



Doon University, Dehradun

Office of the Registrar

Minutes of the 39th Meeting of the Executive Council

39th meeting of the Executive Council of Doon University was held on 10th November 2025 in the Office of the Vice Chancellor. Prof. Surekha Dangwal, Vice Chancellor presided over the meeting. Following members attended the meeting:

1. Shri Shatrughna Singh, Former Chief Secretary, Government of Uttarakhand
2. Dr. Ranjit Kumar Sinha, Secretary, Dept. of Higher Education, Govt. of Uttarakhand
3. Prof. R. D. Sharma, Former Vice Chancellor, Jammu University, Jammu (J & K).
4. Shri Rakesh Oberoi, Director, M/s Oberoi Motors, Majra. ISBT Road, Dehradun.
5. Prof. H. C. Pokhriyal, Former Executive Director School of Open Learning Delhi University
6. Prof. J. P. Pachauri, Former Head & Dean School of Social Sciences, HNB Garhwal University
7. Shri Vijay Kumar, Joint Secretary (representative of Secretary Finance Govt. of Uttarakhand)
8. Smt Smriti Khanduri, Finance Controller, Doon University, Dehradun - (Invitee).
9. Shri Durgesh Dimri, Registrar & Secretary Executive Council, Doon University Dehradun.

Dr. Ranjit Kumar Sinha and Prof. J. P. Pachauri joined the meeting online. Prof. Yogesh Singh, Vice Chancellor, Delhi University could not attend the meeting due to his prior commitments.

At the outset, Prof. Surekha Dangwal, Vice Chancellor and Chairperson, extended a warm welcome to the members of the Executive Council. She apprised the members about the developments in various academic and administrative activities of the University since the previous meeting of the Executive Council. Thereafter, the Action Taken Report on the resolutions of the 38th meeting of the Executive Council was presented, and the agenda items were taken up one by one for discussion.

Item 2025:39:02 Confirmation of the Minutes of the 38th Meeting of the Executive Council held on 2nd August 2024.

As no comments and observations were received from Hon'ble members, the Executive Council confirmed the minutes of 38th meeting of E.C.

Item 2025:39:03 Review of action taken on the resolutions of 38th Meeting of the Executive Council.

Action taken report on the resolutions of 38th Meeting of the Executive Council was presented before the members. The Executive Council reviewed and approved the Action Taken report.

Item 2025:39:04 To report engagement/re-engagement of Guest/Part time faculty in various Schools/Depts.

The members were informed about the engagement/re-engagement of Guest/Part-Time Faculty in various Schools and Departments of the University

due to shortage of regular faculty. The Executive Council took note of engagement of Guest/Part time faculty in various Schools/Departments and approved the same. It was also informed that in most of the courses the minimum required number of faculty positions as per UGC Regulations are not sanctioned. To maintain quality teaching and learning additional expertise is need, specially in Science and other professional courses.

The Executive Council discussed the matter at length. The members expressed the view that the University should initiate the regular recruitment process to fill the vacant faculty positions, thereby minimizing the reliance on guest and part-time appointments. This is essential to ensure the provision of quality education and to strengthen research activities. The E.C. emphasized the need to expedite the recruitment process so that the vacant positions can be filled at the earliest. If any positions remain vacant after the completion of the recruitment process, the University may engage Guest/Part-Time Faculty to ensure continuity in teaching and academic activities. The University should adhere to the UGC norms for the engagement of Guest Faculty, including those related to selection procedures, remuneration, and other relevant provisions, except in cases where such norms are not fulfilled in certain courses.

The matter regarding the remuneration provided by the University to Guest/Part-time Faculty, various Experts, and Committee Members was also discussed. It was observed that the remuneration currently being paid to Guest Faculty, Experts, and Committee Members is relatively low. It was informed that Guest Faculty are being paid remuneration as per the State Government norms. The Executive Council resolved that the University should prepare a proposal for revising the remuneration of Experts and Committee Members and present the same for consideration and approval of the Finance Committee and the Executive Council.

The Executive Council also discussed the minimum required number of faculty positions as per UGC regulations and instructed the University to prepare a proposal for discussion in next meeting of the Executive Council and to be sent to the Government for approval.

Item 2025:39:05

To report and approve for re-engaging Prof. C. Krishnamurthy as Visiting Faculty in the Dept. of French and Francophone Studies, SoL

It was informed that Prof. C. Krishnamurthy has been teaching and giving guidance to the students of Dept. of French and Francophone Studies, SoL since 2021 without any remuneration. The Executive Council took note of this and approved to provide him free accommodation and food at the University Guest House.

Item 2025:39:06

To approve confirmation of faculty members to their respective posts after completion of probation period.

The Executive Council approved confirmation of following faculty members to their respective posts after completion of their probation period.

S.N.	Name of the Faculty	Department	Post
1	Dr. Arun Kumar	Chemistry	Associate Professor
2	Dr. Himani	Physics	Associate Professor
3	Dr. V. K. Saini	SENR	Associate Professor
4	Dr. Achlesh Davey	SENR	Associate Professor
5	Dr. Swati Bisht	SoM	Associate Professor
6	Dr. Rajeev Kumar	SoM	Associate Professor
7	Dr. Priyank Kumar Singh	SoM	Assistant Professor
8	Dr. Ankit Nagar	Economics	Assistant Professor
9	Dr. Khusboo Singh	Physics	Assistant Professor
10	Ms Priyanka	German	Assistant Professor
11	Dr. Rommila Chandra	SENR	Assistant Professor
12	Dr. Rajneesh Kumar	Library	Assistant Librarian
13	Dr. Rama Bohra	Library	Assistant Librarian
14	Dr. Shivani Verma	Chemistry	Assistant Professor

Item 2025:39:07

To apprise about the Admission Process and to consider and approve filling of reserved seat of SC/ST/OBC against the Unreserved category candidates for admission in the year 2025-26.

The members were apprised of the status of admissions and the vacancies in the SC/ST/OBC categories that arise every year, despite the University's efforts in issuing notifications and conducting special admission drives as per UGC guidelines to fill these seats. To strengthen the overall student enrolment in various academic programmes, the Executive Council resolved to adopt the following practice every year, if such a situation arise:

"The vacant 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 2025:39:08

To report and Appointment of Chair Professor in Dr. Ambedkar Chair, Doon University.

The members were apprised about the establishment of Dr. Ambedkar Chair in Doon University and appointment of Prof. Harsh Pati Dobhal as Chair Professor, Dr. Ambedkar Chair. The Executive Council took note of establishment of the Chair and appointment of Chair Professor.

Item 2025:39:09

To consider and approve holding of 6th Convocation of the University.

The Vice Chancellor informed the members that the 6th convocation of the University is proposed to be held in the last week of December. Date will be finalized with the consent of Hon'ble Chancellor. The Executive Council took note of this and approved to hold the 6th Convocation.

- Item 2025:39:10** **To consider permission for publish advertisement for recruitment against the vacant faculty positions**
- The Executive Council granted permission to advertise all the vacant position of faculty in the University, earliest possible.
- Item 2025:39:11** **To consider and approve appointment of Adjunct Professors as per the details mentioned ahead.**
- Having discussed the agenda, the Executive Council approved to engage Professor Namjac Cho as Adjunct faculty in the School of Management. Approval has also been granted to engage Prof. D. D. Chauniyal, a distinguished Geographer and Prof. Alksandar Valjarevic, University of Belgrade, as Adjunct Professor in the Dept. of Geography.
- Item 2025:39:12** **To consider the proposal regarding revision in fee structure in the self-financed courses at the School of Management.**
- The Vice Chancellor informed the proposal of revision in fee structure of B.Com. and Executive MBA has been submitted by the HoD. Having consider the matter the Executive Council resolved to authorized the Vice Chancellor to constitute an interdepartmental committee to review the fee structure, with proper justification and due consideration of all relevant aspects.
- Item 2025:39:13** **To consider and approve resolutions made by the Finance Committee in its meeting held on 10th November 2025.**
- The members were of the view that the minutes of the Finance Committee should first be circulated to the members. Only thereafter would the members be able to express their views on the resolutions of the Finance Committee. It was resolved that if no comments are received from the members within one week, the minutes of the meeting shall be considered approved.
- Item 2025:39:14** **To approve Minutes of 35th, 36th & 37th meetings of the Academic Council.**
- Minutes of meetings of the Academic Council approved. The members emphasized that in future the Minutes of the AC meetings can also be sent to all EC members alongwith the EC Agenda for their observation.
- Item 2025:39:15** **To report and approve engagement of Resource Persons/experts as and when required in various schools/departments in view of NEP-2020.**
- It was informed that, in view of the implementation of NEP-2020, the University has engaged resource persons and subject experts, as required, in various Schools and Departments to teach Skill Development Courses, Ability Enhancement Courses, and Value-Added Courses offered each year. The Executive Council approved the agenda. The Council further resolved that, considering the continued requirement for such resource persons and experts, the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor may form a committee to frame a Standard Operating Procedure (SoP) for their engagement, covering aspects such as justification of requirement, remuneration, and the number of resource persons

to be engaged, surplus workload etc. The SoP may be put before the Executive Council for its consideration. The University may also consider engaging adjunct faculty to teach these courses.

Item 2025:39:16 Any other item with the permission of the chair.

Item 2025:39:16:01 To consider the request of Dr. Vikas Sharma, Assistant Professor, Physics, regarding leave.

The Executive Council was informed about the request of Dr. Vikas Sharma, Assistant Professor, Department of Physics, for the grant of *Extraordinary Leave* from 29th October 2025 to 30th July 2026 on personal grounds. It was apprised that Dr. Sharma had earlier been granted Extraordinary Leave as well. As per the Statutes of the University, there must be a minimum gap of three years between two periods of Extraordinary Leave, whereas Dr. Sharma had already availed such leave for 169 days earlier this year.

After due deliberation, the Executive Council resolved that *Extraordinary Leave* cannot be granted consecutively. It was decided that Dr. Vikas Sharma be informed accordingly and given one month's notice to rejoin the University. In the event of his failure to do so, the University may proceed to advertise the post.

Item 2025:39:16:02 To consider to appoint Dr. O. P. S. Negi, Former Vice Chancellor, UOU as the Ombudsperson of Doon University.

The Executive Council was apprised of the provision for the appointment of an Ombudsperson for the redressal of student grievances in accordance with the UGC (Redressal of Grievances of Students) Regulations, 2023. The Executive Council approved the proposal for the appointment of Prof. O. P. S. Negi, Former Vice Chancellor, Uttarakhand Open University, Haldwani, as the Ombudsperson of Doon University.

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



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Copy: All the members for information, observation and comments.



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