

**VCSG Uttarakhand University of Horticulture &
Forestry (UUHF)
Bharsar, Pauri Garhwal Uttarakhand 246123**



**Minutes
of
the 12th Academic Council Meeting**

Date: 29th July, 2020

Time: 10:00am

Venue: College of Forestry, Ranichauri



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The 12th meeting of Academic Council, VCSG UHF Bharsar was held on 29th July, 2020 at College of Forestry, Ranichauri under the chairmanship of Hon'ble Vice Chancellor. The Vice-Chancellor welcomed all members of the Academic Council and thereafter with the permission of chair, the Registrar started the proceeding of the meeting. In the Academic Council meeting, following members were present:

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| 1. Prof. A.K. Karnatak, Vice Chancellor | Chairman |
| 2. Prof. V.P. Khanduri, Dean, COF Ranichauri | Member |
| 3. Dr. Rajesh Kaushal, Director Research | Member |
| 4. Dr. C. Tiwari, Director Personnel/ Extension | Member |
| 5. Dr. Arvind Bijalwan, Director Academic | Member |
| 6. Dr. Gargi Goshwami, Asst. Professor | Member |
| 7. Mr. Sumeet Chaudhary, OIC, COHA Chirbatiya | Member |
| 8. Dr. S.P. Sati, Associate Professor | Non member invitee |
| 9. Dr. Amol Vashisht, Associate Professor | Non member invitee |
| 10. Miss NeeluVerma, FO | Non member invitee |
| 11. Dr. Ajaya Paliwal, ADSW/ AR, CoF, Ranichauri | Non member invitee |
| 12. Er. Tejas Bhosale, A.R. CoH, Bharsar | Non member invitee |
| 13. Prof. B.P. Nautiyal, Dean, COH / Registrar | Member secretary |

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Item No. UUHF/12/01: Approval for allotment of subjects /specialization and re-allocation of teaching post to different campuses sanctioned to VCSG, UUHF, Bharsar.

The Director Personnel presented the details regarding sanctioned teaching posts, earlier advertisement, and proposal for the allotment/ re-allocation for subjects/ specialization as per the University need before the council.

After detail discussion and deliberation, following decisions were taken.

- i. *Ex-post facto* approval given by the council on earlier advertised post and selection of the faculty members. The Council also directed to take prior approval/ consent of the Council regarding all Academic matters in future.
- ii. The Council has given an approval for new advertisement regarding recruitment of teaching posts.
- iii. The council approved new reservation/ roster as presented in the light of new reservation rules/ policy of the state government as per the Government Order No.:124/XXX(2)/2020-53(01)/ 2001 कार्मिक एवं सतर्कता अनुभाग- 2 dated 22.05.2020.
- iv. In view of new reservation rule/ policy as implemented above, the Council approved the cancellation of all advertisement published in the past (both teaching and non-teaching) by the University in which the process of recruitment was not completed/ recruitment was not done.
- v. After detail deliberation and discussion, the sanctioned posts of Junior Research Officer/ Assistant Professor in the University were allotted subject-wise for respective Centers/ Institute of the University as per requirement and for smooth functioning of Centers/ Institutes of the University. The Council approved subject-wise allotment as follows:

Sl. No.	Center/ Institute Name	No. of Post(s)
1	College of Horticulture, Bharsar	
	1. Agricultural Engineering/ Farm Machinery	01
	2. Medicinal & Aromatic Plants	01
2	College of Forestry, Ranichauri	
	1. Agro Forestry	01
	2. Silviculture	01
3	College of Hill Agriculture, Chirbatiya	
	1. Horticulture with Specialization in Vegetable Science	01
	2. Agriculture Economic/ Statistics	01
4	Institute of Food Science & Technology, Majrigrant	
	1. Dairy Technology	01
	2. Horticulture with Specialization in Post Harvest Management	01

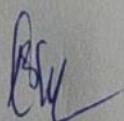
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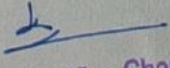
5	Institute of Medicinal & Aromatic Plant, Gairsain	01
	1. Floriculture & Landscaping	01
	2. Botany (Ethno Botany)	
6	Research & Extension Center, Selaqui	01
	1. Horticulture	01
	2. Floriculture	
7	Research & Extension Center, Kanatal	01
	1. Botany	01
	2. Fruit Science	
8	Research & Extension Center, Gaja	01
	1. Botany	01
	2. Plant Breeding	
9	Research & Extension Center, Jakhinda	01
	1. Forestry	01
	2. Horticulture	
10	Research & Extension Center, Pratapnagar	01
	1. Genetics & Plant Breeding	01
	2. Agro- Forestry	
11	Research & Extension Center, Paintoli	01
	1. Horticulture (Fruit Science)	01
	2. Floriculture	
12	Director Research	01
	1. Statistics	01
	2. Horticulture with Specialization in Fruit Science	01
	3. Agronomy	01
	4. Agricultural Engineering (CoF)	01
13	Vice-Chancellor (for Technical Cell)	
	1. Horticulture	01
	2. Entomology specialization in Apiculture	01

Item No. UUHF/12/02: Proposal regarding conductance of examination

In view of the Office Memorandum No. 16-16/2020-U1A dated 6th July, 2020 of MHRD, Govt. of India and letter No. 440/XXIV-C-3/2020-10(08)/2020 dated 13th July, 2020 of Higher Education, Govt. of Uttarakhand for conduct of examination, the Council after detail discussion on proposed points and prevailing conditions of Covid-19 pandemic approved following guidelines:

1. Since the students of terminal semester of B.Sc. & M.Sc. in the university do not have any courses for evaluation and the assessment will be made on the basis of RAWE/ RHWE/ Thesis work. Therefore, no need of conduct of examination online/ offline/ blended.





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2. Intermediate students will be promoted on the basis of internal assessment and promotion.

The criteria for promotion will be;

- i. Grading of intermediate semester students could be composite of 50% marks on the basis of internal evaluation and the remaining 50% marks on the basis of previous semester performance only, i.e. previous semester CGPA X 5.
 - ii. All the intermediate students would be allowed to carry forward i.e. no drop due to poor performance even semester 2019-20 and all the students would be promoted to next semester/year. However, students have to clear their backlog in the upcoming semesters when course will be offered and examination conducted. However, the regulation regarding CGPA at the end of the academic year for graduates and end of semester for the PG students except this semester will remain unchanged, after the provision of one time improvement examination of current semester due to Covid-19 pandemic.
 - iii. If the students wish to improve the grades, he/she may appear in one time improvement exams for such subject during upcoming semesters when course will be offered and exam conducted. The marks obtained in improvement examination shall be the final marks even if the marks obtained are less than marks obtained as per point 2(i).
 - iv. For backlog and improvement aspirant students, a separate back paper/improvement examination might also be conducted in next semester only if situation permits.
 - v. Results of mid-term examination have already been submitted by the faculty members to respective AR's offices. However, those have not submitted the result yet, are directed to submit the same within a week.
3. Since, the backlog/ repeat courses are of previous (intermediate) semesters and were not allotted as terminal semester courses; the same criteria as mentioned in point 2(i) i.e. promotion on the basis of CGPA x 5 and internal assessment can also be followed.
4. M.Sc. final semester students having incomplete/ pending thesis work / observations shall be allowed to extend the current semester for maximum of next 6 months without re-registration (waiver of semester fee). However, they shall be allowed hostels facilities only on the basis of availability of seats and will pay mess charges etc.




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ADSW of College of Horticulture, Bharsar informed the house regarding willingness of M.Sc. final semester students to join the college for completion of the pending research/ thesis work. The Council after detail discussion directed that in view of Covid-19 pandemic, it is better to follow SOPs issued by the State/ Center Govt. regarding the matter.

5. Keeping in view the concerned of students that with the provision of promotion as point 2(i), the transcript issued will have the “**promotion**” in place of “**satisfactory**” remarks. Therefore, it is also proposed that the transcript will have the remarks “**satisfactory**”. However, no note as proposed “**as per UGC/ ICAR guidelines due to Covid-19 pandemic**” shall be written at bottom of the transcript and note will only be valid for minutes for future record.

UUHF/12/03: Proforma / Format for Affiliation /Establishment of New Colleges with VCSG UUHF Bharsar

In view of Minutes No : 2020:09:14 of 9th BOM meetings, the university has prepared proforma of applying for the affiliation to the university by Private Educational Institutions /organizations initially for 3 subjects i.e. Agriculture, Horticulture and Forestry strictly as per the guidelines of ICAR.

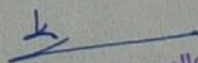

After detail discussion, the format was approved in principle with a suggestion that state government rule regarding affiliation will be followed with standards /criteria as per ICAR. The Registrar is nominated as Nodal Officer. The committee shall be constituted to look into the matter and members will be nominated by Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor in consultation with Deans/ Directors.

Item UUHF/12/04: Any Other (With the permission of The Chair):

UUHF/12/04 (01): To assess online course /research / relevant material from the website of various organization/institutes/companies Institutional ID is essential:

The council approved the proposal. To ensure the availability of institutional ID to students and teachers, the committee has been constituted as follow:

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| 1. Dr S,P. Sati, Associate Professor | - | Nodal Officer |
| 2. Mr. Saurabh Rawat, TOC, Ranichauri | - | Member |
| 3. Mr. Neeraj Malik, TOC, Bharsar | - | Member |
| 4. Mr. Arpan Rao, TOC, Ranichauri | - | Member |



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It was also decided that the committee will prepare a detail plan including financial requirements (if any). Accordingly, the separate funds will be allotted for execution of work.

Item No. UUHF/12/04 (02): Mode of New Admission and commencement of next semester:

It is proposed that **results of intermediate semesters shall be declared by 31st August, 2020.** The registration for next semester shall be allowed online and students shall deposit requisite fee as well as yellow form after the consultation with their advisors by online /email between 1-15th September, 2020. The classes shall start online by 16st September, 2020 in all campuses if pandemic conditions remain unchanged.

For **New admission in UG PG and Ph.D:** Due to Covid-19 pandemic it is difficult to conduct University Entrance Examination for admission of fresh students in Academic Year 2020-21. The admissions for in Academic Year 2020-21 will be carried on merit basis. The criteria for calculation of merit is as follows

Weightage for Ph.D. admission: 1. Post Graduation = 40% 2. Graduation = 25% 3. 12 th Standard = 20% 4. 10 th Standard = 15%	Weightage for M.Sc. admission: 1. Graduation = 40% 3. 12 th Standard = 35% 4. 10 th Standard = 25%
Weightage for B.Sc. admission: 1. 12 th Standard = 60% 2. 10 th Standard = 40%	

Additional weightage shall be provided as per the extent rules & regulations of the University mentioned in the University Admission Prospectus/ Prospectus of the University Entrance Test 2020-21. For the submission of mark sheet/ marks and verification by the applicants, the 15-20 days time will be given to the students after declaration of results of various exams viz, Intermediate, B.Sc., M.Sc. by the boards/ universities. The last date for the submission of the application is extended to 31st August, 2020. The fees for online application shall remain same as prescribed in Prospectus 2020-21. Online counseling will be organized after the validation of applicants' documents and preparation of merit list by the University.

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The Council after detail deliberation approved the proposal for new admission, re-registration for intermediate semester as well as the commencement of semester through online mode as proposed.

Due to prevailing pandemic situation the Academic Calendar of the University is not prepared yet. However, with the improvement in the pandemic situation, the Academic Calendar will be prepared and the approval of Chairman of the Council shall be taken.

03: Study leave of Mr. Sumeet Chaudhary Assistant Professor, COHA and Mr. Pankaj Lal, Assistant Professor in view of amendments in University Pariniyamavali 2014 12: Leave Rule (3) study leave through Minutes No: 2018:06:9 of 6th BOM of the university.

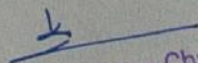
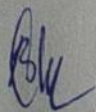
The said amendment permits study leave only after the completion of 3 years regular service in the university. However, leave /NOC to Mr Sumeet Chaudhary and Mr Pankaj Lal was granted as per the earlier provision of Academic Regulation, 2014 of the university. Therefore, was placed before the council for ratification /consideration.

After detail discussion the council directed to abide the amendments in Statutes of the University has made through **Minutes No: 2018:06:9 of 6th BOM of the university**. Regarding the application of Mr. Pankaj Lal, Assistant Professor, for study leave, it was decided that the provisions in the statues of GBPUAT shall be taken into account as university statutes is silent on the provision for study leave to faculty members for higher degrees in parent university. The necessary action shall be taken thereafter.

Item No. UUHF/12/04 (04): Matter regarding the study leave for Ph.D. of Mr. Anshuman Singh, SMS, KVK Bharsar:

In View of ICAR/State Government clarification/direction on nature of services of SMS in KVKs as Non Teaching staff of the project. The leave conditions mentioned in his leave order was as per the Academic Regulation of the university for Teachers. However, the regulation is silent on the rules for study leave of non teaching staff of the university. The leave conditions as mentioned in his study leave order issued by the university therefore needs to be revisited / modified.

After detail deliberation and in view of no provision of study leave in University regulations for Non-Teaching staff, it was unanimously decided that the State Government/ rule



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for Secretariat staff will be examined by concerned Directorate of the University and appropriate action will be taken regarding the matter. It was also decided that the matter will also be sent to concern ZPD, ATARI for direction.

Item No. UUHF/12/04 (05) (i): Digilocker registration

The university is in the process of registration at Digilocker portal which seemed more relevant in the present situation as it helps in providing academic certificate issued by the University without personally handling over the physical copies to the students. These documents will not require any further attestation or validation by the University as this will be done on the secure Digilocker platform of GoI. The proposal for financial assistance in this regard is also prepared.

The house was appraised that the University is also going to register for LMS (Learning Management System) with ICAR which can also be integrated with Digilocker.

The Council approved the proposal in principle and forwarded the proposal for Finance Committee (FC) for the approval of financial requirement as demanded by Director Academic.

Item No. UUHF/12/04 (05) (ii): Modification/ Correction of minute no. 2018:09:23 of 9th Academic Council Meeting regarding satisfactory grade for PG and UG courses.

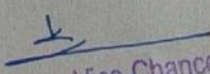
The Council took the note of point no. 04 of online meeting of university officers held on 22nd June, 2020 regarding the agenda.

The Council ratified the decision of the meeting with a condition to cancel the decision of 9th Academic Council Meeting (2018:09:23) and retained the provision of Academic Regulation 2014 of the University as 60% marks for satisfactory grade in PG and 50% marks in UG courses. The marks of remedial courses will not included in calculating CGPA/ OGPA and the result of remedial course will only be declared as satisfactory/ unsatisfactory.

Item No. UUHF/12/04 (05) (iii): Recommendation for expunging of point 29 (a) (iv) of the Chapter III of Academic Regulations-2014.

The agenda was place before the Council by BoS, CoF, Ranichauri. However, the said point of the Academic Regulations is in right order without any contradiction. The all points of 29 (a) explained in detail before the Council and after details discussion, it is decided to maintain all points of 29 (a) as per Academic Regulations-2014




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Item No. UUHF/12/04 (05) (iv): Matter regarding Mr. Abhishek Jugran, ID No. 19117.

The agenda was place before the Council by BoS, CoF, Ranichauri. The Council took the notice of the proposal of College regarding readmission of candidate after his discontinuation due to non-registration. The Council directed college to follow the provision under 'Readmission of Students' point 40 & 46 Chapter No. III of Academic Regulations - 2014.

Item No. UUHF/12/04 (06): Proposal for the establishment of high density apple orchard at College of Horticulture, Bharsar and Centre of Excellence, Kanatal:

The high density apple orchards are gaining popularity because of an advantage of comparatively low chilling requirement of identified varieties; easy to manage as land under orchards is comparatively small with small size of trees and high production on unit area basis. **Hon'ble Vice Chancellor has directed College of Horticulture for the establishment of at least one high density orchard for demonstration of technology to farmer /teaching-learning process and for R&D work from the income/ saving.** As per the HMNEH, Horticulture Directorate, Uttarakhand the cost of the establishment of high density apple orchard in 1 acre land (Spacing: plant to plant will be 2-3 feet and between row 6-8 feet) is around 12-15 lacs. It is also directed that for Kanatal farm, provisions of the establishment will also be made through research projects.

The Council approved the proposal of establishment of high density apple orchard at CoH, Bharsar as well as the financial requirement and forwarded the proposal for next finance committee of the University. For the establishment of high density orchard at Kanatal it is decided that the fund may be arranged from ongoing project at the site for the development of Center of Excellence, Kanatal.

The meeting was ended with vote of thank from "in and fro" the chair.

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