



Minutes of the 56th Meeting of the Board of Governors

Minutes of the 56th Meeting of the Board of Governors of The ICFAI University, Dehradun held on September 21, 2022 at 11:00 hrs. through blended mode.

Members present:

Prof. (Dr.) Uday B. Desai, Chancellor	Chairman (through video conferencing)
Prof. (Dr.) Ram Karan Singh, Vice-Chancellor	Member Secretary
Prof. Rupa Shah	Member (through video conferencing)
Prof. J. Mahender Reddy	Member (through video conferencing)
Dr. P.P. Dhyani	Member (through video conferencing)
Dr. T. R. K. Rao	Member (through video conferencing)
Dr. S. Kishore Kumar	Member (through video conferencing)
Brig. Rajiv Sethi (Retd.), Registrar	Ex-Officio Secretary

Special Invitees:

Mr. Srikanth Pothuri, Marketing Head	(through video conferencing)
Mrs. Ratna Bhanu, GM Finance	(through video conferencing)
Dr. Raghvendra Kumar Sharma, In charge- IBS	
Dr. Meena Bhandari, In charge -IEd.S	
Dr. Monica Kharola, In charge- ILS	
Mr. G. F. Chakravarthi, In charge -ITS	
Dr. Puneet Kr. Gupta, Research Coordinator	
Mr. Amit Kumar Bera, IQAC Coordinator	
Mr. Ajay Kumar, Joint Registrar	

The Chancellor welcomed the members of the Board of Governors. He also welcomed the new member of the Board of Governors, Dr. Pitamber Prasad Dhyani (Vice Chancellor, Sri Dev Suman Uttarakhand University). Thereafter he asked the Board members to introduce themselves to the new member. The meeting started on a welcome note.

Prof. (Dr.) Uday B. Desai, Chancellor, presided over the meeting, and the following items were discussed, notified and approved.

56.01 Grant of Leave of absence, if any

Principal Secretary, Higher Education, Govt. of Uttarakhand, Prof. R. P. Kaushik, and Prof. Surekha Dangwal could not attend the meeting.

They were granted leave of absence.

56.02 Confirmation of the Minutes of the 55th Meeting of the Board of Governors

The Minutes of the 55th Meeting of the Board of Governors of The ICFAI University, Dehradun, held on August 22, 2022 was confirmed.

56.03 Follow up Action on the Minutes of the 55th Meeting of the Board of Governors

The Board appreciated the proactive efforts of the University in implementing the suggestions given by the esteemed Board members.

Some of them are as follows:

- a) Implementation of University fellowship for research scholars.
- b) Promotion of Faculty members in various schools.
- c) New appointment of faculty members in various schools.
- d) Organizing Guest Lecture of Professor Cantrell from Michigan Technological University, USA.
- e) Signing of MOU with Dev Sanskriti Vishwavidyalaya Haridwar and MoU with National University of Vietnam.

56.04 Minutes of the 69th Meeting of the Board of Management

The members appreciated the minutes for being explicit the same were confirmed and approved.

56.05 Review of Operations

The Board noted and appreciated the publications of research papers by the faculty members and research scholars, the MoU signed with Dev Sanskriti Vishwavidyalaya Haridwar and also the various academic achievements of the faculty members and students.

56.06 Faculty Profile

Six (6) faculty members were promoted from Assistant Professors to Associate Professors through the well-structured promotion policy of the University based on UGC guidelines. The Faculty profiles of all schools were presented and noted.

56.07 Status of PhD Students

The school wise research scholars detail (Full time and part time) was presented and noted. It was informed to all the Board members that 18 faculty members are pursuing Ph.D. from IUD out of 59 and 03 scholars are doing Ph.D. full time through University fellowship. The Board members appreciated the same.

56.08 Placements

The Placement data was presented and noted. The Chairperson and the Board members appreciated that ITS had 100% placement. It was also informed that good placement record will enhance the admissions in Tech school.

The Board members congratulated the Vice Chancellor and his team for achieving the same.

56.09 University Ranking and Awards by External Agencies

The University rankings were presented and noted. The Board appreciated the rankings achieved by the University in Outcome Based Education (OBE) ranking 2022, The Week , Hansa Research (India Today) and Outlook-ICARE ranking 2022.

56.10 IUD Admission Report 2022

The national marketing head Mr. Srikanth Pothuri briefed the Board members about various marketing activities undertaken to boost the admissions. He informed the Board that the projected admission target is 450 for all the programs of IUD for the academic session 2022-23. He presented the updated status of number of admissions achieved and the number of students who had paid their semester fees. He also informed that the target will be achieved by closing date of admission.

56.11 Proposal to Amend Statute 1.38.6 of the First Statutes of the ICFAI University, Dehradun

The Chairman recommended change to the Statute 1.38.6

The present Statute reads “The University shall not at any time confer Honorary Degrees on any individual in India or overseas” according to existing statute 1.38.6 of the first statutes of the ICFAI University, Dehradun.

The Chairperson proposed amendment to statute 1.38.6 of the first statutes of the ICFAI University, Dehradun that “The University on the recommendations of the Board of Governors shall confer Honorary Degrees at the University Convocation on any outstanding and distinguished individual in India or overseas who have made significant contribution in the field of Science and Technology, Law, Management, Social service, Literary, Sports or any other endeavor”. He emphasized that the same requires the prior approval from the State Government/Visitor.

The Board approved the same and suggested to do the needful.

56.12 Approval of Annual Accounts and Annual Report for the Year 2021-22

The Annual Accounts were presented to the Board members and approved. Also the Board approved the Annual Report for the year 2021-22.

56.13 Appointment of Statutory Auditors for the year 2022-23

The term of Statutory Auditors viz. M/s Narasimha Rao & Associates, Chartered Accountants has expired. The Board approved the following resolution: “Resolved that M/s Narasimha Rao & Associates, Chartered Accounts be and are hereby reappointed as Statutory Auditors for the year 2022-23 on a remuneration of Rs. 50,000/- plus GST and reimbursement of out-of-pocket expenses.”

56.14 Convocation 2022

The Board complemented the Registrar Brig. Rajiv Sethi and his team for the smooth conduct of the Convocation held on 23rd August 2022.

56.15 Compliance Report

Compliance Report for the period ending August 31, 2022 was presented and noted.

56.16 Press Clippings

The press clippings of important events and achievements of the University were presented. The same was noted and appreciated by Board members.

56.17 Any other item with the Permission of the Chair

1. Prof. J. Mahender Reddy recommended following points:

- a) To enhance the quality of the research at IUD, incentive scheme for publication as well as seed grant for research to faculty members, additional grant to attend national/international conferences (in terms of registration fee and travel) should be implemented by the University.
- b) Implementation of NEP 2022 should be on priority.
- c) Faculty/schools wise details of publications should be presented in the tabular form under agenda items.

2. Dr. P.P. Dhyani recommended following points:

- a) The University should focus on multi-disciplinary research.
- b) The University should register in “Himalayan University Consortium” for improving quality of research activities.
- c) Priority to implement NEP 2022 in coordination with the Govt. of Uttarakhand.
- d) All faculty members should participate in different awards/achievements related events conducted by the State govt. of Uttarakhand and at National & International events.
- e) The University should provide the progress report frequently to the Board members.
- f) The University should send the invitation letter to all the Board members for attending the Convocation ceremony in future.

3. Prof. T. R. K. Rao recommended following points:

- a) The University should invite persons from the industry for knowledge sharing program with students and faculty.
- b) ICFAI Law School should invite Senior Advocates, Retired and or working Judges for Guest lectures and moot court competitions.
- c) The University placement cell need to ensure that the average CTC should improve.

56.18 Date for the Next meeting:

It was agreed that the date of the next meeting will be fixed in consultation with the Chancellor and will be intimated later.

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

Prof. Uday B. Desai
Chairman