

# **Forest Research Institute Deemed to be University**

## **Minutes of the meeting of the Academic Council held on 14.08.2018 at 11:00 am**

The meeting of the Academic Council of FRI Deemed to be University was held on 14.08.2018 in the Conference Hall of FRI Deemed to be University. Dr. Savita, IFS, Director, FRI & Vice-Chancellor, FRI deemed to be University Chaired the meeting as Chairperson. The following members attended the meeting:-

1. Dr. H.S. Ginwal, Dean (Academic), FRI Deemed to be University
2. Ms. Arti Chaudhary, IFS, Head, Silviculture & Forest Management Division and Head Forest Informatics Div. FRI.
3. Dr. Mohd. Yousuf, Scientist-G & Head, Forest Protection Division, FRI
4. Dr. Sadhna Tripathi, Scientist-G & Head, NFLIC, FRI
5. Dr. Kishan Kumar V.S, Scientist-G & Head, Forest Products Division, FRI
6. Dr. Vineet Kumar, Head, Scientist-G & Chemistry and Bio-prospecting Division, FRI
7. Dr. N.K. Upreti, Dean (Research) (GCR) & Head, Forest Products Division, FRI
8. Dr. V.K. Varshney, Scientist-G, Chemistry and Bio-prospecting Division, FRI
9. Dr. Sudhir Singh, Scientist-G, Forest Protection Division, FRI
10. Sh. D.P. Khali, Scientist-F, Forest Products Division, FRI
11. Sh. Rajesh Bhandari, Scientist-F & Head, Eng. & Services Division, FRI
12. Dr. Y.C. Tripathi, Scientist-F, Chemistry & Bio-prospecting Division, FRI
13. Dr. P.K. Gupta, Scientist-F, C&P Discipline, Forest Products Division, FRI
14. Dr. Manisha Thapliyal, Scientist-F, Silviculture & Forest Management Division, FRI
15. Dr. Santan Barthwal, Scientist-F, Genetics & Tree Improvement Division, FRI
16. Dr. Ajay Thakur, Scientist-F, Genetics & Tree Improvement Division, FRI
17. Sh. P.S. Rawat, Scientist-F, RCS, FRI
18. Dr. Ashok Kumar, Scientist-F & Head, Genetics and Tree Improvement Division, FRI
19. Dr. P.K. Pande, Scientist-F & Head, Forest Botany Division, FRI
20. Dr. Arun Pratap Singh, Scientist-F, Forest Protection Division, FRI
21. Dr. B.P. Tamta, Scientist-E, NWFP, Silviculture & FM Division, FRI
22. Dr. Anoop Chandra, Scientist-E, Forest Botany Division, FRI
23. Dr. Charan Singh, Scientist-E, Forest Extension Division, FRI
24. Dr. Rashmi, Scientist-E, Chemistry & Bio-prospecting Division, FRI
25. Dr. Arvind Kumar, Scientist-E, Forest Protection Division, FRI
26. Dr. Rajiv Pandey, Scientist-E, Forest Informatics Division, FRI
27. Dr. Vipin Prakash, Scientist-E, Course Coordinator, FRI Deemed to be University
28. Dr. Mridula Negi, Scientist-E, Course Coordinator, FRI Deemed to be University
29. Sh. Shailendra Kumar, Scientist-C, Course Coordinator, FRI Deemed to be University
30. Dr. Vikas Rana, Scientist-E, Forest Products Division, FRI
31. Dr. Pratima Patel, Examination Cell, FRI Deemed to be University
32. Dr. Y.M. Dubey, Forest Products Division, FRI
33. Dr. R.T. Pandian, IFS, AS (E), Silviculture & Forest Management Division, FRI
34. Dr. Parul Bhatt, Scientist-D Forest Soil & Land Reclamation Div
35. Dr. Hukum Singh, Scientist-B, Forest Ecology & Climate Change Div. FRI
36. Dr. Nawa Bahar, Scientist-D, Silviculture & Forest Management Div., FRI
37. Dr. B.S. Adhikari, Scientist, WII, Dehradun
38. Dr. Charan Singh, Scientist, Indian institute of Soil & Water Conservation, Dehradun
39. Dr. L.M.S. Palni, Former Director, GB Pant institute of Himalayan Technology
40. Dr. M.C Porwal, Retired Scientist, IIRS, Dehradun
41. Dr. P.K. Mathur, Ex-Dean, (Academic) Retired, Wildlife Institute of India Dehradun
42. Dr. Ombir Singh, Retd. Scientist, FRIDU
43. Dr. A.K. Tripathi, Registrar, FRIDU

  
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- Member Secretary

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

**Agenda Item No. 01/2018: To confirm the minutes of meeting of Academic Council held on 28.12.2017.**

**Resolution No 01/2018:** The members having gone through the compliance report on the resolutions passed by the Academic Council in its meeting held on 28.12.2017 has confirmed the minutes.

**Agenda Item No. 2/2018: To consider the issue of adoption of Notification dated 23.7.2018 of University Grants Commission, New Delhi on University Grants Commission (Promotion of Academic Integrity and Prevention of Plagiarism in Higher Educational Institutions) Regulations, 2018, published in Gazette of India**

**Resolution No. 02/2018:** After a great discussion, the Academic Council **resolved** to adopt the University Grants Commission's Notification dated 23.7.2018 on UGC (Promotion of Academic Integrity and Prevention of Plagiarism in Higher Educational Institutions) Regulations, 2018, and asked to Check the plagiarism in academic and research work done leading to the partial fulfillment for the award of degree at Masters and Research level, by a student or a faculty or a researcher or a staff, in the form of thesis, dissertation and publication of research papers, chapters in book, full-fledged books and any other similar works. It is also **resolved** to frame the guidelines of FRI Deemed to be University in the light of UGC notification.

**Agenda Item No.3/2018: To consider the issue of adoption of Anti-Plagiarism Software URKUND facility provided by the INFLIBNET (an autonomous Inter-University Centre of UGC)**

**Resolution No 03/2018:** The Academic Council **resolved** to use the URKUND plagiarism software and to sign an agreement with **e-Galatic**/INFLIBNET (an autonomous Inter-University Centre of UGC) to detect and check plagiarism in academic and research work done leading to the partial fulfillment for the award of degree at Masters and Research level, by a student or a faculty or a researcher or a staff, in the form of thesis, dissertation and publication of research papers, chapters in book, full-fledged books and any other similar works.

**Agenda Item No. 4/2018: To consider the recommendations of committees to revise the eligibility criteria for admission in the Ph.D. Disciplines 'Forest Hydrology' and 'Chemistry of Forest Products'**

**Resolution No 04/2018:** Having gone through the agenda the Academic Council unanimously **resolved** to grant ex-post approval to revise the eligibility criteria for admission in the Ph.D. Disciplines 'Chemistry of Forest Products' and 'Forest Hydrology' as under:-



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| <b>Chemistry of Forest Products</b> | M.Sc. in Chemistry (preferable organic specialization), M.Sc. in Analytical Chemistry, Pharmaceutical Chemistry, Industrial Chemistry, Medicinal Chemistry, Natural Products Chemistry, Biochemistry, Agricultural Chemicals, Polymer Chemistry, MD in Pharmacology or equivalent in Indian System of Medicine, Masters in Pharmacy, M. Tech in Chemical technology/Chemical Engineering, M.Sc.(Tech) in Pharmaceutical Chemistry |
| <b>Forest Hydrology</b>             | Post Graduate Engineering Degree in Hydrology/Water Resource Engineering/Civil Engineering, Post Graduate Degree in Forestry, and Environment Management/Sciences with specialization in GIS/Remote Sensing/Watershed Management/ <b>Water Management/Post Graduate Degree in Soil and Water Conservation Engineering/ Post Graduate Degree in Irrigation and drainage Engineering</b>  |


**Agenda Item No. 5/2018:** To consider the issue of **modification in Section-A in question paper of Ph.D. Entrance Test.**

**Resolution No 05/2018:** The matter was discussed at a great length. Finally, the Academic Council **resolved** to constitute a committee to review the procedure of Ph.D. Entrance Examination, including the no. of question in Section-A & B. It is decided that the Director FRI/VC FRIDU shall constitute a committee for the purpose. The recommendations of the committee shall be put up in the next meeting of Academic Council.

**Agenda Item No. 6/2018:** To consider the matter regarding **introduction of a separate paper for the Ph.D. "Climate Change & Forest Influence" for Ph.D. Entrance Test.**

**Resolution No 06/2018:** Having considered the agenda the Academic Council **resolved that** the candidates shall have to attempt the question paper in part of B-2 of Section-B as under:

| Sl. No. | Discipline applied for  | Subject to be attempted compulsorily as per discipline applied for |
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| 1.      | Silviculture/ Forest Seed Technology/ Forest Management/ Non Wood Forest Products / Forestry Extension. | Forestry   |

  
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| 2. | Forest Genetics/Forest Botany/ Forest Pathology/ Forest Entomology/ Forest Ecology & Environment/ Forest Biotechnology/ Environment Management/ Wildlife Science/Soil Science | Life Sciences or Environmental Sciences or <b>Forestry</b>                       |
| 3. | Wood Science & Technology/ Forest Geo-informatics/ Forest Hydrology/Climate Change & Forest Influence   | Forestry or Physics or Wood Science & Technology or <b>Environmental Science</b> |
| 4. | Chemistry of Forest Products/ Pulp & Paper Technology.  | Chemistry or Pulp & Paper Technology   |
| 5. | Forest Bio-informatics  | Life Science or Mathematics  |

Academic Council also resolved that committee to be constituted as per resolution No. 6/2018 shall also review the above categorization for Ph.D. Entrance Examination.

**Agenda Item No. 7/2018:** To consider the **Recommendation of Board of Studies of M.Sc. Environment Management.**

**Resolution No 07/2018:** The Academic Council having considered the recommendation of the Board of Studies of M.Sc. Environment Management **resolved to** modify the existing syllabus as per **Annexure A** of the agenda.

**Agenda Item No.8/2018:** To consider the **Recommendation of Board of Studies of M.Sc. (Forestry)**

**Resolution No 08/2018:** The Academic Council considered the recommendation of the Board of Studies of M.Sc. Forestry and **resolved to** modify the syllabus of M.Sc. Forestry as per **Annexure B** of the agenda.

**Agenda Item No.9/2018:** To consider the **matter for revising the certification format of submission of Term paper**

**Resolution No 09/2018:** Having considered the agenda the Academic Council **resolved** that Term Papers certified by the concerned supervisors will directly be submitted to the Program Coordinators and will be sent for their evaluation. The signature or approval of Dean (A) shall not be required.

**Supplementary Agenda Item No.1/2018:** To consider the matter regarding inclusion of new Ph.D. Discipline 'Social Science' in Ph.D. Programme in Forestry and inclusion of P.G. Degree in Social Science as eligibility criteria in the Ph.D. Discipline Wildlife Science

**Resolution No 10/2018:** The Academic Council considered the agenda at a great length and keeping in view the impact of Social activities on the Forestry and Wildlife Science in the present scenario, **resolved to** constitute a committee to look into the matter regarding introduction of new Ph.D. Discipline with the name "Social Sciences", and the eligibility criteria for the same and that the recommendation of the committee shall be placed in the next meeting of Academic Council.

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**Supplementary Agenda Item No.2/2018:** To consider the matter regarding introduction of examination policy in case of students missed Final semester examination

**Resolution No 10/2018:** The Academic Council having considered the agenda **resolved** to introduce the examination policy in case of student remains absent or misses the final semester examination(s) without any intimation the examination(s) as under:-

“Normally no supplementary examination/makeup examination shall be permissible to the students in lieu of the missed final semester examination(s) without intimation. Student missing up to two examinations (theory/practical) in a final semester examination will be considered fail in that particular course and will be allowed to repeat the courses in the next semester when the courses will be offered by the university. Student missing more than semester examination of two courses will have to repeat the semester. However, under the following special circumstances, makeup/supplementary examination may be permitted to the students at the discretion of Dean (Academic):

- a. Hospitalization of the student in New Forest Hospital/ Government Hospital for a period of 72 hours or as per the reference of the medical officer of FRI hospital to other hospitals. No exemption may be allowed for the diseases for which no clinical examination is possible. In other words headache, abdomen pain giddiness etc. shall not be regarded as sufficient justification for makeup/ supplementary examination.
- b. Death of parent(s)
- c. Attending interview (Final semester student)
- d. Representing FRI in national level events (Debates/Sports/cultural programs etc.)

**Procedure for obtaining the makeup examination:**

- a. If a student failed to appear at any semester examination for reason beyond his/her control, he/she must file an application to Controller of Examination before or on the very day on which the examination is missed.
- b. The application for makeup examination must be supported with original certificates/documentary proofs and routed through the hostel warden/programme coordinator.
- c. In case of medical issues, the application must be submitted with medical certificate of New Forest Hospital or the Government hospital on the date of commencement of sickness itself. The application must be certified by the hostel warden/programme coordinator.
- d. No application for makeup examination shall be considered if received after 3 (three) working days from the date of the final semester examination.
- e. The makeup examination would be held immediately after the regular examination or along with the supplementary examination as per the schedule notified by the Controller of Examination.

The meeting ended with thanks to the Chair.



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