

Minutes of the 64th Meeting of the Board of Governors of The ICFAI University, Dehradun held on August 28, 2025 at 16:30 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 (through video conferencing)
Prof. S Kishore Kumar	Member (through video conferencing)
Prof. V N Rajasekharan Pillai	Member (through video conferencing)
Prof. T Tirupati Rao	Member (through video conferencing)
Prof.(Dr.) Aruna Palta	Member (through video conferencing)
Dr. Vineet K. Gehalaut	Member (through video conferencing)
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. Monica Kharola, Asso. Dean- ILS	
Dr. Puneet Kr. Gupta, Asso. Dean- Research	
Dr. Sanjeev Malaviya, Dean- Placement	
Mr. Aatm Prakash Rai, Dy. CoE, IUD	

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

64.01 Grant of Leave of absence, if any

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

64.02 Retirement of Members and Welcome to the New Members

The Chairman informed the Board that the three-year term of the following nominees of the Hon'ble Governor completed on June 12, 2025:

1. Prof. (Dr.) P P Dhyani
2. Prof. (Dr.) Surekha Dangwal

The Board placed on record its deep appreciation of the valuable contributions made by the outgoing members towards the overall development of the University during their tenure.

As per the Section 21(1)(f) of the ICFAI University Act, 2003, the Board noted the appointment of the following nominees of the Hon'ble Governor to the Board of Governors of The ICFAI University, Dehradun, for a term of three years with effect from July 08, 2025:

1. Dr. Vineet K. Gahalaut, Director, Department of Science & Technology, Wadia Institute of Himalayan Geology, Dehradun, Uttarakhand.

2. Prof. Atul Joshi, Dean, Department of Commerce and Education, Kumaun University, Nainital, Uttarakhand.

The Chairman, on behalf of the Board, extended a warm welcome to the newly appointed members and expressed confidence that their experience and guidance will immensely benefit the University.

64.03 Confirmation of Minutes of the 63rd Meeting of the Board of Governors

The Minutes of the 63rd Meeting of the Board of Governors of The ICFAI University, Dehradun held on May 05, 2025 were confirmed.

64.04 Follow up Action on the issues related to 63rd Meeting of the Board of Governors

The follow-up action taken on the minutes of the 63rd Meeting of the Board of Governors was presented and noted.

64.05 Minutes of the 80th Meetings of the Board of Management

The minutes of the 80th Meeting of the Board of Management held on August 22, 2025 were noted.

64.06 Minutes of the 60th Meeting of the Academic Council

The minutes of the 60th Meeting of the Academic Council held on August 12, 2025 were noted.

64.07 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. The research publication data was presented and noted, and the Board appreciated the faculty members for their valuable contributions. Additionally, the student activities conducted during the year were reviewed and noted by the Board. The Board further suggested that faculty should participate in training programs offered by nearby institutions to upgrade and enhance their skills.

64.08 Approval of the lists of graduating students, recipients of Medals and award of Ph.D. Degrees of 2025

The Board considered and approved the lists of graduating students, recipients of medals and awardees of Ph.D. Degrees of 2025.

64.09 Analysis of Results

The Board noted the analysis of the results for the Odd and Even Semesters of the Academic Year 2024-25.

64.10 Faculty Strength

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 attaining academic excellence. In this context, the Board specifically observed that the teacher–student ratio is currently on the higher side and recommended that necessary steps be taken to bring it to the optimal level of 1:20.

64.11 Signing of MoU by the ICFAI University, Dehradun

The Board appreciated the University for signing MoUs with DADB India Private Limited, the Indian Institute of Technology, Mandi (IIT Mandi), and the Edunet Foundation. The Board further advised the University to actively pursue international MoUs in order to strengthen national and global collaborations.

64.12 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. The Board suggested that the University should focus on increasing the number of Full-Time Ph.D. scholars to enhance research quality and also emphasize greater enrolment in the School of Education. Further, the Board advised that a separate sheet detailing the research contributions of scholars, particularly in terms of publications, be prepared and presented in the next meeting of the Board of Governors.

64.13 Status of Placements (AY 2024-25)

The Dean, Placements informed the Board that the highest placement package at IBS for the Academic Year 2024-25 was ₹10.70 LPA, with the average CTC also showing improvement. The placement percentages reported were 99.57% in IBS, 68% in ITS, 90% in ILS, and 58% in IEd.S. The Board noted the same.

64.14 Program Promotional Activities for the Academic Year 2025-26

The Vice President, Marketing briefed the Board on the admission status for AY 2025-26, reporting 823 admissions against the target of 900, with the admission process still ongoing and the target expected to be achieved soon. The Board congratulated the team and extended best wishes for the same.

64.15 Approval of Annual Accounts & Annual Report for the Year 2024-25

Annual Accounts for the Year 2024-25:

The Annual Accounts and the Balance Sheet for the year 2024-25 together with the Audit Report were considered and the Board passed the following resolutions:

“Resolved that the Auditors’ Report on the Annual Accounts of the ICFAI University, Dehradun be and is hereby noted.”

“Resolved further that Annual Accounts for the year 2024-25 viz., the Income & Expenditure Account for that year and the Balance Sheet as on March 31, 2025 of the ICFAI University, Dehradun as circulated be and are hereby approved and the same be signed by the Registrar and the Finance Officer of the University.”

“Resolved further that the Annual Accounts for the year 2024-25, duly authenticated in the aforesaid manner, be sent to the Visitor and the Government of Uttarakhand in terms of Sub-section (4) of Section 46 of The ICFAI University Act, 2003”.

Annual Report for the Year 2024-25:

Annual Report on the activities of the University for the Year 2024-25 was considered and the Board passed the following resolutions:

“Resolved that Annual Report for the year 2024-25 of the ICFAI University, Dehradun as circulated and is hereby approved and the same be signed by the Vice Chancellor of the University on behalf of the University.”

“Resolved further that the Annual Report for the year 2024-25, duly authenticated in the aforesaid manner, be sent to the Visitor and the Government of Uttarakhand in terms of Sub-section (3) of Section 45 of the ICFAI University Act, 2003.”

64.16 Approval of Appointment of Statutory Auditors for the Year 2025-26

The proposal to reappoint M/s. Narasimha Rao & Associates, Chartered Accountants as Statutory Auditors for the year 2025-26 on a remuneration of Rs.50,000 plus GST and reimbursement of out of pocket expenses was approved by the Board and the following resolutions were passed:

“Resolved that M/s Narasimha Rao & Associates, Chartered Accountants be and are hereby reappointed as Statutory Auditors for the year 2025-26 on a remuneration of Rs.50,000 plus GST and reimbursement of out of pocket expenses.”

“Resolved further that a copy of this resolution be communicated to the Auditors at the earliest.”

64.17 Minutes of 52nd Meeting of the Research and Development Cell

The Associate Dean, Research presented the minutes of 52nd Research Committee Meeting which was noted by the Board.

64.18 Minutes of the meeting of Board of Studies (BoS) of ICFAI Law School

The Board noted the minutes of the BoS meeting of ICFAI Law School as approved by the Academic Council and the Board of Management in their meetings held on August 12 and August 22, 2025 respectively.

64.19 Minutes of Board of Studies (BoS) of ICFAI Tech School

The Board noted the minutes of BoS meeting of ICFAI Tech School held on 10th June 2025 as approved by the Academic Council and the Board of Management in their meetings held on August 12 and August 22, 2025 respectively.

64.20 Minutes of Board of Studies (BoS) of ICFAI Business School

The Board noted minutes of the 9th meeting of BoS of ICFAI Business School held on 1st May 2025 as approved by the Academic Council and the Board of Management in their meetings held on August 12 and August 22, 2025 respectively.

64.21 Revisions in the Evaluation Scheme of MBA Program at IBS

The Board considered the proposed revisions in the MBA Program evaluation scheme at IBS, aimed at aligning assessment practices with other IBS campuses and enhancing student engagement.

64.22 Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) for Award of Medals

The Board considered the Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) for the award of medals, which was presented and approved.

64.23 Standard Operating Procedures (SoPs) for IUD Examination Manual & Additional Examination and Evaluation-Related Initiatives

The Board was informed that the 14th BoE meeting held on 2nd April 2025 reviewed and recommended eight SoPs for inclusion in the IUD Examination Manual, including grievance redressal, grade moderation, evaluation components, writer/amanuensis, security protocols, question bank, credit transfer, and NAD-DigiLocker/ABC ID. The BoE further recommended preparation of the IUD Student Handbook 2025, adoption of UGC's revised grading policy for MBA, continuation of existing grading for other programs, and implementation of PCI guidelines for B. Pharm. After deliberation, the Board noted all recommendations for implementation from the Academic Session 2025-26.

64.24 University Ranking/ Awards by External Agencies

The Director, IQAC, apprised the Board about the rankings awarded to the University by various external agencies. The Board noted the high rankings achieved by different schools of The ICFAI University, Dehradun and appreciated the recognition received at the national and state level.

64.25 Research Activities

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

64.26 Compliance Report

The Compliance Report for the period ending July 31, 2025 was presented and noted.

64.27 Any other item with the Permission of the Chair:

The Board suggested the following:

- (i) A comprehensive report should be presented by the Innovation & Entrepreneurship Cell of the University in the next meeting for review.
- (ii) The University should focus on overall infrastructure improvement rather than limiting attention only to computer infrastructure and Wi-Fi networks.
- (iii) The faculty student ratio of Icfai Tech School should be improved.

64.28 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