

**Minutes of the 59<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Board of Governors of The ICFAI University, Dehradun held on December 26, 2023 at 11:00 hrs. through blended mode.**

**Members present:**

Prof. (Dr.) Uday B. Desai, Chancellor	Chairman
Prof. (Dr.) Ram Karan Singh, Vice-Chancellor	Member Secretary
Prof. R. P. Kaushik	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)
Dr. Ramesh Chand Ramola, Registrar	Secretary

**Invitees:**

Dr. Meena Bhandari, Dean In charge - IEd.S	
Prof.(Dr.) Arun Kumar Singh, Director- IQAC	
Dr. Raghvendra Kumar Sharma, Associate Dean- IBS	
Mr. Amit Kumar Bera, Deputy Director- IQAC	
Mr. Srikanth Pothuri, Vice President	(through video conferencing)
Prof. (Dr.) Santanu Roy, Director- IBS	(through video conferencing)
Prof. (Dr.) Tapan Kumar Chandola, Dean- ILS	(through video conferencing)
Dr. Sanjeev Kumar, Dean In charge- ITS	(through video conferencing)
Dr. Puneet Kr. Gupta, Research Coordinator	(through video conferencing)

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

**59.01 Grant of Leave of absence, if any:**

Principal Secretary (Higher Education) Govt. of Uttarakhand, Prof. Rupa Shah, Dr. P.P. Dhyani and Prof. Surekha Dangwal could not attend the meeting and were granted leave of absence.

**59.02 Confirmation of the Minutes of the 58<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Board of Governors:**

The Minutes of the 58<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Board of Governors of The ICFAI University, Dehradun held on August 14, 2023 were confirmed.

**59.03 Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Board of Governors:**

The Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Board of Governors of The ICFAI University, Dehradun held on October 12, 2023 to consider Vision document of the University were confirmed. The university to incorporate the long and short-term vision and mission into the University's strategic plan on or before February 2024.

**59.04 Follow up Action on the minutes of the 58<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Board of Governors:**

The Board appreciated the efforts of the University in implementing the suggestions given by the Board:

The following points were discussed for implementation:

- a) The Board members was informed that the evaluation of project received for seed money funding will be completed and send to HQ for approval by February 15, 2024.

- b) The Board members recommended to nominate Ph.D. thesis examiner from amongst institutions/universities ranked within the top 100 in the NIRF (National Institutional Ranking Framework).
- c) The Board members suggested that IUD should adhere to the UGC guidelines in the preparation of the vision and mission documents.
- d) The Board members recommended that the University should develop a roadmap for the enhancement of laboratories, outlining a plan for progress in each academic year. This initiative is anticipated to contribute significantly to the forthcoming accreditation process.
- e) The Board members suggested recruiting faculty members in alignment with the criteria that contribute to higher scores in NIRF and NAAC evaluations.

**59.05 Minutes of the 73<sup>rd</sup> Meeting of the Board of Management:**

The minutes of the 73<sup>rd</sup> Meeting of the Board of Management of the ICFAI University, Dehradun were duly noted. The Board extended appreciation to the Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC) for aligning the feedback form with various stakeholders in preparation for the upcoming accreditation.

**59.06 Minutes of the 74<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Board of Management:**

The minutes of the 74<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Board of Management of the ICFAI University, Dehradun were noted.

**59.07 Minutes of the 55<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Academic Council:**

The minutes of the 55<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Academic Council were noted. The Board suggested that the university should remain proactive in monitoring notifications from the Pharmaceutical Council of India (PCI).

**59.08 Review of Operations:**

The Board noted and appreciated the following: the webinars conducted, publication of research papers by the faculty and research scholars, achievements of the faculty and students, and student activities. The Board recommended that henceforth, the Dean of each school should present review items in front of the members during meeting. Additionally, the Board suggested increased involvement of faculty from the ITS and ILS in events/activities, particularly in terms of achievement.

**59.09 Faculty Profile:**

The faculty profile and cadre ratio was presented and noted.

The Board suggested that in the future, the University should focus on improving the school wise faculty cadre ratio to enhance preparations for the upcoming accreditation. Additionally, it was recommended to include research scholar profiles as a new agenda item in the future meetings.

**59.10 Signing of MoU by The ICFAI University, Dehradun:**

The ICFAI University, Dehradun entered into a MoU with Ras Bihari Bose Subharti University, Dehradun (RBBSU) on October 25, 2023 to develop academic exchange and cooperation in education, healthcare and research between the two institutions. The Board members noted and appreciated.

The Board members suggested that the University ensures the functionality of all Memoranda of Understanding (MoUs). The University is actively pursuing the signing of approximately 40 Memoranda of Understanding (MoUs) with academic and industry partners in the near future. Furthermore, the Board recommended that ICFAI Business School (IBS) initiates a two-week duration certificate course named 'Hospital Management'. Additionally, the Board suggested planning an annual two-day workshop across the entire ICFAI group to share best practices, particularly in preparation for the upcoming accreditation.

#### **59.11 Status of Ph.D. Students:**

The details of school wise research scholars (full time and part time) was presented and noted. The Board members suggested displaying faculty publications and research scholar contributions separately. Additionally, it was recommended to increase the number of full-time research scholars in the near future.

#### **59.12 Status of Placement:**

The details of school wise placement data was presented and noted. It was reported that the highest Cost to Company (CTC) for the University in the academic year 2023-24 is 36.75 lakhs per annum. Additionally, ITS students participating in internships receive a stipend of 25 thousand per month for B.Tech students and 18 thousand per month for BCA students. The Board members recommended that the University conduct an analysis of the impact of Artificial Intelligence (AI) on the job scenario. It was further suggested to periodically incorporate findings from the analysis into the course curriculum.

#### **59.13 University Ranking /Awards by External Agencies:**

The Board appreciated the University for receiving rankings and awards from various external agencies. The Board suggested focusing on NIRF ranking in the category of Management, Law and Overall.

#### **59.14 Programs Promotional Activities for 2024 Admission:**

Mr. Srikanth Pothuri, Vice President briefed the Board about various marketing activities undertaken to boost the admissions. He informed the Board that the projected admission target is 900 for all the programs of IUD for the academic session 2024-25.

#### **59.15 Establishment of ICFAI School of Pharmaceutical Sciences and to offer Bachelor of Pharmacy Program:**

The proposal of the University to establish ICFAI School of Pharmaceutical Sciences and to offer Bachelor of Pharmacy Program (B. Pharm) from the Academic Year 2024-25 with an intake of 100 students was approved by the Academic Council and the Board of Management. Further it is submitted that due to non-joining of Dr. Amit Joshi, Dr. Alka N. Choudhary is appointed as Principal of the proposed ICFAI School of Pharmaceutical Sciences and she is going to join shortly. The University is preparing all required Academic documentation such as Program Structure, Course guidelines, Laboratory Infrastructure, recruitment of faculty etc. for launching of the new program.

The Board of Governors duly considered and approved the proposal, granting permission to the University to apply to the Pharmacy Council of India (PCI) for approval to offer the Bachelor of Pharmacy program with the intake of 100 students starting from the Academic Year 2024-25.

#### **59.16 Guidelines approved by BoM in its 73<sup>rd</sup> Meeting**

At the 73<sup>rd</sup> meeting of the Board of Management (BoM), the Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC) of the University presented and discussed the formulated guidelines on the following items: a) Guidelines for Value Added Courses. b) Standard Operating Procedure (SoP) for Slow & Advance Learners. c) Policy & Standard Operating Procedure for Seed Money Funding for Research Projects. d) Restructuring of Stakeholders Feedback Form. e) Reconstitution of various committees as per UGC guidelines, including Constitution for Women, Students Grievance, and Anti-Discrimination Cells.

The Board members duly noted and approved all the aforementioned items, thereby granting permission for the University to implement these guidelines.

#### **59.17 Guidelines approved by BoM in its 74<sup>th</sup> Meeting**

At the 74<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Board of Management (BoM), the Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC) of the University presented and deliberated on formulated guidelines encompassing the following key areas: a) Guidelines for preparing Course File. b) Academic & Administrative Audit. c) Vision and Mission of IQAC.

The Board members noted and subsequently approved all the aforementioned items, thereby providing authorization for the University to proceed with the implementation of these guidelines.

#### **59.18 Compliance Report:**

The proposal of the Compliance Report for the period ending November 30, 2023 was presented and noted.

#### **59.19 Any other item with the Permission of the Chair:**

- a) It was communicated during the meeting that the University has decided to transfer all Biotech laboratory instruments to the proposed ICFAI School of Pharmaceutical Sciences. The Board not only granted permission for this handover but also officially approved the decision. This strategic move is aimed at optimizing the utilization of the instruments and enhancing research activities within the broader University ecosystem.
- b) At the meeting, it was reported that the University has examined the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 and has decided to adopt its principles across all four years of the undergraduate programs. The decision reflects the University's commitment to aligning with the objectives and guidelines outlined in the NEP 2020 for the enhancement of the academic framework.

#### **59.20 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