

Minutes of the 63rd Meeting of the Board of Governors of The ICFAI University, Dehradun held on May 05, 2025 at 11:00 hrs. through hybrid mode.

Members present:

Prof. (Dr.) Uday B. Desai, Chancellor	Chairman
Prof. (Dr.) Ram Karan Singh, Vice-Chancellor	Member Secretary
Prof. R P Kaushik	Member
Prof. S Kishore Kumar	Member (through video conferencing)
Dr. P. P. Dhyani	Member (through video conferencing)
Prof. V N Rajasekharan Pillai	Member
Prof. T Tirupati Rao	Member
Prof.(Dr.) Aruna Palta	Member
Dr. Ramesh Chand Ramola, Registrar	Ex-officio Secretary

Invitees:

CA (Ms.) Y Ratna Bhanu	(through video conferencing)
Mr. Srikanth Pothuri, Vice President- Marketing	(through video conferencing)
Prof. (Dr.) Arun Kumar Singh, Director - IQAC	
Dr. Rishi Dwesar, Dean- IBS	
Dr. Sanjeev Kumar, Asso. Dean- ITS	
Dr. Alka N. Choudhary, Principal- ISPS	
Dr. Meena Bhandari, Dean In-charge -IEd.S	
Dr. Puneet Kr. Gupta, Asso. Dean- Research	
Dr. Monica Kharola, Asso. Dean- ILS	
Dr. Sanjeev Malaviya, Dean- Placement	
Mr. Amit Kumar Bera, Deputy Director- IQAC	

Prof. (Dr.) Uday B. Desai, Chancellor presided over the meeting and the following items of meeting were transacted:

63.01 Grant of Leave of absence, if any

The Principal Secretary (Higher Education), Government of Uttarakhand and Prof. (Dr.) Surekha Dangwal could not attend the meeting and were granted leave of absence.

63.02 Retirement of Members and Welcome to the New Members

The Chairman informed the Board that the following nominees of the Sponsor on the Board of Governors retired upon completion of their term on November 10, 2024:

1. Dr. T R K Rao - Nominee of the Sponsor
2. Prof. J Mahender Reddy - Nominee of the Chancellor
3. Prof. (Dr.) Rupa Shah - Nominee of the Chancellor

The Board placed on record its deep appreciation for their valuable services and contributions during their tenure.

As per Section 21(1)(d) of the Act, the Sponsor re-nominated Prof. R P Kaushik and Prof. S Kishore Kumar and nominated Prof. V N Rajasekharan Pillai to the Board of Governors for a term of three years, effective from March 05, 2025.

Further, as per the Section 21(1) (g) of the Act, the Hon'ble Chancellor nominated Prof. T Tirupati Rao and Prof. (Dr.) Aruna Palta to the Board of Governors for a term of three years, effective from March 13, 2025.

The Chairman, on behalf of the Board of Governors, welcomed all the re-nominated and newly nominated members to the Board.

63.03 Confirmation of Minutes of the 62nd Meeting of the Board of Governors

The Minutes of the 62nd Meeting of the Board of Governors of The ICFAI University, Dehradun held on November 06, 2024 were confirmed.

63.04 Follow up Action on the Minutes of the 62nd Meeting of the Board of Governors

The follow-up action taken on the minutes of the 62nd Meeting of the Board of Governors was presented and noted.

63.05 Minutes of the 78th and 79th Meetings of the Board of Management

The minutes of the 78th and 79th Meetings of the Board of Management held on December 03, 2024 and March 27, 2025 respectively were noted.

63.06 Minutes of the 58th & 59th Meeting of the Academic Council

The minutes of the 58th and 59th Meetings of the Academic Council held on October 23, 2024 and February 21, 2025 respectively were noted.

63.07 Status Report on the Vision Document (2024-2029)

The Status Report on the Vision Document (2024–2029) of the University was placed before the Board for review. The Board recommended that the draft Vision Document be shared with all members of the Board of Governors for their feedback and suggestions.

63.08 Review of Operations

The Board reviewed and appreciated the various academic activities conducted across the University, including webinars, guest lectures and workshops organized by different schools at the university level. The research publication data was presented, highlighting a commendable upward trend in output: total publications increased from 59 in 2021–22 to 74 in 2022–23, reflecting a growth of 25.42%, and further rose to 131 in 2023–24, registering a remarkable growth of 77.03% over the previous year. The Board congratulated the faculty members for their valuable contributions. The Board extended its congratulations to both students and their mentors for their accomplishments. Additionally, student engagement activities conducted during the year were reviewed and noted by the Board.

63.09 Faculty Profile

The Board noted the school wise faculty profiles presented and appreciated the University's ongoing efforts to strengthen the faculty cadre ratio as part of its commitment to attain academic excellence. In this context, the Board specifically observed that the teacher student ratio in the ICFAI Tech School is currently too high and recommended that steps be taken to the optimal level of 1:20. The University was advised to recruit additional faculty members in the Tech School for improved teaching quality and better academic support for students.

63.10 MoU Signed by the ICFAI University, Dehradun

The Board congratulated the ICFAI School of Pharmaceutical Sciences, for both signing the MoU and securing project funding. The Board advised the University to pursue international MoUs to foster national and global collaborations, particularly with institutions and organizations from countries such as Australia, Malaysia, Taiwan, and Singapore.

63.11 Status of Ph.D. Students and Details of Research Scholars

The Board noted the school wise status of Ph.D. scholars, categorized into Full-Time and Part-Time modes. Total of 85 scholars enrolled across various schools (Part Time Scholars: 80 and Full-Time Scholars: 05).

63.12 Status of Placements (AY 2024-25)

The Board noted that the placement drive for the academic year 2024–25 is currently in progress. Board also noted the placement status achieved across various schools: ICFAI Business School (IBS) has reached 96.15%, ICFAI Tech School (ITS) stands at 53.19%, ICFAI Education School (IEd.S.) at 33.33%, and ICFAI Law School (ILS) at 10.95%. The Board took note of the ongoing efforts and extended its best wishes for the continued success of the placement drive.

63.13 Program Promotional Admission Activities for the Academic Year 2025-26

Marketing Head briefed the Board on the various marketing initiatives undertaken to enhance admissions across all programs. He informed the Board that the projected admission target for the Academic Session 2025 - 26 is 900 students. The Board appreciated the ongoing efforts and suggested that the University prepare a comprehensive, state-wise admission data to be presented in the next Board meeting.

63.14 Budget for the Financial Year 2025-26

As per Statute 1.14.1 of The ICFAI University, Dehradun First Statutes, 2004, the budget for the Financial Year 2025-26 was presented before the Board of Governors for consideration and approval. The Board reviewed and approved the Budget for the financial year 2025-26.

63.15 University Rankings/Awards by External Agencies 2024

The Board appreciated the University for securing rankings from the external agency, Indian Institutional Ranking Framework (IIRF), in the field of Law across various categories, recognizing it as a commendable achievement and a reflection of the University's growing academic reputation.

63.16 Research Activities

The Board noted and approved the research activities undertaken at the University.

63.17 Compliance Report

The Compliance Report for the period ending April 30, 2025 was presented and noted.

63.18 Any other item with the Permission of the Chair:

The Board suggested the following:

- (i) The Faculty members who successfully secure project funding from external agencies should be duly recognized through appropriate incentives and formal appreciation by the University, in acknowledgment of their contribution to research advancement and institutional growth.
- (ii) From the next meeting onwards, each School should prepare and present a 10 minute PowerPoint presentation highlighting the progress and key developments of their respective Schools.

63.19 Date for the next meeting

It was agreed that the date for the next meeting of the Board of Governors will be fixed in consultation with the Chairman.

The meeting concluded with a vote of thanks to the chair.

Prof. (Dr.) Uday B. Desai
Chairman