

Forest Research Institute Deemed to be University

Minutes of the meeting of the Academic Council held on 28.12.2017 at 11:00 am

The meeting of the Academic Council of FRI Deemed to be University was held on 28.12.2017 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 (A), FRIDU
2. Dr. P.K. Mathur, Ex-Dean, (Academic), Wildlife Institute of India Dehradun
3. Dr. Neelu Gera, IFS, DDG (Education), ICFRE
4. Ms. Arti Chaudhary, IFS, Head, Silviculture & Forest Management Division, FRI
5. Dr. A.K. Pandey, Head, Forest Extension Division, FRI
6. Dr. Amit Pandey, Head, Forest Pathology Division, FRI
7. Sh. Rajesh Bhandari, Head, Engg. & Services Division.
8. Dr. Vikas Rana, Head, Cellulose & Paper Division, FRI
9. Dr. Dinesh Kumar, Scientist-G, Silviculture & Forest Management Division, FRI
10. Dr. V.K. Varshney, Scientist-G, Chemistry Division, FRI
11. Dr. Sangeeta Gupta, Scientist-G, Botany Division, FRI
12. Sh. D.P. Khali, Scientist-F, Forest Products Division, FRI
13. Dr. Y.C. Tripathi, Scientist-F, Chemistry Division, FRI
14. Dr. P.K. Gupta, Scientist-F, C & P Division, FRI
15. Dr. Meena Bakshi, Scientist-E, Botany Division, FRI
16. Dr. Anoop Chandra, Scientist-E, Botany Division, FRI
17. Dr. Ombir Singh, Scientist-E, Silviculture & Forest Management Division, FRI
18. Dr. Santan Barthwal, Scientist-E, G & T.P. Division, FRI
19. Dr. S.P. Chaukiyal, Scientist-E, Botany Division, FRI
20. Dr. Ajay Thakur, Scientist-E, G & T.P Division, FRI
21. Dr. Arun Pratap Singh, Scientist-E, Forest Entomology Division, FRI
22. Dr. Vipin Prakash, Scientist-E(Course Coordinator), Forest Pathology Div, FRI
23. Dr. Parul Bhatt, Scientist-D Forest Soil & Land Reclamation Div., FRI
24. Dr. Hukum Singh, Scientist-B, Ecology, Climate Change & Forest Influence Div., FRI
25. Dr. Nawa Bahar, Scientist-C, Silviculture & Forest Management Division., FRI
26. Dr. Sarnam Singh, Scientist & Dean, IIRS, Dehradun
27. Dr. B.S. Adhikari, Scientist, WII, Dehradun
28. Dr. Charan Singh, Scientist, Indian institute of Soil & Water Conservation, Dehradun
29. Dr. M.C Porwal, Retired Scientist, IIRS, Dehradun
30. Dr. Salil Dhawan, Course Coordinator, FRIDU
31. Dr. A.K. Tripathi, Registrar, FRIDU

- Member Secretary

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. 09/2017: To confirm the minutes of meeting of Academic Council held on 3.3.2017.

Resolution No 09/2017: The members having gone through the compliance report on the resolutions passed by the Academic Council at its meeting held on 03.03.2017 has confirmed the minutes



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Agenda Item No. 10/2017: To consider the issue of amendment in Clauses 7.2 regarding deletion of provision of exemption from pursuing compulsory work and 14.5 regarding submission of progress reports, of the Ph.D. Ordinance.

Resolution No. 10/2017: The Academic Council has considered the agenda at great length and members have considered all the aspects of the clause and **resolved to revise the clauses 7.2 and Clause 14.5 of the Ph.D. Ordinance as under:-**

Clause 7.2

“It shall be made compulsory for all the Ph.D. Scholars to pursue the following courses for one semester (6 months) at F.R.I Deemed to be University or its Research Centres. The courses will be conducted by Registrar, FRI University/Nodal Officer concerned in a time bound manner and only once as mentioned in 5.1.1 above.

- i) Basic Forestry course as per syllabus vide Appendix-8
- ii) Computer application course as per syllabus vide Appendix -9
- iii) Statistics and Research Methods in Forestry course as per syllabus vide Appendix-10
- iv) Special problem to be given by Supervisor and presented in the form of review of literature/technical report in the related discipline/area of research. The Supervisor/Co-supervisor shall evaluate the report and if satisfied, may issue a certificate (to be attached in the report) and shall also give marks out of 100.

The minimum pass marks for the above courses will be **55%**.

On successful completion of the Compulsory Course Work at the end of 6 months the candidate shall be allowed to submit the synopsis before the Research Advisory Committee in the synopsis seminar and obtain its approval of the synopsis.”

Clause 14.5

“Registration of a Ph.D. Scholar is liable to be cancelled by the Director at any time if:-

- i) Two consecutive six monthly progress reports are not submitted at all or are not satisfactory as per recommendations/comments of RAC.

However, the research scholar is required to submit the 1st six monthly progress report through his Supervisor & Chairman of RAC and 2nd and 3rd six monthly progress reports duly reviewed by RAC. The candidate will make six monthly presentation of 2nd & 3rd six monthly Progress report before RAC. After that all the 6 monthly Progress Reports shall be submitted through supervisor & Chairman, RAC while annual presentation would be held before RAC.

- ii) The attendance in case of Research Scholar should not be less than 75% in any term”

Agenda Item No.11/2017: To consider the issue of recognition of State Forest Research Institute (SFRI), Jabalpur (M.P.) as a Ph.D. Research Centre of Forest Research Institute Deemed to be University

Resolution No. 11/2017: Having considered the agenda and keeping in view the infrastructure & academic facility available at SFRI Jabalpur, the Academic Council **resolved** to recognize SFRI Jabalpur as one of Ph.D. Research Centre of FRI Deemed to be University subject to approval of Board of Management of FRI Deemed to be University and University Grants Commission.


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Agenda Item No.12/2017: To consider the recommendation of fee committee regarding enhancement in fee of M.Sc. Courses.

Resolution No. 12/2017: The Academic Council considered the recommendation of the Fee Review Committee and **recommended** to revise the fee structure of M.Sc. Courses as under from the new session 2018-2019(Student already enrolled would pay old fee) subject to approval of Board of Management -

**Semester-wise Fee Structure for Master's Programme in
Forestry, Environment Management and Wood Science and Technology**

Sl. No.	Particulars	First Semester (in Rupees)	Second Semester (in Rupees)	Third Semester (in Rupees)	Fourth Semester (in Rupees)
1	Admission fee	4000/-	--	--	--
2	Tuition Fee	24000/-	24000/-	24000/-	24000/-
3	Sports / Cultural Fee	2000/-	--	--	--
4	Examination Fee	1000/-	1000/-	1000/-	1500/-(including thesis evaluation fee)
5	Degree Fee	200/-	--	--	--
6	Library Fee	1000/-	1000/-	1000/-	1000/-
7	Study tour/ Field Excursion Fee	500/-	500/-	8000/-	--
8	Caution Money (Refundable)	3000/-	--	--	--
Total		35700/-	26500/-	34000/-	26500/-

**Semester-wise Fee Structure for Master's Programme in
Cellulose and Paper Technology**

Sl.No.	Particulars	First Semester (in Rupees)	Second Semester (in Rupees)	Third Semester (in Rupees)	Fourth Semester (in Rupees)
1	Admission fee	4000/-	--	--	--
2	Tuition Fee	24000/-	24000/-	24000/-	24000/-
3	Sports / Cultural Fee	2000/-	--	--	--
4	Examination Fee	1000/-	1000/-	1000/-	1500/-(including thesis evaluation fee)
5	Degree Fee	200/-	--	--	--
6	Library Fee	1000/-	1000/-	1000/-	1000/-
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Agenda Item No.13/2017: To consider the issue of shifting of courses from one semester to another semester in M.Sc. Wood Science & Technology.

Resolution No. 13/2017: The Academic Council having gone through the recommendation of the Board of Studies of M.Sc. in Wood Science & Technology Course recommended in its meeting held on 27.7.2017 has **resolved to** shift the courses of Products Design and Fabrication (WPD317) from IIIrd to IVth semester and Human Resource Management (WHR401) and Marketing and Enterprise Development (WME402) from IVth semester to IIIrd semester.

Agenda Item No.14/2017: To consider the issue of membership of Academic council.

Resolution No. 14/2017: The Academic Council having considered the proposal **resolved** to involve the Programme Coordinators and Controller of Examination of FRIDU as permanent invitee member of Academic Council.

Agenda Item No.15/2017: To consider the issue of evaluation of Master Thesis & Term Paper.

Resolution No. 15/2017: Having considered the agenda the Academic Council **resolved** to revise the guidelines for evaluation of Term Paper, Master thesis passed by Academic council vide resolution No. 15/2016 of Academic Council dated 04.03.2016 as under:-

- Upon satisfactory completion of Master's thesis research work, the student shall be required produce a draft thesis (both side printing in spiral binding) with soft copy in PDF form within a reasonable time to the Examination cell. The Master Thesis shall be evaluated by the examiner as well as supervisor out of **300 marks** as per the following criteria :
 - a) Evaluation of Master's Thesis by the examiner on the set evaluation parameters: **Out of 200 marks**
 - b) Evaluation by the examiner based on Master Thesis seminar: **Out of 40 marks.**
 - c) Evaluation by supervisor concerned (20 % of total Marks i.e. 300) on the basis of synopsis writing, regularity/sincerity, research aptitude and overall performance during the completion of thesis: **Out of 60 marks.**
- The Master's Thesis shall be send to the examiner for evaluation, on various parameters given in prescribed Performa given below:



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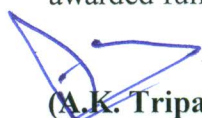
Master Thesis Evaluation Parameters (approved by Academic council vide resolution No. 15/2016)

Sl. No.	Particulars	Max. Marks	Marks Obtained
A.	Master's Thesis Report	200	
	1) Structure of report	15	
	2) Introduction	20	
	3) Comprehensive literature review	20	
	4) Captions and illustration of table, figures etc.	15	
	5) Methodology and experimentation	40	
	6) Clarity in writing	15	
	7) Results and Discussion	40	
	8) Conclusion	20	
	9) Reference writing	15	
B.	Master Thesis Seminar	40	
	Evaluation by Examiner	240	
	Evaluation by supervisor	60	
	Total	300	

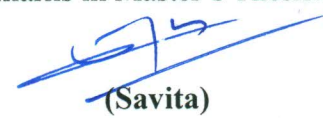
- The student shall be called for the Master's Thesis seminar before the Evaluation Committee. The constitution of committee shall be as :
 1. External Examiner who has evaluated the thesis
 2. Supervisor as Internal Examiner
 3. Programme Coordinator (Member secretary)
- The marks obtained by student shall be further changed into grades as per the following grade table :

Marks earned (%)	Letter grade
85-100	A+(Excellent)
70-84	A (Very Good)
60-69	B (Good)
<60	Thesis Revised

- The student who secure 60% and above marks will be considered eligible for earning the full credits.
- If any student could not secure minimum 60%, he/she shall be asked to revise his/her thesis. The re-submitted thesis shall be examined by the same examiner again. Such students will be awarded full credits only when they secure the minimum 60% marks in Master's Thesis.



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Agenda Item No.16/2017: To consider the issue of revision of fees and honorarium payable to the Supervisors for conducting/imparting training to Under Graduate, Post Graduate and B.Tech. Students from various Universities

Resolution No. 16/2017: The Academic Council resolved to implement the following fees & honorarium to Supervisors –


Division → Period ↓	Genetics & Tree Propagation Division	Botany Division (Tissue Culture)	Soil Science	Pathology Division		Other Divisions
				Molecular Pathology	Micro Biology	
One Month	10000/-	8000/-	10000/-	10000/-	10000/-	6000/-
Two Months	20000/-	13000/-	18000/-	20000/-	13000/-	10000/-
Three Months	28000/-	19000/-	26000/-	28000/-	19000/-	19000/-
More than Three Months to Six Months	39000/-	26000/-	28000/-	39000/-	26000/-	26000/-


Security/Caution Money of Rs. 2000/- refundable on completion of project training and subject to production of NOC from the concerned Division/ Discipline.

Honorarium Payable to the Guide (Per student)

Period	Proposed In Rs.
One Month	600/-
Two Months	800/-
Three Months	1000/-
More than Three Months to Six Months	1600/-

The meeting ended with thanks to the Chair.


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