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विषय: दिनांक 18.07.2023 को आयोजित प्रबंधन समिति की बैठक का कार्यवृत्त।

Sub: Minutes of the meeting of Board of Management (now onwards known as Executive Council) held on 18.07.2023 –reg.

महोदय/महोदया,

कृपया वन अनुसंधान संस्थान सम विश्वविद्यालय, देहरादून की दिनांक 18 जुलाई 2023 को आयोजित प्रबंधन समिति (कार्यकारिणी परिषद) की (ऑनलाईन/ऑफलाईन) बैठक का संलग्न कार्यवृत्त प्राप्त करें, जो कि ई-मेल द्वारा आपको प्रेषित किया जा रहा है एवं यह भी अनुरोध है कि यदि किसी सदस्य की उपरोक्त सम्बंध में कोई टिप्पणी हो तो अधोहस्तक्षरी को पत्र प्राप्ति के 15 दिनों के भीतर सूचित करने का कष्ट करें।

Kindly find enclosed herewith the minutes (minutes attached with this e-mail) of the meeting of Board of Management (now onwards known as Executive Council) of FRI Deemed to be University held on 18.07.2023 at 03:30 pm in the Board Room of FRIDU. Comments, if any, may be sent to the undersigned within 15 days of the receipt of the minutes.

संलग्न: उपरोक्तानुसार

भवदीय,

(डा० आशुतोष कुमार त्रिपाठी),
कुलसचिव,
वन अनुसंधान संस्थान सम विश्वविद्यालय, देहरादून

FOREST RESEARCH INSTITUTE DEEMED TO BE UNIVERSITY
Dehradun, Uttarakhand

Minutes of the Meeting of Board of Management held on 18th July, 2023

The Meeting of the Board of Management was held on 18.07.2023 at 03:30 pm in offline & online mode in the Board Room of FRI Deemed to be University. Besides the Chairperson Dr. Renu Singh, Director, FRI & Vice Chancellor, FRI Deemed to be University, following were present in the meeting:-

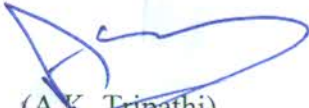
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| 1. Dr. R.P. Saini, Ex-PCCF | - Member |
| 2. Prof. Harish Chandra Nainwal, HNBGU | Member |
| 3. Prof. Gulshan Kumar Dhingra, Shri Dev Suman University, Rishikesh Campus | - Member |
| 4. Dr. H.S. Ginwal, Scientist – G & Dean (A), FRI Deemed to be University | - Member |
| 5. Dr. Amit Pandey, Scientist-G, FRI | - Member |
| 6. Dr. Parul Bhatt, Scientist-E, FRI | - Member |
| 7. Dr. Pratima Patel, Scientist D & Controller of Examination, FRIDU | - Member |
| 8. Dr. A.K. Tripathi, Scientist-G & Registrar | - Member Secretary
FRI Deemed to be University |


At the outset, Dr. Renu Singh, 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.1/2023:-

To consider the matter of confirmation of the minutes of meeting of Board of Management held by circulation from 11.11.2022 to 15.11.2022.

Resolution No.1/2023:- The members having gone through the agenda, **resolved** to confirm the minutes of the meeting of Board of Management held from 11.11.2022 to 15.11.2022.


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Agenda Item No.2/2023:-

To consider the compliance report on the resolutions of the Board of Management passed in its meeting held by circulation from 11.11.2022 to 15.11.2022

Resolution No.2/2023:- 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 from 11.11.2022 to 15.11.2022.

Agenda Item No.3/2023:-

To formally pass the grace for award of the Degrees to the Ph.D. Scholars


Resolution No.3/2023:- The members having considered the agenda No.3, **resolved** to pass the grace for award of Ph.D. Degree to 12 successful Ph.D. Research Scholars as per the list at Annexure-3 of the agenda provided all the procedures/rules of FRI Deemed to be University have been complied with.

Agenda Item No.4/2023:-

To consider the issue of utilization of accrued interest of corpus of Forest Research Institute Deemed to be University

Resolution No.4/2023:- The Board of Management under clause 4.02 of UGC (Institutions Deemed to be Universities) Regulation-2019 and clause 5(2) of UGC (Institutions Deemed to be Universities) Regulation-2023 **resolved** to approve the utilization of accrued interest of corpus of Forest Research Institute Deemed to be University for the purpose of development of the institution deemed to be university and 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 whenever required as per the need of the university and discretion of the Director, FRI/Vice-Chancellor, FRI Deemed to be University.


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Agenda Item No.5/2023:-

To consider the issue of adaptation of University Grants Commission (Redressal of Grievances of Students) Regulations, 2023.

Resolution No.5/2023:- Having considered the agenda the Board of Management **resolved** to adopt University Grants Commission (Redressal of Grievances of Students) Regulations, 2023 in toto. The Board of Management also **resolved** to authorize Vice-Chancellor to constitute a Student Grievance Redressal Committee and to appoint an Ombudsperson in the light of clause 5 and 6 of these regulations.

Agenda Item No.6/2023:-

To consider the issue of recognition of regional centres of Govind Ballabh Pant National Institute of Himalayan Environment, Almora as Ph.D. Research Centre of FRIDU.

Resolution No.6/2023:- The members of Board of Management discussed the agenda in detail and **resolved** that as per the agenda proposed, the vacancies of various sub centres of Govind Ballabh Pant National Institute of Himalayan Environment, Almora (GBPHIE) which are located at different places can not be raised against the vacancies of Govind Ballabh Pant National Institute of Himalayan Environment, Almora which is only the recognized research centre of FRIDU and therefore resolved to the drop the agenda.

Agenda Item No.7/2023:-

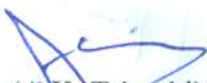
To consider and approve the decisions of Academic Council in its meeting held on 13.04.2023


Resolution No.7/2023:- Having gone through the agenda & resolutions of Academic Council the Board of Management resolved to approve the decisions of Academic Council in its meeting held on 13.04.2023 with a little modification in the pattern of paper of Ph.D. Entrance Test i.e. to include 50% questions on Research Methodology under relevant clause 5.2.4(f) of approved Ph.D. Ordinance vide resolution3/2023 of Academic Council in its meeting held on 13.4.2023. The Board of Management **resolved** to modify clause 5.2.4(f) of Ph.D. Ordinance as under:-

5.2.4 (f) The question paper will have following sections and their proportional weightage shall be as follows:

Section-A - Research Methodology - 100 questions

Section-B - 1. General Forestry: 40 questions
2. Subject/discipline specific (as per the discipline applied for) : 60 questions


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Agenda Item No.8/2023:-

To consider the agenda for adoption of UGC (Institutions Deemed to be Universities) Regulations, 2023 published in Gazette of India on 2nd June, 2023.

Resolution No.8/2023:- The Board of Management **resolved** to incorporate UGC (Deemed to be Universities) Regulations, 2023 in MoA with some deviations in the light of existing university setup and its governance as per Indian Council of Forestry Research & Education (ICFRE)/Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change(MoEF&CC) norms as represented below and to reframe the MoA of FRI deemed to be University in the light of these regulations 2023 and to send to University Grants Commission for its information. Further, the Board of Management is of the view that FRI deemed to be University deserved to have the status of 'distinct' category and directed to initiate the process for **declaration of Forest Research Institute deemed to be University under 'distinct' category under clause 7 of UGC (Institutions Deemed to be Universities) Regulations, 2023.**

UGC (Institutions Deemed to be Universities) Regulations, 2023	Decision of Board of Management in its meeting held on 18.7.2023
1. Short-title, application and commencement.— (1)These Regulations may be called the University Grants Commission (Institutions Deemed to be Universities) Regulations, 2023.	Approved to incorporate
1(2) These regulations shall apply to any institution seeking declaration as an institution deemed to be University and to any institution for higher education declared under section 3 of the said Act, to be an institution deemed to be University for the purposes of the University Grants Commission Act: Provided that the institutions already declared as deemed to be Universities under section 3 shall achieve the eligibility criteria mentioned in sub-regulation (1) of regulation 4 within ten years from the date of commencement of these regulations. Provided further that the Commission shall take appropriate measures on such institutions which fail to meet the eligibility criteria specified in sub-regulation (1) of regulation 4 of these regulations.	Approved to incorporate and also to initiate the process for getting the status of 'Distinct' category
1(3) These regulations shall come into force from the date of their publication in the Official Gazette: Provided the institutions deemed to be Universities declared prior to the date of commencement of these regulations shall amend the Memorandum of Association or rules of the institution deemed to be University to comply with these regulations within a period of one year from date of commencement of these regulations and the compliance report	Approved to incorporate and also to reframe the Memorandum of Association of FRI deemed to be University and to send the same to University Grants Commission within time frame of one year.

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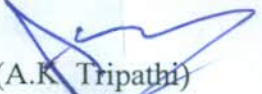
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shall be submitted to the Commission within said time frame, failing which necessary action may be initiated as per the provisions of these regulations.	
2. Definitions.— In these Regulations, unless the context otherwise requires: (1) “Academic Council” means the Academic Council of the Institution Deemed to be University.	Approved to incorporate
(2) “Act” means the University Grants Commission Act, 1956 (Act 3 of 1956).	Approved to incorporate
(3) “affiliated college” means a college recognised by, associated with and admitted to the privileges of a University;	Approved to incorporate
(4) “Board of Studies” means the Board of Studies of a Department of the Institution Deemed to be University.	Approved to incorporate
(5) “Campus” means campuses (single or multiple locations within the city) of the Institution Deemed to be University wherein its facilities, faculty, staff, students, and Academic Departments are situated;	Approved to incorporate
(6) “Centre” means a Centre of Studies of the Institution Deemed to be University.	Approved to incorporate
(7) “Chancellor”, “Vice-Chancellor” and “Pro-Vice-Chancellor” means the Chancellor, Vice-Chancellor and Pro-Vice-Chancellor of the Institution Deemed to be University, respectively;	Approved to incorporate However no positions of Pro-Chancellor and Pro Vice Chancellor exist in FRIDU
(8) college” means any institution whether affiliated college or constituent college, known as such or by any other name and provides undergraduate or postgraduate or Ph.D. programmes or all together, for obtaining any qualification from a University, in accordance with the rules and regulations of such University, which has been recognised as competent by the University Grants Commission to provide such programmes or courses of study;	Approved to incorporate
(9) “constituent college” means a college operating under the administrative, academic, and financial control of the sponsoring body;	Approved to incorporate
(10) “constituent unit” means an academic unit (Schools or centres or departments) of the institution existing on the date of submission of a proposal to declare an institution to be an institution deemed to be University;	Approved to incorporate
(11) “Department” means a Department of Studies of the Institution Deemed to be University.	Approved to incorporate
(12) “distinct category” means an existing institution or an institution starting from the beginning with the focus on teaching or research in the unique disciplines or addressing the strategic needs of the country or engaged in the preservation of Indian cultural heritage or	Approved to incorporate and also resolved to initiate the process for getting the status of Distinct Category as FRIDU fulfills all


preservation of the environment or dedicated to skill development or dedicated to sports or languages or any other discipline, as so determined by the Expert Committee approved by the Chairman of the Commission;	the necessary requirements for getting recognition under distinct category.
(13) "Executive Council" means the Executive Council of the Institution Deemed to be University.	Approved to incorporate and now "Executive Council" is to be used in place of Board of Management
(14) "Expert Committee" means a committee consisting of academics and other experts from other fields and includes representatives of the statutory bodies and approved by the Chairman of the Commission;	Approved to incorporate
(15) "Government" means the Department in the Ministry of Education in the Central Government dealing with the higher education;	Approved to incorporate
(16) "Institution" means an institution of higher education engaged in teaching and research at the undergraduate, post-graduate or higher levels.	Approved to incorporate
(17) "institution deemed to be University" means an institution of higher education so declared by the Central Government by notification under section 3 of the Act, on the advice of the Commission;	Approved to incorporate
(18) "main campus" means the campus of the institution deemed to be University, where its major facilities, faculty, staff, students, academic departments and administration are situated;	Approved to incorporate
(19) "NAAC" means National Assessment and Accreditation Council.	Approved to incorporate
(20) "NBA" means National Board of Accreditation.	Approved to incorporate
(21) "necessary infrastructure" means the infrastructure required under the norms of the concerned statutory body or the Commission, as the case may be;	Approved to incorporate
(22) "NEP" means National Education Policy, 2020.	Approved to incorporate
(23) "NIRF" means National Institutional Ranking Framework;	Approved to incorporate
(24) "notification" means a notification issued by the Central Government in the Official Gazette declaring an institution of higher education, as an institution deemed to be University under section 3 of the Act;	Approved to incorporate
(25) "off-campus" means the premises of the institution deemed to be University, approved by the Government, other than the main campus or the campuses;	Approved to incorporate


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(26) "off-shore campus" means the premises of the institution deemed to be University, approved by the Government, outside India, other than the main campus in India;	Approved to incorporate
(27) "processing fee" means the fee to be paid by the applicant institution to the Commission along with the application for processing such application;	Approved to incorporate
(28) "school" or "faculty" means a school or faculty of studies of the institution deemed to be University;	Approved to incorporate
(29) "sponsoring body" means a body being a charitable or a not-for-profit society or trust or a company under section 8 of the Companies Act, 2013 (18 of 2013), submitting an application for declaring an institution under its administrative, academic and financial control as an institution deemed to be University;	Approved to incorporate Forest Research Institute (FRI)/ Forest Research Institute Deemed to be University, Dehradun is a reputed organization under the ambit of Indian Council of Forestry Research & Education an autonomous organization of Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change and registered as a society under society act 1860. Board of Management in its earlier meeting held on 30.03.16 resolved to continue with already existing and approved Governance System and in its meeting held on 18.07.2023 again resolved to continue with existing norms.
(30) "Standing Committee" means a committee consisting of academics and other experts from other fields and includes representatives of the statutory bodies and approved by the Chairman of the Commission;	Approved to incorporate
(31) "statutory body" means a body constituted under any law for the time being in force for determining or maintaining standards of quality in the relevant areas of higher education, including the All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE), the Bar Council of India (BCI), the Dental Council of India (DCI), the Indian Nursing Council (INC), the National Council for Teacher Education (NCTE) and the National Medical Commission (NMC), or any other statutory body established under an Act of Parliament;	Approved to incorporate (UGC is the Statutory Body)


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(32) "Teacher" means Professors, Associate Professors, Assistant Professors and such other academic staff as may be appointed for imparting instructions or conducting research in the Institution Deemed to be University including the adjunct faculty or professor of practice or visiting faculty; and	Approved to incorporate But in FRI Deemed to be University scientists, Forest Officers and outside experts constitute the faculty. Professor, Associate Professor, Asstt. Professors are not recruited
(33) the words and expressions used in these regulations and not defined, but defined in the Act shall have the same meanings respectively assigned to them.	Approved to incorporate
3. OBJECTIVES OF AN INSTITUTION DEEMED TO BE UNIVERSITY (1) The objectives of the institutions deemed to be university shall be to – (a) provide for higher education leading to excellence and innovations in such branches of knowledge as may be deemed fit, primarily at undergraduate, at post-graduate and research degree levels, fully conforming to the concept of a University	Approved to incorporate
(b) engage in interdisciplinary or multi-disciplinary or trans-disciplinary teaching and research in addition to domain-specific specialization;	Approved to incorporate
(c) provide for high quality teaching and research recognized nationally and globally.	Approved to incorporate
(d) recognize, identify and foster the unique capabilities of each student, by sensitizing teachers as well as parents to promote each student's holistic development;	Approved to incorporate
(e) provide multi-disciplinary and a holistic education across the sciences, engineering, technology, social sciences, arts, humanities, sports and other disciplines;	Approved to incorporate Presently FRI deemed to be University runs 4 Masters Programme in Forestry, Environment Management, Wood Science & Technology and Cellulose & Paper Technology; and Ph. D Programme in Forestry with multidisciplinary and holistic education in Science.
(f) transform into research and teaching intensive University over a period of time;	Approved to incorporate FRI deemed to be University is already a research and teaching intensive University.

(g) focus on research and innovation by setting up start-up incubation centers; technology development centres; centres in frontier areas of research; greater industry-academic linkages; and interdisciplinary research including humanities and social sciences research; and	Approved to incorporate
(h) provide flexible and innovative curricula which include credit-based courses and projects in the areas of community engagement and service, environmental education, value-based education, etc.	Approved to incorporate
(i) Contribute for social transformation through socially responsive teaching, learning, research, and fieldwork;	Approved to incorporate
(j) adopt the provisions of NEP, 2020; and	Approved to incorporate
(k) strengthen the research ecosystem by establishing Research and Development Cell (RDC)	Approved to incorporate The Forest Research Institute/ Forest Research Institute Deemed to be University, Dehradun has full fledged Research Department headed by Group Coordinator (Research) who has also been designated as Dean (Research), Forest Research Institute deemed to be University. The department/cell is looking after all the Research and Development activities of all the internal faculty of FRI deemed to be University . The UGC has also been informed vide this office letter No.568/1-3/2016-FRIDU dated 14.6.2022.
4. Eligibility criteria for an institution to be declared as institution deemed to be University.— 4(1) The eligibility criteria for considering the applications of Institutions to be declared as Institution Deemed to be Universities shall:- (a) be a multi-disciplinary Institution (having minimum five Departments either in under-graduate or Post graduate or Integrated or Research Programmes or a combination of all these) or a Cluster of Institutions offering five programmes (having minimum five Departments either in under-graduate or Post graduate or Integrated or Research Programmes or a combination of all these) Provided that in the case of cluster of institutions, the institutions may be either from the same sponsoring body or from a different sponsoring body or bodies:	Approved to incorporate and also resolved to initiate the process for getting the status of Distinct Category as FRIDU fulfills all the necessary requirement for getting recognition under distinct category.

Provided further that each institution shall fulfill the eligibility conditions specified in this clause:

Provided also that in case, if the cluster of institutions belonging to different sponsoring bodies intends to acquire deemed to be University status, all the sponsoring bodies shall form an exclusive sponsoring body in the name of the proposed deemed to be university and that sponsoring body shall submit the application for deemed to be University status and all the moveable and immovable assets of such sponsoring bodies shall be transferred to the exclusive sponsoring body;

(b) be an institution—

(i) having valid accreditation by NAAC with at least 3.01 cumulative grade point average (CGPA) for three consecutive cycles:

provided that the application for accreditation or re-accreditation has been submitted by the Institution within time in each of these three cycles; or

(ii) providing two-thirds or eligible technical programmes accredited by the NBA for three consecutive cycles, in the case of the technical institutions:

provided that the application for accreditation or re-accreditation has been submitted by the institution within time in each of these three cycles; or

(iii) figuring among the top fifty rankings of the NIRF in any specific category for three consecutive years; or

(iv) figuring among the top hundred rankings in the overall ranking of the NIRF in any specific category for three consecutive years;

(c) possess such academic and physical infrastructure as may be specified by the Commission or the relevant statutory body, as the case may be;

(d) have obtained the approval of the relevant statutory body for the professional courses being offered in the institution at the time of application;

(e) teacher-student ratio of 1:20 with a minimum combined faculty strength of not less than one hundred and fifty teachers and a minimum combined student strength of three thousand on rolls under the regular class-room mode, of which not less than one fifth being post graduate or research or as per the norms of the relevant statutory body; and

(f) have an administrative area, library, lecture halls, labs, hostels, health care, common facilities, and recreational facilities.

4(2) Universities established under clause (f) of section 2 of the Act shall not be eligible to apply under these regulations for declaration under section 3 of the Act to declare an institution as an institution deemed to be University.

5. Corpus Fund.-

(1) In the case of Institutions not funded by the Government, a Corpus Fund of Rs. 25 Crore or as decided by the Commission from time to time, shall be created and maintained in the name of the Institution Deemed to be University, including the existing institutions declared under section 3 of the Act as institutions deemed to be Universities.

(2) The interest accrued on the Corpus Fund shall be used only for the purpose of further development of the Institution Deemed to be University.

(3) Institutions deemed to be Universities may invest the corpus fund in any suitable scheme or schemes.

6. Procedure for declaration of an Institution as an Institution Deemed to be University.-


6(1) The sponsoring body of an institution, fulfilling the eligibility criteria specified in regulations 4 may apply 'online' to the Commission on its web portal developed for this purpose, for considering the proposal for declaration of its institution as an institution deemed to be University.

6(2) The following documents shall be uploaded on the web portal referred to in sub-regulation-


(a) no objection certificate (NOC) from the affiliating University in the case of an affiliated College:


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<p>Provided that, if no NOC is received by the applicant sponsoring body within sixty days from the date of application, it shall be presumed that the affiliating University has no objection to the request and in such cases, the acknowledgement for receipt of the request shall be submitted as a document;</p> <p>(b) a detailed project report (DPR) containing its fifteen-year detailed strategic vision plan and a five-year rolling implementation plan, namely, the academic plan, faculty recruitment plan, students admission plan, research plan, campus information and communication technology plan, infrastructure development plan, finance plan, administrative plan, governance plan, etc. with clear annual milestones and action plans as to how the new institution deemed to be University is being set up and developed, with identifiable output and outcomes and shall also include the available academic and physical infrastructure with the institution;</p> <p>(c) details of the sponsoring body with its aims and objectives, along with the details of the key academic and administrative personnel;</p> <p>(d) land ownership documents (Sale Deed or Lease Deed for a minimum period of thirty years) in the name of the proposed Institution Deemed to be University or the sponsoring body and shall give details of land ownership records derived from the official revenue records portal of the State Government or the Union territory administration, as the case may be;</p> <p>(e) certificates issued by the NAAC, NBA, or NIRF for accreditation or ranking, as the case may be;</p> <p>(f) approval of the relevant statutory bodies according approval for conducting the professional courses, which are currently being run in the institution;</p> <p>(g) information regarding the existing academic and physical infrastructure;</p> <p>(h) details of the financial sustainability of the proposed Institution Deemed to be University along with the details of the corpus fund being created in the name of the proposed Institution Deemed to be University;</p> <p>(i) an undertaking to the effect that the proposed Institution Deemed to be University shall abide by all the provisions of the Act, rules made under the said Act and these Regulations; and</p> <p>(j) in the case of institutions that are fully or partially funded by the State or Central Government, a letter of commitment from the respective Government to continue financial support to the institution even after declaration of the institution as an Institution Deemed to be University.</p>	<p>Approved to incorporate</p>
<p>6(3) Copies of the documents referred to in sub-regulation(2) and uploaded on the Commission's web portal shall be disclosed on the website of the institution, duly certified by the Head of the institution or sponsoring body, as the case may be, and if any information is</p>	<p>Approved to incorporate</p>



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found to be false after due verification, the person responsible for its uploading shall be liable for prosecution under the provisions of the Indian Penal Code, 1860 (45 of 1860)	
6(4) The Commission shall refer the application for examination by the Expert Committee to be constituted by the Chairman of the Commission, and the said Committee may direct the applicant to make a presentation to demonstrate whether or not the institution fulfils the requirements as specified in these Regulations and the Committee shall submit its report to the Commission, within thirty days from the date of reference to it and on the basis of the said report, the Commission shall provide its advice to the Central Government within sixty days from the date of receipt of the said report.	Approved to incorporate
6(5) Upon consideration of the advice of the Commission and after examination of all aspects of the matter, the Central Government, may within thirty days from the date of receipt of the advice of the Commission, declare an institution of the higher education as an Institution Deemed to be University under Section 3 of the Act, by Notification in the Official Gazette. Provided that if the proposal for consideration & declaration as an institution deemed to be university is not agreed upon, the Central Government shall convey its decision in writing to the Sponsoring body along with the reasons thereof and the decision of the Central Government shall be final; Provided further that an institution that was declared and notified for a limited period, as an institution deemed to be University under Section 3 of the Act, prior to the publication of these regulations, shall be continue to be an institution deemed to be University in terms of these regulations irrespective of the period for which the initial Notification and extension thereof, if any, was issued by the Central Government and in such case, the Central shall issue separate notification for continuation, on the advice of Commission; Provided also that if the proposal of the sponsoring body is rejected by the Central Government, the sponsoring may submit a fresh proposal only after one year.	Approved to incorporate
6(6) In case of institutions declared as Deemed to be Universities, the University which had granted affiliation to such institutions shall transfer the credits and the transcripts of students who are enrolled and studying in the said institution and the existing students may get the degree from the affiliating University or Deemed to be University as per preference of the student and the newly admitted students shall get degree of the Institution which has been granted status as an institution deemed to be University.	Approved to incorporate


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<p>7. Procedure for declaration of an institution as institution deemed to be University under 'distinct' category-</p> <p>7(1) Online application may be submitted through the Commission's portal for setting up a new Institution deemed to be University for its main campus or main campus and constituent unit devoted to study and research in disciplines referred to in clause (12) of regulation 2 of these regulations, by the following, namely:-</p> <p>(i) any sponsoring body, with a philanthropic aim or with a commitment to society or aiming for the social, cultural and educational development of the country; or.</p> <p>(ii) Central or the State or the Union territory administration.</p>	<p>The Board of Management in its meeting held on 18.07.23 resolved that the FRI deemed to be University deserved to have the status of 'distinct' category and it is directed to initiate the process for declaration of Forest Research Institute deemed to be University under 'distinct' category under clause 7 of UGC (Institutions Deemed to be Universities) Regulations, 2023</p>
<p>7(2) Existing Institutions or cluster of Institutions (whether Government or self-financing institution) either from the same sponsoring body or different sponsoring bodies may also apply under this category for the establishment of main campus or main campus and constituent unit, provided that they are devoted to study and research in disciplines referred to in clause (12) of regulation 2 of these regulations and in the case of cluster of institutions belonging to different sponsoring bodies intends to acquire deemed to be University status, the sponsoring bodies concerned shall form an exclusive sponsoring body in the name of the proposed deemed to be University, and that sponsoring body shall submit the application for deemed to be University status, and in such case the entire moveable and immoveable assets shall be transferred to that sponsoring body.</p>	<p>Approved to Incorporate.</p>
<p>7(3) Institutions falling under 'distinct' category are exempted from the application of provisions of sub-regulation (1) of regulation 4 of these Regulations.:</p> <p>Provided that the proposed institution this category shall start its operations with a minimum of five academic programmes (either in undergraduate or post graduate or integrated or research or combination of all these programmes) with physical and academic infrastructure as per the norms of the relevant statutory body or the Commission, as the case may be.</p> <p>7(4) The sponsoring body shall submit the application along with all the documents referred to in sub-regulation (2) of regulation 6 except the documents referred to in clause (e) of the said sub-regulation.</p>	<p>Approved to Incorporate.</p>


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<p>7(5) The Commission shall refer the application for examination by the Expert Committee to be constituted by the Chairman of the Commission and the said Committee may direct the applicant to make a presentation to demonstrate whether or not the institution fulfills the requirements as specified in these regulations and the Committee shall submit its report to the Commission, within thirty days from the date of reference to it, by way of recommendation as to whether or not the Letter of Intent (LoI) can be issued and whether the same shall be issued with or without any additional conditions.</p> <p>7(6) The commission shall forward its advice to the Government within sixty days from the date of receiving the report of the Expert Committee; and thereafter, the Government shall, having taken into consideration the advice of the Commission, within a further period of thirty days, either issue approval or Letter of Intent(LoI) valid for a period of three years or reject the proposal stating reasons thereto:</p> <p>Provided under exceptional circumstances, such as due to natural calamities or pandemic, the validity of Letter of Intent (LoI) may be extended beyond three years by the Central Government for reasons to be recorded in writing, on the advice of the Commission, which may take into account the preparedness of the institution in respect of the fulfillment of the conditions of LoI:</p> <p>Provided further that if the proposal of the sponsoring body is rejected by the Central Government, the sponsoring body may submit a fresh proposal only after one year.</p>	<p>Approved to Incorporate.</p>
<p>7 (7) The sponsoring body shall submit a report regarding the compliance of the conditions specified in the Letter of Intent(LoI) within a period of three years to the Government may take further steps following the procedure referred to in regulation 6 of these regulations.</p>	<p>Approved to Incorporate.</p>
<p>8.0. Off-Campus Centres.-</p> <p>8.1(i) Institutions Deemed to be Universities with minimum 'A' grade and above or ranked from 1-100 in the "Universities" category of NIRF rankings of the relevant year are eligible to set up Off-Campus Centres.</p> <p>(ii) Institutions declared as deemed to be Universities under 'distinct category' may apply for off-campus after 5 years of their declaration, if they fulfill the criteria specified in clause (i).</p>	<p>Approved to incorporate</p>

<p>8(2) Institutions deemed to be Universities with minimum 'A' grade and above or ranked from 1 to 100 in the "Universities" category of the NIRF ranking of the relevant year may submit their application to start off-campus centres through the Commission's portal along with the following documents, namely:-</p> <p>(i) from the relevant statutory body (wherever applicable) for approval to set up of off-campus centres or, for issuance of Letter of Intent for setting up off-campus centres, as the case may be.</p>	<p>Approved to incorporate</p>
<p>8(3) By following the procedure specified in these regulations for setting up the off-campus centres, an Institution Deemed to be University may also apply on the Commission's portal for establishing an off-campus centre by taking over any affiliated college under the same sponsoring society or trust or company by progressively closing the affiliated college to convert it into an off-campus centre and a no objection certificate (NOC) from the affiliating University shall accompany the application and the affiliating University may decide on granting no objection certificate to the Deemed to be University within a maximum period of sixty days from the date of receipt of the request, failing which it shall be presumed that the affiliating University has no objection to the application by the Institution Deemed to be University for establishing an off-campus centre and in such cases, the acknowledgement for receipt of the request shall be submitted as a document.</p>	<p>Approved to incorporate</p>
<p>8(4) The infrastructure at the proposed off-campus centres shall be in accordance with the norms and standards specified by the relevant statutory body or the Commission as the case may be, and the off-campus centre shall be started with a minimum of five under-graduate or post-graduate or research or combination thereof with a minimum of one thousand students, of which not less than one-fifth of the students are post-graduate or research students with fifty teachers and with required infrastructure facilities.</p>	<p>Approved to incorporate</p>
<p>8(5) The Chairman of the Commission may constitute a Standing Committee to undertake an examination of the information furnished by the Institution Deemed to be University and the Chairman, on behalf of the Commission, shall forward the advice to the Government within sixty days from the date of receipt of the application, by taking into the consideration, the observations made by the said Standing Committee..</p>	<p>Approved to incorporate</p>
<p>8(6) The Government shall, after taking into consideration the advice of the Commission may within a period of thirty days from the date of receipt of such advice, either issue a notification for starting an off-campus centres or, as the case may be, a Letter of Intent for setting up of new off-campus centres or reject the proposal by recording the reasons for doing so and the decision of the Central Government shall be final.</p>	<p>Approved to incorporate</p>

8(7) On the basis of the advice of the Expert Committee, the Commission shall render its advice to the Government to consider the approval of any such off-campus which was operating before the commencement of these regulations on a case-to-case basis, and to validate the degrees of each programme for the passed-out students, if they fulfill the basic eligibility conditions required for starting the off-campus centre.	Approved to incorporate
8(8) If at any time, the information provided by the applicant Institution deemed to be University is found to be incorrect, the Government may withdraw the approval granted for starting the off-campus centre; and order to protect the interests of students enrolled at such centre, the institution deemed to be University shall take necessary action for the shifting of such students to the main campus.	Approved to incorporate
8(9) Institution deemed to be University may start new courses or programmes in any field in their existing campus and approved off-campus centres, with the prior approval of its Executive Council and, also wherever applicable, with the approval of the relevant statutory bodies: Provided that where the institution deemed to be University is in receipt of grant-in-aid or other funds for maintenance from the Central Government or the State Government or its Agencies, as the case may be, prior approval of the appropriate Government shall also be required.	Approved to incorporate
9. Off-shore campus.- (1) Institutions deemed to be Universities may start or establish off-shore Campuses with the prior approval of the Central Government in accordance with the provisions of the Act, rules and regulations made thereunder. (2) Existing off-shore campuses shall continue to operate, provided they have obtained proper permissions and approval.	Approved to incorporate
10. Monitoring .- 10(1) The Commission shall monitor the performance and academic outcomes of institutions deemed to be Universities having valid accreditation by NAAC with less than 'A' grade or ranked more than 100 in NIRF rankings (Universities category) not later than every five years, on the basis of a report submitted annually by the institutions deemed to be Universities. 10(2) The performance and academic outcomes of the Institutions Deemed to be Universities having valid accreditation by NAAC with less than 'A' grade or ranked more than 100 in the NIRF rankings (Universities category) shall be evaluated either physically or virtually by Expert Committee, as may be decided by the Commission and for the	Approved to incorporate


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purposes of such evaluation, the Expert Committee may adopt such procedure as it may deem appropriate.

10(3) The Expert Committee shall submit a report to the Commission specifying its recommendations on the performance and academic outcomes of the institution Deemed to be University and those institutions deemed to be Universities that are found deficient in some aspects, shall be given a period of to be specified by the Expert Committee, to rectify the deficiencies, failing which, the Expert Committee shall withdrawal of permission given under sub-regulation(9) of regulation 8 for starting new courses or programmes by the institution deemed to be University, in any field, in their existing campus and the approved off-campus centres.

10(4) In cases where, the Expert Committee has recommended for withdrawal of permission under sub regulation (3), the Commission shall issue appropriate order informing the institution deemed to be University and the relevant statutory body concerned and in case, if the Commission finds that the institution deemed to be University is not adhering to its order, the Commission shall take action as per the provisions of regulation 34.

10(5) The Commission shall decide on the physical verification of an institution deemed to be University, or constitute teams for such verification on its own or upon receipt of complaints against the accuracy and veracity of the information submitted to the Commission and also hosted on the website of the institution.

11. Governance.-

11(1) The proposed or existing institution deemed to be University shall be registered as a not-for-profit Society under the Societies Registration Act, 1860(21 of 1860) or as a not-for-profit Trust under the Indian Trust Act, 1882(2 of 1882) or as a not-for-profit company registered under section 8 of the Companies Act, 2013(18 of 2013).

Provided that a sponsoring body exclusively established for running educational institutions shall be exempted from registering as a separate not-for-profit society or trust or a company and the sponsoring body shall specifically mention in its registration deed that the sponsoring body is exclusively for running educational activities and no other activities are being carried out or shall be carried out in future under it.

Provided further that if the sponsoring body of an existing institution deemed to be University does not have a society or trust or company exclusively for running educational institutions, it shall form a new not-for-profit society or trust or Company, for the purposes

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Forest Research Institute (FRI), Dehradun is a reputed organization under the ambit of Indian Council of Forestry Research & Education (ICFRE), an autonomous organization of the Ministry of Environment Forests & Climate Change, Govt. of India and registered as a society under society Act 1860. Board of Management had resolved to continue with existing norms in its meeting held on 30.03.2016. The mission of ICFRE (sponsoring society) is "To generate advance and disseminate scientific knowledge and technologies for ecological security, improved productivity, livelihood enhancement and

<p>of institution deemed to be University and in such cases, the sponsoring body shall be exempted from transferring its moveable and immoveable assets to the newly created society or trust or company, if such sponsoring body provides notarized affidavit to the effect that the entire moveable and immoveable assets allocated to the institution deemed to be University shall not be leased or otherwise disposed off without the prior permission of the Commission.</p> <p>Provided also that the sponsoring body shall make available the infrastructure for operating the institution deemed to be University without any rental or other such charges.</p>	<p>sustainable use of Forest resource through Forestry research and Education". Therefore imparting education is also one of the main objectives of ICFRE (sponsoring society). Therefore Board of Management in its meeting held on 18.07.23 again resolved to follow the already existing and approved Governance System.</p>
<p>11(2) All moveable and immoveable assets of the institution deemed to be University shall be used for the purpose of conducting academic activities, promotion of research and related administrative requirements of the institution deemed to be University, including outreach educational activities.</p>	<p>Approved to incorporate</p>
<p>11(3) The highest governing body of the institution deemed to be University shall be the Executive Council to be headed by the Vice Chancellor and consisting of not less than ten and not more than thirteen members.</p>	<p>Approved to incorporate</p>
<p>11(4) The Executive council shall be the principal executive body of the institution deemed to be University.</p>	<p>Approved to incorporate</p>
<p>11(5) The composition of Executive Council shall be as under: -</p> <p>(a) Vice-Chancellor-Chairperson;</p> <p>(b) Pro Vice-Chancellor (wherever applicable);</p> <p>(c) two members from amongst the Deans of schools of studies, by rotation, to be appointed by the Vice-Chancellor;</p> <p>(d) one Professor, who is not a Dean, by rotation, to be appointed by the Vice-Chancellor;</p> <p>(e) one Associate Professor, by rotation, to be appointed by the Vice-Chancellor;</p> <p>(f) one Assistant Professor, by rotation, to be appointed by the Vice-Chancellor;</p> <p>(g) in the case of institution deemed to be University that is controlled or managed or receiving funds more than or equal to 50% of their annual receipts from the Central or State Government, the respective Government shall nominate an officer, not below the rank of Joint Secretary to the Government of India or his or her representative and in respect of all other institutions deemed to be Universities, the Commission shall nominate a representative;</p> <p>(h) up to four nominees of the sponsoring body; and</p> <p>(i) the Registrar, who shall be the <i>ex-officio</i> Secretary of the Executive Council.</p>	<p>Approved to incorporate</p> <p>(No position of Pro Vice-Chancellor exists in FRIDU)</p> <p>In FRIDU, Scientists/Forest Officers are the faculty and nominated in Board of Management and some Professors from other Universities are also nominated as per the composition of Board of Management.</p>

12 Tenure of the members of the Executive Council.- 12(1) All the members of the Executive Council, other than the Vice-Chancellor and Pro-Vice-Chancellor, shall hold office for a term of three years and in the case of Deans, the term will be three years or until they hold the office of Dean, whichever is earlier.	Approved to incorporate
12(2) Members of the Executive Council appointed by the Vice-Chancellor from Professor, Associate Professor and Assistant Professor category shall hold office for a period of one year or till such time as they cease to be teachers of the University, whichever is earlier.	Approved to incorporate
13 Powers and limitations of Executive Council.- 13(1) The Executive Council shall have the power of management and administration of the institution deemed to be University.	Approved to incorporate
13(2) The Executive Council shall be the final decision-making body of the institution deemed to be University in respect of every matter of the institution deemed to be University, including academic, administrative, personnel, financial, developmental matters.	Approved to incorporate
13(3) Subject to the provisions of these regulations and rules of the institution deemed to be University, the Executive Council shall, in addition to all other powers vested in it, have the following powers, namely:- (a) to appoint such Professors, Associate Professors, Assistant Professors, and other academic staff, including Chairs, as may be necessary, on the recommendation of the Selection Committee constituted for the purpose and to fill up temporary vacancies therein; (b) to regulate and enforce discipline among employees in accordance with the rules of the institution deemed to be University; (c) to provide for the appointment of Visiting Professors, Emeritus Professors, Professor of Practice, Consultants, Scholars, etc., and determine the terms and conditions of such appointments; (d) to exercise such other powers and perform such other duties as may be conferred or imposed on it by these regulations and rules of the institution deemed to be University; (e) to make rules and regulations for the institution deemed to be University; and (f) if the institution is controlled or managed or receiving funds more than or equal to fifty percent of their annual receipt from the Central or State Government, the creation of posts shall be done by the Executive Council with prior approval of the respective Government for which grants are being released.	Approved to incorporate



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<p>14. Meetings of the Executive Council.-</p> <p>(1) The Executive Council shall meet at least four times a year (minimum two in one semester), with not less than seven days' prior notice given before every meeting of the Executive Council and emergency meetings may be convened by giving short notice, for reason to be recorded in writing for such emergency meeting.</p> <p>(2) One-third of the total number of members of the Executive Council shall form the quorum for the meeting.</p> <p>(3) In the absence of the Vice-Chancellor, the Pro-Vice Chancellor shall preside over the meeting; and where there is no Pro-Vice-Chancellor in an institution deemed to be University, a member chosen by the other members of the Executive Council present at the meeting, shall preside over the meeting.</p> <p>(4) Every member of the Executive Council including the Chairperson, shall have one vote and the decisions at the meetings of the Executive Council shall be taken by simple majority; and in case of a tie, the Chairperson shall have a casting vote.</p> <p>(5) Any business, which may be urgent in nature, may be carried out by circulation amongst its members.</p> <p>(6) A copy of the minutes of each meeting shall be furnished to the Chancellor of the institution deemed to be University, as soon as possible after the convening of the meeting.</p>	<p>Approved to incorporate</p>
<p>15. Termination of Membership.-</p> <p>If a member other than the Vice- Chancellor and those representing the teachers, accepts a full time appointment in the institution deemed to be University or fails to attend three consecutive meetings of the Executive Council, without proper leave of absence, such member shall cease to be a member of the Executive Council.</p>	<p>Approved to incorporate</p>
<p>16. Delegation of Powers of the Executive Council.-</p> <p>The Executive Council may, by a resolution, delegate to the Vice Chancellor or any other officer or faculty or to a Committee of officers or faculties of the institution deemed to be University, such powers as it may deem fit, subject to the condition that the action taken by the Vice Chancellor or the officer or faculty or the Committee in the exercise of the powers so delegated, shall be reported at the next meeting of the Executive Council.</p>	<p>Approved to incorporate</p>

17. Other authorities of the institution deemed to be University

A. Academic Council:

(1) The Academic Council shall be the principal academic body of the institution deemed to be University and shall, subject to the provision of the rules of the institution deemed to be University, Co-ordinate and exercise general supervision over the academic policy of the institution deemed to be University.

(2) The composition of the Academic Council shall be as under-

(i) Vice Chancellor - Chairperson;

(ii) Pro Vice-Chancellor (wherever applicable);

(iii) Deans of faculties of the schools and heads of the departments or centres;

(iv) upto ten Professors (excluding those who are Deans of schools and heads of departments or centres) by rotation, to be nominated by the Vice-Chancellor giving due regard to representation of different schools or departments or centres;

(v) up to five Associate Professors from departments or centres other than the heads of the departments or centres, by rotation, to be appointed by the Vice-Chancellor;

(vi) up to five Assistant Professors from departments or centres other than the heads of the departments or centres, by rotation to be appointed by the Vice-Chancellor;

(vii) six persons of repute from amongst educationists or experts for their specialized knowledge, who are not in the service of the institution deemed to be University, nominated by the Vice-Chancellor; and

(viii) The Registrar, who shall be the *ex-officio* Secretary of the Academic Council.

(3) The representation of different categories shall be through rotation and not through an election and the term of members, other than the *ex-officio* members, shall be three years and the Controller of Examination shall be the permanent invitee to the meetings of the Academic Council.

B. Powers and Functions of the Academic Council:

Subject to the provisions of these regulations and rules of the institution deemed to be a University, the Academic Council shall, in addition to all other powers vested in it, have the following powers, namely:-

(a) to exercise general supervision over the academic policies of the institution deemed to be University and to give direction regarding methods of instruction, co-ordination of teaching among departments or faculties or schools or centers, evaluation of research and improvement of academic standards;

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<p>(b) to bring about and promote inter-departmental, inter-faculty, inter-school, inter-center co-ordination and to establish or appoint such committees or boards, as may be deemed necessary for the purpose;</p> <p>(c) to consider matters of general academic interest either on its own initiative, or on a reference by a department or faculty or school or centre or the Executive Council, and to take appropriate action thereon;</p> <p>(d) to prescribe courses or programmes of study leading to degree and diploma of the institution deemed to be University;</p> <p>(e) to make arrangements for the conduct of examinations in conformity with the rules and bye-Laws;</p> <p>(f) to maintain proper standards of the examinations;</p> <p>(g) To recognize diplomas and degrees of Universities and other Institutions and to determine equivalence with the diplomas and degrees of the institution deemed to be University;</p> <p>(h) to institute Fellowships, Scholarships, Medals, Prizes etc.;</p> <p>(i) to frame rules covering the academic functioning of the institution deemed to be University, admissions, examinations, award of fellowships and studentships, free-ships, concessions, attendance, discipline, residence etc.</p> <p>(j) to take a periodical review of the activities of the departments or centres and to take appropriate action to maintain and improve the standards of instruction;</p> <p>(k) to recommend institution of teaching posts (Professors, Associate Professors, and Assistant Professors) to the Executive Council;</p> <p>(l) to make recommendations to the Executive Council for the establishment or abolition of departments or centres or schools or faculties, etc.</p> <p>(m) to make recommendations to the Executive Council</p> <p>(n) to exercise such other powers and to perform such other duties, as may be conferred or imposed upon it by the rules of the institution deemed to be University.</p>	<p>Approved to incorporate</p>
<p>C. Meeting of the Academic Council.-</p> <p>(1) The Academic Council shall meet as often as necessary but not less than four times (at least two times in a semester) during an academic year with no less than seven days' prior notice being given before every meeting of the Academic Council and emergency meetings may be convened by giving a short notice, for reasons to be recorded in writing for such emergency meeting.</p> <p>(2) One-third of the total number of members of the Academic Council shall constitute the quorum for the meeting of the Academic Council.</p> <p>(3) Each member, including its Chairperson, shall have one vote, and decisions at the meetings of the Academic Council shall be taken by simple majority; and in case of a tie, the Chairperson shall have a casting vote.</p> <p>(4) Any business that may be necessary for the Academic Council to perform, which may be urgent in</p>	<p>Approved to incorporate</p>

nature, may be carried out by circulation amongst its members.

18. Finance Committee.-

(1) The composition of Finance Committee shall be-

(i) Vice Chancellor - Chairperson;

(ii) Pro Vice-Chancellor (wherever applicable);

(iii) one person nominated by the society or trust or company, as the case may be (wherever applicable);

(iv) three persons to be nominated by the Executive Council, out of whom at least one shall be a member of the Executive Council;

(v) one representative of Central Government not below the rank of Joint Secretary or his representative to the Government of India, in case the institution is controlled and managed by Central Government or is receiving grants more than or equal to fifty per cent of their annual receipt from the Central Government directly or through its Agencies; and in all other institution deemed to be Universities, the Commission shall nominate a representative;

(vi) three persons to be nominated by the Chancellor;

(vii) Finance Officer-Secretary - *ex officio*

(2) In case the institution deemed to be University is controlled or managed or funded by the State Government, one representative of such Government.

(3) All members of the Finance Committee other than ex-officio members shall hold office for a term of three years.

(4) The Finance Committee shall meet at least four times a year (at least twice each semester) to examine the accounts and scrutinize proposals for expenditure and one-third of the total number of members of the Finance Committee shall form the quorum for a meeting.

(5) All proposals relating to creation of posts and those items which have not been included in the Budget, shall be examined by the Finance Committee before the Executive Council considers them and to decide waiver in fees, the establishment of scholarships, freeship and any other financial benefits.

(6) The annual accounts and financial estimates of the institution deemed to be University prepared by the Finance Officer shall be laid before the Finance Committee for consideration and comments and thereafter submitted to the Executive Council for approval.

(7) The Finance Committee shall recommend limits for the total recurring and non-recurring expenditures for the year, based on the income and resources of the institution deemed to be University.

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19. Board of Studies.-

(1) There shall be one Board of Studies for each department or school of the institution deemed to be University. The composition of the Board of Studies shall be-

- (i) Dean of school or head of the department - Chairperson;
- (ii) all Professors of the school or department;
- (iii) two Associate Professors of the school or department by rotation;
- (iv) two Assistant Professors of the school or department, by rotation; and
- (v) two experts to be co-opted for their specialized knowledge.

(2) Subject to the overall control and supervision of the Academic Council, the functions of a Board of Studies shall be to approve subjects for research for various degrees and other requirements of research degrees and to recommend to the concerned School Board in such manner as may be prescribed by the rules the institution deemed to be University regarding-

- (a) courses of studies;
- (b) appointment of supervisors for research; and
- (c) measures for the improvement of the standards of teaching and research.

(3) The powers and functions of the Board of Studies shall be prescribed by the rules of the institution deemed to be University.

20 Selection Committee for appointment of teaching staff.-

There shall be one or more Selection Committees constituted, for making recommendations to the Executive Council for appointment to the post of Professors, Associate Professors, Assistant Professors and such other posts as may be prescribed, in accordance with the University Grants Commission (Minimum Qualifications for Appointment of Teachers and Other Academic Staff in Universities and Colleges and Measures for the Maintenance of Standards in Higher Education) Regulations, 2018.

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Since FRI/ FRI Deemed to be University is one of the institutions of the ICFRE and all the recruitments are made by the ICFRE, Recruitment board. Scientists, officers and other staffs also function as faculty and staff and are recruited as per ICFRE norms.

<p>21. Disqualification.- (1) A person shall be disqualified for being chosen as, and for being, a member of any of the authorities, or being appointed as, and for being, an officer, of the institution deemed to be University if-</p> <p>(a) if he or she is of unsound mind; or (b) if he or she is an un-discharged insolvent; or (c) if he or she has been convicted by a court of law for an offence involving moral turpitude and sentenced in respect thereof to imprisonment for not less than six months; or (d) if he or she has not been appointed as per the provisions of these regulations.</p> <p>(2) If any question arises as to whether a person is or had been subjected to any of the disqualifications mentioned above, the question shall be referred to the Chancellor and his decision shall be final and no suit or other proceeding shall lie in any civil court against such decision.</p>	<p>Approved to incorporate</p>
<p>22. Miscellaneous matters relating to different authorities.- (1) If any question arises, as to whether any person other than Government nominated or appointed, has been duly nominated or appointed as, or is, entitled to be a member of any authority or any committee of the institution Deemed to be University, the matter shall be referred to the Chancellor, whose decision thereon shall be final and binding. (2) Any member, other than an ex-officio member of any authority, may resign by a letter addressed to the Registrar and the resignation shall take effect as soon as it is accepted by the Chancellor or the Chairperson of the Executive Council, as the case may be. (3) Sudden vacancies among the members of any authority or any Committee of the institution deemed to be University shall be filled by the respective authority, as soon as may be, and within a period of six months</p>	<p>Approved to incorporate</p>
<p>23. Officers of the institution deemed to be University.- A. Chancellor: (1) The Chancellor shall hold office for a period of 5 years from the date of assuming office and shall be eligible for reappointment for one more term by following the procedure prescribed for the appointment of the Chancellor:</p> <p>Provided that the Chancellor in the institutions deemed to be Universities managed or controlled or receiving funds more than or equal to fifty per cent of their annual receipt from the Central or State Government or its agencies, shall be appointed by the respective Government and for the other institutions deemed to be Universities, the Chancellor shall be appointed by the sponsoring body.</p>	<p>Forest Research Institute (FRI), Dehradun is a reputed organization under the ambit of Indian Council of Forestry Research & Education an autonomous organization of Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change and registered as a society</p>

(2) The Chancellor shall, by virtue of his or her office, be the head of the institution deemed to be University and shall, if present, preside at the Convocations of the institution deemed to be University held for conferring degrees.

(3) In the case of Government controlled or managed or receiving funds more than or equal to fifty percent of their annual receipt, the Chancellor shall not be removed from office except by an order of the appropriate Government.

under society act 1860. The Director General, ICFRE is a full time salaried Government officer appointed by MoEF&CC. Govt. of India and in the BOM meeting held on 14th July, 2011 have designated as ex-officio Chancellor of FRI Deemed to be University. This is also recommended by the Board of Governors, ICFRE and duly approved by the MoEF&CC, Govt. of India. Therefore again Board of Management resolved to follow the already existing norm.

(B) Vice Chancellor

(1) The Vice-Chancellor shall be a whole-time salaried officer of the institution deemed to be University and shall be appointed by the Chancellor from a panel of three names suggested by a Search-cum- Selection Committee.

(2) The qualifications of the Vice-Chancellor shall be in accordance with the University Grants Commission (Minimum Qualifications for Appointment of Teachers and Other Academic Staff in Universities and Colleges and other Measures for the Maintenance of Standards in Higher Education) Regulations, 2018.

(3) The procedure for composition of Search-cum-Selection-Committee (SCSC) for the selection of Vice-Chancellor shall be as under-

(a) The Vice-Chancellor in the institution deemed to be University managed or controlled or receiving funds more than or equal to fifty per cent of their annual receipt from the Central or State Government or its

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Agencies shall be appointed by the Central Government or the State Government, as the case may be.

(b) in case of other institutions deemed to be Universities, the composition of the Search-cum-Selection Committee shall be as under-

- (i) a nominee of the Chancellor, who shall be a reputed academician as the Chairperson of the Committee
- (ii) a nominee of the Chairperson, University Grants Commission;
- (iii) an academician, with not less than 10 years' service as Professor, nominated by the Executive Council.

(4) The Vice-Chancellor shall hold office for a term of 5 years from the date on which he or she enters upon his or her office or until he or she attains the age of seventy years, whichever is earlier, and shall be eligible for re-appointment for one more term by following the procedure prescribed for the appointment of Vice-Chancellor:

Provided that notwithstanding the expiry of the said period of five years, he or she shall continue in office until his or her successor is appointed and enters upon his or her office, however, in no case, the Vice Chancellor shall hold office beyond the age of seventy years:

Provided further that the Chancellor may direct the Vice-Chancellor, after his or her term has expired, to continue in office for such period, not exceeding a total period of one year.

(5) In the case of Government controlled or managed or receiving funds more than or equal to fifty per cent. of their annual receipt, the respective Government may direct the Vice-Chancellor, after his or her term has expired, to continue in office for such period, not exceeding a total period of one year.

(6) If the office of the Vice-Chancellor becomes vacant due to death, resignation or otherwise, or if he or she is unable to perform his or her duties due to ill health or any other cause, the Pro-Vice- Chancellor shall perform the duties of the Vice-Chancellor:

Provided that if the Pro-Vice-Chancellor is unavailable, the Chancellor shall appoint the senior most Professor who shall perform the duties of the Vice-Chancellor, until a new Vice-Chancellor assumes office or the existing Vice-Chancellor resumes the duties of his or her office, as the case may be.

Provided further that, in the case of Central Government or State Government controlled or managed or receiving funds more than or equal to fifty per cent of their annual receipt, if the Pro-Vice-Chancellor is unavailable, the Government shall appoint the senior most Professor or any other eminent academician to perform the duties of the Vice-Chancellor initially for a period of six months or until a new Vice Chancellor assumes office or the existing Vice-Chancellor resumes the duties of his or her office, as the case may be.

under society act 1860. Director, FRI are full time salaried Government officer appointed by MoEF&CC. Govt. of India and in the BOM meeting held on 14th July, 2011 have designated as ex-officio Vice Chancellor, FRI Deemed to be University. This is also recommended by the Board of Governors, ICFRE and duly approved by the MoEF&CC, Govt. of India. Therefore again Board of Management resolved to follow the already existing norm.

(C). Powers and duties of Vice-Chancellor.—

(1) The Vice-Chancellor shall be the Principal Executive Officer and academic officer of the institution deemed to be University and shall exercise general supervision and control over the affairs of the institution deemed to be University and give effect to the decision of all authorities of the institution deemed to be University.

(2) The Vice-Chancellor may, if he or she is of the opinion that immediate action is necessary on any matter, exercise any power conferred on any authority of the institution deemed to be University by or under these regulations and shall report to such authority at its next meeting the action taken by him or her on such matter:

Provided that, if the authority mentioned in this sub-regulation is of the opinion that such action ought not to have been taken, it may refer the matter to the Chancellor whose decision thereon shall be final:

Provided further that any person in the service of the institution deemed to be University who is aggrieved by the action taken by the Vice-Chancellor under this regulation shall have the right to represent against such action to the Executive Council within ninety days from the date on which decision on such action is communicated to him and thereupon the Executive Council may confirm, modify or reverse the action taken by the Vice-Chancellor.

(3) The Vice-Chancellor, if he or she is of the opinion that any decision of any authority of the institution deemed to be University is beyond the power of the authority conferred by the provisions of these regulations or that any decision taken is not in the interest of the institution deemed to be University, may ask the authority concerned to review its decision within sixty days of such decision and if the authority refuses to review the decision either in whole or in part or no decision is taken by it within the said period of sixty days, the matter shall be referred to the Chancellor whose decision thereon shall be final.

(4) The Vice-Chancellor shall be the *ex-officio* Chairperson of the Executive Council, the Academic Council and the Finance Committee and shall, in the absence of the Chancellor, preside at the Convocations held for conferring degrees to the students.

(5) The Vice-Chancellor shall be entitled to be present at, and address, any meeting of any authority or other body of the institution deemed to be University, but shall not be entitled to vote unless he or she is a member of such authority or body.

(6) It shall be the duty of the Vice-Chancellor to see that these regulations are duly observed and implemented and he or she shall have all the powers necessary to ensure such implementation.

(7) The Vice-Chancellor shall have all the powers necessary for the proper maintenance of discipline in the institution deemed to be University, and he or she may delegate any such powers to such person or persons, as he or she may deems fit.

(8) The Vice-Chancellor shall have the power to convene or cause to be convened the meetings of the Executive Council, the Academic Council, the Finance Committee, and other authorities

(D). Removal of Vice-Chancellor.-

(1) Where there are reasons to believe that the Vice-Chancellor of an institution deemed to be University does not possess the qualifications as required under the University Grants Commission (Minimum Qualifications for Appointment of Teachers and other Academic Staff in Universities and Colleges and other Measures for the Maintenance of Standards in Higher Education) Regulations, 2018, or is not appointed as per the procedure stipulated in these regulations or has committed any financial or administrative impropriety, the Chairman of Commission shall constitute an enquiry committee consisting of academic, administrative or financial experts to enquire into the matter.

(2) On the directions from the Commission, the Chancellor shall place the Vice-Chancellor under suspension, pending an enquiry.

(3) The enquiry committee shall give an opportunity of hearing to the Vice-Chancellor before submitting its report to the Commission and where the report of the enquiry committee confirms the ineligibility or procedural violations or impropriety, as the case may be, the Commission shall direct the Chancellor to remove the Vice-Chancellor by following due procedure:

Provided that, in respect of the Vice-Chancellor of institution deemed to be University managed or controlled or receiving funds more than or equal to fifty per cent. of their annual receipt from the Central Government or State Government, the concerned Government shall constitute an enquiry committee which shall provide an opportunity of hearing to the Vice-Chancellor before submitting its report to the Government and in the interregnum period, the Government shall place the Vice-Chancellor under suspension, pending enquiry and the Vice-Chancellor shall be removed only by the concerned Government.

(4) Notwithstanding anything contained in these regulations, the Chancellor may, at any time after the Vice-Chancellor has entered upon his or her office, by order in writing, remove the Vice-Chancellor from office on the grounds of incapacity, misconduct or violation of these regulations:

Provided that the Chancellor shall make no such order unless the Vice-Chancellor has been given a reasonable opportunity of showing cause against the action proposed to be taken against him:

Provided further that the Chancellor may, at any time before making such order, place the Vice-Chancellor under suspension, pending an inquiry.

(5) In case of an institution deemed to be University managed or controlled or receiving funds more than or equal to fifty per cent. of its annual receipt from the Central or State Government or its Agencies, the actions referred to in sub-regulations (1) to (4) shall have the approval of the appropriate Government.

(Removal of Director, FRI & Vice Chancellor of FRI Deemed to be University to be governed by ICFRE/MoEF&CC rules)

E. Pro-Vice-Chancellor.-

(1) On the recommendation of the Vice-Chancellor, the Executive Council shall appoint a Professor as Pro-Vice-Chancellor to discharge the duties of the Pro-Vice-Chancellor in addition to his or her duties as a Professor:

Provided that in case of Government controlled or managed or receiving funds more than or equal to fifty per cent. of their annual receipt, the Vice-Chancellor shall seek approval of the appropriate Government before appointing Pro-Vice-Chancellor

Provided further that where the recommendation of the Vice-Chancellor is not accepted by the Executive Council, the matter shall be referred to the Chancellor, who may either appoint the Professor recommended by the Vice-Chancellor or ask the Vice-Chancellor to recommend name of another Professor for re-consideration by the Executive Council.

(2) The term of office of the Pro-Vice-Chancellor shall be such as may be decided by the Executive Council, but it shall not, in any case, exceed five years or until the expiration of the term of office of the Vice-Chancellor, whichever is earlier:

Provided that the Pro-Vice-Chancellor whose term of office has expired shall be eligible for re-appointment by following the procedure prescribed for the appointment of Pro-Vice-Chancellor:

Provided further that the Pro-Vice-Chancellor shall, while discharging the duties of the Vice-Chancellor, continue in office, notwithstanding the expiration of his or her term of office as Pro-Vice-Chancellor, until the Vice-Chancellor resumes office or a new Vice-Chancellor assumes office, as the case may be:

Provided also that, in any case, the Pro-Vice-Chancellor shall retire on attaining the age of sixty-five years.


(3) The Pro-Vice-Chancellor shall have the powers and duties as may be prescribed by the rules of the institution deemed to be University.

(4) The Pro-Vice-Chancellor shall assist the Vice-Chancellor in respect of such matters as may be specified by the Vice-Chancellor on this behalf, from time to time, and shall also exercise such powers and perform such duties as may be assigned or delegated to him by the Vice-Chancellor.

Not applicable

(In FRI Deemed to be University there is no position of Pro-Vice Chancellor)


(A.K. Tripathi)
Registrar


(Renu Singh)
Director, FRI & Vice-Chancellor
FRI Deemed to be University

F. Registrar:-

(1) (a) The Registrar shall be a whole-time salaried officer of the institution deemed to be University and shall be appointed by the Executive Council on the recommendations of the selection committee consisting of the following:—

- (i) Vice-Chancellor - Chairperson;
- (ii) one nominee of the Chancellor;
- (iii) two members of the Executive Council nominated by it; and
- (iv) One expert not in the service of the University to be nominated by the Executive Council.

(b) The meeting of the selection committee shall be fixed after prior consultation with, and subject to the convenience of the Chancellor's nominee and the experts nominated by the Executive Council and the proceedings of the selection committee shall not be valid unless at least three of the Chancellor's nominees or persons nominated by the Executive Council attended the meeting.

(2) The Registrar shall hold office for a term of five years from the date of assuming office and shall be eligible for re-appointment for a second term by following the procedure prescribed for Registrar:

Provided that, the Registrar shall retire on attaining the age of sixty-two years and the emoluments and other terms and conditions of service of the Registrar shall be such as may be prescribed by the rules of the institution deemed to be University.

(3) When the office of the Registrar is vacant or when the Registrar is, by reason of illness, absence, or any other cause, unable to perform the duties of his or her office, the duties of the office shall be performed by such person as the Vice-Chancellor may appoint for the purpose.

(4) The Registrar shall be ex-officio Secretary of the Executive Council and the Academic Council, but shall not be deemed to be a member of any of these authorities.

(5) The Registrar shall be directly responsible to the Vice-Chancellor and work under his or her direction.

(6) The Registrar shall have the power to take disciplinary action against employees, excluding teachers and other academic staff, as may be specified in the order of the Executive Council and to suspend them pending inquiry, to administer warnings to them or to impose on them the penalty of censure or the withholding of increment:

Provided that no such penalty shall be imposed unless the person has been given a reasonable opportunity of showing cause against the action proposed to be taken in regard to him or her.

(7) An appeal shall lie to the Vice-Chancellor against any order of the Registrar imposing any of the penalties specified in sub-regulation (6).

(8) In the case where the inquiry discloses that a punishment beyond the power of the Registrar is called for, the Registrar shall, upon the conclusion of the inquiry, make a report to the Vice-Chancellor along with his or

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her recommendations:

Provided that an appeal shall lie to the Executive Council against an order of the Vice- Chancellor imposing any penalty.

(9) It shall be the duty of the Registrar—

(a) to be the custodian of the records, the common seal, and such other property of the institution deemed to be University as the Executive Council shall commit to his or her charge;

(b) to issue all notices convening meetings of the Executive Council, the Academic Council, and any Committees appointed by those authorities;

(c) to keep the minutes of all the meetings of the Executive Council, the Academic Council, and any Committees appointed by those authorities;

(d) to conduct the official correspondence between the Executive Council and the Academic Council;

(e) to supply to the Chancellor copies of the agenda of the meetings of the authorities of the institution deemed to be University as soon as they are issued and the minutes of such meetings;

(f) to represent the institution deemed to be University in suits or proceedings by or against the University, sign powers of attorney and verify pleadings or depute his or her representative for the purpose;

(g) to perform such other duties as may be specified in the rules of the institution deemed to be University or as may be required from time to time by the Executive Council or the Vice-Chancellor, as the case may be;

(h) to enter into an agreement, sign documents, and authenticate records on behalf of the institution deemed to be University;

(i) to make arrangements to safeguard and maintain the buildings, gardens, office, canteen, cars and other vehicles, laboratories, libraries, reading rooms, equipment and other properties of the institution deemed to be University; and

(j) to conduct the official correspondence on behalf of the authorities of the institution deemed to be University.

G. Finance Officer.-

(1) The Finance Officer shall be appointed by the Executive Council on the recommendations of a selection committee constituted for the purpose and he or she shall be a whole-time salaried officer of the institution deemed to be University.

(2) The Finance Officer shall be appointed for a term of five years and shall be eligible for re-appointment by following the procedure prescribed for the appointment of the Finance Officer:

Provided that, the Finance Officer shall retire on attaining the age of sixty-two years.

(3) The emoluments and other terms and conditions of service of the Finance Officer shall be such as may be prescribed by the Executive Council from time to time.

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<p>(4) When the office of the Finance Officer is vacant or when the Finance Officer is, by reason of illness, absence or any other cause, unable to perform the duties of his or her office, the duties of the office shall be performed by such person as the Vice-Chancellor may appoint for the purpose.</p> <p>(5) The Finance Officer shall be <i>ex-officio</i> Secretary of the Finance Committee but shall not be deemed to be a member of such Committee.</p> <p>(6) The Finance Officer shall—</p> <p>(a) exercise general supervision over the funds of the institution deemed to be University and shall advise it as regards its financial policy; and</p> <p>(b) Perform such other financial functions as may be assigned to him by the Executive Council or as may be prescribed by the rules of the institution deemed to be University.</p> <p>(7) Subject to the control of the Executive Council, the Finance Officer shall—</p> <p>(a) ensure that the limits fixed by the Executive Council for recurring and non-recurring expenditures for a year are not exceeded and that all amounts of money are expended on the purpose for which they are granted or allotted;</p> <p>(b) be responsible for the preparation of annual accounts and the budget of the institution deemed to be university and for their presentation to the Executive Council;</p> <p>(c) keep a constant watch on the state of the cash and bank balances and on the state of investments;</p> <p>(d) watch the progress of the collection of revenue and advice on the methods of collection employed;</p> <p>(e) ensure that the registers of buildings, land, furniture, and equipment are maintained and up-to-date and that stock-checking is conducted, of equipment and other consumable materials in all offices, departments, schools, faculties, centers and specialized laboratories;</p> <p>(f) bring to the notice of the Vice-Chancellor un-authorized expenditure and other financial irregularities and suggest disciplinary action against persons at fault;</p> <p>(g) call for from any office, department, school, faculty, centre, laboratory, etc. maintained by the institution deemed to be University any information or returns that he or she may consider necessary for the performance of his or her duties; and</p> <p>(h) work under the direction of the Vice-Chancellor and shall be responsible to the Executive Council through the Vice-Chancellor.</p>	
<p>H. Controller of Examinations.-</p> <p>(1) The Controller of Examinations shall be appointed by the Executive Council on the recommendations of a selection committee constituted for the purpose and he or she shall be a whole-time salaried officer of the institution deemed to be University.</p> <p>(2) The Controller of Examinations shall be appointed for a term of five years and shall be eligible for reappointment by following the procedure prescribed for the appointment of Controller of Examination:</p>	<p>In FRI Deemed to be University the officer/scientist is designated as Controller of Examination without</p>

<p>Provided that the Controller of Examinations shall retire on attaining the age of sixty-two years.</p> <p>(3) The emoluments and other terms and conditions of service of the Controller of Examination shall be such as may be prescribed by the Executive Council from time to time.</p> <p>(4) When the office of the Controller of Examinations is vacant or when the Controller of Examinations is, by reason of illness, absence or any other cause, unable to perform the duties of his or her office, the duties of the office shall be performed by such person as the Vice-Chancellor may appoint for the purpose.</p> <p>(5) The Controller of Examination shall arrange for and superintend the examinations of the institution deemed to be University in the manner as may be prescribed by the rules of the institution deemed to be University.</p> <p>(6) The Controller of Examinations shall be a permanent invitee to the Academic Council.</p> <p>(7) The Controller of Examinations shall ensure that all the specific directions of the Executive Council, Academic Council and Vice-Chancellor in respect of examination and evaluation are complied with.</p>	<p>any financial implication.</p>
<p>I. Dean.-</p> <p>(1) The Departments dealing with allied subjects may be grouped into faculties or schools, etc., and every faculty shall be headed by a Dean.</p> <p>(2) Every Dean of the school or faculty shall be appointed by the Vice-Chancellor from amongst the Professors in the school or faculty, by rotation, for a period of two years: Provided that if there is only one Professor or no Professor in a school or faculty, the Dean shall be appointed, for the time being, from amongst the Professor, if any, and the Associate Professors in the school or faculty.</p> <p>(3) When the office of the Dean is vacant or when the Dean is, by reason of illness, absence or any other cause, unable to perform duties of his or her office, the duties of the office shall be performed by the senior-most Professor or Associate Professor, as the case may be, in the School.</p> <p>(4) The Dean shall be the Head of the school or faculty or centre and shall be responsible for the conduct and maintenance of the standards of teaching and research in the school or faculty or centre and shall have such other functions as may be prescribed by the rules of the institution deemed to be University.</p> <p>(5) The Dean shall have the right to present and speak at any meeting of the Board of Studies or Committees of the school or faculty or centre, as the case may be, but shall not have the right to vote there unless he is a member thereof.</p>	<p>In FRI Deemed to be University Scientist/ Forest Officer is designated as Dean (A) and Dean (Research) without any financial implication.</p>
<p>J. Head of the Department.-</p> <p>(1) There shall be a Head of the Department or chairperson of the centre for each of the department or centre in the institution deemed to be University, who shall be appointed by the Vice-Chancellor from amongst the Professors of the department or centre: Provided that if there is no Professor in the department or centre or there is only one Professor in the department or centre, whose term as Head of the department or chairperson of the centre is ending, the Vice-</p>	<p>Head of Departments are appointed as per FRI/ ICFRE rules.</p>

<p>Chancellor may appoint an Associate Professor as Head of the Department.</p> <p>(2) The term of the Head of the department or chairperson of the centre shall normally be two years and he or she shall be eligible for re-appointment for one more term by following the procedure prescribed for appointment of the Head of the department or chairperson of the centre.</p> <p>(3) The powers and functions of the Head of the department or chairperson of the centre shall be prescribed by the rules of the institution deemed to be University.</p>	
<p>24. Admission and fees structure.—</p> <p>A. Admission.—Admission of students to the institution deemed to be University, public or self-financing, shall be strictly based on merit in the entrance exam conducted by a Government Testing Agency or the institution deemed to be University and as prescribed by the appropriate statutory authority, wherever applicable and in case of no entrance examination, the admission of students to the institution deemed to be University may be made in the manner specified in the prospectus.</p> <p>B. Fee structure.— (1) Donation or capitation fee in whatever nomenclature or form, either directly or indirectly, is strictly prohibited.</p> <p>(2) The institutions deemed to be Universities shall follow the rules and regulations regarding fee structure, number of seats, etc., issued by the relevant statutory bodies and in case an institution deemed to be University offers different courses which come under the regulatory ambit of different statutory bodies, namely the University Grants Commission, the All India Council of Technical Education, National Medical Council etc., the rules and regulations regarding fee structure, number of seats, etc., issued by such statutory body concerned shall be applicable.</p> <p>(3) The fee shall be fixed transparently, keeping in view non-profiteering or non-commercial aspects.</p> <p>(4) The fee shall be collected as declared in the prospectus of the institution deemed to be University and with a proper receipt for such payment and the prospectus shall also state that donation or capitation fee in whatever nomenclature or form, either directly or indirectly, shall not be collected from the student or parent and in case of any grievance, the student or parent may submit their complaint to the institution deemed to be University.</p> <p>(5) The institution deemed to be University may provide fee concession or scholarships or may allocate some seats to meritorious students belonging to socially and economically deprived groups of the society.</p> <p>(6) The institution deemed to be University shall abide by all the University Grant Commission notifications, guidelines regarding the refund of fees and return of original certificates, as may be issued from time to time.</p> <p>(7) Every institution deemed to be University shall maintain the records of the entire process of selection of candidates, exhibit such records on its website, and preserve such records for a minimum period of five years.</p>	<p>Approved to incorporate</p>

<p>(8) The institution deemed to be University shall make available the prospectus on its website at least sixty days before the commencement of admissions, including fee structure, refund policy, number of seats in a programme, eligibility qualifications, admission process, etc.</p> <p>(9) The institution deemed to be University shall not retain any original certificates of the students, faculty members, and staff.</p>	
<p>25. Institution deemed to be University open to all.— (1) The institution deemed to be University shall be open to the persons of all genders and of whatever caste, creed, race or class, and it shall not be lawful for the institution deemed to be University to adopt or impose on any person, any test whatsoever of religious belief or profession in order to entitle him or her to be appointed as a faculty member of the institution deemed to be University or to hold any other office therein or to be admitted as a student in the institution deemed to be University or to graduate there at or to enjoy or exercise any privilege thereof:</p> <p>Provided that nothing in this section shall be deemed to prevent the institution deemed to be University from making special provision for the employment or admission of women, persons with disabilities, or of persons belonging to the weaker section of the society and, in particular, of the Scheduled Castes, the Scheduled Tribes and the other socially and educationally backward classes of citizens.</p> <p>(2) All policies and procedures, in matters of admission, fee, and employment as applicable to the university level public funded and self-financing institutions, respectively, shall apply.</p>	Approved to incorporate
<p>26. Institution deemed to be University to be unitary.— The institution deemed to be University shall be unitary in nature and shall not affiliate any other institution.</p>	Approved to incorporate
<p>27. Reservation policy.— Institution deemed to be University shall implement the policy on reservations in admissions and recruitment, in accordance with the provisions of the Constitution of India and any Act of Parliament for the time being in force and disclose all such information on its website.</p>	Approved to incorporate
<p>28. Online or distance education.— Institutions deemed to be Universities may offer courses online or distance courses or degrees in accordance with the regulations notified by the Commission from time to time.</p>	Approved to incorporate
<p>29. Power to conduct enquiry and consequences for violation of regulations.— (1) Where the Government or the Commission, as the case may be, receives information by way of a complaint or otherwise, that an institution deemed to be University has violated any of the provisions of these regulations, it shall cause to conduct an enquiry into the facts of such information after issuing a notice to the said effect to the institution deemed to be University.</p> <p>(2) The Commission may also cause an inspection, to be made by experts in matters of academics, administration, and finance regarding academic outcomes or any matter connected with the administration or finances of the institution deemed to be University for the purpose of the enquiry.</p>	Approved to incorporate

<p>(3) Based on the enquiry or through procedures mentioned in these regulations, if the Government or the Commission, as the case may be, is satisfied that the regulations have been violated, the institution deemed to be University shall be subjected to such action as provided in these regulations.</p>	
<p>30. Consideration of proposals under previous regulations.—All the applications for the declaration of an institution as an institution deemed to be a University, or for the approval for establishing off-campus centres or offshore campuses, that have been received by the Government or are pending or under process in the Commission prior to the date of publication of these regulations, as the case may be, shall be processed under the provisions of these regulations:</p> <p>Provided that the applicant may submit an undertaking in writing that such an application may be processed in terms of the regulations of the Commission governing an institution deemed to be University as were in force on the date of such application, and that, subject to the approval of the application under those regulations, the applicant shall comply with the provisions of these regulations within a period of six years from the date of approval, as the case may be, failing which the status of the applicant as an institution deemed to be University or status of the off-campus or off-shore campus shall be withdrawn.</p>	<p>Approved to incorporate</p>
<p>31. Funds, Accounts, Audit, and Annual Report.— (1) The books of accounts of the institution deemed to be University shall be maintained, managed, and operated in the name of the institution deemed to be University and not in the name of the sponsoring body or any other body; and, shall be kept in such form as may be specified by the Executive Council and conform to the rules or regulations, if any, prescribed by the Commission, in this regard.</p> <p>(2) Funds shall not be diverted at any time from the accounts of the institution deemed to be University to any other accounts, including to the accounts of the sponsoring body or to any other body.</p> <p>(3) The institution deemed to be University shall get its books of accounts audited annually, separately published and uploaded on the website of the institution; and if such institution is funded by Central or State Government or through its Agencies fully or partially, then the accounts of such institution deemed to be University shall be open for examination by the Comptroller and Auditor General of India and the accounts of institution deemed to be University shall also, where required, be open for inspection by the Commission.</p> <p>(4) The annual financial statements and accounts shall be audited by a qualified professional, a Member or Fellow of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India, to be appointed by the institution deemed to be University:</p> <p>Provided that, the Commission may, on receipt of information regarding financial impropriety or embezzlement or illegal diversion of funds from the accounts of the institution deemed to be University; or of</p>	<p>Approved to incorporate</p>

fees being collected against the provisions of these regulations, issue a notice directing the institution deemed to be University to show cause as to why an inspection, including a forensic audit, not be ordered in respect of the complaint, and after providing a reasonable opportunity to the respondent institution, the Commission may on being satisfied that there were sufficient grounds to proceed further, cause an inspection by a team of the Commission or may direct a forensic audit; the report of and the inspection team and the forensic audit report taken together shall form the basis for the Commission to take further action, as it may be deem fit, under these regulations including the recommendation for withdrawal of institution deemed to be University status, to the Government.

(5) Annual Reports, Annual Financial Statements, and Audit Reports shall be uploaded on the institution deemed to be University website and also on the Commission's portal, after due approval by the Executive Council and the institution deemed to be Universities managed or controlled or funded by the Central or State Government shall submit a copy of the annual report, Annual Financial Statements and annual audit report to the respective Government.

32. Miscellaneous.— (1) The institution deemed to be University shall, as soon as may be, after the completion of the academic programme, and in no case later than one hundred and eighty days from the date of such completion, ensure that the degree, diploma, certificate, or any other qualification in respect of the programme of studies, is awarded and made available to students.

(2) The institutions deemed to be Universities shall compulsorily create Academic Bank of Credits (ABC), identities of their students and upload their credit scores in digital lockers and ensure that the credit scores are reflected in ABC portal and adopt Samarth e-Gov.

(3) No institution deemed to be University shall at any time enter into any franchise agreement or arrangement, either overtly or covertly, with any individual or organization for establishing, maintaining, or operating the off-campus or off-shore campus or constituent units or course or programme of study or department or school or faculty of the institution deemed to be University except in the following cases, namely:—

(a) the institution deemed to be University, which is eligible under sub-regulations (1) and (2) of regulation 8 may enter into an agreement or arrangement, if—

(i) the establishment, maintenance, or operation of such institution is permitted under any Act of Parliament or the rules or regulations made there under; and

(ii) it has made an application under sub-regulation (3) of regulation 8, after following the procedure specified in these regulations

(b) the campus to be established under such agreement or arrangement shall be—

(i) treated as an off-campus centre of the institution deemed to be University as long as such agreement or arrangement remains valid under such law; and

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(ii) subject to similar standards of audit and disclosure as a not-for-profit entity as that of the institution deemed to be University;

(c) the institution deemed to be University, which is eligible under regulation 8 may enter into an agreement or arrangement for practical training of students of a skill-oriented vocational courses, if such course is approved by the University Grants Commission or any other body established under any Act of Parliament.

(d) twinning Programmes, Joint Degree Programmes, and Dual Degree Programmes shall be offered in accordance with the provisions stipulated in the University Grants Commission (Academic Collaboration between Indian and Foreign Higher Educational Institutions to offer Twinning, Joint Degree, and Dual Degree Programmes) Regulations, 2022.

(e) the income and property of the institution deemed to be University shall be utilised solely for promoting the objectives of the institution deemed to be University.

(f) the Commission shall have the power to issue directions to an institution deemed to be University for implementation of any public policy of the Government or in respect of any law in force, including appropriate directions in case of any violation of any law or policy by the institution deemed to be University.

(g) no portion of the income and property of the institution deemed to be University shall be paid or transferred directly or indirectly, by way of dividend, bonus, or otherwise how so ever by way of profit to the persons who were at any time or are members of the institution deemed to be University or to any of them or any persons claiming through them:

Provided that nothing herein contained shall prevent the payment in good faith of remuneration to any member thereof or another person as consideration for any service rendered to the institution deemed to be University or for traveling or other allowances and such other charges.

(h) in consultation with the Commission, the Government shall have the power to impose such other conditions, not inconsistent with these regulations, in the notification, and the same shall be binding on the institution deemed to be University.

(i) where an institution deemed to be University wishes to surrender its status of "institution deemed to be University", it may do so with the prior permission of the Government; and similarly, withdrawal of any constituent units or off-campus or off-shore campus of the institution deemed to be University from the purview of an institution deemed to be University, shall require the sponsoring body to take the prior permission of the Government:

Provided that such surrender or withdrawal, as the case may be, shall take effect only after the last batch of students on the rolls of the institution deemed to be University or its constituent units, as the case may be, have been accorded the opportunity to qualify for the completion of the programme of study and award of degree.

(j) the institution deemed to be University shall furnish to the Central Government or the Commission such returns or other information with respect to its property or activities as the Central Government or the

Commission may, from time to time, require, within such period as may be specified by the Central Government or Commission.

(k) Convocations of the institution deemed to be University for conferring the degrees or for other purposes shall be held in such manner as may be prescribed by the rules of the institution deemed to be University.

(l) the Executive Council may, by a resolution passed by a majority of not less than two-thirds of the members present and voting, withdraw a degree of academic distinction conferred on, or any certificate or diploma granted to, any person by the institution deemed to be University for good and sufficient cause:

Provided that no such resolution shall be passed until a notice in writing has been given to that person calling upon him or her to show cause within such time as may be specified in the notice as to why such a resolution shall not be passed and until his or her objections, if any, and any evidence he or she may produce in support of them, have been considered by the Executive Council.

(m) in the event of conflict of opinion with regard to the interpretation of these regulations, the opinion of the Commission shall be final.

(n) with regard to institutions deemed to be Universities, the provisions contained in these regulations shall prevail in case of any inconsistency or conflicting provisions in any other regulations issued by the Commission under the provisions of the Act.

33. Legal proceedings.— (1) The Registrar may sue or be sued for the purpose of any legal proceedings against institution deemed to be University, who shall have the power to enter into agreements, sign documents and authenticate records on behalf of the institution deemed to be University, and have the powers to exercise such powers and perform such duties under the provisions of these regulations.

(2) No suit or legal proceedings shall lie against the Government or the Commission in respect of anything done or purported or intended to be done in pursuance of any of these regulations

34. Consequences of the violations of regulations.— Where an institution deemed to be University is found to have violated the provisions of these regulations or any other applicable regulations of the Commission, it may be subjected to one or more of the following actions, namely:—

(a) for violation of these regulations established by the enquiry committee set up by the Commission or Government, the institution deemed to be University shall be warned in writing with public notice or barred from any expansion in terms of diversification to new courses or programmes of study or departments and establishment of off-campus or off-shore campuses, for a period of three years or as recommended by the enquiry committee, whichever is higher;

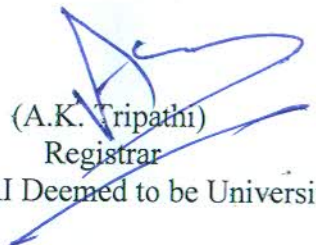
(b) continuous violation of regulations established by the enquiry committee set up by the Commission or the Government may result in closure of the courses or programmes of study or Departments and offcampuses or constituent institutions or off-shore campuses or may result in withdrawal of the status of institution deemed to be University;

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(c) in order to protect the interests of students in case of surrender or withdrawal of the status, as the case may be, shall take effect only after the last batch of students on the rolls of the institution deemed to be University or its constituent units, has been accorded opportunity to qualify for the completion of the programme of study and award of degree.

The meeting then ended with the thanks by Chair.



(A.K. Tripathi)
Registrar

FRI Deemed to be University



(Renu Singh)

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