

Minutes of the 63rd Meeting of the Academic Council

Minutes of the 63rd Meeting of the Academic Council of the ICFAI University, Dehradun held on 30th July, 2026 at 11:00 hrs. at Dehradun through blended mode.

Present:

Prof. (Dr.) Ram Karan Singh, Vice Chancellor, IUD	Chairman
Prof. (Dr.) Vivek Ranga, Head, Campus Operations, Queens University Belfast, Ahmedabad	Member
Prof. (Dr.) Anindya Jayanta Mishra, Professor of Sociology, Department of Humanities and Social Sciences, IIT Roorkee	Member
Prof. (Dr.) Sandeep Kumar Garg, Professor, Department of Computer Science and Engineering, IIT Roorkee	Member
Prof. (Dr.) Reena Chandra, Head & Professor of Education D.A.V PG College, Dehradun	Member
Dr. Sanjeev Kumar, Dean, ICFAI Tech School	Member
Dr. Rishi Dwesar, Dean, ICFAI Business School	Member
Dr. Meena Bhandari, Dean/In-charge, ICFAI Education School	Member
Prof. (Dr.) Sanjeev Malaviya, Registrar, IUD	Member-Secretary

Invitees:

Dr. Monica Kharola School	Associate Dean, ICFAI Law
Dr. Puneet Kumar Gupta	Associate Dean, Research
Dr. Gaurav Bhandari	Director, IQAC
Dr. Amit Kumar Bera	Dy. Director, IQAC
Mr. G. F. Chakravarthi	CoE, IUD
Dr. Swati Raturi	Assistant Professor, IEd.S
Dr. Subhajit Hazra	Assistant Professor, ISPS

Prof. (Dr.) Ram Karan Singh, Vice-Chancellor presided over the meeting and the following items of business were transacted:

63.01 Grant of Leave of absence

The Academic Council noted that Prof. (Dr.) Alka N. Choudhary and Prof. (Dr.) Arun Kumar Singh were unable to attend the meeting. The Council granted leave of absence to the above members.

63.02 Retirement of Members and Welcome to the New Members

The Council was informed that the tenure of Prof. (Dr.) Priti Saxena, Prof. (Dr.) Prahlad Singh, Prof. (Dr.) Ajay Kumar Saini, and Prof. (Dr.) Savita Rawat, nominated by the Chancellor to the Academic Council, concluded on May 03, 2026. The Council placed on record its sincere appreciation for their valuable contributions and dedicated services during their tenure. The Council was further informed that, in accordance with the provisions of Chapter V, Section 23(1-2)(1.15.1)(vi) of The ICFAI University, Dehradun Statutes, 2003, the President has nominated Prof. (Dr.) Vivek Ranga, Head, Campus Operations, Queens University Belfast, Ahmedabad; Prof. (Dr.) Anindya Jayanta Mishra, Professor of Sociology, Department of Humanities and Social Sciences, IIT Roorkee; Prof. (Dr.) Sandeep Kumar Garg, Professor, Department of

Computer Science and Engineering, IIT Roorkee; and Prof. (Dr.) Reena Chandra, Head & Professor, Department of Education, D.A.V. (P.G.) College, Dehradun, as members of the Academic Council for a period of three years with effect from June 25, 2026. The Chairman welcomed the newly nominated members on behalf of the Academic Council and expressed confidence that their rich academic experience and expertise would contribute significantly to strengthening the academic and research ecosystem of the University.

63.03 Confirmation of Minutes of the 62nd Meeting of the Academic Council

Minutes of the 62nd Academic Council Meeting held on 10th March, 2026 were approved.

63.04 Follow up Action of the 62nd Meeting of the Academic Council

The Chairman apprised the members that the 62nd Meeting of the Academic Council was held on 10th March 2026. Upon review of the minutes of the said meeting, it was noted that there were no specific action points requiring follow-up.

63.05 Summary of the Graduating Student (2025-26)

The Chairman discussed the summary of the graduating students for the academic year 2025-26, informing the council that 459 out of 584 students are eligible to receive their degrees in the upcoming convocation. Additionally, two Ph.D. doctoral students are also eligible for degree conferral. The Chairman highlighted that the overall pass percentage is 78.59%, with 9.15% of students achieving First Division with Distinction, 50.76% attaining First Division, and 40.09% securing Second Division. It was further noted that the list of students who clear their backlog before Convocation 2026 will be included in the final list.

63.06 Approval of Award of Degrees

The Chairman presented the names, ID numbers, and CGPAs of the individual graduating students to the council members. After review, the council approved 459 graduating students and two doctoral students for degree conferral in the upcoming convocation. Additionally, the council approved the list of 42 recipients from various programs who are eligible to receive Gold (13 Nos.), Silver (15 Nos.), and Bronze medals (14 Nos.) during the 13th Convocation 2026.

63.07 Analysis of Result

The Council was apprised of the analysis of examination results for the Odd and Even Semesters of various programmes offered by the ICFAI Business School (IBS), ICFAI Education School (IEd.S), ICFAI Law School (ILS), ICFAI Tech School (ITS), and ICFAI School of Pharmaceutical Sciences (ISPS) for the Academic Year 2025-26. The Council reviewed the analysis and noted the overall performance of the students across the different Schools.

63.08 Approval of the minutes of Board of Studies (BoS) of ICFAI Business School

The Council was informed that the 10th Board of Studies (BoS) meeting of the ICFAI Business School (IBS) was held on July 3, 2026, to review various academic matters relating to the undergraduate and postgraduate programmes in accordance with the provisions of NEP 2020, stakeholder feedback, and emerging industry requirements. The recommendations of the Board of Studies included the review and implementation of NEP 2020 provisions in the undergraduate programmes (BBA, BBA-FIA, and B.Com.), review of UG courses and syllabus and inclusion of 4th year as per NEP in

existing UG courses, introduction of new elective courses focusing on Generative AI, launch of the new BBA Programme in Business Analytics and Generative AI from AY 2027-2028, revision of the MBA credit structure for the Class of 2028 onwards through the introduction of a credited Syndicated Learning Program (SLP) in place of the Corporate Career Management (CCM), approval of the revised MBA grading policy, and minor revisions in the MBA curriculum.

After reviewing the minutes of the Board of Studies, the Council suggested that the School may explore opportunities to enrol MBA students in industry recognized certificate programmes offered by reputed organizations to further enhance their professional competencies, industry exposure, and employability. Thereafter, the Academic Council approved the recommendations of the Board of Studies for implementation from the Academic Session 2026-27.

63.09 Approval of the minutes of Board of Studies (BoS) of ICFAI Tech School

The Council was informed that the 7th Board of Studies (BoS) meeting of the ICFAI Tech School (ITS) was held on June 10, 2026, to review various academic matters relating to undergraduate and postgraduate programmes in accordance with the provisions of NEP 2020, stakeholder feedback, and emerging industry requirements. The recommendations of the Board of Studies included the review and approval of NEP 2020 provisions for the B.Tech. Computer Science & Engineering programme with specializations in Cloud Computing, Cyber Security, Blockchain Technology, Generative AI, Full Stack Development, Artificial Intelligence & Machine Learning, and Data Science & Artificial Intelligence; MCA programme; introduction of a new M.Sc. (Data Science) programme; B.Tech. Electronics & Communication Engineering with specialization in Semiconductor Technology; B.Tech. Mechanical Engineering with specializations in Sustainable Energy Systems and Artificial Intelligence; B.Tech. Mechatronics Engineering; and B.Tech. Civil Engineering with specialization in Artificial Intelligence & Smart Infrastructure.

After reviewing the minutes of the Board of Studies, the Council appreciated the efforts made by the School in aligning the curricula with the objectives of NEP 2020, Outcome-Based Education (OBE), and current industry requirements. The Council further suggested that the School continuously strengthen industry collaboration, emerging technology integration, and experiential learning components to enhance students' technical competencies and employability. Thereafter, the Academic Council approved the recommendations of the Board of Studies for implementation from the Academic Session 2027-28.

63.10 Approval of the minutes of Board of Studies (BoS) of ICFAI Education School

The Academic Council reviewed and approved the recommendations of the Board of Studies (BoS) of ICFAI Education School held on July 5, 2026, for strengthening the B.Ed. Programme in alignment with the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020, emerging educational trends, and contemporary pedagogical practices. The proposed academic reforms include the Introduction of new course titled “Emerging Educational Technologies: ICT and AI” (Course Code: BED 404 to integrate contemporary developments in Artificial Intelligence and Educational Technology. Introduction of new course “Research Skills for Reflective Teachers” (Course Code: BED 403), Revision and rationalization of the credit structure in B.Ed. Programme, Integration of Indian Knowledge Systems (IKS) across all courses of the B.Ed., Merger of “Knowledge and Curriculum I” and “Knowledge and Curriculum II” into a unified 4

credit course titled “Knowledge and Curriculum” to be offered as a 4-credit course., Revision in Nomenclature and Course codes of B.Ed. Programme Courses. The Academic Council approved these recommendations for implementation from the Academic Session 2026-27 to enhance curriculum relevance, academic effectiveness, and alignment with national educational priorities.

63.11 Approval of the minutes of Board of Studies (BoS) of ICFAI Law School

The Academic Council reviewed and approved the recommendations of the Board of Studies (BoS) of ICFAI Law School, held on June 29, 2026, for the existing law programmes, namely BA-LL.B. (Hons.), BBA-LL.B. (Hons.), LL.B., and LL.M. The proposed academic revisions were aimed at ensuring alignment with the guidelines of the University Grants Commission (UGC), Bar Council of India (BCI), and National Education Policy (NEP) 2020. The key recommendations include revision of the LL.M. one year programme structure with a revised 24 credit framework across all specializations, introduction of Criminal Law as an Honours Elective specialization under BA-LL.B. (Hons.) and BBA-LL.B. (Hons.) programmes, incorporation of Course Objectives (COs), Course Outcomes (COs), and Skill Based Outcomes (SBOs) aligned with Bloom’s Taxonomy, introduction of new General Elective courses based on emerging industry requirements, revision of Honours Elective papers, harmonization of core subjects across law programmes, and amendment of the credit structure to promote experiential learning and student engagement in co-curricular activities. The Council also approved the recommendations related to the Centre for Post Graduate Legal Studies (CPGLS) ordinance, revision of LL.M. admission eligibility criteria from 55% to 50%, and other academic matters recommended by the BoS for implementation from the Academic Session 2026-27 onwards.

63.12 Approval of the minutes of Board of Studies (BoS) of ICFAI School of Pharmaceutical Sciences

The Academic Council reviewed and approved the recommendations of the Second Board of Studies (BoS) Meeting of ICFAI School of Pharmaceutical Sciences, held on June 26, 2026, for the existing programme Bachelor of Pharmacy (B.Pharm.), new programmes M.Sc. Clinical Research, and M.Sc. Pharmaceutical Chemistry. The meeting focused on the review, revision, and approval of the curriculum and syllabi of these programmes in accordance with the guidelines of the Pharmacy Council of India (PCI) and the provisions of the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020. The key recommendations include approval of the revised B.Pharm. curriculum framework for 2026, including admission eligibility, programme duration, semester wise course distribution, credit structure, course contents, examination and evaluation schemes, academic progression, grading system, project work, internships, industry/field visits, and degree completion requirements. The Council also approved the new curriculum and syllabus of the M.Sc. Clinical Research and M.Sc. Pharmaceutical Chemistry programmes, including course structure, credit allocation, semester wise course distribution, course codes, core and elective courses, course content, evaluation patterns, and academic requirements. The recommendations of the BoS were approved by the council for implementation from the Academic Session 2026-27 onwards.

63.13 Minutes of 54th Meeting of the Research and Development Cell

The Associate Dean, Research presented the minutes of 54th Research Committee Meeting which was noted and approved by the Council members.

63.14 Research Activities

The Associate Dean, Research presented the progress report of research activities undertaken by the Research and Development Cell (RDC) since March 1, 2026 onwards. The report highlighted the completion of 51 Ph.D. Related academic activities, including thesis proposal seminars, progress seminars, pre-Ph.D. seminars, thesis submissions, and final viva-voce examinations. The Council was also informed about the University's research publications, with a total of 49 research outputs comprising research articles, book chapters, conference proceedings, patents/designs/copyrights, and books published through reputed indexing and publishing platforms. Further, the current status of 105 Ph.D. research scholars across various Schools was presented, along with their progress at different stages of doctoral research. He also informed that, following successful Ph.D. Viva-Voce defenses, recommendations of examiners, and approval by the 54th Research Committee meeting held on July 09, 2026, two Ph.D. scholars will be awarded degrees during the 13th Convocation of the University. The Academic Council noted the significant progress made in research and doctoral activities of the University.

63.15 University Ranking by External Agencies

The Chairman briefed the Council of the rankings awarded to the University by various external agencies. The Council noted the high rankings achieved by different schools of The ICFAI University, Dehradun, and appreciated the recognition received at the national and state level.

63.16 Achievements/Recognition of the Faculty

The Council was informed about the achievements/ Recognition of the faculties. The members reviewed and noted the same.

63.17 Signing of MoU by The ICFAI University, Dehradun

The Chairman apprised the Council regarding the various Memoranda of Understanding (MoUs) and academic collaborations entered into by The ICFAI University, Dehradun, with reputed organizations and industry partners. The Council noted the initiatives undertaken by different Schools, including collaborations with organizations such as Natco Pharma Limited, Indian Society of Artificial Intelligence and Law (ISAIL), Indian Pacific Legal Research, ISHAANAV Nutraceuticals Private Limited, The ICFAI Society, and East African (India) Overseas, and appreciated the efforts towards strengthening institutional linkages and providing students with meaningful exposure to real world practices.

63.18 Key Highlights of the ICFAI University, Dehradun

The IQAC presented the key highlights of various academic, research, co-curricular, outreach, and professional development activities conducted by different Schools of The ICFAI University, Dehradun during the reporting period. The Council appreciated the efforts of the University in organizing workshops, conferences, expert lectures, faculty development programmes, awareness campaigns, and other activities contributing to holistic development and continuous quality improvement. The Council was also apprised of the upcoming initiatives aligned with NEP 2020 implementation and teacher capacity building.

63.19 Any other item with the Permission of the Chair

No further items were proposed or discussed under this agenda item.

63.20 Date for the Next Meeting

It was agreed that the date for the next meeting of the Academic Council would be fixed in consultation with the Chairman.

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

Prof. (Dr.) Ram Karan Singh
Chairman