

## **Minutes of the 81<sup>st</sup> Meeting of the Board of Management**

**Minutes of the 81<sup>st</sup> Meeting of the Board of Management of The ICFAI University, Dehradun held on November 21, 2025 at 11:00 hrs. through blended mode.**

### **Present:**

Prof. (Dr.) Ram Karan Singh (Vice-Chancellor)	Chairperson
Prof. T. S. Ramakrishna Rao	Member (through video conferencing)
Dr. K. L. Narayana	Member (through video conferencing)
Dr. Monica Kharola	Member
Dr. Ramesh Chand Ramola (Registrar)	Member Secretary

### **Invitees:**

Mr. Srikanth Pothuri (Vice Precedent, Marketing)	(Through video conferencing)
Dr. Sanjeev Kumar (Associate Dean, ITS)	
Dr. Puneet Kumar Gupta (Associate Dean, Research, IUD)	
Dr. Amit Kumar Bera, (Deputy Director, IQAC)	

Prof. (Dr.) Ram Karan Singh, Vice-Chancellor presided over the meeting and the following items of business were transacted:

#### **81.01 Grant of leave of absence, if any**

The IQAC noted that the Principal Secretary, Higher Education, Government of Uttarakhand; Prof. (Dr.) A. V. Narsimha Rao; Mr. Cheedi Srinivas and Dr. Meena Bhandari were unable to attend the meeting due to their prior commitments. The Council considered their requests and granted leave of absence accordingly.

#### **81.02 Resignation of Member and Welcome to the New Member**

The Chairman informed the Board that Prof. (Dr.) Tapan Kumar Chandola, Professor and Dean, ICFAI Law School, and nominee of the Chancellor on the Board of Management, resigned from the services of the University due to personal reasons. The Board placed on record its deep appreciation of the valuable contributions made by Prof. (Dr.) Tapan Kumar Chandola during his tenure.

As per Section 22(1)(d) of the ICFAI University Act, 2003, the Board noted the nomination of Dr. Monica Kharola, Associate Professor and Dean (In-charge), ICFAI Law School, by the Hon'ble Chancellor as a Member of the Board of Management for a period of three years with effect from November 18, 2025, or till she holds the position of Dean (In-charge), whichever is earlier.

The Chairman, on behalf of the Board, extended a warm welcome to Dr. Monica Kharola and expressed confidence that her experience and insight will contribute significantly to the effective functioning and growth of the University.

#### **81.03 Confirmation of the Minutes of the 80<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Board of Management**

The minutes of the 80<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Board of Management of The ICFAI University, Dehradun, held on August 22, 2025, were confirmed and approved by the Board.

#### **81.04 Follow up Action on the Minutes of the 80<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Board of Management**

The follow-up action taken on the minutes of the 80<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Board of Management was presented and noted.

### **81.05 Minutes of the 61<sup>st</sup> Meeting of the Academic Council**

The Board noted the minutes of the 61<sup>st</sup> meeting of the Academic Council of The ICFAI University, Dehradun, held on November 11, 2025. The Board further noted that the ICFAI School of Pharmaceutical Sciences had apprised the Academic Council of its proposal concerning the Examination Process and Committee Structure in accordance with the Pharmacy Council of India (PCI) Regulations, 2024. The proposal outlined the framework for the conduct of examinations, including the roles of internal and external examiners and the functioning of the Examination Committee. After due deliberation, the Academic Council approved the proposal, and the Board of Management noted its implementation with effect from the ongoing academic session 2025-26.

### **81.06 Review of Operations**

#### **i) Webinars /Guest Lectures/ Workshops Conducted**

The Board reviewed and noted the webinars, guest lectures, and workshops conducted by the different schools of the University.

#### **ii) Details of Research Publications by Faculty Members/Research Scholars**

The Board reviewed the details of research publications by faculty members and research scholars and expressed appreciation for their scholarly contributions, including research articles, book chapters, conference proceedings, patents/designs/copyrights, and books. The Board congratulated the faculty for their continued efforts in strengthening the University's research output. The Board members also noted the activities of the Ph.D. program conducted by the Research and Development Cell, along with the status of Ph.D. scholars (Total = 106; IBS = 33, ITS = 24, ILS = 46, IEd.S = 03), including 9 full-time Ph.D. scholars. Further, the members suggested that faculty may explore opportunities for joint publications with IFHE faculty and consider submitting their research articles to IFHE Journals to enhance collaborative academic engagement.

#### **iii) Faculty Achievements**

The Board noted and appreciated the faculty's diverse achievements and recognitions, including serving as Guests of Honor, receiving awards, acting as external examiners, session chairs, and academic experts.

#### **iv) Student Achievements**

The Board noted the student achievements with satisfaction.

#### **v) Student Activities**

A total of 24 student activities were conducted by the various Schools during the last three months. The Board noted the same.

#### **vi) Faculty Development Program (FDP)**

The Board was apprised that the ICFAI Education School, The ICFAI University, Dehradun, successfully organized a Faculty Development Programs (FDPs) on "SB Orientation and Problem Solving with Critical & Creative Thinking" on August 13, 2025. The Board noted the same with appreciation.

### **81.07 Faculty Strength**

The Board noted the school-wise faculty strength as presented. It further observed that the University is actively working toward improving the faculty cadre ratio to 1:20, reflecting its commitment to strengthening academic quality and excellence. The Board expressed its satisfaction with the ongoing efforts.

### **81.08 Status of Placements**

The Chairman informed the Board that the placement drive for the Academic Year 2025-26 is currently ongoing and shared the placement status achieved so far: IBS 27% and ITS 26%. He further apprised the Board that the placement activities for the Education School and the Law School are scheduled to commence from January 2026. The Board noted the update and conveyed its best wishes for successful placement outcomes across all Schools. The Board members also suggested that the University prepare a separate document detailing:

1. The number of placements facilitated through IUD Alumni during the Academic Year 2025-26, and
2. A list of repeated recruiters who have hired IUD students in the last two consecutive years.

#### **81.09 Program Promotional Activities for the Academic Year 2025-26**

The Vice President, Marketing briefed the Board on the admission status for the Academic Year 2025-26, reporting 671 in-class admissions against the target of 900. The Board noted the update, appreciated the efforts of the admissions team, and extended its congratulations and best wishes for continued progress.

#### **81.10 Minutes of 53rd Meeting of the Research and Development Cell**

The Associate Dean, Research presented the minutes of 53<sup>rd</sup> Research Committee Meeting which was noted by the Board members.

#### **81.11 University Ranking/ Awards by External Agencies**

The Chairman apprised the Board of the recent rankings awarded to the University by various external agencies. The Board noted with appreciation the high rankings achieved by the ICFAI Business School and the ICFAI Tech School of The ICFAI University, Dehradun, acknowledging the recognition received at both the national and state levels. The Board also appreciated that the University has been awarded for “Academic Excellence in Teaching, Learning & Pedagogy” based on the IIRF 2025 Survey and Research conducted by the IIRF Centre for Institutional Research (ICIR).

#### **81.12 Compliance Report**

The Board noted the Compliance Report for the period ending October 31, 2025.

#### **81.13 Any other item with the Permission of the Chair**

- i) The Chairman informed the Board that the University has nearly completed the registration process for its Alumni Association under the name “The ICFAI University Dehradun Alumni Society.” The Board appreciated the initiative and suggested that the University compile data on the number of alumni currently working abroad, as this information would be valuable for strengthening global alumni engagement and networking.
- ii) The Board members suggested that the University explore the feasibility of establishing a National Cadet Corps (NCC) unit on the campus.

#### **81.14 Date for the Next Meeting**

It was agreed that the date for the next meeting of the Board of Management would be fixed in consultation with the Chairperson.

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

Prof. (Dr.) Ram Karan Singh  
Chairperson

