

Item 83.05
Minutes of the 62nd Meeting of the Academic Council

Minutes of the 62st Meeting of the Academic Council of the ICFAI University, Dehradun held on March 10, 2026 at 11:00 hrs. at Dehradun through blended mode

Present:

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| 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 |
| Dr. Rishi Dwesar, Dean, ICFAI Business School | 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:

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| Prof. (Dr.) Arun Kumar Singh | Dean/In-charge, ICFAI Law School |
| Prof. (Dr.) Alka N. Choudhary | Principal, ISPS |
| Dr. Gaurav Bhandari | Director, IQAC |
| Dr. Puneet Kumar Gupta | Associate Dean, Research |
| Mr. G. F. Chakravarthi | CoE, IUD |
| Dr. 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:

62.01 Grant of Leave of absence

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

62.02 Confirmation of Minutes of the 61st Meeting of the Academic Council

Minutes of the 61st meeting of the Academic Council held on 11th November, 2025 were confirmed.

62.03 Follow up Action of the 61st Meeting of the Academic Council

The follow-up action taken on the minutes of the 61st Meeting of the Academic Council were presented and noted.

62.04 Approval of SLP Course Grading Policy for Implementation in MBA Program (Class of 2027)

The proposal for the implementation of the Syndicated Learning Program (SLP) Course Grading Policy for the MBA Program (Class of 2027). The Council was informed that the SLP, introduced as a non-credit course to enhance industry readiness and placement preparedness, would have a structured non-letter grading system (**Satisfactory, S/ Not Satisfactory, NS**) reflected in the grade sheets, without impacting SGPA/CGPA. After due consideration, the Council reviewed and approved the proposed SLP Course Grading Policy for implementation from the MBA batch of 2027.

62.05 Research Activities

The Associate Dean, Research presented a comprehensive overview of the Ph.D. program, highlighting the school wise distribution of 110 research scholars across ICFAI Tech School (26), ICFAI Business School (33), ICFAI Law School (47), and ICFAI Education School (04). The Council was also apprised of the research output, including publications in journals, book chapters, conference papers, as well as patents, designs, copyrights, and books authored by students, research scholars, and faculty members. Further, a summary of the research activities conducted during the period November 01, 2025 to February 28, 2026 was presented. The Council reviewed the progress, commended the efforts, and conveyed its appreciation for continued excellence in research and innovation.

62.06 University Ranking by External Agencies

The Council was informed that the ICFAI Business School, The ICFAI University, Dehradun, has been ranked 102nd among India's Best B-Schools in the Fortune India B-School Rankings 2025. The ranking reflects strong performance indicators, including an Admission Attractiveness score of 78.1% and an Age & Brand Appeal score of 84.2%. The Council noted the achievement with appreciation and acknowledged the institution's growing reputation and visibility in management education at the national level.

62.07 Achievements/Recognition of the Faculty

The Council was apprised of the various achievements and recognitions received by faculty members across different Schools of the University. These included academic accomplishments, research contributions and professional recognitions at national and international levels. The Council noted the same with appreciation, acknowledging the faculty's continued commitment to academic excellence and institutional development.

62.08 MoU's signed by The ICFAI University, Dehradun

The Council was informed about the various Memoranda of Understanding (MoUs) signed by the University with reputed organizations and professionals to strengthen academic collaboration, research, and industry engagement. These include MoUs with Ms. Shalinee Fernandez (January 22, 2026) for academic cooperation and expert interaction; Indian Institute of Technology, Roorkee (January 16, 2025) for academic and research collaboration; MongoDB Software India Private Limited (December 05, 2025) to enhance learning in MongoDB and NoSQL technologies through access to "MongoDB for Academia" resources; the Information and Library Network Centre, Gandhinagar (Shodh Chakra) (December 03, 2025) for strengthening digital resources and research support; and the National Institute of Securities Markets (August 04, 2025) for promoting training and research in financial markets.

62.09 Key Highlights of the ICFAI University, Dehradun

The Council was apprised of the key academic, co-curricular, and outreach activities organized by various schools of the University during the period under review. These included workshops, competitions, educational visits, awareness programs, and community engagement initiatives, reflecting active student participation and experiential learning. The Council also noted the upcoming events, including a national level hackathon and an international conference, aimed at fostering innovation, research collaboration, and academic excellence. The members appreciated the efforts and achievements of the University and acknowledged its continued commitment towards holistic development and societal engagement.

62.10 Any other item with the Permission of the Chair

Nil

62.11 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