

Confirmation of Minutes of the 66th Meeting of the Board of Governors

Minutes of the 66th Meeting of the Board of Governors of The ICFAI University, Dehradun held on May 21, 2026 at 11:00 hrs. through hybrid mode.

Members present:

Prof. (Dr.) Uday B. Desai, Chancellor	Chairman (through video conferencing)
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. (Dr.) Aruna Palta	Member (through video conferencing)
Dr. Vineet K. Gehalaut	Member (through video conferencing)
Shri G. P. Upadhaya, IAS (Retd.)	Member (through video conferencing)
Dr. L. P. Sharma	Member (through video conferencing)
Prof. Kavil Ramachandran	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, Dean - ILS	
Dr. Sanjeev Kumar, Dean- ITS	
Dr. Rishi Dwesar, Dean- IBS	
Dr. Alka N. Choudhary, Principal- ISPS	
Dr. Meena Bhandari, Dean In-charge -IED.S	
Dr. Puneet Kumar Gupta, Asso. Dean- Research	
Dr. Sanjeev Malaviya, Dean- Placement	
Dr. Gaurav Bhandari, Director, IQAC	
Dr. Amit Kumar Bera, Dy. Director, IQAC	
Mr. G. F. Chakravarti, CoE, IUD	

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

66.01 Grant of Leave of absence, if any

The Board noted that the Principal Secretary (Higher Education), Government of Uttarakhand, Prof. T. Tirupati Rao, and Prof. Atul Joshi were unable to attend the meeting. The Board granted leave of absence to the above members.

66.02 Re-Constitution of the Board of Govenors

The Board was informed that the Uttarakhand Private Universities Act, 2023 (Act No. 2 of 2024) repealed the ICFAI University Act, 2003. Accordingly, as per Section 27(2) of the Uttarakhand Private Universities Act, 2023, the Board of Governors has been reconstituted for a period of three years with effect from May 21, 2026, with the approved members.

The President welcomed all the members, especially Shri G. P. Upadhaya, IAS (Retd.), Dr. L. P. Sharma, and Prof. Kavil Ramachandran (new members nominated by the President) on behalf of the Board of Governors and expressed confidence that their

valuable guidance and contributions would further strengthen the academic and administrative excellence of The ICFAI University, Dehradun.

66.03 Confirmation of Minutes of the 65th Meeting of the Board of Governors

The Minutes of the 65th Meeting of the Board of Governors of The ICFAI University, Dehradun, held on December 30, 2025, were placed before the Board. The Board reviewed and approved the minutes.

66.04 Follow up Action on the suggestions offered at 65th Meeting of the Board of Governors

The follow-up action taken on the suggestions and decisions of the 65th Meeting of the Board of Governors was placed before the Board and noted. The Board further suggested that the University should explore the possibility of organizing International Conferences in collaboration with IEEE Xplore in future to strengthen the quality and visibility of research publications. The Board also recommended that the University may consider subscribing to AI-based academic and research support platforms such as ChatGPT, Gemini, Claude, or similar tools to enhance research quality and support research paper drafting activities.

66.05 Minutes of the 83rd Meetings of the Board of Management

The minutes of the 83rd Meeting of the Board of Management held on April 10, 2026 were noted.

66.06 Minutes of the 62nd Meeting of the Academic Council

The minutes of the 62nd Meeting of the Academic Council held on March 10, 2026 were noted.

66.07 Minutes of the 57th Meeting of the Finance Committee

The minutes of the 57th Meeting of the Finance Committee held on April 08, 2026 were noted.

66.08 Constitution of Selection Committee for Appointment of the Registrar

The Board was informed that Prof. (Dr.) Ramesh Chand Ramola was appointed as the Registrar of the University with effect from June 01, 2023, for a period of three years, and his term shall expire on May 31, 2026. The Board placed on record its appreciation for the valuable contributions and services rendered by Prof. (Dr.) Ramesh Chand Ramola during his tenure as Registrar of The ICFAI University, Dehradun.

Further, the Board noted that the Selection Committee for the appointment of the Registrar has been constituted as per the provisions of the Act and the First Statutes of the University. The process for appointment of the Registrar is presently under progress.

66.09 Review of Operations

The Board reviewed the various academic, research, co-curricular, and student-centric activities undertaken by the University since December 01, 2025. The details relating to webinars, guest lectures, workshops, research publications by faculty members and research scholars, status of Ph.D. research scholars (Total - 110; IBS -33, ITS - 26, ILS - 47, IEdS - 04), activities conducted under the Ph.D. programme by the Research and

Development Cell, faculty achievements, student achievements, and student activities were presented before the Board for review and discussion.

The Board noted and appreciated the continuous efforts of the University in strengthening academic excellence, research output, student engagement, and overall institutional development through various quality initiatives and academic activities.

66.10 Faculty Strength

The Board noted the school-wise faculty profiles presented and appreciated the University's continuous efforts to strengthen the faculty cadre ratio. The Board advised the University to continue its efforts to further strengthen the ratio in accordance with UGC norms and requirements.

66.11 Signing of MoU by the ICFAI University, Dehradun

The Board was apprised of the various Memoranda of Understanding (MoUs) and academic collaboration agreements entered into by The ICFAI University, Dehradun with reputed academic institutions, industries, and organizations to strengthen academic excellence, research collaboration, industry interaction, skill development, experiential learning, and student and faculty engagement. The collaborations encompass activities such as expert lectures, internships, research initiatives, faculty and student exchange, seminars, workshops, and knowledge-sharing programs. The Board noted and appreciated the initiatives undertaken by the University towards enhancing academic and industry linkages at national and international levels.

66.12 Status of Placements (AY 2025-26)

The Dean, Placement informed the Board regarding the ongoing placement drive for the Academic Year 2025-26 and presented the placement status achieved so far across various Schools of the University. The placement percentages reported were: IBS - 90.12%, ITS - 79%, ILS - 59.61%, and IEd.S - 20%. The Board noted the progress of placements and conveyed its best wishes for achieving successful placement outcomes across all Schools of the University.

66.13 Program Promotional Activities for Admissions 2026

The Vice President, Marketing briefed the Board on the admission progress for the Academic Year 2026-27 and informed that 9,991 applications had been received against the target of 1,020 admissions. He appreciated the proactive involvement of faculty members in career counselling initiatives for students of Classes 10 and 12. Faculty teams have been actively visiting schools, coaching centres, and educational fairs in coordination with the Marketing team, thereby strengthening the University's outreach and visibility efforts. He further informed the Board about promotional activities undertaken through advertisements on national news channels and the installation of University hoardings at 25 prominent locations within Dehradun city and surrounding areas.

The Board suggested that the ICFAI Education School may organize teacher training programmes for school teachers focusing on modern teaching-learning pedagogies and the use of latest tools and techniques in education. The Board noted the update and conveyed its best wishes for the continued success of the admission activities.

66.14 Budget for the Financial Year 2026-27

The annual budget comprising revenue and capital expenditure for the Financial Year 2026-27 was presented before the Board of Governors for consideration and approval. The Board reviewed the proposed budget in detail and approved the budget for the Financial Year 2026-27. During the discussion, the President suggested that expenditure related to “Research Equipment” may be specifically included under the head “Capital Expenditure Budget for the Year 2026-27” for financial planning.

66.15 Activities conducted by the Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC)

The Board was apprised of the various academic, research, training, outreach, awareness, innovation, and student development activities organized by the Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC) in association with different Schools and Cells of the University during the period under review. The activities included guest lectures, workshops, seminars, hackathons, competitions, awareness campaigns, educational visits, entrepreneurship initiatives, moot court competitions, and faculty/student development programmes covering areas such as Artificial Intelligence, healthcare awareness, pharmaceutical sciences, cyber law, innovation and entrepreneurship, IoT, road safety, and social responsibility. The Board noted and appreciated the wide range of quality initiatives undertaken by the University for promoting academic excellence, experiential learning, research orientation, innovation, inclusiveness, and holistic development of students and faculty members.

66.16 University Ranking/ Awards by External Agencies

The Board was informed that ICFAI Business School, The ICFAI University, Dehradun, has been ranked 102nd among India’s Best B-Schools in the Fortune India B-School Rankings 2025. The Board noted and appreciated the achievement.

66.17 Compliance Report

The Compliance Report for the period ending April 30, 2026 was presented and noted.

66.18 Any other item with the Permission of the Chair:

The Board suggested the following:

- (i) The Board members suggested that all Vision Documents of the University be circulated once again among the members of the Board.
- (ii) The Board suggested that the Research and Development Cell should encourage and promote research in the area of Regional Studies among Ph.D. scholars.
- (iii) The Board advised that the details of Full-Time and Part-Time Ph.D. research scholars should be presented separately in future reports and presentations for better clarity and review.
- (iv) The Board suggested that the University should plan to invite at least one distinguished personality/expert in every semester for delivering lectures, seminars, workshops, or other academic interactions to enrich the academic environment of the University.
- (v) The Board further suggested that all Schools of the University should counsel and motivate undergraduate students to pursue postgraduate programmes after completion of their degree programmes.

As requested by the Board members, the Vice Chancellor briefed the Board on the present status of the ongoing construction and infrastructure development activities of the University. He informed the Board about the progress of the vertical construction of the existing academic building and also presented the status of foundation work related to the proposed girls' hostel, boys' hostel, administrative building, and mess building. The Board noted the updates and appreciated the continuous efforts being made towards strengthening the infrastructure facilities of the University.

66.19 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 President.

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

Prof. (Dr.) Uday B. Desai
President