



Minutes of the 60th Meeting of the Academic Council

Minutes of the 60th Meeting of the Academic Council of the ICFAI University, Dehradun held on 12th August, 2025 at 10:00 hrs. at Dehradun through blended mode

Present:

Prof. (Dr.) Ram Karan Singh, Vice Chancellor, IUD	Chairman
Prof. (Dr.) Priti Saxena, Vice Chancellor, HPNLU, Shimla	Member
Prof. (Dr.) Prahlad Singh, Director, Shivalik College of Engineering	Member
Prof. (Dr.) Savita Rawat, D.A.V. (PG) College, Dehradun	Member
Dr. Sanjeev Kumar, Associate Dean, ICFAI Tech School	Member
Dr. Meena Bhandari, Dean/In-charge, ICFAI Education School	Member
Dr. Rishi Dwesar, Dean, ICFAI Business School	Member
Prof. (Dr.) R.C. Ramola, Registrar, IUD	Member- Secretary

Invitees:

Dr. Monica Kharola	Associate Dean, ICFAI Law School
Prof. (Dr.) Alka N. Choudhary	Principal, ISPS
Prof. (Dr.) Arun Kumar Singh	Director, IQAC
Dr. Puneet Kumar Gupta	Associate Dean, Research
Mr. G. F. Chakravarthi	CoE, IUD
Mr. Amit Kumar Bera	Dy. Director, IQAC

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

60.01 Grant of Leave of absence

Prof. (Dr.) Ajay Kumar Saini could not attend the meeting and was granted leave of absence.

The Chairman presided over the meeting and extended a warm welcome to all the members. The following agenda items were presented for consideration and approval.

60.02 Confirmation of Minutes of the 59th Meeting of the Academic Council

Minutes of the 59th Academic Council Meeting held on 21st February, 2025 were approved.

60.03 Follow up Action of the 59th Meeting of the Academic Council

The Chairman apprised the members that the 59th Meeting of the Academic Council was held on 21st February 2025. Upon review of the minutes of the said meeting, it was noted that there were no specific action points requiring follow-up.

60.04 Summary of the Graduating Student (2024-25)

The Chairman discussed the summary of the graduating students for the academic year 2024-25, informing the council that 533 out of 621 students are eligible to receive their degrees in the upcoming convocation. Additionally, five Ph.D. doctoral students are also eligible for degree conferral. The Chairman highlighted that the overall pass percentage is

85.83%, with 6.94% of students achieving First Division with Distinction, 47.28% attaining First Division, and 45.78% securing Second Division. It was further noted that the list of students who clear their backlog before Convocation 2025 will be included in the final list.

60.05 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 533 graduating students and five doctoral students for degree conferral in the upcoming convocation. Additionally, the council approved the list of 38 recipients from various programs who are eligible to receive Gold (13 Nos.), Silver (12 Nos.), and Bronze medals (13 Nos.) during the 12th Convocation 2025.

60.06 Analysis of Result

The Council was apprised of the analysis of the results for the Odd and Even Semesters of the Academic Year 2024-25. After reviewing the report, the members suggested undertaking a comparative analysis of the results of both semesters to facilitate a clearer understanding of performance trends and to identify areas for improvement.

60.07 Approval of Board of Studies (BoS) of ICFAI Law School

The Council considered the agenda and minutes of the BoS meeting of the ICFAI Law School. In line with the suggestions of the previous Academic Council meeting, it was resolved that the LL.M. (One-Year) program shall have a minimum of 24 credits, and the program structures of all LL.M. specializations were revised accordingly. For the BA-LLB (Hons.), BBA-LLB (Hons.), LLB, and LL.M. programs, the POs, COs, and PSOs, along with the total credits, were explained in detail, and the respective program structures were revised. After consideration, the Council approved the revised program structures for all these programs.

60.08 Approval of Board of Studies (BoS) of ICFAI Tech School

The Council was informed that the ICFAI Tech School conducted its BoS meeting on 10th June 2025, to review and revise the program structures and syllabi of B.Sc. (Data Science), BCA, and B.Sc. (Hons.) Mathematics for the Academic Year 2025-26 in line with NEP 2020 guidelines. The revisions include multiple entry and exit options, provision for specializations through electives, and a four-year undergraduate program with Honors or Honors with Research in all three programs. The BoS approved the revised structures and syllabi, and the Council, after deliberation, accorded its approval for implementation from the Academic Session 2025-26.

60.09 Approval of Board of Studies (BoS) of ICFAI Business School

The Council considered the agenda and minutes of the 9th BoS meeting of ICFAI Business School was held on 1st May 2025, to review and approve various academic matters related to UG and PG programs, in line with NEP 2020 provisions, stakeholder feedback, and industry requirements. Key recommendations included: review and approval of NEP 2020 provisions in UG programs (BBA, BBA-FIA, B.Com (H), and Honours with Research); changes in the evaluation, grading scheme, and minimum pass marks for MBA (effective for the Class of 2027 onwards); introduction of SLP-1, SLP-2, and SLP-3 (without credits); introduction of new analytics domain courses for MBA (Marketing Analytics, Financial Analytics, and HR Analytics); approval of changes in course handout structure and content updates; and a policy on minimum grade point criteria for choosing specialization in Finance and Analytics domains in Semester III &

IV. After consideration, the Council approved all recommendations for implementation from the Academic Session 2026-27.

60.10 Revisions in the Evaluation Scheme of MBA Program at IBS, IUD

The Council considered the proposed revisions to the MBA Program evaluation scheme at IBS, aimed at aligning assessment practices with other IBS campuses and enhancing student engagement. It was informed that, as per the decision taken in a meeting chaired by the Hon'ble Vice Chancellor on July 1, 2025, the existing 2-hour written mid-term examination would be replaced with a 30-minute MCQ test, and its weightage would be reduced from 20 to 15 marks, ensuring uniformity across campuses and avoiding the loss of an academic week. Additionally, 10 marks for Class Participation were introduced to encourage students to prepare assigned cases in advance and actively participate in discussions, in line with the case pedagogy method. After deliberation, the Council approved the proposed changes.

60.11 Approval of Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) for Award of Medals

The Council considered the Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) for the award of medals, which was presented for approval. After reviewing the document in detail, the members approved it for implementation and recommended that the SOP be incorporated into the Student Handbook from the academic year 2026 onwards.

60.12 Approval of Standard Operating Procedures (SoPs) for IUD Examination Manual and Approval of Additional Examination and Evaluation-Related Initiatives

The Council was informed that the 14th meeting of the Board of Examination (BoE) held on 2nd April 2025 reviewed and recommended eight SoPs for inclusion in the IUD Examination Manual, namely: Examination Grievance Redressal Policy, Grade Moderation, Evaluation Components, Grant of Writer/Amanuensis, Examination Office Security Protocol and Procedure, Question Bank, Credit Transfer (MOOC/SWAYAM/NPTEL/Online Courses), and NAD -DigiLocker - ABC ID/APAAR ID. The BoE also recommended preparation of the IUD Student Handbook 2025, adoption of the UGC's revised grading policy for the MBA program, continuation of the University's existing grading policy for all other programs, and implementation of the PCI grading policy for the B. Pharm program along with its Examination and Evaluation Guidelines, covering credit requirements, examination schemes, promotion and grading criteria, academic progression, and mark sheet format. After deliberation, the Council approved all the recommendations for implementation from the Academic Session 2025-26.

60.13 Quality Performance Appraisal

The Council was informed that various schools of the University, in collaboration with the Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC), successfully organized and coordinated several quality enhancement activities. It was also noted that the University has been a member of the National Service Scheme (NSS) since 19th October 2023 and has been actively participating in various social and community initiatives. The Council congratulated the Hon'ble Vice Chancellor and his team for these commendable achievements over the past six months.

60.14 Minutes of 52nd Meeting of the Research and Development Cell

The Associate Dean, Research presented the minutes of 52nd Research Committee Meeting which was noted and approved by the Council members.

60.15 Research Activities

The Associate Dean, Research informed the Council that, based on the final recommendations of the panel of Ph.D. examiners, the successful completion of Ph.D. Viva-Voce defenses, and subsequent approval in the 52nd Research Committee meeting held on 07.08.2025, Ph.D. degrees will be awarded to five research scholars in the 12th Convocation of the University. A summary of research publications was also presented, covering research articles, book chapters, conference proceedings, patents/designs/copyrights, and books contributed by students, research scholars, and faculty members. It was further reported that 23 research papers were presented by faculty members and research scholars during the last six months. The Council noted the steady growth in research output, appreciated the contributions, and extended its best wishes for continued academic and research excellence.

60.16 University Ranking by External Agencies

The Director, IQAC, apprised 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.

60.17 Achievements/Recognition of the Faculty

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

60.18 Signing of MoU by The ICFAI University, Dehradun

The Council was informed that The ICFAI University, Dehradun, signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Mandi on 9th May 2025 at the IIT Mandi campus. The Council noted the signing of the MoU as a significant step in enhancing the University's academic and research profile.

60.19 Key Highlights of the ICFAI University, Dehradun

The Director, IQAC briefed the Council on key initiatives of the University for the academic year 2024-25, including submission of major rankings and reports, organization of a Passport Mobile Van Camp, environmental and social awareness programs under Unnat Bharat Abhiyan, legal aid and menstrual hygiene awareness drives, celebrations of International Yoga Day and International Women's Day, as well as seminars on drug abuse prevention and anti-ragging. The Council noted the impactful nature of these activities.

60.20 Any other item with the Permission of the Chair

It was noted that the proposed initiatives, namely mental health activities for students, remedial classes for slow learners, and the requirement of 75% mandatory attendance for appearing in examinations, are already incorporated within the University system in line with the guidelines prescribed by UGC/BCI/NCTE/PCI.

60.21 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