months respectively.

It was resolved that the Certificate and Diploma program in Remote Sensing & GIS be started from the next academic Session and these programs will be run in self-financed mode with the intake of 25 seats and Fee of Rs. 25,000 per semester

Item 2025:37:13 To consider and approve agenda points pertaining to Dept. of Chinese.

The Academic Council considered and approved following syllabi of the Dept:

- Syllabus of One-Year M. A. in Chinese Studies.
- Syllabus of 2-Year / 4-Semester M. A. in Chinese Studies Programme.
- Syllabus of 'China Imagined' Ability Enhancement Course (AEC)

Item 2025:37:14 To consider and approve agenda points pertaining to Dept. of German.

The Academic Council considered and approved following syllabi of Dept. of German:

- Syllabus for the 4- year B.A. German program.
- Syllabus for the 1- year M.A. German program.

Item 2025:37:15 To consider and approve agenda points pertaining to Dept. of English.

The Academic Council considered and approved following agenda points of Dept. of English:

- Syllabus 2-year Master in English Program as per NEP.
- Internship/Community Outreach/Project Seminar in B.A. V & VI semester.
- Project/Internship Components for the VII and VIII semesters of B.A. English.

Item 2025:37:16 To consider and approve agenda points pertaining to Dept. of Theatre & Folk Performing Arts.

The Academic Council considered and approved following agenda items of Dept. of Theatre & Folk Performing Arts:

1. Introduction of Generic Elective Course namely 'Theatre Acting' of 4-credits in undergraduate level from upcoming academic session and its syllabus.
2. Revision and finalization of the 22 credits curriculum of M.A. Theatre.

Item 2025:37:17 To consider and approve syllabus of M.Sc. Geography based on NEP 2020

The Academic Council considered and approved syllabus of M.Sc. Geography prepared as per NEP 2020.

Item 2025:37:18 To consider and approve agenda points pertaining to Dept. of Psychology.

The Academic Council considered and approved following course curriculum of Dept. of Psychology:

1. One/Two-Year Full-Time PG Programme (Course Curriculum Design as Per NEP 2020) for M.Sc. in Applied Psychology.
2. Four-Year Full-Time UG Programme (Course Curriculum Design as Per NEP 2020) for B.Sc. in Applied Psychology.

It will also be applicable to batch 2022, 2023, 2024 from their current semester onwards.

3. Syllabus of Generic Elective (GE) for UG minor degree in Psychology based on NEP 2020.

Item 2025:37:19**To consider and approve proposal of creation of Health profile of each Students during the admission.**

The Academic Council considered the proposal submitted by Dr. Rajesh Kumar, Assistant Professor, Psychology, regarding creation of Health profile of students during and after admission. It was informed that this profile will include both physiological and psychological information such as Blood group/Haemoglobin level/ Blood sugar/Blood Pressure/Weight and Height etc. (these tests will be submitted by the students at the time of admission), Known allergies (if known to student), Family health history, Student's personal psychological and physical health history. The information will be collected and maintained confidentially, with the objective of ensuring timely and appropriate support in case of any health-related emergency. The Health Profiles will be prepared by Counselling Psychologists/ In charge of wellness centre/Trainee Counselling Psychologists (i.e., students of M.Sc. final year/B.Sc. 3rd year and 4th year students of Applied Psychology) of Doon University under appropriate supervision. It will also be helpful for the Hostel Wardens in case of any medical emergency. The Academic Council appreciated the initiative taken by the Dept. of Psychology and approved the proposal.

Item 2025:37:20**To consider and approve agenda points pertaining to Dept. of Physics.**

The Academic Council considered and approved following agenda items of Dept. of Physics:

1. Syllabus of NEP-MSc one year program in the Department of Physics.
2. Addition and modification of courses in the existing pool of Discipline Specific Electives for the BSc Hons./ Hons. with research programme. Pool of Discipline Specific Elective Courses (DSE) is as follows:

S. N.	Course Code	Name of the Course
1	PHE101	Advanced Mathematical Physics
2	PHE102	Classical Dynamics
3	PHE103	Nano Materials and Applications
4	PHE104	Advanced Solid State Physics
5	PHE105	Experimental Techniques
6	PHE106	Biophysics
7	PHE107	Electronics and Devices
8	PHE108	Electronics Lab (Lab I)
9	PHE109	Quantum Physics II
10	PHE110	Research Methodology
11	PHE111	Solid State Physics Lab (Lab II)
12	PHE112	Physics of Materials
13	PHE113	Introduction to Particle Physics
14	PHE114	Physics of Devices and Instrumentation
15	PHE115	Medical Physics
16	PHE116	Earth Science

17	PHE117	Atmospheric Physics
18	PHE118	Optical Fiber Communication and Integrated Nonlinear Optics
19	PHE119	Applied Optics
20	PHE120	Materials Science and Energy Devices
21	PHE121	Astronomy and Astrophysics

3. Syllabus of Generic Elective (GE) for UG minor degree in Physics based on NEP 2020.
4. Modification in the of syllabus of BSc Hons./ Hons. with Research and NEP-MSc Physics for odd courses in Physics. The syllabus has been revised to include cognitive skill levels and a detailed mapping of course outcomes to programme outcomes.

Item 2025:37:21 To consider and approve agenda points pertaining to Dept. of Chemistry.

The Academic Council considered and approved following agenda items for of the Dept. of Chemistry:

1. Creation of flexibility under which the students of 8th semester of 04-year UG program of chemistry departments can chose either Option A [having one DSC course of 04 credits + three elective courses of total 12 credits + dissertation of 06 credits] or Option B [having dissertation of total 22 credits].
2. Syllabi of the courses of 02-year PG program.
3. Incorporation of the additional courses in the list of generic electives (GE) and/or discipline specific elective (DSE) courses for 7th & 8th Semester of 04-year UG program and 1st and 2nd semester of 02-year PG program.

Item 2025:37:22 To consider and approve Course Curriculum of Master of Social Work.

The Academic Council considered and approved course curriculum of Two-Year Master's Programme in Social Work (MSW) as per NEP-2020.

Item 2025:37:23 To consider the approval of syllabus of Generic Elective (GE) for UG minor degree in Environmental Science based on NEP 2020.

The Academic Council considered and approved syllabus of Generic Elective (GE) for UG minor degree in Environmental Science based on NEP 2020.

Item 2025:37:24 To upload question bank as per the NEP 2020 syllabus in each course on the Vidhyashakti Portal.

The proposal was submitted by the Controller of Examination. He apprised that the purpose of uploading the question bank in the portal is to create a question bank for the use in the Semester Examinations, Entrance Test etc. The questions shall be prepared by the faculty members immediately after teaching a chapter/topic and upload the same on the portal for which they will be provided access to the portal. The question bank shall contain around 400 to 500 questions.

Uploading the question bank on the Vidhyashakti Portal will enable the examination section to prepare and print the questions papers without help of course teacher at the time of examination. The question bank may also be used for University Entrance Test for admission. The question bank will be used for 3-4 year after moderating it from time to time for the purpose, questions from external subject experts can also be obtained. The Academic Council approved the proposal.

Item 2025:37:25 To discuss the existing examination marks distribution of 50% internal and 50% end semester examination.

The agenda point was considered and discussed by the Academic Council with the item no. 2025:37:04 and accordingly the resolutions is mentioned with the item.

Item 2025:37:26 To consider and approve the skill development and training project proposed by Directorate of Medical Education, Govt. of Uttarakhand to train the B.Sc. Nursing/ANM/GNM students of Govt. Nursing Colleges across Uttarakhand in German/Japanese/Spanish/French/English for their overseas employment.

Hon'ble Vice Chancellor apprised the members that the University is undertaking a skill development and training project proposed by Directorate of Medical Education, Govt. of Uttarakhand to train the B.Sc. Nursing/ANM/GNM students of Govt. Nursing Colleges across Uttarakhand in German/Japanese/Spanish /French/English for their overseas employment. It was informed that the interview was held for the selection of the students for this training project.

It was suggested that this training project may be treated as paid internship and UG students who will be engaged in the project may be awarded 2 credits. The Academic Council appreciated the training program being conducted by the School of Languages and support being extended to the Government of Uttarakhand.

Item 2025:37:27 To consider and approve one time opportunity for students of NEP/Non NEP to appear in the special back/improvement exam.

The agenda point was considered and discussed by the Academic Council with the item no. 2025:37:04 and accordingly the resolutions is mentioned with the item.

Item 2025:37:28 Any other Item with the permission of the Chair.

Item 2025:37:28:01 To consider the matter of Fake Medical Certificate submitted by the students.

It was informed that many students do not fulfil the attendance criteria at the time of semester examination and at the last moment they submit medical certificate to complete the required attendance for appearing in the examinations. In some case the medical certificate may be genuine but it has been observed that most of the students submit fake medical certificate. As per the University Ordinance Students must attend at least 75% of the total classes held in a course to be eligible for the end semester examinations. Up to 15 days of medical leave per semester are



allowed for which medical certificates must be submitted to the department office within a week of returning to classes.

The Academic Council resolved that the provisions made in the University Ordinances be followed strictly in respect of attendance and submission of medical certificate. In this regard, a notice to the students may be circulated at the time of commencement of the teaching classes.

Item 2025:37:28:02 To consider the matter of allotment of hostel accommodation on the basis of merit in semester examination.

Dr Suneet Naithani, Chief Warden submitted the proposal of allotment of hostel accommodation on the basis of merit in semester examinations. He informed that due to limited number of accommodations, it is very difficult for the wardens to make arrangement of hostels for the needy students. Therefore, to continue the hostel accommodation by the students for further years, the students must obtain the CGPA as determined by the University. Some of the members was of the view that initially hostel is allotted to the students on the basis of merit of the entrance examination. Since the students has already passed that criteria of merit, it does not seem pertinent to cancel the allotment of hostel due to less CGPA after one year.

The Academic Council resolved to constitute a committee to look into the matter and accordingly to make Standard of Procedure (SoP) for allotment of Hostel and continuation of accommodation.

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



(Durgesh Dimri)
Registrar/Secretary
Academic Council

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Registrar/Secretary