

Minutes of the 83rd Meeting of the Board of Management

Minutes of the 83rd Meeting of the Board of Management of The ICFAI University, Dehradun held on April 10, 2026 at 11:00 hrs. through blended mode.

Present:

Prof. (Dr.) Ram Karan Singh (Vice Chancellor)	Chairman
Prof. (Dr.) A. V. Narsimha Rao	Member (through video conferencing)
Mr. Cheedi Srinivas	Member (through video conferencing)
Dr. Meena Bhandari	Member
Dr. Monica Kharola	Member
Dr. Ramesh Chand Ramola (Registrar)	Member Secretary

Invitees:

Mrs. A. Srilatha (Assistant Accountant General)	(Through video conferencing)
Mr. Srikanth Pothuri (Vice Precedent, Marketing)	(Through video conferencing)
Prof. (Dr.) Arun Kumar Singh (Dean, ILS)	
Prof. (Dr.) Alka N. Chaudhary (Principal, ISPS)	
Prof. (Dr.) Sanjeev Kumar (Associate Dean, ITS)	
Dr. Rishi Dwesar (Dean, IBS)	
Dr. Puneet Kumar Gupta (Associate Dean, Research, IUD)	
Dr. Sanjeev Malaviya (Dean, Placement, IUD)	
Dr. Gaurav Bhandari (Director, IQAC)	
Dr. Amit Kumar Bera, (Deputy Director, IQAC)	

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

83.01 Grant of leave of absence, if any

The Principal Secretary, Higher Education, Government of Uttarakhand, Prof. T. S. Ramakrishna Rao and Dr. K. L. Narayana could not attend the meeting and were granted leave of absence.

83.02 Retirement and Re-nomination of Members

The term of three years of the following nominees of the Board of Management was completed on the dates given against their names:

S #	Name of the Member	Date of Completion of Term
1.	Prof. T. S. Ramakrishna Rao (Nominee of the Sponsor)	February 15, 2026
2.	Dr. Meena Bhandari (Nominee of the Chancellor)	January. 15, 2026

Board of Management is resolved to place on record its appreciation of the services rendered by them during their tenure as Members of the Board of Management.

As per Sections 22(1)(c) and 22(1)(d) of the Act, the Sponsor and the Chancellor re-nominated Prof. T. S. Ramakrishna Rao and Dr. Meena Bhandari as members of the Board of Management for a term of three years with effect from February 16, 2026 and January 16, 2026 respectively .

The Chairman is requested to welcome the re-nominated Members on behalf of the Board of Management.

83.03 Confirmation of the Minutes of the 82nd Meeting of the Board of Management

The minutes of the 82nd meeting of the Board of Management of The ICFAI University, Dehradun, held on December 10, 2026, were confirmed.

83.04 Follow up Action on the Minutes of the 82nd Meeting of the Board of Management

The follow-up action taken on the minutes of the 82nd Meeting of the Board of Management was presented, reviewed and noted the same. The Board further suggested that the University should take necessary steps to improve the faculty student ratio, particularly in the Law program, and maintain it at 1:20 or below.

83.05 Minutes of the 62nd Meeting of the Academic Council

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

83.06 Minutes of the 57th Meeting of the Finance Committee

The Board of Management considered the minutes of the 57th Meeting of the Finance Committee of The ICFAI University, Dehradun, held on April 08, 2026 and resolved to recommend to place the same before the Board of Governors for its consideration and approval.

83.07 Constitution of Selection Committee for Appointment of the Registrar

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 which shall expire on May 31, 2026. The Board of Management resolved to place on record its appreciation for the contribution made by him during his term as Registrar.

As per the provisions of Section 17 (1) of the ICFAI University Act, 2003 read with the Statutes 1.4.1 and 1.4.2 of the First Statutes of the ICFAI University, 2004, the Registrar shall be appointed by the Chancellor based on the recommendations of the Selection Committee appointed for the purpose

The Selection Committee shall consist of the following members:

- a) One representative of the Chancellor
- b) One representative of the Sponsor who is also a member of the Board of Governors.
- c) One expert nominated by the Board of Management, who is not in any way connected with the University.

Accordingly the Selection Committee is constituted with the following members

1.	Prof. R. P. Koushik	Representative of the Sponsor	Chairman
2	Dr. J. Mahendar Reddy	Representative of the Chancellor	Member
3	Prof. Y R Haragopal Reddy	Nominee of the Board of Management	Member

The Registrar is requested to convene the meeting of the Selection Committee in consultation with the Chairman of the Committee.

83.08 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 of Faculty Members/Research Scholars

The Board of Management considered the details of research publications contributed by faculty members and research scholars across various schools. A total of 62 publications, including research articles, book chapters, conference proceedings, patents/designs/copyrights, and books, were reported during the period. The Board noted the same and appreciated the continued efforts towards enhancing research output and quality.

iii) The summary of the activities of the Ph.D. program conducted by the Research and Development Cell

The Board of Management considered the summary of the activities of the Ph.D. program conducted by the Research and Development Cell. A total of 44 academic activities, including thesis proposal seminars, progress seminars, pre-Ph.D. seminars, and thesis submissions, were carried out across various schools. The Board noted the same and appreciated the systematic conduct of doctoral program activities.

iv) Status of Ph.D. Research Scholars

The Board of Management noted that a total of 110 scholars both full time and part time across various schools (IBS - 33, ITS - 26, ILS - 47, and IEd.S - 04) are on rolls. The Board suggested that the progress of the Ph.D. scholars, particularly those from the 2019-20 batch, be reviewed closely and necessary actions be taken in case of the scholars who have completed six years in accordance with the UGC Regulations, 2022.

v) Faculty Achievements

The Board noted the achievements of the faculty members and appreciated their contribution.

vi) Student Achievements

The Board noted the achievements of the students and appreciated their accomplishments.

vii) Student Activities

Board noted 21 student activities conducted across various schools and appreciated the active participation of students and the efforts of the respective schools in promoting co-curricular engagement.

83.09 Faculty Strength

The Chairman presented the updated faculty strength to the Board and informed that the University has initiated the recruitment process well in advance for the Academic Year 2026–27. It was noted that 04 Assistant Professors and 01 Associate Professor have been recruited for the ICFAI School of Pharmaceutical Sciences, out of which 04 have already joined and 01 is expected to join shortly. A recruitment drive conducted on February 26, 2026, for the ICFAI Business School resulted in the appointment of 05 Assistant Professors, who are likely to join soon. Further, a recruitment drive for the ICFAI Tech School is scheduled on April 15-16, 2026, to fill 07 faculty positions. The Board noted that these initiatives would improve further the faculty student ratio.

The Board members also suggested that the University may consider appointing Professors of Practice and Adjunct Professors, particularly in the ICFAI Law School, ICFAI Business School, and ICFAI Tech School, and extend the same to other schools as per the need to strengthen academic delivery with industry and academia.

83.10 MoUs signed by the ICFAI University, Dehradun

The details of Memoranda of Understanding (MoUs) entered into by the University with East African (India) Overseas, Indian Institute of Technology Roorkee, and Ms. Shalinee Fernandez were presented before the Board. The Board noted and appreciated these collaborations, which aim to enhance academic engagement, research collaboration, and industry exposure for students and faculty. The Board further suggested that all activities conducted under such MoUs be systematically documented and maintained in a standardized format for effective monitoring and evaluation.

83.11 Status of Placements (AY 2025-26)

The Dean (Placement) apprised the Board that the placement drive for the Academic Year 2025-26 is currently in progress and presented the status achieved so far, with placements recorded at IBS 90.12%, ITS 79.0%, IEd.S. 20.0%, and ILS 15.51%. The Board noted the status and conveyed its best wishes for the successful completion of placement activities across all Schools.

83.12 Program Promotional Activities for the Admission Year 2026-27

The Vice President (Marketing) briefed the Board on the admission progress for the Academic Year 2026-27, reported 8,291 application sales against the target of 1,020 admissions till date. He also acknowledged the proactive involvement of faculty members in career counselling initiatives for students of Classes 10 and 12. The Board noted the status and conveyed its best wishes for the continued success of the admission activities.

The Board further suggested that in-class admissions achieved from the year 2024 also be included to provide a clearer understanding of admission trends and growth. Additionally, it was recommended that the Marketing team undertake a region wise analysis of admissions from previous years and present the findings in the next meeting to better understanding of the University's catchment areas and strengthen future admission strategies.

83.13 Budget for the Financial Year 2026-27

The Board noted the Annual Budget (Revenue and Capital Expenditure) for the year 2026-27 and resolved to place it before the Board of Governors for its consideration and approval.

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

The Board was apprised of the various quality performance initiatives undertaken by the Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC) in association with different schools of the University. These activities encompassed academic, co-curricular, research, and outreach dimensions, including workshops, competitions, educational visits, awareness programs, community engagement initiatives, and a National Level 24-Hours Hackathon. The Board noted and appreciated the diverse range of initiatives aimed at enhancing student learning, industry exposure, research orientation, and social responsibility, thereby contributing to the overall quality enhancement and holistic development of the institution.

83.15 University Ranking/ Awards by External Agencies

The Chairman informed the Board that ICFAI Business School has been ranked 102nd among India's Best B-Schools in the Fortune India B-School Rankings 2025, with an Admission Attractiveness score of 78.1% and an Age & Brand Appeal score of 84.2%. The Board noted the achievement and appreciated the same.

83.16 Compliance Report

The Board noted the Compliance Report for the period ending March 31, 2026.

83.17 Any other item with the Permission of the Chair

The Board made the following suggestions for further improvement:

- i) The University should identify and adopt best practices to strengthen admission campaigns and enhance the effectiveness of promotional materials and strategies.
- ii) All Schools of the University should focus on organizing quality faculty development activities aligned with recent tools and emerging technologies.
- iii) The Deans of respective Schools should identify a group of faculty members to undertake quality research and appropriately allocate research responsibilities.
- iv) All Departments should explore the introduction of academic journals to strengthen and promote the research ecosystem within the University.
- v) The University should conduct a detailed analysis to identify the reasons for the decline in admissions in some programs, both at the School wise and overall University level, wherever applicable, and take necessary corrective measures.

83.18 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 Chairman.

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

Prof. (Dr.) Ram Karan Singh
Chairman