



**The ICFAI University, Dehradun, Uttarakhand**  
**Minutes of the 73<sup>rd</sup> Meeting of the Board of Management**

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**Present:**

Prof. (Dr.) Ram Karan Singh (Vice-Chancellor)	Chairperson
Prof. (Dr.) A V Narsimha Rao	Member
Prof. (Dr.) Biplab Halder	Member
Prof. T S Ramakrishna Rao	Member
Prof. (Dr.) Tapan Kumar Chandola	Member
Dr. Meena Bhandari	Member
Dr. Ramesh Chand Ramola (Registrar)	Member Secretary

**Invitees:**

Dr. Sanjeev Malaviya (Associate Dean, IBS)  
Prof. (Dr.) Arun Kumar Singh (Director, IQAC)  
Mr. Amit Kumar Bera, (Deputy Director, IQAC)

The Chairperson extended a warm welcome to the Board of Management members and introduced Prof. (Dr.) Arun Kumar Singh, Professor, ICFAI Law School, as Director of IQAC(Additional charge), along with Mr. Amit Kumar Bera, Assistant Professor, ICFAI Tech School, as Deputy Director, IQAC(Additional charge) and the meeting proceeded with following items:

**73.01 Grant of leave of absence, if any**

Prof. (Dr.) P. Venkateswarlu and The Principal Secretary, Higher Education, Govt. of Uttarakhand could not attend the meeting and were granted leave of absence.

**73.02 Confirmation of the Minutes of the 72<sup>nd</sup> Meeting of the Board of Management**

The minutes of the 72<sup>nd</sup> meeting of the Board of Management of the ICFAI University, Dehradun were confirmed.

**73.03 Follow up Action on the Minutes of the 72<sup>nd</sup> Meeting of the Board of Management**

The follow up actions taken on the Minutes of the 72<sup>nd</sup> Meeting of the Board of Management were presented and noted.

The board expressed sincere appreciation to the Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC) for successful implementation of various quality initiatives. The board recognized the establishment and implementation of various SOP's like MOOCS Courses, Slow & Advanced Learner Event/Activity Reports, Reformation of feedback structures involving various stakeholders, and the meticulous management of Mentor-Mentee allocation and data, Seed Money Funding for Research Projects, different Centres/Clubs, Articulation Matrix CO-PO-PSO Mapping aligned

with Bloom's Taxonomy and Learning Evaluation & Assessment as per NAAC compliance were noted.

Furthermore, the board also appreciated the university's commitment to reconstituting various committees in accordance with UGC guidelines, including the formation of Women, Students Grievance, and Anti-Discrimination Cells. These accomplishments underscore the university's dedication to continuous improvement and adherence to quality standards.

#### **73.04 Review of Operations**

##### **i) Webinars /Guest Lecture/ Workshop Conducted**

The Board appreciated the number of webinars/guest lectures/workshops conducted by various schools of the University.

##### **ii) Details of Research Publications by Faculty Members/Research Scholars for the Last Three Academic Years (2020-2021, 2021-2022, 2022-2023)**

The research publication data was presented and the Board members congratulated the faculty for publishing research papers in high impact journals over the years, demonstrating a commitment to advancing research. In preparation for NAAC cycle 2, the Board suggested streamlining publication data from January 2019 to December 2023 on calendar year basis for improved data management and accurate assessment of university's research productivity over the specified time frame.

##### **iii) Faculty Achievements**

The Board members appreciated the various achievements of faculty such as participation in different educational conclaves, workshops, seminars, delivering guest lectures and patent publication.

##### **iv) Student Achievements**

The student achievements were presented and noted.

##### **v) Student Activities**

The Board appreciated the number of student activities conducted by the different schools of the University. The Board members recommended that a University record of national and international awards received by faculty, research scholars, and students over the past five academic years, from July 2019 to August 2023 as per NAAC requirements should be compiled.

#### **73.05 Faculty Profiles**

The presented school-wise faculty profiles were duly noted by the board. The University is actively engaged in ongoing efforts to enhance the faculty cadre ratio, demonstrating a commitment to academic excellence. Additionally, the institution is proactively addressing the faculty-student ratio less than 1:20 in accordance with NAAC guidelines to ensure optimal conditions for effective teaching and learning, aiming to achieve maximum marks in this critical aspect of academic evaluation.

#### **73.06 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.

It was proposed that the Law department will contact the Forest Research Institute (FRI) to establish MoUs, fostering collaboration for a new Environmental Forest Law Program. The Board also suggested exploring joint training sessions and workshops with FRI to enhance the

academic and practical aspects of the program, emphasizing the importance of ensuring functionality and mutual benefits in all MoUs.

### **73.07 Status of Ph.D. Students**

Status of the progress of research work of Ph.D. students was presented to the Board. It was reported that a total of 74 Ph.D. scholars are presently enrolled, with 09 of them being full-time research scholars who are availing university fellowships to support their research endeavors.

The Board suggested showcasing research articles outside the research office to highlight scholars' contributions. The Board commended the research department for proactive measures, including uploading thesis synopsis on UGC portal Shodhgangotri and final theses on Shodhganga.

### **73.08 University Ranking/ Awards by External Agencies**

The Board commended the University for its exceptional achievements, recognizing its noteworthy rankings and awards in Engineering, Management, Law, and overall academic excellence from external agencies.

### **73.09 Guidelines for Value Added Courses**

The chairperson presented guidelines for value-added courses, which received appreciation from the board. They commended the proactive initiative and suggested aligning future actions with upcoming accreditation standards.

### **73.10 SOP for Slow & Advanced Learners**

The chairperson introduced procedures for slow and advanced learners. The board member proposed compiling lists for each category and exploring remedial classes for slow learners.

### **73.11 Policy & Standard Operating Procedure for Seed Money Funding for Research Projects**

The board discussed policies and SOPs for seed money funding, recommended implementation before the close of the financial year 2023-24.

### **73.12 Restructuring of Stakeholders Feedback Form**

The University has introduced a comprehensive restructuring stakeholders feedback form encompassing: a) Teacher-wise feedback from students b) Students' feedback about the institute c) Teacher's feedback about curricular design d) Feedback from parents e) Alumni feedback f) Employer's feedback form. The board appreciated the initiative, committing to actions for upholding and enhancing education quality.

### **73.13 Reconstitution of various committees as per UGC guidelines and Constitution of Women, Students Grievance and Anti-Discrimination Cells**

The Chairperson informed the board about reconstituting committees following UGC guidelines, including Women, Students Grievance, and Anti-Discrimination Cells. The board congratulated the Chairperson and the team for fostering inclusivity and addressing concerns within the university community.

### **73.14 Conduct of HR Conclave on 26<sup>th</sup> August 2023 by the University**

The ICFAI University Dehradun successfully organized a HR Conclave at the Radisson Blu Marina Hotel Connaught Place Delhi with participation from 70 delegates of top Indian and multinational companies. The board congratulated to the Vice Chancellor and suggested exploring MoUs with industries to enhance and strengthen student's placement opportunities.

### **73.15 Compliance Report**

The Board received and noted the Compliance Report for the period ending October 31, 2023.

**73.16 Any other item with the Permission of the Chair**

- a) The board members suggested the Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC) for conducting an external audit by eminent and experienced professors from NAAC Accredited Universities to enhance the overall effectiveness of ensuring quality education within the institution.
- b) The University actively engages in events and activities aligning with the Unnat Bharat Abhiyan (UBA) program by the Ministry of Education, Government of India, and showcasing dedication to meaningful contributions to community development.
- c) The board members extend congratulations to the IQAC team for commendable efforts in enhancing education quality and encouraged their continued pursuit of excellence in the future.

**73.17 Date for the Next Meeting**

It was agreed that the date for the next meeting of the Board of Management would be fixed in consultation with the Chairperson.

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

Prof. (Dr.) Ram Karan Singh  
Chairperson