



Minutes of the 61st Meeting of the Academic Council

Minutes of the 61st Meeting of the Academic Council of the ICFAI University, Dehradun held on November 11, 2025 at 11:30 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.) Ajay Kumar Saini, Professor, Graphic Era Hill University	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
Prof. (Dr.) Ramesh Chand 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
Dr. Rahul Berry	Academic Coordinator, IBS
Dr. Amit Kumar Bera	Dy. Director, IQAC
Mr. Aatm Prakash Rai	Dy. CoE, IUD

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

61.01 Grant of Leave of absence

The Council noted that Prof. (Dr.) Prahlad Singh and Dr. Rishi Dwesar were unable to attend the meeting. The Council considered their requests and granted leave of absence to them.

61.02 Confirmation of Minutes of the 60th Meeting of the Academic Council

Minutes of the 60th Academic Council Meeting held on 12th August, 2025 were approved.

61.03 Follow up Action of the 60th Meeting of the Academic Council

The follow-up action taken on the minutes of the 60th Meeting of the Academic Council was presented and noted.

61.04 Approval for Keeping Programs in Abeyance with Low Admissions

The Council approved the proposal to keep any UG or PG program with fewer than ten (10) admissions in an academic year in abeyance, effective from the Academic Year 2026 onwards.

61.05 Minutes of 53rd Meeting of the Research and Development Cell

The minutes of the 53rd meeting of the Research Committee of the ICFAI University, Dehradun were presented and noted.

61.06 Research Activities

The Associate Dean (Research) briefed the Council on the key activities of the Ph.D. program, highlighting the school-wise distribution of 106 scholars ITS (24), IBS (33), ILS (46), and IEd.S (03). A detailed overview of research publications, including articles, book chapters, conference papers, patents/designs/copyrights, and books authored by students, research scholars, and faculty members, was also presented. The University has achieved a significant milestone of 150 Scopus-indexed publications, with 84% aligned with at least one Sustainable Development Goal (SDG), underscoring its commitment to impactful and socially relevant research. The Council commended the progress and extended its appreciation and best wishes for continued excellence in research and innovation.

61.07 University Ranking by External Agencies

The Chairman apprised the Council of the rankings awarded to the University by various external agencies. The Council noted with appreciation the commendable rankings achieved by ICFAI Business School and ICFAI Tech School at both national and state levels and congratulated the faculty and staff for their consistent efforts toward academic excellence and institutional recognition.

61.08 Achievements/Recognition of the Faculty

The Council was informed about the achievements/ Recognition of the faculties. The members reviewed and noted the same. Also, the Council noted with appreciation that The ICFAI University, Dehradun, received the “Academic Excellence in Teaching, Learning & Pedagogy” award in the IIRF 2025 Survey held at Le Meridien, New Delhi, on October 31, 2025.

61.09 Signing of MoU’s by The ICFAI University, Dehradun

The Council was apprised that The ICFAI University, Dehradun signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with DADB India Private Limited on August 14, 2025, for a period of five years. The collaboration aims to promote mutual cooperation in areas such as academic exchange, research, training, and other allied fields, thereby strengthening the University’s commitment to industry-academia partnerships. The Council noted and appreciated this initiative.

61.10 Key Highlights of the ICFAI University, Dehradun

The Chairman briefed the Council on the key initiatives undertaken by the University over the past three months, which included the “Run for Unity” on October 31, 2025, commemorating the 150th Birth Anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel; an Anti-Drug Rally titled “Drug Destroy Dreams - Stay Clean, Stay Strong” on October 3, 2025; a Health Awareness Camp on September 24, 2025; an Educational Tour to the Uttarakhand Legislative Assembly from September 23–24, 2025; the celebration of Teacher’s Day; the 12th Convocation 2025 held on September 3, 2025; a Blood Donation Camp on August 20, 2025; and a Faculty Development Program (FDP) on August 13, 2025. The Council noted and appreciated the impactful and diverse nature of these initiatives.

61.11 Any other item with the Permission of the Chair

(a) The Council was apprised of the proposal submitted by the ICFAI School of Pharmaceutical Sciences regarding the Examination Process and Committee Structure in compliance with the Pharmacy Council of India (PCI) Regulations, 2024. The proposal outlined the guidelines for paper setting with internal and external examiners, remuneration for theory and practical examinations, and the constitution and functioning of the Examination Committee. After due deliberation, the Council approved the proposal

for implementation from the forthcoming academic session.

(b) The Council members suggested that the Research Department should organize Seed Money Group Presentations to review and showcase ongoing projects. They also recommended the introduction of new seed money projects in the upcoming semester to promote innovation, interdisciplinary collaboration, and research culture among faculty and scholars.

61.12 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