



Doon University, Dehradun

Office of the Registrar

**Minutes of 38<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Executive Council**

No-502/13/R-DU/2024

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38<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Executive Council of Doon University was held on 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2024 in online mode. Prof. Surekha Dangwal, Vice Chancellor presided over the meeting. Following members attended the meeting:

1. Prof. S.P. Singh, FNA, Former Vice Chancellor, H.N.B. Garhwal University, Srinagar.
2. Prof. R. D. Sharma, Former Vice Chancellor, Jammu University, Jammu (J & K).
3. Prof. Yogesh Singh, Vice Chancellor, University of Delhi.
4. Shri Rakesh Oberoi, Director, M/s Oberoi Motors, Majra. ISBT Road, Dehradun.
5. Shri Byomkesh Dubey, Dy. Secretary (representative of Secretary Higher Education).
6. Shri Vijay Kumar, Joint Secretary (representative of Secretary Finance Govt. of Uttarakhand)
7. Shri Sunil Raturi, Finance Controller, Doon University, Dehradun - (Invitee).
8. Dr. M.S. Mandrawal, Registrar & Secretary Executive Council, Doon University Dehradun.

At the outset, Prof. Surekha Dangwal, Vice Chancellor & Chairperson extended a warm welcome to the members of the Executive Council. Thereafter the action taken report on the resolutions of 37<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Executive Council was presented and the agenda items were taken up one by one for discussion.

**Item 2024:38:02      Confirmation of the Minutes of the 37<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Executive Council held on 12 March 2024.**

As no comments and observations were received from Hon'ble members, the Executive Council confirmed the minutes of 37<sup>th</sup> meeting of E.C.

**Item 2023:38:03      Review of action taken on the resolutions of 37<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Executive Council.**

Action taken report on the resolutions of 37<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Executive Council was presented alongwith the Minutes of the Meeting. The Executive Council reviewed and approved the Action Taken report.

**Item no. 2024:38:04      To report appointment of Prof. Surekha Dangwal, as Vice Chancellor, Doon University.**

The Executive Council took note of appointment and joining of Prof. Surekha Dangwal as Vice Chancellor, Doon University.

**Item no. 2024:38:05      To consider and approve engagement of Dr. Ashutosh Joshi, as a Visiting Professor in the Global South Centre for Urban Studies at Doon University.**

The Executive Council considered the agenda, approved engagement of Dr. Ashutosh Joshi, as a Visiting Professor in the Global South Centre for Urban Studies at Doon



University. The engagement will initially be for a period of one year or till the appointment of regular Professor whichever is earlier. The engagement can be extended for further one more year based on the satisfactory services. The Executive Council approved to pay him minimum salary of Professor, (Level-14 Rs. 144200-00+50% D.A.) consolidated Rs. 2,00,000.00 per month.

**Item no. 2024:38:06 Hon'ble High Court of Uttarakhand order dated- 11-01-2024 in WPIL 123 of 2022 — Anu Pant vs State of Uttarakhand & others.**

Brief facts of the matter were presented before the Executive Council as below:

In compliance to the order of the Hon'ble High Court, dated-29/08/2023 in WPIL 123 of 2022 — Anu Pant vs State of Uttarakhand & others, the University took necessary action in accordance with the report of the Departmental Audit Committee as resolved in the 36<sup>th</sup> EC meeting; and the university submitted the action taken report to the Hon'ble High Court. While issuing the final order in the case on 11-01-2024, the Hon'ble High Court has given a direction as follows: "As regards irregularities in purchases made by the university authorities, the Executive Council of the University shall take a decision thereupon within six months from today".

The Executive Council in its 36<sup>th</sup> meeting had resolved and directed the university to act in accordance with the report of the Departmental Audit Committee dated-21/12/2017 in relation to letter no. 300/xxvii(62)/2017 dated 13/11/2017 sent by Uttarakhand Govt w.r.t. findings of special audit report (2014-16) and to submit the Action Taken Report to the Hon'ble High Court before 3<sup>rd</sup> April, 2024. The University took action accordingly and the Action Taken Report was submitted to the Hon'ble High Court on time.

After due deliberations over the present issue, the Executive Council observed and resolved as under:

*The Executive Council observed that the Departmental Audit Committee of the University has made recommendations on all the points raised in the said audit report including the irregularities in purchases made by the university authorities. Since the action on other points has been taken in accordance with the recommendations of the Departmental Audit Committee, as resolved in 36<sup>th</sup> EC meeting, it may now be appropriate to take action on other points too as per the recommendations of the Departmental Audit Committee. The Departmental Audit Committee has recommended to cancel the objections raised regarding irregularities in purchases made by the university authorities. Therefore, no action is required to be taken in the matter of irregularities in purchases made by the university in accordance with the recommendations of the Departmental Audit Committee of the University.*

*Therefore, the Executive Council resolved to approve the recommendations of the Departmental Audit Committee in the matter of irregularities in purchases as well. As such, the objections raised in the special audit report (2014-16) regarding the irregularities in purchases stands cancelled and closed.*

**Item no. 2024:38:07 To consider and approve resignation of Ms Sikha Ahmad from the post of Assistant Professor, Economics, School of Social Science.**

The Executive Council took note of the resignation of Ms Sikha Ahmad from the post of Assistant Professor, Economics, School of Social Science, and approved it.



**Item no. 2024:38:08 To report engagement of Guest/Part time faculty members in various Schools/Depts.**

Having considered the agenda, the Executive Council noted and approved the engagement of Guest Faculty in various Schools/Departments on per lecture basis i.e. Rs. 1000/ per lecture with a ceiling of Rs. 35000/- per month and on per lecture basis @ Rs. 500/ per lecture with a ceiling of Rs. 24500 those who are not having Ph.D./NET. Details of the guest faculty engagement is as follows:

| Department                               | No. of Guest Faculty |
|--|----------------------|
| School of Communication                  | 2                    |
| Dept. of Economics, SoSS                 | 4                    |
| Dept. of Phycology, SoSS                 | 4                    |
| Dept. of Anthropology, SoSS              | 2                    |
| Dept. of Social Work, SoSS               | 1                    |
| Dept. of German, SoL                     | 2                    |
| Dept. of Spanish, SoL                    | 4                    |
| Dept. of Chinese, SoL                    | 3                    |
| Dept. of French, SoL                     | 3                    |
| Dept. of Japanese, SoL                   | 4                    |
| Dept. of English, SoL                    | 3                    |
| Dept. of Physics, SoPS                   | 2                    |
| Dept. of Chemistry, SoPS                 | 2                    |
| Dept. of Mathematics, SoPS               | 2                    |
| Dept. of Computer Sciences, SoT          | 2                    |
| Dept. of Geology, NHRSC                  | 1                    |
| Guest Faculty for Self financed Programs |                      |
| School Biological Science                | 07                   |
| Dept. of Theatre, NHRSC                  | 02                   |
| B.Com./BBA, SoM                          | 07                   |
| B.Tech. Computer Science & Engineering   | 05                   |

It was informed that the Executive Council in its 36<sup>th</sup> meeting approved recruitment of 2 Assistant Professors on contract for B.Tech. Computer Science and Engineering (CSE) on the consolidated remuneration of Rs. 65,000/- per month to each for effective implementation of NEP-2020. Hence, in view of the requirement of the department for coming academic year 05 temporary faculty, as listed above, have been selected in for B.Tech. Computer Science & Engineering on the remuneration as approved earlier. The expenditure on salary of these five temporary faculty members shall be borne out of the corpus of funds created from fee paid by the admitted students in B.Tech. CSE. The Executive Council approved it.

**Item no. 2024:38:09 To consider and grant approval for re-engaging Prof. C. Krishnamurthy as Visiting Faculty in the Dept. of French and Francophone Studies, SoL.**

The Executive Council having considered the agenda item, approved to re-engage Prof. C. Krishnamurthy as Visiting Faculty in the Dept. and to provide him free accommodation and food in the University Guest House.

**Item no. 2024:38:10 To apprise the Executive Council about the Writ Petition no. 239 of 2024(S/B) in the Hon'ble High Court of Uttarakhand.**



The Executive Council took note of Writ Petition no. 239 of 2024(S/B) filed by Prof. Kusum Arunachalam in the Hon'ble High Court of Uttarakhand.

**Item no. 2024:38:11 To consider and approve engaging Professors of Practice in Doon University in view of UGC Guidelines.**

The Executive Council considered and approve the engagement of the following experts as Professor of Practice on Honorary Basis, with negligible financial burden on the university:

1. Dr. Rajamannar Thennati, Executive Vice President & Advisor to MD, High Impact Innovations – Sustainable Health Solutions (HISHS), Sun Pharmaceutical Industries Ltd., Sun Pharma, Advanced Research Centre, Tandalja, Vadodara, India
2. Dr. Anubhav Saxena, President, Research & Development Division, Pidilite Industries Limited.
3. Dr. P. Rita Santhakumar, Vice President & Head, Analytical Development, Sun Pharma Advanced Research Company Limited.
4. Mr. Ajit K. Sharma, Country Head, INDIA and South Asia, Royal Society of Chemistry (RSC), London, United Kingdom
5. Dr. Thomas Schaub, Catalysis Research Laboratory (CaReLa), BASF, Germany.

**Item no. 2024:38:12 To approve confirmation of faculty members to their respective posts after completion of probation period.**

The Executive Council approved the confirmation of following faculty members to their respective post after completing their probation period:

1. Dr. Abhilasha Kannaujia, Assistant Professor, Geography
2. Dr. Sonu Kaur, Assistant Professor, Geography
3. Dr. Pallavi Upreti, Assistant Professor, Geography
4. Dr. Avijit Sahay, Assistant Professor, Geography
5. Dr. Rajeev Saran Ahluwalia, Assistant Professor, Geology
6. Dr Vipin Kumar, Assistant Professor, Geology
7. Dr. Anshuman Misra, Assistant Professor, Geology
8. Mr. Shanky Chandra, Assistant Professor, Geology

**Item 2024:38:13 To consider and approve filling of reserved seat of SC/ST/OBC against the Unreserved category candidates for admission in the year 2024-25.**

The Entrance test for admission in the session 2024-25 was conducted in the month of July 2024 and the result/merit list was prepared and displayed as per the reservation rules of the State Government. After declaration of result, some seats of SC/ST/OBC category remained vacant. The University notified information for admission against these seats of various categories. Yet, a few seats remained vacant.

The Executive Council deliberated over the issue and resolved as under:

*The unfilled seats reserved for SC/ST/OBC candidates may not be filled by the Unreserved category candidates. In lieu of that, the University may create similar number of seats for Unreserved category candidates so as to strengthen the total number of students in a given academic programme; and, the university may fill these seats by the unreserved category students and roll the academic session.*

**Item 2024:38:14 Any Other Item with the permission of the Chair.**



**Item 2024:38:14:01 To consider and approve to change the place of construction of Examination Hall Building of the University in the Campus.**

The Executive Council was detailed about the plans of construction of an Examination Hall Building in the University campus. It was also apprised that there are 54 trees and plants of different species at the selected site for construction of the Examination Hall Building. In view of this situation, the University sought permission from the Forest Department. The university also took into consideration possible resistance from environmentalists and other stakeholders. Therefore, the University opted to change the site for construction of the building. The soil test of the newly selected site was carried out by the construction agency BRIDCUL. In the soil test report, it was recommended that as per the Soil Bearing Capacity the structure of foundation needs to be constructed at a depth of 3 to 4 meter from the natural ground level. The construction agency informed that there would be extra cost on redesigning of maps and preparing the foundation at greater depth as per the new soil test report. The University also planned to cover the extra cost from the savings of University's own resources. Meanwhile, the Forest Department granted its approval for construction of this building on originally chosen site with the condition that 54 trees and plants on the site should be transplanted somewhere in the university campus.

Having considered the whole gamut of the issue as detailed above and after due deliberations, the Executive Council resolved as under:

*The University may go ahead with the construction of Examination Hall Building on the originally selected site. 54 (Fifty-Four) trees and plants on the site should be transplanted at other locations inside the university campus, evidence of which should be preserved. The University may initiate the transplantation exercise and construction of the said building after the ensuing NAAC Peer Team visit..*

**Item 2024:38:14:02 To consider and approve adding previous service of Dr. Narender Kumar rendered at HNB Garhwal University with his services at Doon University.**

The Executive Council having considered the agenda, approved adding the previous services of Dr. Narendra Kumar rendered w.e.f. 21-03-2012 to 17-05-2005 at HNB Garhwal University with his service at Doon University.

**Item 2024:38:14:03 To consider and approve appointment of Prof. Rajeev Singhal as Adjunct Professor in the School of Management.**

The Executive Council approved to appoint following experts as Adjunct Professor:

1. Prof. Rajeev Singhal in the School of Management.
2. Dr. Archana Sharma in the Dept. of Physics.

**Sd/-**

(Prof. Surekha Dangwal)  
Vice Chancellor & Chairman, Executive Council

**Copy to: All the members present in the meeting of reference and observations.**



(Dr. M.S. Mandrawal)  
Registrar & Secretary, Executive Council