

Minutes of the 77th Meeting of the Board of Management of The ICFAI University, Dehradun held on August 12, 2024 at 11:00 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. (Dr.) P. Venkateswarlu	Member (through video conferencing)
Prof. (Dr.) Tapan Kumar Chandola	Member
Dr. Meena Bhandari	Member
Dr. Ramesh Chand Ramola (Registrar)	Member Secretary

Invitees:

Prof. (Dr.) Santanu Roy (Director, IBS)	
Prof. (Dr.) Arun Kumar Singh (Director, IQAC)	
Prof. (Dr.) Alka N. Chaudhary (Principal, ISPS)	
Dr. Sanjeev Kumar (Associate Dean, ITS)	
Dr. Raghvendra Kumar Sharma (Associate Dean, IBS)	
Dr. Puneet Kumar Gupta (Research Coordinator, IUD)	
Mr. G. F. Chakravarthi (CoE)	
Mr. Amit Kumar Bera, (Deputy Director, IQAC)	
Mrs. Y. Ratna Bhanu, The ICFAI Society	(Through video conferencing)
Mr. Srikanth Pothuri (Vice Precedent, Marketing)	(Through video conferencing)

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

77.01 Grant of leave of absence, if any

Prof. T S Ramakrishna Rao and the Principal Secretary of Higher Education, Govt. of Uttarakhand could not attend the meeting and were granted leave of absence.

77.02 Confirmation of the Minutes of the 76th Meeting of the Board of Management

The minutes of the 76th meeting of the Board of Management of The ICFAI University, Dehradun, held on June 27, 2024, were confirmed and approved by the Board.

77.03 Follow up Action on the Minutes of the 76th Meeting of the Board of Management

The follow-up actions taken on the minutes of the 76th Board of Management were presented and noted. The Board expressed sincere appreciation to the University for the successful implementation of various quality initiatives.

77.04 Minutes of the 57th Meeting of the Academic Council

The minutes of the 57th meeting of the Academic Council of The ICFAI University, Dehradun, held on August 02, 2024, were noted.

77.05 Review of Operations

i) Webinars /Guest Lecture/ Workshop Conducted

The Board reviewed and noted the webinars, guest lectures, and workshops conducted by the different 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, patents/Design/ Copyright, and books.

iii) Faculty Achievements/Recognition

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

iv) Student Achievements

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

v) Student Activities

The student activities were presented and noted.

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

i) Approval of the list of students eligible for graduation during 2023-24 and award of Degrees along with the awardees of the Medals.

The Board considered the list of Graduating Students along with the recipients of the Medals approved by the Academic Council and resolved to recommend to the Board of Governors for its approval.

ii) Approval of the list of students eligible for awarding of Ph.D. degree in Convocation 2024.

The Board considered six Ph.D. students eligible for award of degrees in Convocation 2024.

77.07 Analysis of Result

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

77.08 Approval of Full Semester Internship Programs – ICFAI Tech School

The Board discussed 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 Board encouraged the proposal, recognizing the potential for enhancing students' practical experience and industry readiness. Students will have the option to choose between a full-semester industry internship or a set of subjects with projects, as outlined in the existing program structure.

Additionally, 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.

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

The format of Ph.D. Provisional Degree Certificate was presented to the Board for approval and the Board considered the format of the Ph.D. Provisional Degree Certificate and resolved to submit to the Board of Governors for its approval.

77.10 Faculty Profile

The Board noted the presented school-wise faculty profiles. The University is actively engaged in ongoing efforts to enhance the faculty cadre ratio, demonstrating a commitment to academic excellence. The Board expressed its satisfaction.

77.11 Status of Ph.D. Students

The Research Coordinator informed the Board about the status of research activities undertaken by the University. He informed in detail the publications by the Faculty and Research Scholars, number of Ph.D. Scholars (Full time/ Part Time) and the status of Ph.D. admission for the academic year 2024-25. The Board suggested checking the duration of Ph.D. scholars who have been registered for six years or more and taking necessary actions as required.

77.12 Status of Placements (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. The Board members congratulated the chairperson and the team for these achievements.

77.13 Program Promotional Activities 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 upcoming admission session in 2024.

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

The Annual Accounts for the year 2023-24 together with the Audit Report were reviewed and recommended for submission to the Board of Governors for its approval.

Annual Report on the activities of the University for the year 2023-24 was reviewed and recommended for submission to the Board of Governors for its approval.

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

A 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 reviewed and recommended for submission to the Board of Governors for its approval.

77.16 University Rankings by External Agencies

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

77.17 Activity Update of IQAC

The Council was informed 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.

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

The Research Coordinator, IUD presented the minutes of 49th Research Committee Meeting which was approved by the Board.

77.19 Minutes of Board of Studies (BoS) of ICFAI Law School

The agenda and minutes of the Board of Studies (BoS) meeting were presented and noted by the Board members.

77.20 Research Activities

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77.21 Compliance Report

The Board received and noted the Compliance Report for the period ending July 31, 2024.

77.22 Any other item with the Permission of the Chair

- i) The Chairperson informed the Board that ICFAI Tech School at The ICFAI University, Dehradun, conducted a national-level Hackathon competition named "Greenovation Hackathon (Grand Sustainability Hackathon Challenge)" for academia and industry professionals on August 8-9, 2024, at the University campus. The Board appreciated this initiative.
- ii) The Board noted that The ICFAI University, Dehradun, has been selected as a Participating Institution under the Unnat Bharat Abhiyan, a flagship program of the Ministry of Education (MoE), Government of India. As part of this initiative, the University has received seed funding of INR 50,000 (1st installment) from the Ministry of Education (GOI). The Board appreciated the same.
- iii) The Chairperson informed the Board that The ICFAI School of Pharmaceutical Sciences (ISPS) has received approval for 100 seats in the B.Pharm program from the Pharmacy Council of India (PCI) for the admission session 2024 -25.

77.23 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