



**VCSG Uttarakhand University of Horticulture & Forestry
Bharsar, Pauri Garhwal**

Minutes of 14th Academic Council Meeting

Date: 16th August, 2021

Time: 11.00 a.m.

Venue: College of Forestry, Ranichauri

The 14th meeting of Academic Council, VCSG UUHF Bharsar was held on 16th August, 2021 at College of Forestry, Ranichauri under the chairmanship of Hon'ble Vice Chancellor. In the Academic Council meeting, following members were present:

1. Prof. A.K. Karnatak, Vice Chancellor	Chairman
2. Prof. P.D. Juyal	External Member
3. Prof. V.P. Khanduri, Dean, COF Ranichauri	Member
4. Prof. C. Tiwari, DE/Director Personnel	Member
5. Dr. Arvind Bijalwan, Director Academic	Member
6. Dr. Amol Vashisht, Associate Director Research	Member
7. Dr. Madhulika, Asst. Professor, IMAP	Member
8. Dr K.C. Singh, Asst. Professor, COH	Member
9. Dr Manju Assist Professor, COH	Member
10. Shri Vimal P Jugran, Dr Comptroller	FC Representative/ Invited member
11. Dr. Laxmi Rawat, Assist Profesor, COF	Invited Member
12. Dr Ajay Kumar, Assist Profesor, COF	Invited Member
13. Dr Ajay Paliwal, ADSW, COF	Invited Member
14. Er. Tejas Bhosale, A.R. COH Ranichauri	Invited Member
15. Prof. B.P. Nautiyal, Dean, COH / Registrar	Member Secretary

Agenda UUHF/AC/ 14/01: Approval of the minutes of 13th Academic Council.

The registrar presented the minute-wise action taken report of the 13th AC before the council. It was directed that Registrar will prepare a proforma regarding the nomination of group B, C employees and Teachers for the award of "Letter of Appreciation" as per the minutes No. UUHF/AC/13/16. Thereafter, the minutes were approved by the council.

R. Nautiyal

Action By: Registrar

Agenda UUHF/AC/ 14/02: Approval of the 'Minutes of Online Meetings' held during lockdown period of Covid-19 Pandemic.

During lockdown period and subsequent unlock stages of Covid-19 pandemic, various online meetings of university teachers /officers held on 11th & 22nd June,2020; 21st November, 2020 and 15th December, 2020 (minutes attached) and decision regarding online classes, evaluation and examination and admission for the academic year 2020-21 etc were taken. Minutes of the meetings were therefore placed before the council for approval.

The council took the cognizance of the minutes of all online meetings. Since the decisions were taken for academic activities collectively by all faculty members/officers of the university during online meetings during Covid -19 Pandemic and subsequent lockdown periods, the council approved the minutes of these online meetings.

Since, the classes are conducted online for the second semester of the academic session 2020-21 due to Covid lockdown, the council also approved the conductance of **Final Semester Examination through ONLINE MODE** as per **Internal Evaluation** and **concerned Course Instructor /Incharge** will take the responsibility of conducting examination as per the Academic calendar including Condensed Semesters i.e. between 1st-15th September, 2021.

For **new admission in the academic session 2021-22** (Ist Semester) it was also decided that after the completion date of **Online Registration, 10 extra days will be given for uploading** the essential documents to candidates.

Action By: Registrar; Admission Coordinator/ Examination Coordinators /ARs

Agenda UUHF/AC/14/03: Study leave of Mr Pankaj Lal, Assistant Professor (Forest Production &Utilization).

Mr. Pankaj Lal, Assistant Professor (Forest Production &Utilization), College of Forestry, Ranichauri applied for **No Objection Certificate** for taking admission in Ph.D. in the parent University and he ensured that the his administration and academic responsibility will not suffer, the application was duly forwarded by the Head of the department and concerned Dean of the college. Based on which the Competent Authority of the University approved his application for issuing NOC subject to ratification by the Academic council and Hon'ble Board of Management.

The council discussed the matter in detail and gave the consent for issuing the NOC. It was also directed that in case candidate qualified for Ph.D. programme in the university, the candidate will complete his Ph.D. Course Work in 3 years (6 semesters) and the course credits will be assigned to him on such basis that will not affect his academic and administrative duties in the university i.e. maximum 2 courses /semester excluding seminar credits.

Action By: Registrar; Concerned Dean; Director Academics and Ph.D. Supervisor

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Vice-Chancellor
Veer Chandra Singh Garhwal Uttarakhand
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Agenda UUHF/AC/14/04: Awarding /conferring Degree Certificate to UG and PG students of the university after 1 yr in case no Convocation organized.

Due to COVID-19 pandemic and complete lockdown, the Annual Convocation of the University was not organized for two consecutive Academic Years i.e. 2019-20 and 2020-21. The degree certificate therefore not awarded to pass out students of these Academic Years. The University in such circumstances gives Provisional Degree Certificates (PDC). However, students complained regarding the validity period of PDC as many recruitment board/ departments/ institutions questioned the validity of PDC beyond 06 months. The University already has circulated a notice regarding validity of PDC for indefinite time till the award of original Degree Certificate. In view of, above concerned it was proposed that the original Degree Certificate may be awarded to students after one year if the Annual Convocation is not organized due to unavoidable circumstances like COVID pandemic.

In view of prevailing Covid Pandemic the council approved the proposal after detail deliberation and following decision taken:

- The Degree Certificate shall be issued to all pass out UG and PG students of the year 2019-20 and 2020.21.
- The List of the candidates shall be placed before next AC meeting for confirming the Conferring of Degree.
- It was also approved that the printing of the Degree Certificate will be done from the Printing Press of GBP UA&T Pantnagar as done before.
- The same committee constituted for the printing of degree certificate for First Convocation will look after the preparation and printing of the degree certificates. The concerned Assistant registrar / ADSW will provide the necessary information to the committee.
- For printing and other related expenditure, an advance will be granted by competent authority if needed.
- Notice will be circulated to students regarding application for degree certificates and fee deposit by registrar office.

The council also suggested for organizing ONLINE CONVOCATION in case the situation remain same and if the Internet/Network facilities improves in the campus.

Action By: AR/ADSW of concerned colleges /Registrar; Chairman (Prof. V.P. Khanduri) and member of the committee

Agenda UUHF/AC/14/05: Half Pay leave of Dr K.C. Singh, Assistant Professor

Dr K.C. Singh, Assistant Professor was on medical leave from 15.04.2021 to 12.05.2021 at his home in Manipur (NER). However, due to COVID lockdown he was unable to resume his duty from 13.05.2021. Keeping the pandemic situation in view, he applied for Half Pay leave (HPL) from

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13.05.2021 to 07.07.2021 (54 days). Due to extra ordinary situation, he was allowed to avail HPL as per the recommendation of Dean, COH and kind approval of Hon'ble Vice Chancellor.

After detail deliberation, the council constituted a committee chaired by Director Academic and concerned D.D.O. as a member to look into the case including similar matters of Dr. R.S. Bali, Dr. Sneha Dobhal and Dr. Deepa Rawat. The Chairman of the committee will present the report of the committee in next FC meeting of the university. It was also decided by the council that for all such cases the decision will be same.

It was also resolved that concerned Dean based on actual proof of online classes taken / subject to produce proof of online classes by faculty will release the salary of faculty members (Including Contractual and Guest Faculty) since classes are conducted online and due to condensed semesters, faculty are taking classes even during evening hours to complete the courses in time.

Action By: Director Academic / Concerned Deans

Agenda UUHF/AC/14/06: Proposal by Kalasan Nursery Farm, Mandi, HP for the partnership with University regarding the establishment of various farms in Bharsar campus.

The council after detail deliberation and importance of public-university partnership for better R&D, Exposures to students and for income generation, the proposal of the Kalasan Nursery Farm, Mandi was approved in principal. For drafting the final MOU to ensure maximum benefit to university, the council constituted a committee chaired by Dean, COH and members viz., DR, DE, Dr. Arvind Bijalwan, Dr Laxmi, Dy Comptroller, Dr Manju and external members; Prof. D.C. Dimri, Head, Dept of Horticulture, GBP UA&T, Pantnagar. The committee after preparing a draft MOU through online discussion will place the proposal before next AC/BOM for approval.

Action By: Dean, COH

Agenda UUHF/AC/14/07: Agenda Items from Director Personnel Office including Amalgamation in Proforma for the promotion under Carrier Advancement Scheme (CAS) for Associate Professor and Professor and other confidential items.

- The Draft proforma as a supplementary document in addition to university CAS application proforma presented by Director Personnel was approved after detail discussion by council.
- The council approved the Panel of Experts for the recruitment of faculty which will be put up in the next meeting of Hon'ble BOM for ratification.

Action By: Director Personnel

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Agenda UUHF/AC/14/08: Sh. R.P. Dangwal "Shireesh" (Sr. Literaturist), Rishikesh, Uttarakhand written a song and submitted for consideration as University song.

The council reviewed the song written by Shri Dangwal ji. It was resolved that before finalizing the university song, proposal may be invited from students, faculty, staff, poets and other intellectuals for open competition by making a provision of prize /certificate. Received proposal shall be placed before next AC meeting for final approval. The Director Academic will take further action.

Action By: Director Academic

Agenda UUHF/AC/14/09: Regarding transfer of land for the establishment of Mali Training Centre at Gaja farm to Horticulture department Govt. of Uttarakhand

Since the proposal is received from state government dept., the council proposed that for the construction of the building for proposed **Mali Training Centre of Horticulture Dept., Govt. of Uttarakhand**, the land may be allotted near ITI building. However, the final decision will be taken by the Statutory Body i.e. Hon'ble BOM of the university.

Action By: OIC Gaja/ Dean COF / DR

Agenda UUHF/AC/14/10: Revision of Course Code, Course Title and Credits of Experiential Learning Programme (Horticulture)

As per the Vth dean's Committee Report, the course code/ title and credits were revised. The same was presented before the council for adoption in the University for final year student of B.Sc. (Hons) Horticulture.

The Council approved modification as presented since it is as per Fifth Dean's Committee recommendation.

Action By: AR, COH; Dean COH

Agenda UUHF/AC/14/11: Application of Mr. Indra Singh Assistant Professor (Tree Improvement)

Mr Indra Singh, Assistant Professor (Silviculture), College of Forestry, Ranichauri applied for **No Objection Certificate** for admission in PhD from other University/ Institution. The application was duly forwarded by the head of the department and concerned Dean of the college. Since the NOC was requested for PhD degree from other institute, the Competent Authority of the University directed to place the application before the Council for necessary direction/ approval.

The council after detail deliberation; directed that since the Ph.D. programme in the subject Silviculture is offered by the university and university /dept do not have sufficient faculty. Therefore, candidate may apply for admission and NOC will be given to him for Ph.D. degree in Parent University as per university rule / guidelines regarding the matter.

Action By: Concerned Head/Dean



Agenda UHF/AC/14/12: Agenda items from Director Research / ACRIPs

12.1. Recruitment of AICRPs scientists sanctioned posts on priority basis.

Ten sanctioned posts of ICAR sponsored AICRPs projects are lying vacant since long time. The funding agency is continuously insisting since time again for immediately filling of these posts otherwise these posts may be withdrawn at any time and then this would seriously affect the research activities/performance of AICRPs projects of the University and it will be very much difficult to run these projects due to paucity of staff. Therefore, these posts should be immediately filled on priority basis to avoid any further loss of human resource if funding agency dropped these sanctioned posts at any time. If recruitment process would take time then, it is proposed that **there should be a provision to appoint TRP** (Asst Professor/ Scientist on Contract basis) against the sanctioned posts till appointment of regular staff in AICRPs projects.

The Council was informed by Director Personnel that for the recruitment of AICRPs staff the Advertisement will be circulated /published at earliest.

Action By: Director Personnel

12.2. Clarification regarding Ph.D. Forestry (Forest Products & Utilization)

A National Core Group of ICAR constituted vide Office Order F.No. Edn.7/6/2017- EQR dated 28 September 2017 for development of Academic Regulations for Master's and Ph.D. programmes, defining names and curricula of Masters' and Ph.D. disciplines for uniformity and revision of syllabi for courses of Masters' and Ph.D. degree disciplines. On the recommendations of the National Core Group, 19 Broad Subject Matter Area (BSMA) Committees, ICFRE have been constituted for revising the syllabus vide F.No.7/6/2017-EQR dated 4 April 2018. The committees have conducted several meetings with the concerned experts and stakeholders and developed the syllabus for their respective subjects. The details of 79 disciplines, as recommended by 19 BSMA Committees & National Core Group and approved by the competent authority for the PG degree programme.

Since the Proposal is as per BSMA, the council approved the proposal of nomenclature as: **Ph.D. Forestry (Forest Products & Utilization)**.

Action By: Concerned Dean

12.3. Provision of funds to run Directorate Research office.

There is no funds earmark for smooth functioning of Directorate Research office. Therefore, it is proposed that in University budget, there should be provision of funds to Directorate Research office so that the routine expenses of the office would be meeting out and work of the office would not suffer.

The Registrar/Dy Comptroller informed that the proposal regarding the subject including proposal for other offices already communicated to state government. However, action is still awaited. The council took the notice of the matter and directed to send reminders again to government for separate "Laikha Shirshak"

Action By: Dy Comptroller/ Comptroller



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12.4. One breeder is urgently required in the AICRP Small Millets (ICAR) project: The OIC of the project informed that she has been making the request for the same on the capacity of OIC-AICRP Small millets for the last five years. It is humbly submitted that the person who has been engaged for teaching Breeding courses in the college may be deputed for ACIRP project work till the appointment of the scientist.

Regarding the recruitment of ACRIP staff; the decision was taken already as agenda no. 12.1. The university authority has already given approval for hiring Guest Faculty and therefore, on need basis, concerned office (DR) or dean may take further necessary action.

Action by: Director Research/ Dean COF

12.5. Staff in the form of field manpower is required to be deputed in AICRPs as not even a single staff has been deputed till date for AICRP Small Millets. At present, Field, Official, Scientific and Store related activities are being looked after by OIC only.

The council directed that concerned dean and OIC will look after the matter.

Action by: OIC-ACRIP-Small Millets/ Dean COF

12.6. Regarding REC, KANATAL;

12.6.1. The Research and Extension Centre (REC), Kanatal is about 35 Km from College of Forestry, Ranichauri. Presently, it is functioning under the administrative control of the College of Forestry, Ranichauri. It has been found that the management of electricity and water related issues are very difficult to manage from Ranichauri. At present also, there is no electricity at farm. The two major issues related to electricity and water are prevailing over there for a long time and in scarcity of water and light, it is very difficult to run the Centre and carry out any routine activities in offices, polyhouses, newly constructed labs, training centre and residences. It is therefore, humbly requested to kindly provide one separate electrician, one plumber and one sweeper for REC, Kanatal.

The council directed that concerned OIC and Dean COF will take necessary action.

Action by: Concerned OIC/ Dean COF

12.6.2. The total strength of the man power at farm is only sixteen though the farm is spread over 12.6 hectares. Out of 16, 04 remain in guard duty and only 12 left for covering the 12.6 hectare farm activities and the terror of monkeys and other wild animals is too much. Therefore it is a humble submission and request to kindly depute five-six UPNAL workers (labours) from COF, Ranichauri to REC, Kanatal.

The council directed that concerned OIC and Dean COF will take necessary action.

Action by: Concerned OIC/ Dean COF

12.6.3. One Guest faculty (Horticulture) is required for REC, Kanatal or it is humbly submitted that someone from COF, Ranichauri may be deputed to work there as there are two Guest faculties in Horticulture at COF, Ranichauri.

Since the Guest faculty was deputed for Kanatal earlier; and as per the prior approval of university authority, the concern dean may depute one Guest faculty as per university rule/terms & conditions.

Action by: Concerned OIC/ Dean COF



Agenda UUHF/AC/14/13 : Proposal for initiation of two years Post-graduate programme in M.Sc. (Forestry) "Forest Protection" at College of Forestry, Ranichauri by OIC, department of Forest Protection, CoF, Ranichauri (Annexure XII).

The proposal is not as per BSMA. Therefore, the council deferred the proposal.

Action by: Concerned OIC

Agenda UUHF/AC/14/13: Agenda Items for Director Academics:

1. **Academics-** It is my humble request that in Academic Council the first agenda should be discussion on- How to strengthen and uplift the academics in the University *w.r.t* improvement of teaching, research and extension keeping a future roadmap and a vision document considering that the students are the main brand Ambassador of the university.
2. Proposal for separate fund, office, staff, Laptop, computer, stationery etc for Directorate of Academics (Director Academics and Additional Director Academics) at COF, Ranichauri to streamline Academics in the University as mentioned for Directorate of Academics in the University Statutes.
3. Master's and Ph.D. needs to be processing at Directorate of Academics and thus separate fund for external examiner, evaluation etc in tune of Dean PG should be maintained. Thus, a separate fund and account for Director Academics with an initial allocation of Rs. 5 lakhs may be opened.
4. **Laptop- Desktop-** In the time of pandemic and Era of ICT, it has become mandatory to have ICT tools, therefore, a laptop and a desktop along-with all accessories should compulsorily be purchased for every faculty member for uplifting the delivery of academics.
5. **Internet facility-** There is a need to discuss internet facility and availability in different colleges/university and how it can be strengthened.
6. **Institutional e.mail ID -** It is also requested that every authority/faculty/officers need to have separate institutional e mail id with domain- abc@uuhf.ac.in. There is also need to make a student Alumni portal in the University website. This is important in present time.
7. **University website-** Update of University website for regular interval comprising all important activities in the university.
8. **Consultancy -** We also need to develop the consultancy cell at college and University level, for this the consultancy rule/guideline of the university should be developed even we can engage our M.Sc. and Ph.D. students to consultancy as researchers after completing the course.
9. **COF Infrastructures-** The class rooms and academic infrastructure at COF, Ranichauri is very old and gradually degenerating, therefore, a handsome amount for maintenance and preserving the value of academic in COF renovation of academic block/lab/lecture theatres in the COF, Ranichauri has utmost requirement.

The council took the cognizance of agenda items from Director Academic as above. Members felt that many agenda items are not related to Academic Council and can be discussed in other forum of the university. Following directions /decision taken:

- For the strengthening of the academics, council directed that Director Academic will prepare a Draft Report on "Vision Document for University" and will present in next meeting of Hon'ble BOM.
- For PG and Ph.D. thesis, Director Academic will act as per university regulation. However, it is expected that there will be no unnecessarily delay in thesis submission,

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evaluation and conducting viva voce examination and the degree programme will be strictly completed within stipulated time. For this, a proposal of a 'Separate Fund' to Director Academic will be placed by Director Academic before next FC/Hon'ble BOM meeting. The arrangement of the fund shall be made initially from the Fee of M.Sc. and Ph.D. students i.e. Examination fee / Thesis submission fee and viva voce of Final semester fee.

- Regarding Internet /Networking issues, The Hon'ble Vice Chancellor /Chairman directed to find the option of having Airtel Tower especially in Ranichauri Campus. The College administration will do necessary arrangements regarding installation of Tower in college premises.
- Regarding institutional ID, the member secretary informed that the committee was already constituted. After detail deliberation, the council directed that Technical Officer (Mr Saurabh Rawat) will take necessary action.
- The Process of updating university web site is underway as the file is with FC/Dy Comptroller Office for the sanctioning of Fund. The Technical Officer will update the website adding new activities etc.
- For the establishment of Consultancy Wing in the university, the council directed that Director Academic will prepare the Draft Report by following UGC/ICAR guidelines for consultancy by university teachers and scientist and will present the report in next meeting of Hon'ble BOM.
- For repairing the residential quarters, hostels, road etc the proposals are submitted by university to government as Annual Budget Demand, 2021-22; in RKVY, CM Krishi Vikas Yojana, for Supplementary Budget Demand and university authority is continuously persuading the issues with state government.

Action By: Director Academic/Dean COF/ Mr Saurabh Rawat

Agenda UHF/AC/14/14: Agenda Items from College of Hill Agriculture(CoHA), Chirbatiya

1: Sanctioning of additional posts for College of Hill Agriculture, Chirbatiya

The government sanctioned seven (07) teaching and 13 non teaching posts for functioning of the college. However, as per ICAR Fifth deans committee recommendations, at least 45 teaching post (03 Professors, 08 Associate Professors and 34 Assistant professors) and around 80 non teaching posts are required for smooth functioning of College of Hill agriculture.

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2: Possession of more area under College of Hill Agriculture, Chirbatiya

At present College is having around 8 ha land. There is need to acquire more area (At least 8 ha more as per V dean committee report) for College of Hill Agriculture, Chirbatiya for construction of Classrooms/hostels/ hospital/ stadium (Play ground)/guesthouse/residential quarters/ Farm area/godowns/store and other basic amenities.

3: Completion of Construction work and proposals for construction new hostels

Pending construction work needs to be completed and also construction of hostels (Boys and girls) and other buildings (Staff quarters, labs, hospital, auditorium, store, stadium, guest house etc) at Chirbatiya is required.

4: Purchase of Vehicles for CoHA, Chirbatiya

For conducting field visits, RAWA, medical emergency, official work and other activities of students and staff of CoHA, Chirbatiya, there is an urgent need to purchase vehicles viz. one bus (36 seated), jeep/cars, bike, minibus and Ambulance etc.

The council discussed the agenda point-wise and following decisions taken:

- Regarding the creation of new post, the member secretary informed that Detail University Structure is already send to the state government in 2012 with several reminders. The council took the cognizance and suggested for repeated follow up regarding the matter.
- For extra land, the council directed that a detail proposal as per ICAR norms will be drafted by college and thereafter will be sent to the state government.
- The Member secretary informed that for incomplete construction as well as new construction, the proposals are submitted to government as Annual Budget Demand, 2021-22; in RKVY, CM *Krishi Vikas Yojana*, for Supplementary Budget Demand and university authority is continuously persuading the issues with state government.
- Regarding Vehicles, the council directed that the proposal may be submitted to FC /Hon'ble BOM meeting if the college has fund from its own income.

Action by; Dean /OIC COHA

Agenda UHF/AC/14/15: Any other, with the permission of Chair.

UHF/AC/14/15 (1): Proposal for hiring security personnel for different campuses/ centres of the University from recognized/ reputed security firms of state/country.

At present, the manpower for ensuring the security of University is carried through UPNL. However, the security of the campuses/ farms/hostels are always compromised as most of the UNPL security personnel/ Chaukidars are from neighboring villages and except Ex-Army men other personnel outsourced from UPNL for Chaukidar did not have formal training/ exposure / experience of security duties. Hence they are not capable of doing security services as is expected.

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Therefore, to ensure professionalism and ensuring safety to students and security of different offices/ farms/ hostels / centres/ campus, it is proposed that the security of the University may be improved by hiring trained and experienced security agencies.

The matter was placed before the council for discussion/ directions including suggestions for financial management and fund allocation and security personnel requirement of different campus/ centres.

After detail deliberation regarding the need of the university to ensure the safety of students and farm produces in remotely located campus/centre, the council approved that proposal with a direction to finance department to prepare detail reports including financial requirement after the consultation with all deans/directors/OICs of the university for next meeting of Finance Committee and Hon'ble BOM for approval.

Action By; Dy Comptroller/Comptroller

UUHF/AC/14/15 (2): Agenda Items from College of Forestry

After detail discussion on each point of the agenda the council took following decisions:

- The Dean/ Admission Coordinator presented the proceedings of registration committee regarding late registration /course addition before the council. After detail discussion and considering the current scenario, the council approved the proceeding.
- Due to prevailing Covid situation, the council approved the conduction of online viva voce examination; recognition of receipt of thesis evaluation report by email and sanctioning of remunerations based on these evidences.
- The council approved the proposal of Formation of "Student's Feedback cum Grievance Re-dressal Committee" at college level.
- The Council approved the enhancement of Games and Recreation fee from Rs 400 and 150 to Rs 1200 and Rs 600, respectively and introduction of Rs 200 as *Registration Fee* in each semester and forwarded to next FC meeting for final approval.
- The council approved the proposal of accreditation of faculty for Ph.D. supervision. Eligible (as per university academic regulation) faculty members will submit their application along with detail CV through Head/Deans to next AC meeting for final approval.
- To maintain the discipline among the students, the council after discussion approved that if the student is under Academic or Conduct Probation he will not eligible for the award of any scholarship /neither financial aids in university nor his application will be forwarded for any other awards/scholarship/financial aids.
- For the award of university Merit Scholarship, the council after the overview of the fact presented by COF decided that the Merit Scholarship will be awarded only if the batch strength is ≥ 10 students/ batch.
- Regarding the provision of Honorarium similar to GBP UA&T Pantnagar and similar provision in all campuses /centres of the university, the Council forwarded the proposal to Next FC meeting for further discussion and direction.


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- The proposal of internet Fee @Rs 1000 /semester was approved by council as - **ICT Fee @Rs 1000.00 /semester** which will be forwarded to Next FC Meetings for final approval.
- The Director Academic presented the detail syllabus for Ph.D. Programme in Forestry i.e. Silviculture, Agroforestry, Tree Improvement, Forest Production & Utilization before the council. Since the syllabus is adopted as per BSMA of Forestry PG Curricula and syllabi-2021 with few modifications, the council approved the syllabus for all subjects for Ph.D. degree in Forestry.
- Regarding Online fee waiver for past applicants of Ph.D. admission in 2020-21 for which admission process was not completed due to covid lockdown and other academic issues, the council decided that exemption will be given to those candidates who are applying for Ph.D. in 2021-22 and they will submit the proof of fee deposit in 2020-21 along with the application. However those who already have deposited fee for 2021-22 too, the fee will be refunded by following due process.
- Regarding the proposal of inclusion of **M.Sc. Agriculture (Agronomy)** from the academic session 2020-23; the council in view of minutes of 13th Council (Agenda UUHF/AC/13/12) deferred the proposal citing the non availability of infrastructures, faculty and other facilities.
- Regarding NIC like video-conferencing facilities the council suggested for provision of funds in Annual Budget Demand.

Action by: Dean, COF; Dy Comptroller/Comptroller

The meeting was ended with Vote of Thanks to Hon'ble Chairman, External Member and other members by Prof. V.P. Khanduri, Dean COF Ranichauri


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