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**Minutes of the 17<sup>th</sup> Meeting of Academic Council held on 13<sup>th</sup> February, 2013**

17<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Academic Council of Doon University was held on 13<sup>th</sup> February, 2013 in the Conference Hall at 3:00 PM under the Chairmanship of Prof. V. K. Jain, Vice-Chancellor. Following were present in the meeting:-

1. Prof V.K. Jain Hon'ble Vice Chancellor and Chairman
2. Prof. B.K. Joshi, Director, Doon Library & Research Centre
3. Prof. S. Rangnekar, Head, Dept of Management, IIT Roorkee
4. Prof. G.J. Chakrapani, Prof, Dept of Earth Science, IIT Roorkee
5. Prof. J.K. Sharma, Dean, SENR
6. Prof. G.B. Pant, Visiting Prof, SENR
7. Dr. Rajesh Kumar, Head, Associate Professor, School of Communication
8. Dr. Gajendra Singh, Head, & Asso. Prof. School of Management
9. Dr. S.S. Suthar, Assoc Prof., SENR
10. Dr. R.N. Sharma, Assoc., Prof.& Head, School of Language
11. Dr. Sudhanshu Joshi, Assistant Prof., SOM
12. Dr. Archana Sharma, Assistant Prof, SENR
13. Ms. Rashi Mishra, Assistant Prof, SOC
14. Ms Tanvi Negi, Assistant Prof, SOL
15. Mrs Sikha Ahmad, Assistant Prof & Head, SOSS
16. Dr. Kusum Arunachalam, Chairperson, Gender Sensitization Committee
17. Dr. B.M. Harbola, Registrar and Member Secretary, Doon University.

Prof. S.P. Ganguly expressed their inability to attend the meeting due to their scheduled commitments. Prof. B.C. Aggrawal informed on phone that he has permanently shifted to Ahmadabad, Gujarat.

At the outset the Vice Chancellor welcomed the members of Academic Council. Thereafter the Registrar informed the house that Prof. V.K. Nangia and Dr. Ashish Sinha have completed their tenure in September 2012 and Prof. S. Rangnekar and Dr. Sudhanshu Joshi have been nominated as new members of the Academic Council. The Academic Council expressed thanks and put on record its appreciation for the valuable contribution made by the outgoing members and welcomed the new members. The action taken report was read out by the Registrar. Thereafter the agenda items were taken up for discussion.

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**Item 2013:17:02 Confirmation of the Minutes of 16<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Academic Council held on 21<sup>st</sup> June, 2012**

No comments/suggestions were received. The minutes were approved.

**Item 2013:17:03 Review of Action Taken Report on the resolutions passed in the 16<sup>th</sup> meeting of Academic Council**

The Academic Council discussed the item wise Action Taken Report and gave following suggestions/directions:

<b>Item no.</b>	<b>Suggestion/Directions</b>
2012:16:08	Part-time modular certificate and diploma courses should be started only when university has requisite strength of teachers
2012:16:17	The new courses introduced on experimental basis in M.Sc. Economics programme should be taken up in the School Advisory Committee of School of Social Sciences for ratification/approval.
2012:16:24	The norms and guidelines for Ph.D. Guide/Supervisors should be uniform across all the Schools in the University as far as the qualification/eligibility for the determination of Guide/Supervisor is concerned.
2012:16:35	The Centre for Public Policy be requested to prepare a blue print for the creation of State Resource Cell
2012:16:36	The State Government should be pursued for granting concession to the wards of Kashmiri Migrants in admission in the University
2012:16:37	The HoD In-charge, SoL, should take up the matter in the School Advisory Committee
2012:16:38	Establishment of a Sports Department is very much required in a good university. The engagement of sports staff on outsourcing basis may be taken up for the consideration of the Finance Committee and the Executive Council.
2012:16:40	The issue of regular vis-a-vis contractual faculty as Head of various schools should be decided by the Executive Council.
2012:16:41	The School should re-examine as to the title of the Degree to be awarded after merger of two departments.

**Item 2013:17:04 To approve the proposal for modifying the continuous evaluation process**

The Academic Council having gone through the agenda was of the opinion that while eliminating the word *written* from the *written exam* the scope of subjectivity should be minimized to the extent possible leaving no scope of arbitrariness on the part of the teachers. The School Advisory Committee of the School of Communication should examine the issue and come up with the plan, design and modalities of a robust evaluation scheme. The Academic Council authorised the Vice Chancellor to consider and approve the modified scheme/process of continuous evaluation.

**Item 2013:17:05** **To approve introduction of Ph.D. programme in the School of Management and approve minimum standards and procedures for award of Ph.D. in Management**

Along with this agenda item two other agenda items –2013:17:21 - *to reduce the Pre-Ph.D. course work from two semesters to one semester* as proposed by the School of Environment and Natural Resource Management and item no. 2013:17:23:01 *to approve the Pre-Ph.D. course work in the School of Communication* were discussed together. Prof. B.K. Joshi, Prof. S. Chakrapani and Prof. V.K. Jain expressed their views about the features, usefulness and need of one year (two semesters) Pre-Ph.D. course work. It was emphasized that characteristic features and modalities of Pre-Ph.D. programme across all the schools in the University should be uniform and guided by common set of rules and regulations.

It was resolved that the School Advisory Committees of all the respective schools in the University should consider the views and suggestions of the Academic Council and come up with recommendations in the next meeting of the Academic Council. The Academic Council also suggested that each School should also constitute a Research Committee and all Schools, who are proposing to start the Ph.D. Programme, should give their intake capacity for the next academic year i.e. 2013-14. The Vice Chancellor was authorized to approve the intake capacity.

**Item 2013:17:06** **To approve new Core Courses for Ph.D. Programme in Environmental Science in the School of Environment & Natural Resources (SENR)**

The Academic Council having gone through the agenda resolved that the School Advisory Committee should revisit the matter and come up with its recommendations in the next Academic Council meeting. However, in the interim approval is granted for the introduction of the new Core Course.

**Item 2013:17:07** **To approve revision of the Course ENR-511: Land, Air and Water Resources and their management and to revise the Course “EES-512 Earth and Atmosphere” being offered in the First Semester of Environmental Studies Programme.**

The Academic Council having gone through the agenda approved the revision of the Course ENR-511: Land, Air and Water Resources and their Management and to revise the course “EES-512 Earth and Atmosphere” being offered in the First Semester of Environmental Studies Programme.

**Item 2013:17:08** **To approve introducing M.Phil. Course in School of Social Science**

The Academic Council having gone through the agenda approved course structure and syllabus as recommended by the School Advisory Committee along with ten (10) seats in M.Phil. Course to start with. Prof. B.K.Joshi

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expressed the concern that with the existing strength of the faculty it will be very difficult to introduce the new course. The Academic Council suggested that sufficient faculty should be in place for introducing the course.

**Item 2013:17:09**      **To Introduce Five Year Integrated Masters Programme in Japanese Language from 2013-14 session**

The Academic Council having gone through the agenda approved the course structure and curriculum prepared by the Expert Committee.

**Item 2013:17:10**      **To introduce Post Graduate Diploma Course in Health and Hospital Management**

The Academic Council appreciated the proposal, course structure, curriculum and the need of introducing the Diploma Programme and emphasised that there should a core faculty/ School in the University which shall be responsible for course administration (admissions, classes, teaching and learning support, continuous evaluation, updating and modification of the course curriculum. The Academic Council resolved that the course can be offered under the aegis of the School of Management in self financing mode. The School Advisory Committee of the School of Management should examine the proposal including the credit requirements of a Diploma Course and submit its recommendations to the Vice Chancellor. The Academic Council authorised the Vice Chancellor to consider and approve the proposal.

**Item 2013:17:11**      **Modification in the Assessment and Evaluation system for Academic Performance**

The Academic Council having gone through the agenda constituted a Standing Committee on Admissions comprising of Prof. G.B. Pant as Chairman and all HoDs' and Controller of Examination as members. The standing committee shall be a permanent feature of the University and shall deal with the issues and matters pertaining to admissions, evaluations. The Council approved proposed modification in the evaluation process by adopting numerical grading instead of the present scheme of evaluation on standard deviation. The Academic Council resolved that the Standing Committee on Admissions should examine any further proposal related to evaluation and admission. The Academic Council shall consider the recommendations of the Committee in its next meeting.

**Item 2013:17:12**      **To approve the Academic Calendar for the Academic Year 2013-14**

The Academic Council having gone through the agenda approved the proposed Academic Calendar for the academic year 2013-14. New Academic Session shall start from the Monday of the last week of July every year. Taking note of the fact that University would require services of the faculty for organising the UGC-NET examination which falls during the faculty

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vacation period, the Academic Council suggested that a proposal may be submitted for the consideration of the Executive Council for grant of earned leaves to the faculty in lieu of examination duties.

**Item 2013:17:13 To consider amendment in Academic Regulations Clause 12(6) of the first ordinance dated 23<sup>rd</sup> July, 2009**

The Academic Council having gone through the agenda was of the view that regulations cannot be altered to suit a particular/ few student/s. Since the students already have an opportunity to improve the result in corresponding Semester, the same system should continue. It was resolved that re-examination is not being agreed and a particular course, where the student has got 'F' grade cannot be replaced with any other subject in its place. The Standing Committee on Admission should examine the issue and present its recommendations for the consideration of the Academic Council in the next meeting.

**Item 2013:17:14 To initiate efforts to integrate and institutionalize disaster management education in the University system.**

The Academic Council having gone through the agenda was of the view that the respective School Advisory Committees, where 5-Year integrated programmes are being offered, can consider introduction of disaster management education.

**Item 2013:17:15 To introduce Five Year Integrated Programme in School of Management.**

The Academic Council having gone through the agenda in principle approved the proposal to introduce Five Year Integrated Programme in the School of Management with the suggestion a special School Advisory Committee should examine the proposal. Prof. S. Rangnekar should be invited in the meeting in the light of apprehensions expressed with regard to the need and usefulness of the programme.

The Academic Council appreciated the idea of introducing programme on Hospitality and Tourism Management as a Flagship programme under the School of Management. Dr. Sudhanshu Joshi, Assistant Professor, School of Management informed that some work has already been done in the past for the development of this programme and documents are available with him. The Academic Council directed Dr Sudhanshu Joshi to do the necessary spade work and organize a two days workshop to prepare the course structure, curriculum and modalities of the programme and present it for the consideration and approval in the next Academic Council Meeting.

The Academic Council also approved to enhance the intake of ongoing MBA programme from 40 to 60 seats.



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**Item 2013:17:16**

**To revise course structure and credits in M.A. Economics and M.Sc. Economics Integrated Course**

The Academic Council having gone through the agenda approved the proposed changes in the course structure which includes reshuffling of courses between the semester and change in the credit. The approved changes and credit are as follows:

1. SSEI 225: Statistical Package for Economics to be included in Fourth Semester of M.Sc. Integrated Programme with a credit of 2(two)
2. SSE 630: Statistical Package for Economics with the credit of 2(two) to be included in the Fourth Semester of MA Economics Programme also.
3. EES 110: Environmental Studies included in Third Semester of M.Sc. Programme with a credit of 2 to be continued in the Fourth Semester as well.
4. SSE 652: International Trade and International Finance and SSE 653: Indian Economy with a credit of 4 each to be offered as elective papers in Fourth Semester of M.A. Programme.

**Item 2013:17:17**

**To enhance the intake capacity in M.Sc. Economics from 45 to 60 and from 20 to 25 in the 5 Year Integrated Programmes in Spanish, German and Chinese.**

The Academic Council having gone through the agenda approved the proposed enhancement in the intake capacity in M.Sc. Economics programme from 45-60 from the academic session 2013-14.

The Academic Council also approved to enhance the intake in seats from 20 to 25 in the 5 Year Integrated Programmes in Spanish, German and Chinese from the academic session 2013-14.

**Item 2013:17:18**

**To approve procedure for allotting supervisors for Masters' and Doctoral Students in SENR**

There was a fair amount of discussion on the issue of allotment of Supervisors to the Ph.D. students. The Academic Council was of the view that the supervisors need not to be imposed on the students. The student should be given opportunity to make informed decision in choosing the Supervisor. For this profile of the Supervisors should be made available to the students reflecting his/her area of interest, research experience, research projects, publications such as research papers, articles, books, journals etc. The Supervisors may make a brief presentation on their research experience, credentials to the students. At the time of the interview the profile of the teacher and choice of research area along with the number of students

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(vacant seats) should be disclosed. The students should be asked to give his/her preference in respect of the supervisor using merit as criterion in the entrance examination. The student should be allowed to go for the first preference if seat with the particular supervisor is available; in case the seat is not available the second preference could be allowed.

The Academic Council resolved that necessary modifications be incorporated in the existing Ph.D. Regulations with regard to allotment of Supervisors.

**Item 2013:17:19**      **To approve additional provision for admission of NET (Lecturership) qualified candidates in Ph.D. programme**

The Academic Council having gone through the agenda agreed in principle to provide for admission of NET (Lecturership) qualified candidates in Ph.D. programme and suggested that the students who have the experience of working in a research project to show his/her research aptitude, should also be considered for Ph.D. admission. On the issue of having at least one research publication in an indexed and peer reviewed journal some members apprehended that in Social Sciences and Humanities a standard list of indexed and peer reviewed journals are not available as compared to science disciplines. The Academic Council resolved that the respective School Advisory Committees should prepare a list of journals in the disciplines where it is not available. The recommendation of the School Advisory Committee shall be put up in the next meeting of the Academic Council for approval.

**Item 2013:17:20**      **To approve constituting a Research Advisory Committee (RAC) in the School of Environment & Natural Resources**

This item was discussed with the item no. 2013:17:05 in detail. The Academic Council approved the proposed Research Advisory Committee for the School of Environment and Natural Resources.

**Item 2013:17:21**      **To reduce the Pre-Ph.D. course work from two Semesters to one Semester**

The agenda was discussed under item no. 2013:17:05 and it was resolved that the School Advisory Committees of all the respective schools in the University should consider the views and suggestions of the Academic Council and come up with recommendations in the next meeting of the Academic Council.

**Item 2013:17:22**      **To introduce a certificate programme on Yoga in Doon University**

The Academic Council having gone through the agenda in principle approved the proposal of introducing Yoga as a certificate course. Dr. Kusum Arunachalam was asked to take up the matter only in the nature of not a mandatory subject and to



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write to UGC to get this scheme. It was also suggested that the Yoga classes can also be made available to the students, officials and staff of the University. Outsiders may not be allowed to take the classes. The definition of outsider may be worked out accordingly.

**Any other items with the permission of the Chairperson**

**Item 2013:17:23:1 To approve the Pre.- Ph.D. Course work in School of Communication**

The agenda was discussed under item no. 2013:17:05. It was resolved that the School Advisory Committees of all the respective schools in the University should consider the views and suggestions of the Academic Council and come up with recommendations in the next meeting of the Academic Council.

**Item 2013:17:23:2 To add literature courses in the first year of M.A. Chinese and replace two existing courses**

The Academic Council having gone through the agenda approved the addition of literature courses in the first year of M.A. Chinese and replacing of two existing courses. (SLC-402: Translation Techniques and SLC-406: Journalistic Chinese) by the new course titles: SLC-402: Theory and Practice of Translation-I and SLC-406: Theory and Practice of Translation-II respectively.

**Item 2013:17:23:3 To incorporate women /gender issues in the curriculum of various schools of Doon University**

The Academic Council appreciated the proposal of incorporating women/gender issues in the curriculum of various schools of Doon University and authorized the Vice Chancellor to constitute a committee under the Chairpersonship of Dr. Kusum Arunachalam, Chairperson, Committee for Redressal of Gender Issues to formulate course curriculum on gender and women issues.

**Item 2013:17:23:4 To launch effective programmes (Human Rights issues and Human Values) in the educational institutions at regular intervals to stop radicalization of youth.**

The Academic Council appreciated the UGC's initiative/advice to launch effective programmes on human rights issues and human values to stop radicalization of youth and authorized the Vice Chancellor to constitute a committee to plan the contents of the programmes and implementation modalities.



**Item 2013:17:23:5 To establish R.B.I. Chair and Rajiv Gandhi Chair in the School of Social Sciences, Department of Economics**

Prof. B.K. Joshi informed the House that Dr. R.S. Tolia, NTPC Chair Professor, Centre for Public Policy, have held discussions with Shri M.D. Patra, expert Reserve Bank of India during his visit to Dehradun to deliver a talk on Monetary Policy in early February, 2013 with regard to establishing a RBI Chair in Uttarakhand, preferably in the Doon University. Shri M. D. Patra thinks that this should be possible. Dr. R.S. Tolia has said that he will discuss the matter with Shri Rakesh Sharma, Principal Secretary, Higher Education, Govt. of Uttarakhand and VC, Doon University. This could be moved through the state government. Adding to this information Prof. V.K. Jain informed that there are opportunities for establishing Rajiv Gandhi Chair. The Academic Council directed Ms. Sikha Ahmad, HoD In-Charge, Department of Economics, to work out a proposal in consultation with Dr. R.S. Tolia and Prof. B.K. Joshi for establishment of the chair in the Economics department.

**Item 2013:17:23:6 To consider the representation of Dr. Suneet Naithani, Assistant Professor, SENR with regard to Ph.D. Supervision/book publication and candidature for the post of Associate Professor in SENR.**

The Chairperson presented the representation of Dr. Suneet Naithani, Assistant Professor, School of Environment and Natural Resources with regard to his eligibility as Ph.D. Supervisor and consideration of his candidature for the post of Associate Professor. The Academic Council was of the view that keeping in view the long experience of Dr. Suneet Naithani the matter should be resolved amicably.

The Academic Council resolved that Dr. Suneet Naithani could be considered as Co-Supervisor initially. On the issue of his candidature for the post of Associate Professor, the Academic Council resolved that the Screening Committee should re-examine his eligibility in the context of his representation.

**Item 2013:17:23:7 To start preparations for NAAC Accreditation of Doon University**

The Registrar, Doon University informed that a meeting was held on 12-02-2013 under the Chairmanship of the Principal Secretary, Higher Education, Govt. of Uttarakhand to discuss the issue of evaluation and accreditation of Higher Education Institutions in the State in the context of the letter of the Secretary, HRD Ministry, Higher Education Department, and Government of India dated 18-01-2013. As per the UGC guidelines dated 13-12-2012 NAAC Accreditation is mandatory for all the Higher Education Institutions. The State Government has directed that the University should examine where

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does it stands in terms of NAAC Accreditation- evaluation criteria and make necessary preparations for NAAC Accreditation.

Prof. V.K. Jain informed the House that with the initiative of the faculty members of the University many Research Projects have been sanctioned by UGC, ICSSR, DST, CSIR etc. in the past six months. Its a significant achievement. The Academic Council congratulated the University and the faculty members who have been sanctioned these research projects.

The Academic Council welcomed the initiative and emphasized that University should prepare and maintain its records of performance and achievements meticulously for the NAAC Accreditation. The IQAC Cell should make earnest efforts to obtain a NAAC Accreditation.

**Item 2013:17:23:8 To prepare for transforming Doon University into a Central University**

The Chairperson Prof. V.K. Jain presented the representation of some faculty members of the University to convert Doon University as a Central University. The Academic Council appreciated the idea of transforming Doon University into a Central University. However, the Academic Council was of the view that the matter may be put up before the Executive Council for consideration and directions.

The Chairperson thanked all the members for their presence and valuable contribution in the meeting. The meeting finally ended with the thanks to the Chair.



**(Dr. B. M. Harbola)**  
**Registrar**  
**Member Secretary**