



Minutes of the 57th Meeting of the Board of Governors

Minutes of the 57th Meeting of the Board of Governors of The ICFAI University, Dehradun held on April 10, 2023 at 11:30 hrs. through blended mode.

Members present:

Prof. (Dr.) Uday B. Desai, Chancellor	Chairman
Prof. (Dr.) Ram Karan Singh, Vice-Chancellor	Member Secretary
Dr. P.P. Dhyan	Member
Prof. R. P. Kaushik	Member (through video conferencing)
Prof. Rupa Shah	Member (through video conferencing)
Prof. J. Mahender Reddy	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:

Prof. (Dr.) Latha Pillai, Senior Advisor, ICFAI Group	(through video conferencing)
Mr. Srikanth Pothuri, Marketing Head	(through video conferencing)
Mrs. Ratna Bhanu, GM Finance	(through video conferencing)
Dr. Tapan Kumar Chandola, Dean- ILS	
Dr. Sanjeev Kumar, Dean In charge- ITS	
Dr. Raghvendra Kumar Sharma, Associate Dean- IBS	
Dr. Meena Bhandari, Dean In charge -IED.S	
Dr. Puneet Kr. Gupta, Research Coordinator	
Mr. G. F. Chakravarthi, CoE	
Mr. Amit Kumar Bera, IQAC Coordinator	
Mr. Ajay Kumar, Joint Registrar	

The Chancellor welcomed the members of the Board of Governors. He also welcomed Prof. (Dr.) Latha Pillai (Senior Advisor, ICFAI Group) for her presentation related to upcoming NAAC (cycle 2) strategic planning of IUD. 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.

57.01 Grant of Leave of absence, if any

Principal Secretary, Higher Education, Govt. of Uttarakhand and Prof. Surekha Dangwal could not attend the meeting and were granted leave of absence.

57.02 Confirmation of the Minutes of the 56th Meeting of the Board of Governors

The Minutes of the 56th Meeting of the Board of Governors of The ICFAI University, Dehradun, held on September 21, 2022 were confirmed. The Board members suggested

the minutes of Board of Management and minutes of academic council should be presented as information items.

57.03 Follow up Action on the Minutes of the 56th 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) Research publication incentive scheme is revised and implemented.
- b) The University is registered Academic Bank Credits (ABC) portal.
- c) The University more focus on interdisciplinary/multi-disciplinary research to enrich research ecosystems.
- d) Organizing Guest Lecture and moot court competitions by inviting Senior Advocate, retired or working Judges.

The Board suggested that University should resend proposal for research seed grant and additional grant to attend and organize at university and school level national/international conference to HQ and copy to GM Finance.

57.04 Minutes of the 70th Meeting of the Board of Management

The members appreciated the minutes for being explicit the same was presented and noted.

57.05 Minutes of the 53rd Meeting of the Academic Council

The minutes of the 53rd meeting of the Academic Council was presented and noted.

57.06 Minutes of the 71st Meeting of the Board of Management

The minutes of the 71st meeting of Board of Management was presented and noted.

57.07 Approval of the Graduating Students

The Chairperson presented before the Board that 59 students have successfully completed the academic requirements at the end of summer term during academic year 2021-22 and have become eligible for award of Degree. The Board noted and approved the same.

57.08 Approval of the list of Students Eligible for Graduation and Awarding of Degrees through Distance Education

The Board approved the awarding of Graduation Degree to 13 students through Distance Education.

57.09 Review of Operations

The Board noted and appreciated the webinars conducted, publication of research papers by the faculty and research scholars, achievements of the faculty members and student activities. The Board members proposed to send school wise consolidated research paper of last three years to all Board members for review and analysis. The University should organized workshop on Chat GPT 3 for students and faculty suggested by Board members. The University should prepare next 5 years vision documents along with all the schools.

57.10 Faculty Profile

The faculty profile and cadre ratio was presented and noted.

The Board suggested that University should focus on increase the number of Ph.D faculty in future.

57.11 Signing of MoU by The ICFAI University, Dehradun

The ICFAI University, Dehradun entered into a MoU with Consortium of National Law Universities Common Law Admission Test (CLAT) on 10 October, 2022. The Board members noted and appreciated for MoU.

57.12 Programs Promotional Activities

Mr. Srikanth Pothuri, Marketing Head briefed the Board about various marketing activities undertaken to boost the admissions. He informed the Board that the projected admission target is 800 for all the programs of IUD for the academic session 2023-24. He presented the updated status of number of application sales and numbers of presentation and seminars organised by IGID marketing team. The actual number till date was 4119 form sales and 978 activities done.

57.13 Status of Ph.D. Students

The details of school wise research scholars (Full time and part time) was presented and noted.

57.14 Status of Placements

The placement data was presented and noted. The Chairperson informed that IBS, ITS, IEd.S and ILS has 92%, 47.05%, 60.71%, and 35% placement respectively in the class of 2023. The placement drive is going on (except IBS) from mid of December, 2022 onwards, and good number of organisations are participating for the same.

The Board congratulated the chairperson and his team for achieving the same.

57.15 University Ranking and Awards by External Agencies

The Board appreciated the University for receiving rankings and awards from various external agencies. The Board members also suggested to focus on NIRF ranking in future.

57.16 Budget for the Year 2023-24

As per the Statute 1.14.1 of the ICFAI University First Statutes, 2004 the budget for the Financial Year 2023-24 is presented for the consideration and approval of the Board of Governors as per Section 21 (2)(d) of the ICFAI University Act. 2003. The Board members approved the same.

57.17 Constitution of Selection Committee for appointment of the Registrar

The term of Brig. Rajiv Sethi (Retd.), Registrar will be over on April 30, 2023.

In terms of Section 17(1) of the Act read with Statute 1.4.1 and 1.4.2 of the first Statutes, the Registrar shall be appointed by the Chancellor, based on the recommendation 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 constituted with the following members:

Prof. R P Kaushik	Representative of the Sponsor	Chairman
Dr. J Mahender Reddy	Representative of the Chancellor	Member
Dr. Y R Haragopal Reddy	Nominee of the Board of Management	Member

The Board advised to Registrar may arrange for convening the meeting of the Selection Committee at the earliest.

57.17(a) Extra Item, Proposal to make New Statute Prescribing the Procedure for Conferment of Honorary Doctorate Degrees by the ICFAI University, Dehradun

To consider the proposal to make New Statute prescribing the procedure for conferment of Honorary Doctorate Degrees by the ICFAI University, Dehradun at the Convocation as per Section 27(h) of the ICFAI University Act, 2003 and adopt and incorporate it as new Statute 1.38.7 of the First Statutes, 2004 of the ICFAI University Dehradun.

Note:

The Board of Governors of the ICFAI University, Dehradun in its 56th Meeting held on September 21, 2022 amended Statute 1.38.6 of the ICFAI University First Statutes, 2004 empowering the University to Confer Honorary Doctorate Degrees. Consequent to this, it is proposed to make new Statute prescribing procedure for the Conferment of Honorary Doctorate Degrees by the University as per Section 27 (h) which provides that the Statutes may provide inter alia “The procedure for conferment of Honorary Degrees”.

Relevant Statutory Provisions:

The section 21(2) (e) of the ICFAI University Act, 2003 provides that the Board of Governors shall have the power “to make new or additional Statutes or amend or repeal the earlier Statutes and Rules”.

The section 27 (h) which provides that the Statutes may provide inter alia “The procedure for conferment of Honorary Degrees”.

The section 29 of the Act provides that, “The Board of Governors may, with the prior approval of the State Government, make new or additional Statutes or amend or repeal the Statutes”.

The statute 1.42 of the ICFAI University First Statutes, 2004 provides that, “The Board of Governors shall make, amend, alter, modify these First Statutes as required for the administration of the University and submit the same to the Government for approval”.

It is submitted that the above provisions of ICFAI University Act, 2003 and the First Statutes of ICFAI University, 2004 confer power on the Board of Governors to make new or additional Statutes with the prior approval of the State Government prescribing the procedure for conferment of Honorary Doctorate Degrees.

Point of Consideration:

The Board of Governors in its 56th meeting held on 21st September 2022, amended Statue 1.38.6 of the First Statutes of the ICFAI University Dehradun empowering the ICFAI University Dehradun to confer Honorary Doctorate Degrees and advised to submit a proposal to the Board of Governors to make a new Statute prescribing the procedure for conferment of Honorary Doctorate Degrees as per Section 27 (h) of the

Act. Consequent to this, the Board of Governors is requested to consider the proposal to make the following new Statute prescribing the procedure for conferment of Honorary Doctorate Degrees by the ICFAI University Dehradun at the Convocation and to adopt and incorporate the Statute so made as Statute 1.38.7 of the First Statutes of the ICFAI University Dehradun.

New Statute 1.38.7: Procedure for Conferment of Honorary Doctorate Degrees by the University:

<p>1. The following Honorary Doctorate Degrees may be conferred :</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Doctor of Letters (D.Litt. Honoris causa) ii. Doctor of Science (D. Sc. Honoris causa) iii. Doctor of Laws (LL.D. Honoris causa)
<p>2. The following parameters are to be followed in selecting the persons for conferment of Honorary Doctorate Degrees :</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. An Honorary Doctorate Degree may be conferred on outstanding personalities who have made significant and sustained contribution in the fields of Science and Technology, Law, Management, Social Service, Literary, Sports or any other endeavor. ii. The accomplishments of the recipients of Honorary Doctorate Degrees shall provide inspiration to the graduates and students of the university and bring honor and distinction to the university. iii. The recipients of Honorary Doctorate Degrees shall be persons who have been nationally or internationally recognized as eminent personalities in their respective fields or other innovative, creative or intellectual activity. iv. The recipients of Honorary Doctorate Degrees shall be persons of impeccable integrity, values and morals.
<p>3. Nominations for Honorary Doctorate Degrees</p>	<p>Nominations for conferment of Honorary Doctorate Degree shall be invited by the Member Secretary of the Honorary Doctorate Degree Committee from the Deans of Faculties and Chairman, Board of Studies which are to be endorsed by a minimum of three faculty members who cannot support another nomination during the given period. Nominations may also be invited from the Members of Academic Council, Board of Management and Board of Governors. Nominations shall be accompanied with a brief profile of the nominee (s). The nominations shall be placed before the Honorary Doctorate Degree Committee for its consideration.</p> <p>Due diligence shall be taken by the University in selecting persons for conferment of Honorary Doctorate Degrees.</p>

<p>4. Honorary Doctorate Degree Committee:</p>	<p>There shall be a Honorary Doctorate Degree Committee with the following members for recommending persons for conferring the Honorary Doctorate Degrees</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="560 360 1465 674"> <tr> <td data-bbox="560 360 683 439">I</td> <td data-bbox="683 360 1134 439">Vice Chancellor</td> <td data-bbox="1134 360 1465 439">Chairman</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="560 439 683 517">II</td> <td data-bbox="683 439 1134 517">Nominee of the Chancellor</td> <td data-bbox="1134 439 1465 517">Member</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="560 517 683 595">III</td> <td data-bbox="683 517 1134 595">Nominee of the Sponsor</td> <td data-bbox="1134 517 1465 595">Member</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="560 595 683 674">IV</td> <td data-bbox="683 595 1134 674">Registrar</td> <td data-bbox="1134 595 1465 674">Member Secretary</td> </tr> </table>	I	Vice Chancellor	Chairman	II	Nominee of the Chancellor	Member	III	Nominee of the Sponsor	Member	IV	Registrar	Member Secretary
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<p>The recommendations of the Honorary Doctorate Degree Committee along with a brief profile of the Nominee(s) shall be placed before the Board of Governors for its consideration and approval.</p>													
<p>5. Conferment of an Honorary Doctorate Degree <i>in-absentia</i>:</p>	<p>An Honorary Doctorate Degree shall not, save in exceptional circumstances be conferred <i>in-absentia</i>.</p> <p>The Honorary Doctorate Degree shall not be conferred Posthumously.</p>												
<p>6. Right to withdraw an Honorary Doctorate Degree:</p>	<p>The University reserves the right to withdraw an Honorary Doctorate Degree from the recipient in the event that through his/her behavior or actions brings the university into disrepute. The decision to withdraw the Honorary Doctorate Degree rests ultimately with the Board of Governors acting on the recommendations of the Honorary Doctorate Degree Committee.</p>												
<p>7. Conferment of Honorary Doctorate Degree:</p>	<p>All the Honorary Doctorate Degrees shall be conferred by the Visitor of the University and in the absence of the Visitor, the Chancellor of the University and in the absence of both the Visitor and the Chancellor, the Vice Chancellor of the University at the University Convocation. The conferment of Honorary Doctorate Degrees need not necessarily be an annual feature.</p>												

Resolutions adopted by the Board of Governors:

The Board of Governors considered the Agenda Item 56.11 and by exercising the powers conferred by Sections 21 (2) (e) and 29 of the ICFAI University, Dehradun Act, 2003 (Act No. 16 of 2003) read with Statute 1.42 of the First Statutes of the ICFAI University, Dehradun unanimously resolved to approve the proposal submitted to make new Statute 1.38.7 in accordance with section 27(h) of the Act to prescribe procedure for conferment of Honorary Doctorate Degrees as provided by the amended statute

1.38.6 of the First Statutes of the ICFAI University Dehradun by the Board of Governors.

The Board of Governors further resolved to request the University to submit the new Statute 1.38.7 so made for the approval of the State Government as required under Section 29 of the ICFAI University, Dehradun Act, 2003.

57.18 Compliance Report

Compliance Report for the period ending February 28, 2023 was presented and noted.

57.19 Press Clippings

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

57.20 Any other item with the Permission of the Chair

Board recommended following points:

- a) To enhance the quality of placement at IUD, HR meet should be organized by the University.
- b) To enhance the visibility at IUD, alumni meet should be organized by the University.
- c) The IQAC should actively contributed to enhance the overall quality at the University and also share the progress report in front of Board members next time onwards.

57.21 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