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Minutes of the 21st Meeting of the Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC) of the ICFAI University, Dehradun held on April 29, 2025 at 11:00 hrs. in Board room, IUD.

Members present:

Prof. (Dr.) Ram Karan Singh (Vice-Chancellor)	Chairman
Dr. Ramesh Chand Ramola (Registrar)	Member
Prof. (Dr.) Arun Kumar Singh (Director, IQAC)	Member
Mr. Amit Kumar Bera (Deputy Director, IQAC)	Member
Prof. Latha Pillai (Senior Advisor, ICFAI Group) (through video conferencing)	Member
Prof. T.S. Rama Krishna Rao (Dean, Accreditation IBS) (through video conferencing)	Member
Prof. Tapan Kumar Chandola (Dean, ILS)	Member
Dr. Meena Bhandari (Dean/In-charge, IEd.S)	Member
Dr. Alka N. Choudhary (Principal, ISPS)	Member
Dr. Rishi Dwesar (Dean, IBS)	Member
Dr. Puneet Kumar Gupta (Research Coordinator, IUD)	Member
Mr. G. F. Chakravarthi (Controller of Examinations)	Member
Mr. Mohit Kumar Arya (IT Coordinator)	Member
Mr. Manohar Sisodiya (Deputy Librarian)	Member
Ms. Pratima Menon (Nominee from Local Society) (through video conferencing)	Member

The 21st meeting of the Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC) commenced with a warm welcome by the Chairman. He extended his heartfelt greetings to all the esteemed members present. The meeting witnessed active participation and meaningful engagement from the members, whose diverse expertise contributed significantly to the discussions.

21.01 Grant of Leave of absence, if any

The following members were unable to attend the 21st IQAC meeting: Dr. Sanjeev Kumar (Associate Dean, ITS), Dr. Monica Kharola (Associate Dean, ILS), Ms. Neetu Jaitely (Stakeholders Nominee), Ms. Meghna Sharma (Nominee from Alumni), Adv. Meenakshi Yadav (Nominee from Employers), Mr. Ritesh Dhiman (Nominee from Industry), and Mr. Abhinav Joshi (Student Nominee). In acknowledgment of their unavoidable absence, the Chairman granted leave of absence.

21.02 Confirmation of the Minutes of the 20th Meeting of the IQAC

The minutes of the 20th Meeting of the Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC) of The ICFAI University, Dehradun, held on February 27, 2025, were presented before the

members. After due consideration and review, the minutes were confirmed and approved by the members.

21.03 Follow up Action on the Minutes of the 20th Meeting of the IQAC

As part of the follow up action on the minutes of the 20th IQAC meeting, the Director IQAC, presented a comprehensive Action Taken Report (ATR), with relevant evidence. The committee members acknowledged and appreciated the proactive and systematic efforts made by the IQAC team. During the discussion, the members suggested that for non-regulatory programs, the projected filled-up seats should be aligned more closely with the sanctioned intake. To ensure this, it was advised that necessary approvals be obtained from the Vice Chancellor and formally endorsed by the Registrar, thereby maintaining compliance and transparency. Additionally, the members recommended that the University should identify and categorize training related expenses, such as those incurred during Principal meets, Faculty Development Programs (FDPs) for school teachers, and school level training initiatives etc. It was emphasized that the mobilization of funds for these activities should be accurately reflected under the "Consultancy and Training" section, as per NAAC guidelines.

21.04 Progress towards NAAC (From 28-02-2025 to 28-04-2025)

The Director, IQAC, presented an overview of the University's progress over the past two months to the committee members. Several key developments were highlighted, reflecting ongoing efforts toward academic excellence and institutional quality enhancement. Notably, increased emphasis has been placed on encouraging faculty participation in Faculty Development Programs (FDPs) recognized by external evaluation agencies. The University was achieved with the sanction of a funded research project worth ₹6 lakhs by the Uttarakhand State Council of Science and Technology, the first installment of the grant has already been received. The University has formally approached NABET to conduct an Academic and Administrative Audit, the outcomes of which are expected to support effective feedback mechanisms and policy refinement. In terms of research infrastructure, the procurement of Drillbit (anti-plagiarism software) represents a commendable step toward improving research inputs. Students have actively participated in state level hackathon competitions and brought laurels to the University by securing awards. A series of awareness programs on mental health, prevention of sexual harassment at the workplace, and life skills have also been successfully organized. Further, the University is in the process of finalizing a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with IIT Mandi, focusing on knowledge exchange and mentorship in mutually relevant domains. Internal governance frameworks have been reviewed and updated, with revised Standard Operating Procedures (SoPs) being put into place where necessary. Efforts are being consistently made to align the University's research contributions with the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Additionally, in accordance with ISO 14001 and ISO 50001 standards, the University has developed policies addressing various sustainability domains including energy efficiency, green purchasing, and water conservation.


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The members of the IQAC recommended the following actions for further improvement in institutional quality:

- a) The University should identify and document distinctive and impactful activities that may be recognized as institutional best practices.
- b) Greater emphasis should be placed on strengthening and expanding extended curriculum activities during the current academic year to enhance holistic student development.
- c) The University should prepare and maintain alumni and current student data segregated by gender to facilitate gender based analysis and reporting.

21.05 Other Information Items

- a) The members advised that the University should clearly identify specific areas of collaboration before signing any Memorandum of Understanding (MoU), ensuring that such agreements contribute meaningfully to institutional development and provide strategic advantages in accreditation processes.
- b) In the next IQAC meeting, the University may present a comprehensive, attribute wise report encompassing data from the past three academic years. This detailed presentation would facilitate informed discussions, enable data-driven decision-making, and support strategic planning aligned with the accreditation and quality assurance goals of the University.

21.06 Any Other Items

The committee members extended their best wishes to the Research and Development Cell of the University for organizing the upcoming 5th International Conference on Intelligent Vision and Computing (ICIVC 2025), scheduled to be held on June 13-14, 2025, in hybrid mode (both in-person and online). They appreciated the efforts being made to provide a global platform for researchers, academicians, and industry professionals to exchange ideas, showcase innovations, and collaborate in the field of intelligent vision and computing. The members expressed confidence that the conference would significantly contribute to the academic and research profile of the University.

21.07 Date for the Next meeting

It was suggested that the next meeting of the Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC) be tentatively scheduled for July 2025, in consultation with the external experts. The final date and agenda of the meeting will be communicated to all members in due course.

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


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