

Minutes of the 61st Meeting of the Board of Governors of The ICFAI University, Dehradun held on August 20, 2024 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. P. P. Dhyani	Member (through video conferencing)
Dr. Ramesh Chand Ramola, Registrar	Ex-officio Secretary

Invitees:

CA (Ms.) Y Ratna Bhanu	(through video conferencing)
Mr. Srikanth Pothuri, Vice President	(through video conferencing)
Prof. (Dr.) Santanu Roy, Director- IBS	
Prof. (Dr.) Tapan Kumar Chandola, Dean- ILS	
Dr. Sanjeev Kumar, Asso. Dean- ITS	
Prof. (Dr.) Alka N. Choudhary, Principal - ISPS	
Dr. Meena Bhandari, Dean In-charge - IEd.S	
Dr. Puneet Kr. Gupta, Research Coordinator- IUD	
Mr. G. F. Chakravarthi, CEO - IUD	
Mr. Amit Kumar Bera, Deputy Director- IQAC	

Prof. (Dr.) Uday B. Desai, Chancellor presided over the meeting and welcomed all the members. The following items of business were transacted:

61.01 Grant of Leave of absence, if any

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

61.02 Confirmation of the Minutes of the 60th Meeting of the Board of Governors

The Minutes of the 60th Meeting of the Board of Governors of The ICFAI University, Dehradun held on April 23, 2024 were confirmed.

61.03 Follow up Action on the minutes of the 60th Meeting of the Board of Governors

The follow-up action taken on the minutes of the 60th Meeting of the Board of Governors was presented and noted.

The Board advised the University to encourage research scholars who have qualified NET to apply to Government Scholarships. The Board also suggested to the university to plan to admit Ph.D. students twice in an academic year depending on the vacancies available under research supervisors.

61.04 Minutes of the 76th and 77th Meetings of the Board of Management

The minutes of the 76th and 77th Meetings of the Board of Management of the ICFAI University, Dehradun held on June 27, 2024 and August 12, 2024 respectively were noted.

61.05 Minutes of the 57th Meeting of the Academic Council

The Board noted the minutes of the 57th Meeting of the Academic Council held on August 02, 2024.

61.06 Review of Operations

i) Webinars / Guest Lecture / Workshop Conducted

The Board noted the webinars, guest lectures, and workshops conducted by various schools of the university. The Board suggested that both faculty and research scholars should give research seminars periodically.

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ii) Details of Research Publications by Faculty Members/Research Scholars

The Board considered the details and congratulated the faculty members and research scholars for their contributions, including research articles, book chapters, conference proceedings, patents/design/copyright, and books, during the academic year 2023-24. The Board suggested that in the next meeting the broad area of research undertaken by the scholars be presented. This change will provide a clearer overview of the research areas being explored by the university's scholars and enhance the understanding of the university's research focus.

iii) Faculty Achievements

The Board appreciated the faculty's diverse achievements/Recognition, including acting as Session Chairpersons, receiving awards and Certificate.

iv) Student Achievements

The student achievements were presented and noted. The Board congratulated the students and mentors for these achievements.

v) Student Activities

The student activities were presented and noted.

61.07 Approval of the lists of graduating students, recipients of Medals and award of Ph.D. Degrees of 2024

The Board considered and approved the lists of graduating students, recipients of medals and awardees of Ph.D. Degrees of 2024.

61.08 Analysis of Result

The Vice Chancellor presented the analysis of results (2023-24) to the Board and were noted.

61.09 Approval of Full-Semester Internship Programs - ICFAI Tech School

The Board discussed and approved the proposal to allow the Full-Semester Industry Internship option for the last semester of the following programs:

- Bachelor of Computer Applications (BCA)
- Bachelor of Science in Data Science (B.Sc. Data Science)
- Bachelor of Science in Mathematics (B.Sc. Mathematics)

- Master of Computer Applications (MCA)
- Master of Technology (M. Tech.)

The proposal to discontinue the Diploma program starting in 2025 was approved by the Board. This decision aligns with the strategic direction of the institution to focus on enhancing and expanding degree programs.

61.10 Approval of Format of Ph.D. Provisional Degree Certificate

The format of Ph.D. Provisional Degree Certificate proposed was approved by the Board.

61.11 Faculty Profile

The Board duly noted the presented school-wise faculty profiles. The Board suggested that the university shall ensure majority of the faculty members hold a Doctorate degree.

61.12 Entering of MoU by the ICFAI University, Dehradun

The Board noted and expressed appreciation for the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) entered into between The ICFAI University, Dehradun and Law firms, Software Companies and industrial establishments to foster academia and industry interface and to promote collaborative research, live projects, internships, placements, student exchange programs.

61.13 Status of Ph.D. Students and Details of Research Scholars

The details of research scholars were presented to the Board and duly noted

61.14 Status of Placement

The Dean's informed the Board that the highest placement package of IBS in Academic Year 2023-24 is 36.75 LPA, marking a significant achievement for the University. Additionally, the average CTC (in lakhs per annum) has also seen an increase this year. Furthermore, it was highlighted that an ILS student was successfully placed in a US-based company, showcasing the global opportunities available to students. In ITS and IEd.S, students have received pre-placement offers and are currently placed in the same companies, indicating the effectiveness of the university's career development initiatives. The Board extended their congratulations to the Vice Chancellor and his team for this notable achievement.

61.15 Program Promotional Activities for the Admissions for the Academic Year 2024-25

The Marketing Head briefed the Board on the admission status for the academic year 2024-25, highlighting that the projected admission target for all programs at IUD is set at 900. The Board extended their congratulations and best wishes for the admission session in 2024.

61.16 Approval of Annual Accounts and Annual Report for the Year 2023-24

Annual Accounts for the Year 2023-24:

The Annual Accounts and the Balance Sheet for the year 2023-24 together with the Audit Report were considered and the Board passed the following resolutions:

“Resolved that the Auditors’ Report on the Annual Accounts of the ICFAI University, Dehradun be and is hereby noted.”

“Resolved further that Annual Accounts for the year 2023-24 viz., the Income & Expenditure Account for that year and the Balance Sheet as on March 31, 2024 of the ICFAI University, Dehradun as circulated be and are hereby approved and the same be signed by the Registrar and the Finance Officer of the University.”

“Resolved further that the Annual Accounts for the year 2023-24, duly authenticated in the aforesaid manner, be sent to the Visitor and the Government of Uttarakhand in terms of Sub-section (4) of Section 46 of The ICFAI University Act, 2003”.

Annual Report for the Year 2023-24:

Annual Report on the activities of the University for the Year 2023-24 was considered and the Board passed the following resolutions:

“Resolved that Annual Report for the year 2023-24 of the ICFAI University, Dehradun as circulated and is hereby approved and the same be signed by the Vice Chancellor of the University on behalf of the University.”

“Resolved further that the Annual Report for the year 2023-24, duly authenticated in the aforesaid manner, be sent to the Visitor and the Government of Uttarakhand in terms of Sub-section (3) of Section 45 of the ICFAI University Act, 2003.”

61.17 Approval of Appointment of Statutory Auditors for the year 2024-25

The proposal to reappoint M/s. Narasimha Rao & Associates, Chartered Accountants as Statutory Auditors for the year 2024-25 on a remuneration of Rs.50,000 plus GST and reimbursement of out of pocket expenses was approved by the Board and the following resolutions were passed:

“Resolved that M/s Narasimha Rao & Associates, Chartered Accountants be and are hereby reappointed as Statutory Auditors for the year 2024-25 on a remuneration of Rs.50,000 plus GST and reimbursement of out of pocket expenses.”

“Resolved further that a copy of this resolution be communicated to the Auditors at the earliest.”

61.18 Academic Calendar for the Academic Year 2024-25

The Academic Calendar for the Academic Year 2024-25 was presented and duly noted.

61.19 University Ranking /Awards by External Agencies 2024

The Board appreciated the University for receiving rankings from various external agencies in the field of Engineering, Law and overall categories.

61.20 Activity Update of IQAC

The Vice Chancellor informed to the Board that the Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC) of The ICFAI University, Dehradun, successfully conducted an audit covering Green, Energy, ISO 14001, and ISO 50001 standards on July 4-5, 2024, by CDG Inspection Limited. Prior to the audit, IQAC prepared and obtained approval for several key policies and plans, including the Environment Policy, Energy Policy, Waste

Management Policy, and others. This initiative aligns with the new binary accreditation system, particularly addressing sustainability outcomes and green initiatives, and reflects the University's commitment to continuous improvement and environmental stewardship.

61.21 Minutes of 49th Meeting of the Research and Development Cell

The Board noted the minutes of 49th Research Committee Meeting.

61.22 Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Studies of ICFAI Law School

The minutes of the Board of Studies (BoS) meetings as approved by the Academic Council were noted by the Board.

61.23 Research Activities

The Board noted the research activities with satisfaction.

61.24 Compliance Report

The Compliance Report for the period ending July 31, 2024 was presented and noted.

61.25 Any other item with the Permission of the Chair:

The Board offered the following suggestions:

- i. The University should increase its journal publications in reputed peer-reviewed journals, which will be beneficial for the NIRF ranking in the future.
- ii. The University may include an evaluative summary while preparing the Annual Report.
- iii. The Vice-Chancellor is authorized to take a decision to confer Ph.D. Degrees to the students taking Viva-Voce before the Convocation basing on the reports of the examiners and the action taken be reported to the Board of Governors in its next meetings. Alternatively the approval of the Board of Governors may be obtained by circulation of the resolutions.

61.26 Date for the next meeting

It was agreed that the date for the next meeting of the Board of Governors will be fixed in consultation with the Chairman.

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

Prof. Uday B. Desai
Chairman