#### **Minutes**

of

### 11th Academic Council Meeting

Date: 14th January, 2019

Time: 11.00 am



**Venue: Doon University, Dehradun** 

VCSG Uttarakhand University of Horticulture & Forestry
Bharsar, 246 123 Pauri Garhwal

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The 11th meeting of Academic Council, VCSG UUHF, Bharsar was held on 14th January, 2020 at Doon University because of heavy snow fall at College of Forestry, the venue decided for the meeting earlier. The meeting started under the chairmanship of Hon'ble Vice Chancellor and after the permission of the chair, the proceeding of the meeting was started with following members present.

1.	Prof. Ajeet Kumar Karnatak, Vice Chancellor	Chairperson
2.	Prof. V.Kaul, Jammu	External Member
3.	Prof. V.P. Khanduri, Dean, COF Ranichauri	Member
4.	Dr R.Kaushal, Additional Director Research	Member
5.	Dr. C.Tiwari, Joint Director, Extension	Member
6.	Dr. Gargi Goshwami, Asst. Professor	Member
7.	Mr. Sumeet Chaudhary, OIC, COHA Chirbatiya	Member
8.	Miss NeeluVerma, FO	Member
9.	Er. Tejas Bhosale, A.R. COH Bharsar	Non member invitee
10.	Prof. B.P. Nautiyal, Dean, COH / Registrar	Member secretary

#### Item No. UUHF/11/01: Approval/Review of Minutes of 10th Academic Council meeting held on 25rd June, 2019.

The Council approved the minutes with following suggestions:

In place of "sponsored candidates in UG" (Item No: UUHF/10/16) it was resolved to include "Government/Government undertaking Agency Sponsored candidates who are eligible for the admission as per university regulation". The council unanimously decided 2 seats in each discipline i.e. Forestry, Horticulture and Agriculture under this category.



Item No. UUHF/11/02: Performa for Academic Performance Indicators (API) For Carrier Advancement Scheme (CAS) Promotions for University Teachers, Scientists & Equivalents for approval. (Annexure II).

API Score sheet is prepared as per UGC Regulations, 2009 and 2012 as CAS implementation is outstanding in the university since its establishment. The faculty /Scientists/Equivalents who already has CAS due before UGC Regulation, July, 2018 came into existence will submit the Performa to Internal Quality Assessment Cell (IQAC) of the university. After Regulation of July, 2018, API for CAS shall also be as per the Performa for direct recruitment (Annexure IIIa).

"The Council discussed the Performa in details and has suggested revision to make it more inclusive keeping in view to provide equal opportunity to research and extension scientists of the university. For this, a committee consisting of Deans of COH and COF, ADR, JD, Extension and Director Academic will revise the API Performa (Annexure II and IIIa) and that will be placed before the BOM for final approval".

Recruitments for (Annexure IIIa-b).

Performa for Academic Performance Indicators (API) for direct Equivalents for Annexure IIIa-b.

The Council after discussion suggested that the committee constituted for Item No. UUHF/11/ shall also revise the Performa which shall be placed before BoM for approval. The score sheet (III b) for the screening of application for Assistant Professor was approved with a modification as the award score for graduation and post graduation shall be on pro rata basis. The Score card for interview of Assistant Professor was also approved.

Item No. UUHF/11/04: Determination of Essential and desirable qualification for the recruitment of Teachers in the university for approval.

After detail discussion, the council unanimously agreed to keep the Minimum Qualification and eligibility criteria as per UGC Regulations, July, 2018 on minimum qualifications for appointment of teachers and measures for the maintenance of standards in the university with a slight modification, i.e. provision of desirable qualification, i.e. Specialization in concerned subject, in addition to the essential qualification given in UGC Regulations, July, 2018.



Item No. UUHF/11/05: Proposal for constitution of "Screening Committee" for the scrutiny of applications as per UGC 2018 Regulations and "Criteria for Screening of Application" for direct recruitment of the teachers for approval.

The Council unanimously agreed to constitute a 5 member Screening Committee for the screening of applications which shall be constituted by Vice Chancellor comprising of Dean / Director of the College / Institute, at least one external subject expert, senior professor (s) of the university, and Associate Professor (for Assistant professors only) as per Para 8(a)(vii) of university statutes 2014. The committee will be responsible for verifying eligibility of the candidates as per the essential/ desirable qualification as approved by Academic Council of the university and as per UGC regulations, 2018 and API for Associate Professor and Professor.

For Assistant Professor, if the number of application /eligible candidates per post is more, the screening committee shall screen the application on the basis of point scored by the candidate. Top ranked candidates on the basis of <u>1/20</u> shall be called for interview. For every additional post (same rank and subject/department only), plus 5 candidates will also be called for interview.

### <u>Item No. UUHF/11/06</u>: Proposal for Criteria for receiving minimum number of applications for interview.

In view of unavailability of rules in UGC Regulations, July, 2018 as well as in the Statutes, 2014 of the University, the council unanimously decided not to keep any bar and the option shall be open regarding the minimum number of application required for conducting interview.

#### Item No. UUHF/11/07: Approval of New Roster for the recruitment of faculty position.

The Council apprised by the committee constituted for the purpose that the roster is ready, however, provision of EWS for the posts of Associate Professor and Professor is not clear and the matter was placed in the council for discussion. After detailed discussion the council decided that the EWS should be included for the posts of Associate Professors and Professors. Consequently, the roster needs revision and the committee constituted for the purpose shall finalize it which shall be placed before BoM for approval.

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## Item No. UUHF/11/08: Proposal for the advertisement of sanctioned faculty positions for recruitment and approval.

The council was informed that the faculty positions were advertized in the past and recruitment in few positions has already been made by the university. In view of 10% reservation for Economically Weaker Section (EWS) of the society, advertisement published for the recruitment of the faculty was cancelled as per the approval of 8<sup>th</sup> BOM (2019:08:04). The university will start recruitment process soon with the advertisement of faculty positions as per the UGC regulations, 2018 and after making necessary provisions in academic regulations of the university as per Agenda items UUHF/11/03 – 07. The Council agreed with the proposal and forwarded it to BOM for approval.

# Item No. UUHF/11/09: Proposal for the advertisement for Recruitments of sanctioned scientist / equivalent posts / Supporting Staff of AICRP / KVK positions and qualifications for approval.

Likewise of faculty positions, Scientists / Equivalent posts of AICRP and KVK were also advertized in the past and recruitment in few positions as per the qualifications requirement given as (Table 1) is already made by the university. In view of 10% reservation for economically backward classes of the society, advertisement published for the recruitment of the Scientists was cancelled as per the approval of 8th BOM (2019:08:04). After completing the Roster and formal approval regarding the posts (subject/ specialization etc), the university will start recruitment process soon with the advertisement of vacant positions. The Council approved the proposal and forwarded it to BOM.

## Item No. UUHF/11/10: Proposal of Weightage for Contractual teachers working in the university for Direct Recruitment.

In the university, Assistant Professor(s) on contractual basis are working against sanctioned teaching post since the establishment of the university and the proposal was placed before 8<sup>th</sup> BOM (Agenda 2019:08:12). The 8<sup>th</sup> BOM asked for more clarification including similar Govt GO etc before approval. It is therefore proposed that these personnel should be given weightage. The weightage for AP (contractual) will be given @ of 2% per year (maximum 5 years i.e. 10%) of total marks scored by the candidate in interview if he/she has minimum eligible qualification as per UGC regulations and qualify for interview. This proposal is similar to the Notification No 703/HE/2003-

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3(14) 2001 dated August 25, 2003 and Amendment of 16<sup>th</sup> November, 2011 (S.No.3, Rule 9; Part 4) of Uttaranchal Higher Education (Group A) Service Rules, 2003.

Since the proposal was already approved by Hon'ble BOM in the 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting of board held on 14 September, 2016 through 2016:03:05 as well, the Council unanimously resolved to recommend the proposal in view of Uttaranchal Higher Education (Group A) Service Rules, 2003 to the BoM for final decision.

## Item No. UUHF/11/11: Proposal for MOU with Shri Krishna Ayush University, Kurkshetra, Haryana and Doon Business School, Selaqui,

MOU with other universities /institutes is one of the criteria, for accreditation from ICAR as well as for better coordination and facilities for R&D work. University has received request for MOU from Shri Krishna Ayush University, Kurkshetra, Haryana (Annexure V) and Doon Business School, Selaqui, Dehradun for research project they submitted for financial assistance. The Council unanimously agreed the proposals regarding MOU. It is also suggested by the council that necessary provisions may further be made as per the need of the university /guidelines of the ICAR and mutual basis between both universities/ institutes.

Item No. UUHF/11/12: Proposal for the start of Ph.D. Programme in the university in the disciplines viz., Agroforestry, Silviculture, Tree Improvement, Medicinal & Aromatic Plants, Forest Products and Utilization and Fruit Science from the academic session 2020-21 for approval.

To encourage R&D in various disciplines of Horticulture and Forestry, Ph.D. programme is indispensable especially in view of availability of the permanent and eligible faculty in the university. The Ph.D. programme is these subjects are already approved by the 6<sup>th</sup> BOM (Item No 2018:06:12) and 7<sup>th</sup> BOM (Item No 2018:07:25) of the university. At initial stage, the intake capacity of two seats for bonafide candidates of Uttarakhand state and one seat for other state candidates in each discipline. The Minimum qualification will be Grade point 6.5 or equivalent in concerned subjects in Master programme with relaxation to SC and ST candidates as per prevailing reservation rules of Uttarakhand state. The courses to be offered to PhD programmes shall be as per BSMA of ICAR/ICFRE. The admission shall be done on University Entrance Test basis.

The Council, after detail deliberation approved the proposal for the start of Ph.D. Programme in designated subjects. The reorganization of eligible faculty members who have not yet registered Ph.D. students for Ph.D. supervision shall be completed before the commencement of Course Work.

## Item No. UUHF/11/13: Transfer of Land to Gaja Nagar Panchyat by Govt of Uttarakhand of Research Centre, Gaja (Annexure VII) for discussion and action thereof.

Government of Uttarakhand through its GO NO 1036/XVIII(II)/2009-10(25)/2019 Rajaswa Anubhag-2, Dehradun dated 9<sup>th</sup> September 2019 transfer the land (Khasra No 1452, Rakva 1.685 ha Madhya Rakva-0.100 ha (5 Nali) Category -9(3) of Gaza Research Farm of the university has transfer the land to Nagar Panchayat, Gaza for office/residential construction work. This was done without taking approval /consent of the university. In the farm, at present AICRP projects activities are being conducted by university and therefore are one of the important Farms for R&D work. The council was also informed regarding the non receipt of registration documents of the land from GBP UA&T, Pantnagar. The Council directs the university to take the matter in BOM to ensure suitable measures.

Item No. UUHF/11/14: Proposal regarding Affiliation of Agriculture and allied subject (Forestry, Horticulture, Eco Tourism, Agriculture) by university to various private institutions and colleges (Annexure VIII).

A proposal regarding affiliation was received from Hon'ble CM office submitted by Mayadevi Educational Foundation, Dehradun citing The Uttarakhand Act No 06 of 2015 (Second Ammendment): Insertion of Section 2aa:3(1) From the date of the commencement of this act, college /institutes related to the subject mentioned under Section 6-A, shall be deemed to be affiliated to the VCSG Uttarkahnd Audyaniki evam Vaniki Vishwavidhaylaya and 3(2) The statutes for affiliation of the colleges institutes for university shall be such as may be prescribed subject to the provision of the Act. The University Statutes, 2014 (26: 1&2) however states: As per ICAR Regulations University shall not give affiliation to college/institutes. Therefore needs to be amended as: "University shall give affiliation to college/institutes as per The Uttarakhand Act No 06 of 2015 following the guidelines of ICAR".

The proposal after detail deliberation was approved and forwarded to BOM.

Item No. COH/11/15: Provision of Make up for Mid Term examination as approved by Vice Chancellor for ratification.

The 9<sup>th</sup> Academic Council (2018:9:9) modified Chapter IV –Type of Examination (5) of Academic Regulation as "Make Up Examination shall be allowed "only for the final examination" in a semester in the condition of the student being hospitalized, after producing medical certificate

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duly verified by the CMO, It should be organized for the students who are affected by natural calamities /demise of the nearest family member/appearing in competitive examination or repute for the final year students with the discretion of Dean of the respective college". According to this amendment, there is no provision of Make Up for Mid Term Examination. Recently university witnessed some serious and genuine cases of illness during Mid Term examination. Since as per the Fifth Dean Committee recommendation, Mid Term is carried out for 30 marks in place of 20 marks. It is necessary to have the provision of Make Up for Mid Term also. The Hon'ble Vice Chancellor took the cognizance of the matter and approved the provision of Make Up for Mid Term examination in the university. The amendment made therefore is ratified by the Council.

Item No. UUHF/11/16: Request of Shri Soban Singh Tariyal and Others for transfer of their services from GBP University of Agriculture & Technology, Pantnagar to VCSG UUHF, Bharsar as they were employees at Ranichauri at the time of the establishment of this university.

Hon'ble Chairman informed the council that in reference to letter NO 343/Camp/VIP/2019 dt 31.08.2019 of Hon'ble Agriculture Minister, Govt of Uttarakhand, a Committee of VCs of GBP UA&T, Pantnagar and VCSG UUHF, Bharsar. The Committee meeting held on 28/9/2019 and the recommendation regarding the issues arising out of division /establishment of concerned universities is already submitted to Govt. The Council therefore forwarded it to BOM.

Item No. UUHF/11/17: Request of Shri Vikram Singh Negi, Village Khand, Dharamandal, Rajakhet, Pratapnagar, Tehri Garhwal for transfer of 3.25 ha land on lease at Jakhinda for 30 years for the installation of 2000KW Solar Energy Plant for notice of the house and necessary direction.

The Council strongly opposed the proposal especially in view of Gaja and REC Selaqui land issues. However, forwarded it to BOM for final decision.

<u>Item No. UUHF/11/18:</u> Renewal of the services of Contractual Teachers (Assistant Professor) working in the university for next semester for ratification.

In view of adoption of UGC 2018 regulation and implementation of new reservation (10% for economically backward class) for the recruitment of faculty, the process is going on and to complete the recruitment process it will take another 6 months. The examination of the first semester of the academic session 2019-20 is already complete. To evaluate the answer sheets,

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declaration of results, preparation for new semester which is commencing from 20<sup>th</sup> January, 2020 as per the Academic Calendar of the University and for the smooth teaching-learning process including M.Sc. Thesis work, the services of these Contractual Assistant Professors is really required.

In view of this, and request of Deans of the Colleges, The Hon'ble Vice Chancellor has approved the renewal of services of these teachers for 6 months i.e. till 30<sup>th</sup> June, 2020 or till the appointment of permanent faculty. After detail deliberation on importance of the services of these teachers, the council unanimously ratified the proposal.

Item No. UUHF/11/19: Proposal for the appointment of SMS in Farm Machinery/
Agriculture Engineering in place of Animal Science/Veterinary for KVK Pauri, Bharsar
and Ranichauri, respectively as per the need of extension activities in Hill area for
promoting Farm mechanization to make hill agriculture less labour intensive
(Annexure XII).

In 7th BOM, through Minutes No 2018:07:05, the SMS (Animal Husbandry / Veterinary) was converted into subject Agriculture Extension for both KVKs. However, It is felt that Farm Mechanization is one big area of concern in hill agriculture and therefore, SMS (Farm Machinery/Agri Engineering) is proposed instead of Agriculture Extension in KVK, Pauri, Bharsar and Ranichauri.

The members of the Council too agreed that Farm Mechanization is ignored in hills, while veterinary facilities are comparatively better even at village level in the hills. After detail deliberation, the council agreed the proposal. Since Veterinary is one of the basic/ core specializations of KVK, it is suggested that permission regarding this shall be asked from ATARI/ ICAR and Joint Director, Extension is authorized to take necessary action in this matter.

## Item No. UUHF/11/20: Proposal for the appointment of Adjunct Professor in Pay minus – Pension.

The University has Centre of Excellence for Temperate Fruits, Kanatal and at present no scientists /subject experts is appointed as no posts are sanctioned. Likewise, at university Headquarters Bharsar and COHA etc, no senior horticulture /Agriculture faculty is recruited so far for orchards/farms development. It is therefore proposed to appoint Adjunct Professor as per need in Pay minus —Pension against the vacant post of Professor/Associate Professor as per the provision of University Statutes: Section 8 (ka) 20 on yearly bases for 2 years or till the appointment of permanent faculty whichever is earlier. The post will advertize and the committee

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constituted by Vice Chancellor will appoint the Adjunct Professor. The council after detail deliberation approved the proposal for further action.

Item No. UUHF/11/21: Uniformity of designation of teaching /research faculty of the university as: Assistant Professor/ Associate Professor/ Professor and Scientist/ Senior Scientist/ Principal Scientist for approval as these designations are applicable in ICAR system.

Under different AICRP / KVK different designation have been given to the scientists/ faculty viz., Junior Breeder/ JRO for Assistant Professor /Scientists and the faculty faces the problem when they go for seminars/workshops etc in different institutions including ICAR regarding their accommodation and remuneration purposes. To make uniformity in the designation, the proposal was approved by the council.

### Item No. UUHF/11/22: Proposal for separate fund for PG research as per the 10<sup>th</sup> AC meeting:

The proposal was approved in 10<sup>th</sup> AC meeting. However was not discussed in FC meeting. The fund for PG Research will be arranged as separate Fund as approved earlier for Student Maintenance fund from the Fess for approval.

The council discussed the proposal and it was agreed upon that fund related to students including Agenda UUHF/11/34 should be combined and a separate fund under Student Maintenance Fund shall be opened and the matter to be placed in FC and BOM for final approval..

Item No. UUHF/11/23: The Council after taking the note, approved the modification in Chapter 4; Regulations on Conduct of Examination; Page 62- Under Supplementary Examination Point (vi), the symbol for Supplementary Examination is 'S', which is changed to 'sp' as the S is already exist in back page of transcript for Satisfactory.

Item No. UUHF/11/24: If any student fails or repeats in any particular course(s) even after supplementary examination; he has to repeat that course whenever offered as regular course of particular semester. The Council after detail discussion approved the proposal with strict compliance of the decision

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Item No. UUHF/11/25: The date or month mentioned in front page of the thesis shall be the date of submission of rough thesis as approved by the council.

Item No. UUHF/11/26: Life Membership Fee of Rs 1.50 lacs to Confederation of Horticulture Association of India (CHAI), New Delhi by university for information and ratification.

It was noted by the house with ratification.

#### Item No. UUHF/11/27: Process of University Entrance Examination for academic session 2020-2021

The proposal was discussed in the council in detail and it was unanimously resolved to recommend that following dates to be finalized for University Entrance Test (UET) 2020-2021 and invitation of filling up of applications forms for UET shall be both online as well as off-line mode.

- i. Sale / Filling of application forms:
  - a. Without late fee: 28.04.2020 to 27.05.2020
  - b. With late fee: 28.05.2020 to 04.06.2020
- ii. Last date for receipt of application:
  - a. Without late fee: 03.06.2020
  - b. With late fee: : 09.06.2020
- iii. Date of Entrance test: 28th June, 2020
- iv. Date of result declaration: 10th July, 2020 (on or before 10th July, 2020)
- v. Date of Counseling: 23rd July, 2020 (UG) and 24th July, 2020 (PG)
- vi. Date of Registration: 04<sup>th</sup> August 2020
- vii. Starting of Classes: 05th August 2020

Item No. UUHF/11/28: Freshly admitted students are proposed to be given three days time for registration by BOS, COF Ranichauri considering adverse conditions during monsoon. After that provisional admission given at the time of counseling shall be stand cancelled and next candidate from the wait list shall be called.

The council after discussion approved the proposal.

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## Item No. UUHF/11/29: Proposal for Revision of tuition fee for UG and PG programmes and inclusion of one time placement cell fee.

As per provision in BOM sixth meeting item no. 2018.6.29, the revision of tuition fee with increment @10 % after every three years is to be done. Resultant to this, the council, resolved 10 % increment in the tuition fee from the academic session 2020-21. It is also resolved to add Rs 500.00/semester as Tour Fee. In order to broaden the employment opportunities to the students and for conducting on-campus interviews, it was decided to take Rs. 200/- as one time placement fee from every student.

## Item No. UUHF/11/30: Maintenance of minimum 75% attendance as one of the mandatory unconditional criteria for clearing the courses.

The council unanimously agreed that for appearing in semester final examination, 75% attendance must be maintained by the students as proposed. There will be no exemption permitted on any basis at any level. After detail deliberation, the council approved it and directed for strict compliance.

#### Item No. UUHF/11/31: Proposal for separate Examination hall and library facilities.

It was decided to discuss the proposal in FC meeting for the arrangement of financial provisions.

#### Item No. UUHF/11/32: Standardization of PG/Ph.D Thesis submission guidelines

After detail discussion, the council suggested that the **Director Academic** shall prepare detail guidelines regarding the matter for further approval.

# Item No. UUHF/11/33: Inclusion of Head/OIC of the departments/section in the budget preparation exercises and sharing of the budget details allocated to the University/College with departments/section.

The house was informed by FC that during budget preparation all concerned are requested to submit demand with justification. The Council therefore suggested for better coordination.

# Item No. UUHF/11/34: The charges collected from the students through semester fee under laboratory, sports, recreational, placement and examination head may be assigned to their respective departments.

After due discussion, the council agreed the separate fund as for <u>Item No.</u> <u>UUHF/11/22</u>.



#### Item No. UUHF/11/35: Revision of Dress Code:

The council after detail discussion unanimously approved Dress Code for different degree programmes as following from batches of 2020 onwards

- a. Forestry degree programme : Green color blazer, and grey color trouser and white shirt
- b. Horticulture degree programme:- Red color blazer, and grey color trouser and white shirt
- c. Agriculture degree programme:- Navy blue color blazer, and grey color trouser and whiteshirt

# Item No. UUHF/11/36: Proposal regarding administrative control of Research Institutes/Centers of the University under Directorate Research for smooth functioning of activities.

The house was informed that post of Directors /Dean of colleges and Institutes are already requested from the government. The research activities in various centres including research projects are already under the administrative control of Director Research in the university.

## <u>Item No. UUHF/11/37</u>: Revision of remuneration for Question Paper setting and Answer Book checking:

In view of insufficient existing remuneration rates for paper setting and evaluation as it is difficult to arrange evaluator. To attract best of the resources available in the academics; therefore it is needed to be revised. Revised rates are recommended as:

Paper setting per question paper set = @ Rs.1500; Answer copy evaluation- per answer copy = @ Rs.30 subject to minimum dispensation of Rs.1000 per evaluator for a subject.

The Council after detail discussion approved the proposal with a minor as answer copy evaluation shall be as per answer copy = @ Rs.40 subject to minimum dispensation of Rs.1500 per evaluator and also forwarded it to Finance Committee meeting.

## Item No. UUHF/11/38: Separate Budget allocation for offices of University, i.e. Vice-Chancellor, Registrar, Director Research / Director Academics and Director Extension.

For the efficient and effective running of the above said statutory offices, members observed that there should be separate fund allocation for these prime offices of the University. It is suggested to forward it to FC meeting for detail discussion and necessary action.

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## Item No. UUHF/11/39: Transfer of REC Selaqui of the university to Centre of Aromatic Plant, Selaqui.

A letter No 30/XIII/2020-10(12)/2018 dt 9th January, 2020 of The Hon'ble Secretary, Govt. of Uttarakhand received by the university regarding the transfer of REC, Selaqui was placed before the council. The Council was informed that the REC Selaqui is well established with sufficient infrastructures. Since it is the only Centre located at Subtropical Region of the university, students of all 3 colleges are mandatorily attached there during RAWE/ RHWE and for Experiential Learning Programmes especially on subtropical crops. Besides, students from other institutes are also allowed to join the centre for Experiential Learning programme. Further the centre will also be developed as "Centre for Subtropical Horticulture" for the practical and research purpose as well as for the development of quality planting material of tropical horticulture crops. It was noted by the council that this is the second case after Gaja Farm where without taking the university in confidence / any proper discussion with the university (an autonomous organization) assets are taken away. The Council took the matter very seriously and directed university to set strict replay and rejection of the transfer of the centre and also to seek legal advice and put the matter in BOM.

### Item No. UUHF/11/40: ANY OTHER with the permission of Hon'ble Chairman

# Item No. UUHF/11/40 (1): Proposal of Ag Tech Incubation Centre in the University by Ekaon Consulting Services.

The proposal is to set up an Agri Tech Business Incubator at Bharsar, thereby facilitating handholding of potential agri startups and promotion of Agri-Entrepreneurs in Uttarakhand. Beside, establishment of Incubators is one of the measures for accreditation by ICAR.

The Council discussed the proposal in detail and approved the establishment of Incubator with the Ekaon Consulting Services.

# Item No. UUHF/11/40 (2): Proposal of minimum qualification for Assistant Professor Agriculture Engineering.

After detailed discussion, the council unanimously resolved that the minimum qualifications for Assistant Professor, Agriculture Engineering shall be M.Tech. Degree as the UGC/CSIR does not conduct NET in Agriculture Engineering and the University is following UGC Regulation 2018 as a minimum qualification for the recruitment of Assistant Professor/Associate Professor/Professor in the University. The UGC Regulation, 2018 clearly states that "NET/SLET/SET shall also not be



required for such master's programmes in disciplines for which NET/SLET/ SET is not conducted by the UGC, CSIR or similar test accredited by the UGC like SLET/SET.

Item No. UUHF/11/40(3): Proposal for Release /distribution of seeds developed/produced by the university with Kedar Seeds.

The unique locations of different campus comparatively at higher altitudes offers diversity of traditional crops, cash crops and medicinal and aromatic plants. Many of these crops are prioritize as mandatory crops by the university for R&D as well as promotion of seed production of these important crops. The university has set the target to produce seeds of these crops and Vice Chancellor proposed the name as "Kedar Seeds." The house appraised the proposal and it was agreed that seeds produce by the university shall be named as Kedar seeds. The same is decided to be placed before BOM for approval.

Item No. UUHF/11/40(4): Extension of Registration date due to heavy snow cold and severe cold conditions at COH, Bharsar & COF, Ranichauri.

In view of heavy snowfall and continuous rainfall in the campus, the council approved new registration date i.e. 27.01.2020.

Registrar VCSGUUHF, Bharsar

Chairperson/Vice Chancellor VCSGUUHF, Bharsar