



**The ICFAI University, Dehradun, Uttarakhand**  
**Minutes of the 75<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Board of Management**

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**Present:**

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

**Invitees:**

Prof. (Dr.) Arun Kumar Singh (Director, IQAC)	
Mr. Amit Kumar Bera, (Deputy Director, IQAC)	
Mrs. A. Srilatha (Assistant Accountant General)	(Through video conferencing)

The Chairperson warmly welcomed the Board of Management members, and the meeting commenced with the following agenda items:

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

Prof. (Dr.) P. Venkateswarlu, Prof. (Dr.) A V Narsimha Rao, and the Principal Secretary of Higher Education, Govt. of Uttarakhand were granted leave of absence as they were unable to attend the meeting.

**75.02 Confirmation of the 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, conducted on December 18, 2023, were confirmed and approved by the board members.

**75.03 Follow up Action on the Minutes of the 74<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Board of Management**

The follow-up actions taken on the Minutes of the 74<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Board of Management were presented and noted. The board expressed sincere appreciation to the university for the successful implementation of various quality initiatives. The Chairperson briefed the board on the development status of the new school, 'ICFAI School of Pharmaceutical Sciences,' highlighting the establishment of new laboratories, a library, herbal garden, machine room, museum, conference room, etc., in preparation for an upcoming PCI visit. Board members extended their appreciation and best wishes regarding these developments. Additionally, the Chairperson emphasized the university's proactive approach in implementing UGC notifications such as 'Zero Tolerance towards Sexual Harassment,' 'Say No to Ragging, Yes to Joyful Campus,' and 'Sustainable Development Goals.' The university also plans to conduct a workshop

related to 'case research' in May 2024 and intends to form a committee to identify the university's two best practices and one unique selling point as per the Binary Accreditation system shortly.

#### **75.04 Minutes of the 56<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Academic Council**

The minutes of the 56<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Academic Council of The ICFAI University, Dehradun, conducted on March 5, 2024, were confirmed and approved by the board members.

#### **75.05 Review of Operations**

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

The Board appreciated the numerous webinars, guest lectures, and workshops conducted by various schools of the University.

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

The research publication data was presented, and the Board members congratulated the faculty for their contributions, including research articles, book chapters, conference proceedings, patents, and books, during the academic year 2023-24.

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

The Board members appreciated the faculty's diverse achievements, including serving as reviewers for journals, acting as Session Chairs during international conferences, receiving awards like the International Education Excellence Award in Legal Studies, delivering online lectures, and mentoring the winners of the Rajasthan Police Hackathon.

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

The student achievements were presented and noted. The Chairperson highlighted two notable student achievements to the Board:

i) B.Tech 3<sup>rd</sup> year students from ICFAI Tech School, The ICFAI University, Dehradun, participated in the Rajasthan Police Hackathon 1.0 and chose the problem 'Identify Fake websites, advertisement, and customer care numbers.' Our team, Kube Centrix, demonstrated exceptional talent and dedication, securing the prestigious FIRST Prize along with a Cash Prize of INR 50,000 at the Grand Finale of Hackathon 1.0 on January 18, 2024. The award ceremony was graced by the presence of the Hon'ble Governor of Rajasthan, Shri Kalraj Mishra.

ii) Our Law BA-LLB (H) 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> year students achieved the SECOND Prize along with a Cash Prize of INR 11,000 at the 1<sup>st</sup> International Moot Court Competition organized by Acropolis Institute of Law in Indore, Madhya Pradesh, on March 16-17, 2024.

The Board congratulates the students and mentors for these remarkable achievements.

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

The student activities were presented and noted.

#### **75.06 Faculty Profile**

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. Furthermore, the Chairperson informed that ITS has successfully recruited four faculty members who are expected to join shortly, while recruitment processes for IBS and ILS are currently underway. Additionally, it was discussed that the ICFAI School of Pharmaceutical Sciences (ISPS) plans to recruit seven faculty members and three lab technician after getting approval from the Pharmacy Council of India (PCI). The Board expressed its well wishes for the same.

#### **75.07 Signing of MOU by the ICFAI University, Dehradun**

The Board duly noted and appreciated the MoU between The ICFAI University, Dehradun and KYIV National Economic University, Ukraine, signed on November 07, 2023. The MoU aims

to foster academic exchange and cooperation in education and research between the two institutions.

Furthermore, the Board acknowledged the University's commitment to enhancing collaborations and academic partnerships. In line with this, the University is actively working towards achieving approximately 40 Memoranda of Understanding (MoUs) in academia and industry by May 2024. The Board expressed its support for these endeavors and looks forward to the fruitful outcomes of such collaborations.

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

The chairperson presented the status of the progress of research work of Ph.D. students to the Board members during the meeting. It was reported that a total of 70 Ph.D. scholars are presently enrolled in various research programs. Among them, 06 are full-time research scholars who are benefiting from university fellowships to support their research. The Board acknowledged the significant number of Ph.D. scholars and the support provided to full-time researchers through university fellowships, indicating the University's commitment to fostering academic research and innovation.

#### **75.09 Status of Placement (AY 2023-24)**

The chairperson 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 undertaking internships in the same companies, indicating the effectiveness of the university's career development initiatives. While the placement process for the academic year 2023-24 is ongoing, the Board members congratulated the chairperson and the team for these achievements.

Additionally, the Board suggested that the University should prepare a comprehensive document detailing the number of students placed, those pursuing higher studies, and the current status of alumni in reputed Government jobs across India. This data spanning the last five years (AY 2019-20, 2020-21, 2021-22, 2022-23 & 2023-24) is deemed necessary for upcoming accreditation purposes.

#### **75.10 Promotional Activities for the admissions of 2024-25 Academic Year**

The Chairperson informed to the Board that faculty members actively engaged in career counseling initiatives for 10<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> standard students by visiting schools, coaching centers, and educational fairs in collaboration with the IGID marketing team.

Additionally, it was noted that the University organized a Principal Conclave on February 05, 2024 in the University auditorium, an event coordinated by the IGID team. Principals from across the northern region states including Uttar Pradesh, NCR, Jammu, Himachal Pradesh, Punjab and Uttarakhand were invited, with approximately 135 principals participating in the event. The Board members extend their congratulations and best wishes for the upcoming admission session in 2024.

#### **75.11 Budget for the Financial Year 2024-25**

As per the Statute 1.14.1 of The ICFAI University, Dehradun First Statutes, 2004 the budget for the Financial Year 2024-25 is presented for the consideration and approval of the Board of Management. The Board members approved the same.

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

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

The Board members suggested that the university should participate in the NIRF ranking every year and strive to achieve a ranking in the future. This recommendation underscores the importance of benchmarking the university's performance against national standards and enhancing its visibility within the higher education landscape. By actively participating in the NIRF ranking, the university can showcase its strengths, identify areas for improvement, and demonstrate its commitment to excellence in education and research.

### **75.13 Compliance Report**

The Board received and noted the Compliance Report for the period ending February 29, 2024.

### **75.14 Any other item with the Permission of the Chair**

- a) The Board members informed the University that, as per the old NAAC metrics, data should be accumulated within the stipulated time periods: i) Research publication data as of December 2023, ii) Financial data as of March 2024, and iii) Other metrics data as of May 2024. Additionally, they suggested that the University should also consider the Binary Accreditation system and prepare accordingly. This recommendation underscores the importance of timely data collection and preparation for accreditation processes, ensuring that the University meets the necessary criteria and standards for evaluation.
- b) The Board members advised the University to adhere to the latest UGC guidelines of 2024-2034 for the implementation of the university's future plans in the coming years. This recommendation emphasizes the importance of aligning the university's strategies and initiatives with the most recent regulatory frameworks outlined by the UGC. By following these guidelines, the University can ensure that its plans and actions are in line with current standards and best practices in higher education, thus facilitating its growth and development in the years ahead.
- c) The Board members suggested that the University should plan an activity or event to raise awareness about voting and emphasize the importance of voters, especially with the upcoming Lok Sabha elections near villages. This recommendation underscores the university's commitment to civic engagement and promoting democratic participation among its students and the local community. By organizing such an activity, the university can play a proactive role in encouraging voter turnout and fostering a culture of political awareness and citizens duty.

### **75.15 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