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Minutes of the 19th Meeting of the Academic Council held on 24th September 2014

19th meeting of the Academic Council was held on 24th September 2014 in the Conference Hall of the University at 11:00AM under the Chairmanship of Prof. V. K. Jain, Vice Chancellor. Following members were present in the meeting:

1. Prof. V. K. Jain, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor.
2. Prof. S. P. Singh, former Vice Chancellor, HNB Garhwal University
3. Prof. S. Rangnekar, Head, Department of Management Studies, IIT Roorkee
4. Prof. Kusum Arunachalam, Professor and Head, SENR & I/c SoSS
5. Dr. Rajesh Kumar, Head/I/c and Associate Professor, SoM
6. Dr. S. S. Suthar, Associate Professor, SENR
7. Dr. Vijay Shridhar, Assistant Professor, SENR
8. Dr. Sudhanshu Joshi, Assistant Professor, SoM
9. Ms Tanvi Negi, Assistant Professor, and I/c, Deptt. of Chinese, SoL
10. Ms. Mala Shikha, Assistant Professor and I/c Deptt of Spanish, SoL
11. Mr. Chandrika Kumar, Assistant Professor I/c Deptt of German SoL
12. Mr. S. S. Mohanty, Assistant Professor, SoSS
13. Ms. Deepika Bhatia, Assistant Professor, (Japanese), SoL
14. Dr. V. K. Saini, Assistant Controller of Examination (Invitee)
15. Dr. B. M. Harbola, Registrar and Member Secretary, Academic Council

Dr. R. S. Tolia, Prof. H.S. Dhami, Prof. Rajendra Dingle, and Prof. K. M. Shrivastava expressed their inability to attend the meeting due to prior scheduled commitments. Ms Karuna Sharma, Assistant Professor Communication was on maternity leave and Dr Gajendra Singh, I/C School of Management did not attend the meeting due to ill health.

At the outset the Vice Chancellor welcomed the members of the Academic Council. Thereafter the action taken report on the resolution of the 19th meeting of the Academic Council was presented and agenda items were taken up one by one for discussion.

Item 2014:19:02 Confirmation of the Minutes of 18th meeting of the Academic Council held on 15th January 2014.

No observation/comments were received. The minutes were confirmed.

Item 2014:19:03 Review of the Action Taken Report on the resolutions of 18th meeting of the Academic Council.

The Academic Council discussed the item wise action taken report on the resolutions approved in 18th meeting. On the action taken report on item no. 2014:18:4 with regard to proposal for developing and initiating Survey Research Method Course work for Pre- Ph.D. and Research Scholars in Doon University the Academic Council resolved that the Chair Professor, Centre for

Public Policy may be requested to hold a presentation/workshop on the Survey Research Method Course work. HoDs /faculty members of various Schools may be invited to attend the workshop. Faculty from other institutions of Higher Education may also attend the workshop. Academic Advisory/ Doctoral Research Committees in various schools may decide to include the Survey Research Method under the Research Methodology component of the Ph.D. course work. Prof. S.P. Singh suggested that the Centre for Public Policy may also consider developing and facilitating Survey Research Method /Course work as learning material for use of the faculty and research students.

The Academic Council also noted with concern the lack of faculty in various departments/subjects under the School of Languages as well as across all the schools/departments in the University and resolved that the State Government should consider creation of requisite number of teaching positions for the University.

On the query raised by Mr Chandrika Kumar it was clarified that native faculty in German and other foreign languages can be engaged on the terms and conditions of payment of Rs 25,000/- honorarium along with free residence and food.

With a view to encourage research projects and quality research the Academic Council resolved that people of eminence in respective fields may be invited to stay for 2-3 months to undertake research projects and guide Research Scholars.

On the action taken report on Item No. 2014:18:35 the Academic Council resolved that the University should follow the norms as provided in UGC Regulations.

The Academic Council approved the Action Taken Report.

Item 2014:19:04 To consider and approve Academic Calendar for the academic year 2014-15.

The Academic Council having gone through the agenda approved the academic calendar for the year 2014-15. On the issue of uniformity in the holidays of Administrative and Academic staff the Academic Council suggested that the Administrative staff, involved in academic works, be either given remuneration or compensatory leave in lieu of duty performed on a holiday.

Item 2014:19:05 To report on admission granted in various programmes in the academic year 2014-15.

The Academic Council having gone through the agenda approved the admissions granted in the academic year 2014-15. The Academic Council appreciated introduction of new academic programmes and wide variety of programmes being offered by the School of Languages including the newly started M.A. two year English Programme. The members suggested that wide publicity should be given to the School of Language programmes as many of

the clients and customers/institutions are not much aware about them. The School should inform /publicize in various institutions.

Item 2014:19:06 To consider and approve revision of titles and contents of courses of M.A. Integrated Programme in Spanish IV and Vth year.

The Academic Council having gone through the agenda approved revision in titles and contents of the Courses of M.A. Vth year (semester IX and X) of M.A. Spanish Programme

Item 2014:19:07 To report readmission of drop out students over and above sanctioned seats in 5 year integrated M.A. Communication Programme.

Having gone through the agenda item the Academic Council approved re-admission of the following students in 5 year Integrated M.A. Communication Programme over and above sanctioned seats:

1. Mr Aditya Bahuguna
2. Mr Jatin Sharma
3. Mr Achutam Gaur
4. Mr Ashutosh Bhatt

Item 2014:19:08 To seek guidance on the issue of allowing the students writing answers in Hindi (Devnagri Script).

There was a fair amount of discussion on the medium of instruction/examination. The Academic Council having considered the agenda resolved that respective schools and faculty should inform clearly at the time of admission during the orientation programme that the medium of instruction and examination is English. However, if still any students represents and makes a prayer that he/she wants to write examination in Hindi, it is up to the concerned school and the teacher to take a view and allow or disallow a student to write in Hindi medium.

Item 2014:19:09 To consider addition of new literature courses and approve the syllabus of M. A. IInd Year Chinese Language.

The Academic Council having considered the agenda approved addition of new literature courses in Chinese Language to the existing list of courses as follows:

1. SLC-510 & 511: Selected Reading in Modern and Contemporary Chinese Literature-III and IV
2. SLC-509: Theories and Practices of Translation – III
3. SLC-512 & 513: History of Ancient Chinese Literature- I&II

Item 2014:19:10 To consider and approve increase in the credits of M.A. dissertation in Chinese Language. (From 4-6)

The Academic Council having considered the agenda approved to increase credits of M.A. Dissertation from 4 to 6. The Academic Council also approved

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that the course on dissertation writing, **SLC-503: Report on Internship/Dissertation** should be offered in the last semester. The course work related to the dissertation could be introduced along with the dissertation in the tenth semester. The students will be required to submit a synopsis of 500 characters by November of the ninth semester.

Item 2014:19:11 To report division of School of Languages in the Departments of Chinese, German, Spanish language.

The Academic Council having gone through the agenda approved the action taken with regard to division of School of Languages into the Departments of Chinese, German, Spanish languages and approved the similar arrangement to be implemented in three new language Departments- Japanese, French and English. The Academic Council also resolved that the nomenclature of the department should reflect correctly the nature, characteristics and areas covered by the department. Hence the departments may be called as Department of German Studies, Department of Spanish Studies, Department of Chinese Studies etc.

Item 2014:19:12 To consider and approve syllabus/curriculum for 2 year M.A. Programme in Social Anthropology.

Having gone through the agenda the Academic Council approved the syllabus of M.A. programme (2 years) of Social Anthropology.

Item 2014:19:13 To consider provision of written and oral test for lateral admission in M.A. Languages (Chinese, German, Spanish, Japanese, French) Programmes.

The Academic Council having gone through the agenda approved provision to have two parts in entrance test consisting of written and oral test.

Item 2014:19:14 To consider and approve revised Course Structure for M.Phil. Economics Programme under SOSS.

The Academic Council having considered the agenda approved minor changes in the course structure of M.Phil. Programme in Economics.

Item 2014:19:15 To consider and approve changing the nomenclature of the thesis at M.A./M.Sc. level at SoSS M.A./ M.Sc. Dissertation.

The Academic Council having gone through the agenda approved to change the nomenclature from M.A./M.Sc. Thesis to M.A./M.Sc. Dissertation with maximum 10 credits.

Item 2014:19:16 To consider and approve redesigning the course structure of M.A./M.Sc. courses of Economics.

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Item 2014:19:17 To approve revised Course contents of Mathematics I, II, & III and Statistics I, II, & III

The Academic Council having considered the agenda approved revision in Course contents of Mathematics I, II and Statistics I, II & III as proposed by the Department of Economics.

Item 2014:19:18 To approve Course contents of Public Policy and Econometric Theory

Having considered the agenda the Academic Council approved the Course contents of Public Policy and Econometric Theory.

Item 2014:19:19 To approve discontinuation of M.A. Economics (2 years) Programme based on Faculty Meeting held on 23 April 2014

Citing about his recent meeting with the Hon'ble Minister of Higher Education the Vice Chancellor informed that the Minister aspires that the Department of Economics should develop and contribute as London School of Economics. The Academic Council resolved that instead of discontinuing the programme, if the number of students in the programme remains consistently less than 5 and additional faculty positions in Economics are not sanctioned, this programme may be discontinued, otherwise it should be kept in abeyance.

Item 2014:19:20 To approve eligibility criteria for admission in M. Phil. Economics Programme.

The Academic Council was of the view that the term allied/relevant field is quite vague. All such fields/subjects should be made specific and explicit. The School Advisory Committee should discuss the issue and prepare the proposal for consideration of the Academic Council.

Item 2014:19:21 To approve Introducing new electives in SENR:

Having gone through the agenda the Academic Council approved introduction of following new electives in School of Environment and Natural Resources.

1. NTPFs and their Marketing for NRM students only
2. Environmental Communication
3. Urban Ecosystem & Environment

Item 2014:19:22 To approve the course contents of Materials and Green Chemistry to be offered as elective to the M.Sc. students of Environmental Science and slight modifications in the content of Biological Resource Management.

Having considered the agenda the Academic Council approved the course contents of Materials and Green Chemistry to be offered as elective to students of Environment Sciences and the minor modifications in the contents of Biological Resource Management as approved by the Academic Advisory Committee of SENR.

- Item 2014:19:23 To approve shifting of Course ETC 591 Lab 2 (Statistical Applications) to 3rd Semester of M.Tech. Programme and Renewable Energy Technology (ETC 562) to be offered as a core course instead of elective.**

The Academic Council having gone through the agenda approved shifting of Course ETC 591 Lab 2 (Statistical Applications) to 3rd Semester of M.Tech. Programme and Renewable Energy Technology (ETC 562) to be offered as a core course instead of elective

- Item 2014:19:24 To approve confirmation of Ph.D registration of Ms. Rashi Mishra, Ms. Swanti Sharma, Ms. Sangeeta Sundriyal and Ms. Monica Rawat.**

The Academic Council having gone through the agenda approved confirmation of Ph.D. registration of Ms Rashi Mishra, Ms Swanti Sharma, Ms Sangeeta Sundriyal and Ms Monica Rawat.

- Item 2014:19:25 To approve Doctoral Research Committee of 3rd batch of Ph.D. students in SENR**

The Academic Council approved the following Doctoral Research Committee of 3rd batch of Ph.D. students.

S. N.	Name of Student	Doctoral Research Committee
1.	Ms. Richa Rajput	1. Prof Kusum Arunachalam (Supervisor) 2. Dr. A.Arunachalam, Principal Scientist, ICAR (Co-Supervisor) 3. Dr. Vijay Sridhar- member 4. Dr. Anita Pandey, Scientist E, GBPHIED, Almora-Member
2.	Rubia Gaur	1. Dr. S. S. Suthar (Supervisor) 2. Dr. Vipin Kumar Saini (SENR) - member 3. Dr. Adib Khan (Jamia Milia Islamia, New Delhi) - member
3.	Vineet Singh	1. Dr. S. S. Suthar (Supervisor) 2. Dr. Adib Khan (Jamia Milia Islamia, New Delhi) – member 3. Dr. Vinita Sharma (ZSI, Dehradun) – member
4.	Manisha Chauhan	1. Dr. S. S. Suthar (Supervisor) 2. Dr. Vipin Kumar Saini (SENR) – Co-supervisor 3. Dr. Raj Kumar (IIP, Dehradun) – member
5.	Ms. Srishti Verma	1. Dr. Archana Sharma –Supervisor 2. Dr. Vijay Sridhar -Member 3. Dr. Kusum Arunachalam- Member 4. Dr. V C Goyal, Scientist F, NIH, Roorkee
6.	Mr. Vighnesh Prabhu	1. Dr. Vijay Sridhar- Supervisor 2. Prof Kusum Arunachalam- Member 3. Dr Arun Srivastava (JNU, New Delhi)-Member
7.	Mr. Ashish Soni	1. Dr. Vijay Sridhar- Supervisor 2. Prof Kusum Arunachalam 3. Dr Amit Prakash (Assistant Professor Tejpur)-Member

Item 2014:19:26 To report the minor changes/modifications in the Ph.D thesis title and objectives of Ms. Disha Punetha, already approved by the DRC.

The Academic Council having gone through the agenda approved minor changes/modifications in the Ph.D. thesis title and objectives of Ms Disha Punetha. The changes/modifications are as follows:

Thesis Title: Impact study on Vegetation and Aquatic ecology consequent to construction of Tehri Hydropower Project, Uttarakhand.

Changes in the objective of the study

1. To inventorize the vegetation and its seasonal pattern and assess species richness along the reservoir area of Tehri Hydropower Project
2. To study the temporal and spatial changes in land use and land cover pattern in the catchment area of the Tehri Hydropower Project
3. To study physical, chemical and biological characteristic of reservoir water of Tehri Dam and downstream to Koteshwar Dam.

Item 2014:19:27 To approve one semester course work instead of two semesters for students with M.Phil degree/ minimum two years experience as JRF/SRF with minimum one publication in SCI Journal.

The Academic Council having gone through the agenda approved one semester course work instead of two semesters for students with M.Phil degree/ minimum two years experience as JRF/SRF with minimum one publication in SCI Journal.

Item 2014:19:28 To approve the minimum eligibility criteria for Ph.D. examiners in SENR.

Having considered the agenda the Academic Council approved the minimum eligibility criteria Ph.D. examiner in School of Environment and Natural Resources as follows:

1. Minimum five years of regular Teaching/Research experience in Central/State Government Universities, and research Institutions of Central and State Government.
2. Minimum 05 research publications in SCI indexed Journals with average impact factor of 1.0.

Item 2014:19:29 To Consider Dr. Suneet Naithani's request that Mr. Akshay Verma, Scientist Wadia Institute of Himalayan Geology registered for Ph.D. at Doon University should have one supervisor from Doon University.

The Academic Council having gone through the agenda resolved that it would not be appropriate to assign additional supervisor at this stage since Mr Akshay Kumar has already completed more than half of his Ph.D. work. The Academic Council also approved the recommendation that the MoU between Doon University and Wadia Institute should be revisited. It should be mandatory that for any scientist/researcher from the Wadia Institute, registered for Ph.D. in Doon University, should have one co-supervisor from Doon University. However, only such faculty of Doon University should be appointed as co-supervisor who has some research experience/interest in the area of Ph.D.

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subject. It was also suggested that every school/department offering Ph.D. programme should identify faculty from the sister institutions (with whom MoU has been signed) and finalize a list of faculty from such institution for the purpose of assigning supervisor/s. Additional Scientists from sister institutions can be engaged as adjunct faculty and be assigned as supervisor.

- Item 2014:19:30 To consider the request of Rajkiya Institute of Open Schooling, Uttar Pradesh, Lucknow for the grant of recognition for admission of students passed out from their institution for admission in higher education in Doon University.**

The Academic Council having gone through the agenda approved for the grant of recognition for admission of students passed out from Rajkiya Institution of Open Schooling, Uttar Pradesh, Lucknow for admission in higher education in Doon University

- Item 2014:19:31 To consider the request of Board of Secondary, Higher Secondary and Vocation Education, Laxmi Nagar, Delhi for allowing students who passed their senior secondary (12th) Programme to continue higher education in Doon University.**

The Academic Council having gone through the agenda approved for allowing students who passed senior secondary (12th) Programme from Board of Secondary, Higher Secondary and Vocation Education, Laxmi Nagar, Delhi to continue higher education in Doon University.

- Item 2014:19:32 To consider and approve issues/ items related to examination:**

- Item 2014:19:32:1 Correction in the text of point 3.7 (3) Academic Probation and Dropping from the University.**

Having gone through the agenda the Academic Council approved following amendments:

- a. In clause 3.7(3) of the Academic Regulations with modification to add '*for admission in next semester*' in place of 'for readmission'.

- Item 2014:19:32:2 Absent Case and F grade**

The Academic Council having gone through the agenda approved that the students who do not appear in the final examinations will be awarded G grade that correspond to grade point 0 in clause 14.3 of Academic Ordinance. It was suggested that this grade will correspond to '0' zero grade point.

- Item 2014:19:32:3 To consider and approve awarding degree to the students obtaining grade points 4.00 to 5.00**

This item was discussed with the item no. 2014:19:32:01. The Academic Council approved following amendment in the Academic Ordinance 2009 clause 14(9) (c):

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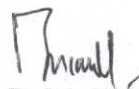
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The Academic Council also considered and discussed various important points/issues raised by the members in the meeting and made following resolutions/suggestions:

1. The M.Phil in Economics programme may be upgraded to joint M.Phil+Ph.D. programme in Economics. The School Advisory Committee should discuss the proposal and present the details/modalities for the consideration of the Academic Council in its next meeting.
2. Any research publication arising out of Ph.D. work of the student enrolled in Doon University will be co-authored mentioning the name of the University.

The Academic Council applauded India's successful completion of Mangalyan Mission and resolved that a letter of appreciation be sent to ISRO on this unique and significant achievement.

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


 (Dr. B. M. Harbola)
 Registrar & Member Secretary
 Academic Council

Copy to- All members of the Academic Council for observation, comments and necessary action.