

FOREST RESEARCH INSTITUTE DEEMED to be UNIVERSITY

Dehradun, Uttarakhand

Minutes of the Meeting of Board of Management held on 08 March, 2021

The Meeting of the Board of Management was held on 08.03.2021 at 11:00 a.m. in the Board Room of FRI Deemed to be University. Besides the Chairperson Sh. A.S. Rawat, Director, FRI & Vice Chancellor, FRI Deemed to be University, following were present in the meeting:-

1. Dr. Shakti Kant Khanduri, Ex-PCCF - Member
2. Dr. R.P. Saini, Ex-PCCF - Member
3. Smt. Kanchan Devi, IFS, DDG (Education), ICFRE, Dehradun - Member
4. Dr. G.S. Randhawa, Ex-Professor, IIT Roorkee (Joined Virtually) - Member
5. Dr. Salil K. Tewari, Professor, G.B. Pant University of Agriculture & Technology, Pantnagar, Uttarakhand (Joined Virtually) - Member
6. Dr. G.S. Rawat, Ex-Dean (A), WII, Dehradun (Joined Virtually) - Member
7. Dr. Shравan Kumar Verma, DIGF (RT), MoEF&CC (Joined Virtually) - Member
8. Dr. H.S. Ginwal, Scientist – G & Dean (A), FRI Deemed to be University - Member
9. Dr. Vineet Kumar, Scientist-G, Chemistry & Bio-prospecting Div. FRI - Member
10. Dr. Manisha Thapliyal, Scientist-F, Silv. & Forest Mgt. Div. FRI - Member
11. Dr. Pratima Patel, Scientist D & Controller of Examination, FRIDU - Member
12. Dr. A.K. Tripathi, Scientist-G & Registrar, FRI Deemed to be University - Member Secretary

At the outset, Sh. A.S. Rawat, Director, FRI & Vice-Chancellor, FRI Deemed to be University (Chairperson) welcomed the members of the Board of Management. Thereafter, with the permission of the Chair, the Registrar, FRI Deemed to be University (Member Secretary) presented agenda items before the Board of Management.

Agenda Item No.01/2021:- To consider confirmation of the minutes of meeting of Board of Management held on 29.8.2019

Resolution No.1/2021:- The members having gone through the agenda, **resolved** to confirm the minutes of the meeting of Board of Management held on 29.08.2019 placed as Annexure-1 of the agenda.

Agenda Item No.02/2021:- To consider the compliance report on the resolutions of the meeting of Board of Management held on 29.8.2019

Resolution No.2/2021:- The members having gone through the agenda, **resolved** to confirm the compliance report of the resolutions passed by the Board of Management in its meeting held on 29.08.2019 placed as Annexure-2 of the agenda.

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Agenda Item No.03/2021:- To formally pass the grace for award of the Degrees to the Ph.D. Scholars and M.Sc. students


Resolution No. 3/2021:- The members having considered the agenda No. 3/2021, **resolved** to pass the grace for award of Ph.D. Degree to 54 successful Research Scholars as per the list at Annexure -3 of the agenda, provided all the procedures/rules of FRI Deemed University have been complied with. The members further passed the grace and approved for award of Degrees to the students of M.Sc. courses as per the list at Annexure - 4, 4a, 5, 6 and 7 of the agenda in convocation. The course-wise numbers of awardees are as under:-


Ph.D. in Forestry	- 54	Annexure-3
M.Sc. Forestry (2018-2020) batch	- 38	Annexure-4
M.Sc. Forestry (2017-2020) batch	- 02	Annexure-4a
M.Sc. Environment Management (2018-2020) batch	- 38	Annexure-5
M.Sc. Wood Science & Technology (2018-2020) batch	- 40	Annexure-6
M.Sc. Cellulose & Paper Technology (2018-2020) batch	- 16	Annexure-7

Agenda Item No.04/2021:- To consider the issue of 'Professor Puran Singh Cash Award' for Best thesis.

Resolution No. 4/2021:- The Chairman desired to brief about Professor Puran Singh former Scientist FRI. Dr. Randhawa and Dr. Vineet Kumar briefed the members about achievements of Professor Puran Singh. The members having considered the agenda No. 4/2021, deferred the agenda and resolved to award best thesis as per the decision taken in the earlier meeting of BoM held on 13.09.2018. And accordingly directed to initiate the process for award of Best Thesis annually for the year 2018-2019 and 2019-2020.

It is also suggested that in the evaluation criteria for award of best thesis marks for publication should also be included and emphasis will be on the quality of publication also. Mandatory publications while the course of pursuing the PhD research work will be considered for the award. Publications other than mandatory publications will also be considered for the award. Weightage shall also be given to number of publications.


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Finally it is resolved to approve Rules and Regulations for award of 'Professor Puran Singh Cash Award' as follows :-

Prof. Puran Singh Best Thesis Cash Award

Rules and Regulations

Name of the Award: Prof. Puran Singh Best Thesis Cash Award to Ph.D. Scholars

Sponsor: Dr. G.S. Randhawa, Former Professor, Department of Biotechnology, Indian Institute of Technology, Roorkee.

Objective of the Award:


1. To provide recognition to outstanding original research done by doctoral degree students of FRI Deemed to be University.
2. To provide incentive for enhancing the quality of doctoral thesis research.
3. To promote high quality doctoral thesis research in the area of Forestry.


Nature of Award:

This award is meant exclusively for Ph.D. Scholars of FRI Deemed to be University for doctoral thesis in Forestry. The Award shall be declared annually for one best thesis (to be commenced from 11.10.2018). Award shall consist of a citation and a cash of Rs. approx. Rs.30,000/- (Rupees Thirty thousand only).

Eligibility:

1. Any Ph.D. Scholar of FRI Deemed to be University.
2. Applicant should have submitted their thesis and have got their Doctorate degree (either provisional degree duly signed by the competent authority of the university awarding the degree or the final award) in the given period.
3. The research work must be original and must have a direct bearing on some relevant aspects of the forestry.
4. The result obtained must have the potential of enhancing the production/ productivity/sustainability of the relevant Forestry system or substantially advance the knowledge.


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Administration of the Award:

There shall be a Judging Committee consisting of 04 members appointed by Director, FRI & VC, and FRI Deemed to be University who will critically evaluate all submitted thesis and then submit their evaluation report to the University. Short listing of best theses will be on the basis of marks given by the Judges.

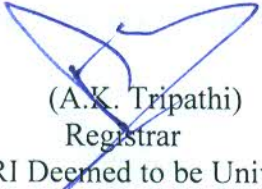
The experts will be provided soft copies of theses, synopsis, one page abstract and a format mentioning above criteria for evaluating the theses, in which they will provide the marks. The best thesis award shall be awarded on the basis of average of marks given by experts.


Director General, Indian Council Forestry Research and Education/Director, Forest Research Institute & Vice Chancellor, FRI Deemed to be University will present the award to the awardees on 26th January /15th August.

Evaluation Criteria:

Total number of marks shall be 100 with bifurcation as under:-

1. Conceptual clarity and coherence of the research problem (10 marks)
2. Originality & Innovation (10 marks)
3. Scientific, technological and socio-economic relevance and priority of the Research problem (10 marks)
4. Compilation, analysis and interpretation of existing literature, quality of illustrations and photographs (10 marks)
5. Organization of research work. Complementarily of the various experiments and investigations and their integration into a logical plan of work. (10 marks)
6. In what way the findings constitute a significant advancement in the knowledge and understanding (10)
7. Significance to the research community & its impact (14 marks)
8. Technical excellence (Rationale, objectives, methodology, study design, findings, clarity of the content, references and presentation) (14 marks)
9. Number of Publications including mandatory publications (12 marks)


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Agenda Item No. 5/2021:- To consider the resolutions of meeting of Finance Committee held on 16.07.2020 regarding passing of Chartered Accountant audited Annual Account Expenditure, Balance Sheet for the year 2019-2020 and Estimated expenditure for the year 2020-2021.

Resolution No. 5/2021:- The Board of Management **resolved** to approve the Annual Account Expenditure statement and Balance Sheet for the year 2019-2020 along with estimated expenditure for the year 2020-2021 and accepted the auditor's report placed as Annexure- 9 of the Agenda.


Agenda Item No. 6/2021:- To consider the issue of utilization of accrued interest of corpus of Forest Research Institute Deemed to be University


Resolution No. 6/2021:- The Board of Management under clause 4.02 of UGC (Institutions Deemed to be Universities) Regulation-2019 **resolved** to approve the utilization of accrued interest of corpus of Forest Research Institute Deemed to be University for upgradation of laboratories/honorarium to Internal faculty/External faculty/Junior consultant /expenses on study tours/ Library books/ maintenance of infrastructure (Building/ Classrooms/Roads)/ scholarship/Wages to contractual staff and other facilities for students/Ph.D. Scholars for another three years w.e.f. 21st August, 2020 to 20th August 2023, and also **resolved** that the interest accrued on the Corpus Fund shall be used only for the purpose of development of the institution deemed to be university.

Agenda Item No. 7/2021:- To consider the grant-in-aid under forestry education provided by ICFRE

Resolution No.7/2021:- The Board of Management has noted the information as given in Annexure-11 regarding utilization of Rs.30,570/- (Thirty Thousand Five Hundred and Seventy only) for purchasing the books by Library and refund of unutilized balance amount of Rs. 19,430/- (Nineteen Thousand Four Hundred and Thirty only) to ICFRE out of allotted sum of Rs.50,000/- (Fifty Thousand only). Registrar, FRI Deemed to be University informed the members that the budget was released in March, 2019.

The Board of Management **resolved** that in future the remaining amount of grant-in-aid should be revalidated and need not to be refunded. It is also desired by the members that the grant must be included in the financial statement of the university.


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Agenda Item No.8/2021:- To consider the issue of recognition of National Institute of Hydrology, Roorkee as a Ph.D. Research Centre of Forest Research Institute Deemed to be University

Resolution No.8/2021:- The Board of Management considered the recommendation of Academic Council in its meeting held on 30.11.2018, recommendation of the committee as presented vide Annexure-12 and **resolved** to approve the proposal of recognizing the National Institute of Hydrology, Roorkee as a Ph.D. Research Centre of Forest Research Institute Deemed to be University and send the same for the approval of University Grants Commission (UGC).

Deliberations were also made on whether the Indian Council of Forestry Research & Education and the Board of Management of FRI Deemed to be University has the sole right to recognize a research centre outside the purview of ICFRE and the scope of involvement of UGC in the process. It is also desired by the members to consider formulation of a new clear-cut policy regarding recognition of various institutions as Ph.D. Research Centers of the University in case of delay or no response of the proposal(s) from the University Grants Commission.

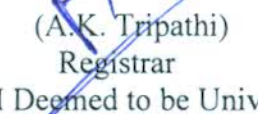
Agenda Item No. 9/2021:- To consider the issue of recognition of Zoological Survey of India, Northern Regional Centre, Dehradun as a Ph.D. Research Centre of Forest Research Institute Deemed to be University


Resolution No. 9/2021:- The Board of Management considered the resolution of Academic Council in its meeting held on 19.12.2019, recommendation of the committee as presented vide Annexure-13 and **resolved** to approve the proposal of recognizing the Zoological Survey of India, Northern Regional Centre, Dehradun as a Ph.D. Research Centre of Forest Research Institute Deemed to be University and send the same for the approval of University Grants Commission (UGC).

Agenda Item No. 10/2021:- To consider the revision of MoA/Rules of Forest Research Institute Deemed to be University in accordance with University Grants Commission (Deemed to be Universities) Regulations, 2019

Resolution No. 10/2021:- The Board of Management **resolved** to approve the revised Memorandum of Association(MoA)/Rules of Forest Research Institute Deemed to be University in accordance with University Grants Commission (Deemed to be Universities) Regulations, 2019 placed as Annexure-14 of the agenda. It is also directed to send a copy to UGC for information as per its format.

It is also suggested by the members that in future university should also plan its orientation in accordance with the New Education Policy formulated by the Government of India.


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Agenda Item No. 11/2021:- To consider the matter of constitution of Planning & Monitoring Board as per UGC (Institutions Deemed to be Universities) Regulations, 2019

Resolution No. 11/2021:- The Board of Management **resolved** to constitute the Planning & Monitoring Board as per UGC (Institutions Deemed to be Universities) Regulations, 2019 as proposed.

Agenda Item No. 12/2021:- To consider the matter regarding award of Ph.D. Degree to Shri G.S. Rawat (IFS Retd.), Ex-Ph.D. Scholar of FRIDU in the light of the Judgment of Hon'ble High Court, Nainital on writ petition No.369 (S/B) of 2011 (G.S. Rawat vs FRI (Deemed University) & Others

Resolution No. 12/2021:- The Board of Management deliberated upon the entire issue and specifically the reply submitted by Shri G.S. Rawat vide his letter dated 05.10.2019 in response to the reply/clarification sought by Director, FRI & Vice-Chancellor FRI Deemed to be University vide his letter No. 1673/1-1/2019-FRIDU dated 17.09.2019 and found that the reply was not in detail.

The Board of Management felt that Shri G.S. Rawat may be asked to submit a proper detailed reply. Therefore, the Board **resolved** to seek a detailed & point wise reply/clarification with the annexures from Shri G.S. Rawat on all the points of letter No. 1673/1-1/2019-FRIDU dated 17.09.2019 of Director FRI & Vice-Chancellor, FRI Deemed to be University within two months of the receipt of letter from Director FRI & Vice-Chancellor, FRI Deemed to be University, failing which the Board of Management will proceed as deemed fit.

Agenda Item No. 13/2021:- To consider and approve the decisions of Academic Council in its meeting held on 10.11.2020

Resolution No. 13/2021:- The Board of Management **resolved** to approve the decisions of Academic Council in its meeting held on 10.11.2020.


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Supplementary Agenda Item No.1/2021:- To consider the issue of recognition of Central Agroforestry Research Institute (ICAR-CAFRI) Jhansi as a Ph.D. Research Centre of Forest Research Institute Deemed to be University

Resolution No. 14/2021:- Having considered the agenda, the Board of Management gone through the infrastructure facilities available at Central Agroforestry Research Institute (ICAR-CAFRI) Jhansi and **resolved to** constitute a three/Four members committee by the Director FRI & VC FRI Deemed to be University to visit ICAR-CAFRI Jhansi to examine the availability of faculty, laboratories, Library, Hostel etc. as per standard practice. The committee shall submit its report to the Director FRI & VC FRI Deemed to be University and if committee recommends to recognize Central Agroforestry Research Institute (ICAR-CAFRI) Jhansi as one of the Ph.D. Research Centre of FRIDU, the matter may be sent to UGC alongwith the report of the Committee, to get its approval.

The meeting then ended with thanks by the Chair.



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