

**Minutes of the 76<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Board of Management of The ICFAI University, Dehradun held on June 27, 2024 at 15:00 hrs. in Board room of the University through blended mode.**

**Present:**

Prof. (Dr.) Ram Karan Singh (Vice-Chancellor)	Chairperson
Prof. (Dr.) A. V. Narsimha Rao	Member (through video conferencing)
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)	
Dr. Sanjeev Kumar (Associate Dean, ITS)	
Dr. Raghvendra Kumar Sharma (Associate Dean, IBS)	
Dr. Puneet Kumar Gupta (Research Coordinator, IUD)	
Mr. Srikanth Pothuri (Vice Precedent, Marketing)	(Through video conferencing)

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

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

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

**76.02 Confirmation of the Minutes of the 75<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Board of Management**

The minutes of the 75<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Board of Management of The ICFAI University, Dehradun held on March 28, 2024 were confirmed.

**76.03 Follow up Action on the Minutes of the 75<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Board of Management**

The follow-up actions taken on the minutes of the 75<sup>th</sup> Board of Management meeting were presented and noted. The Board expressed sincere appreciation to the University for the Successful Implementation of various quality initiatives.

The Board suggested that the University prepare three years of data (AY 2023-24, 2022-23 and 2021-22) in accordance with the Binary Accreditation Frameworks for the upcoming NAAC Accreditation. Additionally, the Board recommended that the University develop a 10-year Institutional Development Plan spanning from 2023 to 2033.

The Board also advised the University to actively adhere to UGC notifications, ensuring that all relevant information is displayed and uploaded on the University website.

**76.04 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 congratulated the faculty for their contributions, including research articles, book chapters, case study, conference proceedings, patents/Design/Copyright, and book, since March 2024. The Board

members suggested that the research department follow the standard format for presenting research publication data in the annexure from next meeting onwards.

**iii) Faculty Achievements**

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

**iv) Student Achievements**

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

**v) Student Activities**

The student activities were presented and noted.

**76.05 Faculty Profile**

The Board duly noted the presented school-wise faculty profiles. Recently, the University recruited 17 faculty members of ILS, ITS, IBS, and IEd.S. The University is actively engaged in ongoing efforts to enhance the faculty cadre ratio, demonstrating a commitment to academic excellence. The Board expressed its well wishes for the same.

**76.06 Signing of MOU by the ICFAI University, Dehradun**

The Board noted and appreciated the Memoranda of Understanding (MoUs) between The ICFAI University, Dehradun, and various academic and industry partners. Currently, the University has close to 40 active MoUs, all operational. The Chairperson also informed the Board that ICFAI Law School (ILS) intends to sign additional MoUs shortly. These MoUs aim to enhance academic exchange and cooperation in education and research between the institutions. The Board expressed its full support for these initiatives and anticipates fruitful outcomes from these collaborations.

**76.07 Status of Ph.D. Students**

The Research Coordinator presented the progress status of research work by Ph.D. students to the Board members during the meeting. It was reported that a total of 69 Ph.D. scholars are currently enrolled in various research programs, including 7 full-time scholars benefiting from University fellowships to support their research. The Board members recommended expediting the Ph.D. final Viva-Voce process, aiming for a total of 6 students to complete their degrees in the upcoming convocation. Additionally, they emphasized that the research department should adhere to the new Ph.D. admission guidelines as per UGC directives.

**76.08 Status of Placement (AY 2023-24)**

The Chairperson informed the Board about the significant achievements in placements for the Academic Year 2023-24 at IBS, including the highest placement package of 36.75 LPA. The average CTC (in lakhs per annum) has also shown a positive increase this year. Highlighting global opportunities, an ILS student secured a placement in a US-based company. Additionally, students from ITS and IEd.S have received pre-placement offers and are currently interning with these companies, demonstrating the effectiveness of the University's career development initiatives.

Furthermore, the Board suggested that the University compile a comprehensive document listing student names, ID numbers, programs, company names, and offered CTCs. This data will be included as an additional annexure in future reports. The Placement Manager is required to submit company offer letters to IQAC for record-keeping and accreditation purposes.

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

Mr. Srikanth Pothuri briefed the Board on the various marketing activities undertaken to enhance admissions. He reported that the projected admission target for all programs of the University for the Academic Session 2024-25 is 900 students. Additionally, he highlighted a notable 35% growth in admissions at IUD till now.

Mr. Pothuri also acknowledged the active involvement of faculty members in career counselling initiatives for 10<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> standard students. They have been visiting schools, coaching centers, and educational fairs in collaboration with the marketing team, contributing significantly to these efforts.

#### **76.10 IUD Research Promotion Policy 2024**

The Board appreciated the Research and Development Cell for formulating the Research Promotion Policy. The policy was subsequently approved by the Board. The Board directed the Research Coordinator to circulate the policy among the faculty members of the University for its successful implementation.

#### **76.11 University Ranking by External Agencies**

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

The Board suggested that the University conduct an internal comparison to identify and benchmark its academic performance against other equivalent universities in Dehradun.

#### **76.12 Compliance Report**

The Board received and noted the Compliance Report for the period ending June 14, 2024.

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

- a) The Board advised the University to introduce a new program, Bachelor of Science (B.Sc.) in Clinical Psychology, in the upcoming academic year 2025-26, pending prior approval from the Rehabilitation Council of India (RCI).
- b) The Chairperson informed the Board that the University will organize a Hackathon in August 2024 on the University campus, in collaboration with the ICFAI Foundation for Higher Education (IFHE) and Ramky Group. The Board extended its best wishes for the upcoming event.

#### **76.14 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