

Forest Research Institute Deemed to be University

Dehradun, Uttarakhand

Minutes of the meeting of the Academic Council held on 19.12.2019 at 11:00 am

The meeting of the Academic Council of FRI Deemed to be University was held on 19.12.2019 in the Conference Hall of FRI Deemed to be University. Following members attended the meeting:-

1. Shri A.S. Rawat IFS, Director FRI & Vice Chancellor, FRI Deemed to be University-**Chairperson**
2. Dr. Sadhna Tripathi, Scientist-G & Head, NFLIC, FRI
3. Dr. Kishan Kumar V.S, Scientist-G, Forest Products Division, FRI
4. Dr. H.S. Ginwal, Scientist- G & Dean (Academic), FRI Deemed to be University
5. Dr. N.K. Upreti, Scientist- G & Dean (Research) (GCR) & Head, Forest Products Division, FRI.
6. Mrs. Arti Chaudhary, IFS, Head, Silviculture & Forest Management Division, FRI
7. Mrs. Richa Mishra, IFS, Head, IT & GIS Discipline, FRI
8. Dr. Ashok Kumar Pandey, Scientist-G & Head, Extension Division, FRI
9. Dr. Vineet Kumar, Scientist-G & Head, Chemistry and Bio-prospecting Division, FRI
10. Sh. N. Bala, Scientist-F & Head, Forest Ecology & Climate Change Division, FRI
11. Dr. Ajay Thakur, Scientist-F & Head, Genetics and Tree Improvement Division, FRI
12. Dr. Anup Chandra, Scientist-E & Head, Forest Botany Division, FRI
13. Dr. Dinesh Kumar, Scientist-G, Silviculture & Forest Management Division, FRI
14. Dr. V.K. Varshney, Scientist-G, Chemistry and Bio-prospecting Division, FRI
15. Dr. Amit Pandey, Scientist-G, Forest Protection Division, FRI
16. Dr. Sudhir Singh, Scientist-G, Forest Protection Division, FRI
17. Dr. P.K. Gupta, Scientist-G, C&P Discipline, Forest Products Division, FRI
18. Dr. Y.C. Tripathi, Scientist-F, Chemistry and Bio-prospecting Division, FRI
19. Sh. D.P. Khali, Scientist-F, Forest Products Division, FRI
20. Dr. Manisha Thapliyal, Scientist-F, Silviculture & Forest Management Division, FRI
21. Dr. Santan Barthwal, Scientist-F, G&TI Division, FRI
22. Dr. Ashok Kumar, Scientist-F, G&TI Division, FRI
23. Sh. P.S. Rawat, Scientist-F, RCS, FRI
24. Sh. Azmal Samani, Scientist-E, Forest Products Division, FRI
25. Dr. Charan Singh, Scientist-E, Forest Extension Division, FRI
26. Dr. V.P. Panwar, Scientist-E, Forest Ecology & Climate Change Div, FRI
27. Dr. Arvind Kumar, Scientist-E, Forest Protection Division, FRI
28. Dr. Parul Bhatt, Scientist-E, Forest Ecology & Climate Change Div, FRI
29. Dr. Girish Chandra, Scientist-C, Forestry Statistics Division, ICFRE
30. Dr. Sudhir Kumar, Scientist-C, Information Technology Div., ICFRE
31. Dr. H.B. Vasistha, Scientist (Retd), FRI, Dehradun
32. Dr. N.S.K. Harsh, Retd. Scientist-G, FRI, Dehradun
33. Dr. Vipin Prakash, Scientist-E, Course Coordinators of FRIDU
34. Dr. Mridula Negi, Scientist-E, Course Coordinators of FRIDU
35. Dr. Vikas Rana, Scientist-E, Course Coordinators of FRIDU
36. Dr. Pratima Patel, Scientist-D, Controller of the Examination, FRIDU
37. Dr. Shailendra Kumar, Scientist-C, Course Coordinators of FRIDU
38. Dr. A.K. Tripathi, Scientist- G & Registrar, FRIDU- **Member Secretary**

At the outset, the Chairperson welcomed the members of the Academic Council and after that Registrar & Member Secretary, Academic Council FRI Deemed to be University with the permission of the chair started the proceedings of the meeting.


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Member Secretary, Academic Council
Registrar, FRI Deemed to be University



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Chairperson, Academic Council
Director, FRI & VC, FRI Deemed to be University

Agenda Item No. 1/2019:- To confirm the minutes and compliance report of the meeting of the Academic Council held on 04.07.2019.

Resolution No 6/2019: The members having gone through the compliance report on the resolutions passed by the Academic Council in its meeting held on 04.07.2019 finally confirmed the minutes.

Agenda Item No.7/2019: To consider the issue for ex-post facto approval regarding revision of eligibility criteria for the Ph.D. Forestry (Discipline: Forest Geo-informatics).

Resolution No .7/2019: The Academic Council has considered the agenda and **resolved** to revise the eligibility criteria for the Ph.D. Forestry (Discipline: Forest Geo-informatics) under clause 3.3 of the Ph.D. Ordinance as under:-

“M. Tech in Remote Sensing & GIS Or

Post Graduate Degree in any Science subject with Post Graduate Diploma in Remote Sensing/GIS Or
Postgraduate degree in Geo-informatics Or

Post Graduate Degree in any Science subject but candidate must have studied Remote Sensing-GIS as one of the paper Or

Post Graduate Degree in any Science subject but candidate must have undergone minimum 6 months specialized training in Remote Sensing-GIS.”

Agenda Item No. 8/2019: To consider the matter of revision in clause 5.4.2 of the Ph.D. Ordinance as per University Grants Commission (Minimum Standards and Procedure for Award of M.Phil/Ph.D. Degrees) (2nd Amendment) Regulations, 2018 as per UGC Notification 16.10.2018 regarding selection of Ph.D. Candidates

Note:- Having considered the agenda the Academic Council has principally resolved to add the provisions of the clause 5.4.2 of the UGC (Minimum Standards and Procedure for Award of M.Phil/Ph.D. Degrees) Regulations, 2016 and that the clause 5.4.2(i) of Ph.D. Ordinance may be read as under:-

“The candidates qualifying the entrance test and those mentioned at clause 5.1.2 will be called for interview which will be conducted discipline-wise by the Head of Division concerned/Nodal Officer of respective research centres to discuss their research interest/area. The marks of candidates appeared in the interview will be sent to the Registrar, FRI Deemed University, who will prepare the list of selected candidates as per merit on the basis of marks obtained in **entrance test and in interview applying reservation policy, provided that for selection of candidates, a weightage of 70% to the entrance test and 30% to the performance in the interview/viva-voce shall be given.** The list prepared by the Registrar, FRIDU would be placed before Joint Admission Committee constituted by Vice Chancellor, FRIDU. The Joint Admission Commission shall examine the list of selected candidates keeping in view all aspects and shall approve the list and finally be approved by the Director, FRI/VC, FRIDU and would be uploaded on the website.”

And it is also resolved that in case of candidates of NET/GATE a suggestion from University Grants Commission may be sought to consider their weightage of marks.



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Agenda No. 9/2019: To consider the issue of recognition of Zoological Survey of India, Dehradun as a Ph.D. Research Centre of Forest Research Institute Deemed to be University.

Resolution No. 9/2019: Having considered the agenda and keeping in view the infrastructure & academic facility available at **Zoological Survey of India, Dehradun**, the Academic Council **resolved** to constitute a three/Four members committee by the Director FRI & VC FRI Deemed to be University to visit Zoological Survey of India, Dehradun to examine the availability of faculty, laboratories, Library, Hostel etc.. The committee shall submit its report to the Director FRI & VC FRI Deemed to be University and if committee recommends to recognize Zoological Survey of India, Dehradun as one of the Ph.D. Research Centre of FRIDU, the matter may be placed to Board of Management for its consideration and subject to approval of Board of Management, a request may be sent to University Grants Commission as per its procedure alongwith the report of the Committee to get approval of University Grants Commission.

Agenda Item No. 10/2019: To consider the issue of recognition of Forest Research Centre for Eco-Rehabilitation, Prayagraj, U.P. as a Ph.D. Research Centre of Forest Research Institute Deemed to be University.

Resolution No. 10/2019: The Academic Council considered the issue of recognition of Forest Research Centre for Eco-Rehabilitation, Prayagraj, U.P. as a Ph.D. Research Centre of Forest Research Institute Deemed to be University. The Academic Council observed that as Forest Research Centre for Eco-Rehabilitation, Prayagraj, U.P. is a Centre under Forest Research Institute, Dehradun, therefore, there is no need to recognize Forest Research Centre for Eco-Rehabilitation, Prayagraj, U.P. as a separate Ph.D. research centre of FRI Deemed to be University. It is **resolved** by Academic Council that FRI may obtain the seats from the scientists working at Forest Research Centre for Eco-Rehabilitation, Prayagraj and the same may be published under Forest Research Institute Dehradun Research Centre, but synopsis seminar, presentation of Progress reports before RAC and pre-thesis submission seminar of the scholars registered under the scientists of Forest Research Centre for Eco-Rehabilitation, Prayagraj, shall be organized at FRI Dehradun or through video conferencing.

The meeting then ended with the thanks to the Chair.


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