

Forest Research Institute Deemed to be University

Dehradun, Uttarakhand

Minutes of the meeting of the Academic Council held on 10.11.2020 at 11:00 am

The meeting of the Academic Council of FRI Deemed to be University was held on 10.11.2020 in the Conference Hall of FRI Deemed to be University. Following members attended the meeting in offline/online:-

1. Shri A.S. Rawat IFS, Director FRI & Vice Chancellor, FRI Deemed to be University-**Chairperson**
2. Dr. Sudhir Kumar, DDG (Extension), ICFRE, Dehradun
3. Dr. H.S. Ginwal, Scientist- G & Dean (Academic), FRI Deemed to be University
4. Dr. Amit Pandey, Scientist-G, Forest Protection Division, FRI
5. Dr. Y.C. Tripathi, Scientist-F, Chemistry and Bio-prospecting Division, FRI
6. Dr. Ajay Thakur, Scientist-F & Head, Genetics and Tree Improvement Division, FRI
7. Dr. Anup Chandra, Scientist-F & Head, Forest Botany Division, FRI
8. Dr. Dinesh Kumar, Scientist-G, Silviculture & Forest Management Division, FRI
9. Dr. V.K. Varshney, Scientist-G, Chemistry and Bio-prospecting Division, FRI
10. Dr. Vineet Kumar, Scientist-G & Head, Chemistry and Bio-prospecting Division, FRI
11. Dr. Sudhir Singh, Scientist-G, Forest Protection Division, FRI
12. Sh. D.P. Khali, Scientist-G, Forest Products Division, FRI
13. Dr. P.K. Gupta, Scientist-G, C&P Discipline, Forest Products Division , FRI
14. Dr. Ashok Kumar Pandey, Scientist-G,ICFRE.
15. Dr. Vipin Prakash, Scientist-E, Course Coordinators of FRIDU
16. Dr. Vikas Rana, Scientist-E, Course Coordinators of FRIDU
17. Dr. Pratima Patel, Scientist-D, Controller of the Examination, FRIDU
18. Dr. Sanjay Singh, Scientist-D,BCC Division, FRI
19. Dr. N.K. Upreti, Scientist- G & Dean (Research) (GCR) & Head, Forest Products Div., FRI

(Attended Online)

20. Dr. N.S. Bisht, IFS (Retd.) PCCF (A.P.)
21. Dr. H.B. Vasistha, Scientist (Retd.), FRI Dehradun
22. Dr. N.S.K. Harsh, Retd. Scientist-G, FRI , Dehradun
23. Dr. G.S. Rawat, Ex-Dean, Wildlife Institute of India, Dehradun
24. Dr. Manisha Thapliyal, Scientist-F, Silviculture & Forest Management Div., FRI
25. Dr. Santan Barthwal, Scientist-F, G & TI Division, FRI,
26. Dr. Arun Pratap Singh, Scientist-F Forest Protection Division, FRI
27. Dr. Charan Singh, Scientist-E, Forest Extension Division, FRI
28. Dr. V.P. Panwar, Scientist-E, Forest Ecology & Climate Change Division, FRI
29. Dr. Parul Bhatt Kotiyal, Scientist-E, Forest Ecology & Climate Change Div., FRI
30. Dr. K.P. Singh, Scientist-E, Forest Protection Division, FRI
31. Dr. Arvind Kumar, Scientist-E, Forest Protection Division, FRI
32. Dr. Girish Chandra, Scientist-C, Forest Statistics Division, FRI
33. Dr. A.K. Tripathi, Scientist- G & Registrar, FRIDU- **Member Secretary**

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



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Agenda Item No. 1/2020: To confirm the minutes and compliance report of the meeting of the Academic Council held on 19.12.2019.

Resolution No 1/2020: The members having gone through the compliance report on the resolutions passed by the Academic Council in its meeting held on 19.12.2019 finally confirmed the minutes.

Agenda Item No.2/2020: To adopt the UGC guidelines for universities during COVID-19 Pandemic, for online classes and conducting semester exam of M.Sc. courses and to conduct online Entrance Test/interview for admission in Ph.D. and M.Sc. Programme 2020 and running online classes of Pre-Ph.D. compulsory course-2020.

Resolution No. 2/2020: The Academic Council having gone through the guidelines issued by UGC on 29.4.2020 and 6.7.2020 in view of Covid-19 pandemic **resolved** to grant ex-post facto approval to adopt the UGC guidelines for universities during Covid-19 Pandemic, for conducting online meetings, exams and online classes. Academic Council also advised to explore some other online softwares for getting better performance.

Agenda Item No.3/2020: To introduce a course on “Research and Publication Ethics (RPE) for Ph.D. Scholars as per UGC guidelines.

Resolution No. 3/2020: The Academic Council **resolved** to introduce compulsory course on “Research and Publication Ethics (RPE) of 02 credits in Pre-Ph.D. Compulsory course work for Ph.D. Scholars” for Ph.D. Scholars prescribed by University Grants Commission from the year-2020. And accordingly also **resolved** to modify clauses 7.2 and 7.3 of Ph.D. Ordinance as under:-
clause 7.2

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

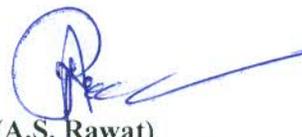
- i) Basic Forestry course as per syllabus vide Appendix-8
- ii) Computer application course as per syllabus vide Appendix -9
- iii) Statistics and Research Methods in Forestry course as per syllabus vide Appendix-10
- iv) **Research and Publication Ethics (RPE) Appendix-11**
- v) Special problem to be given by Supervisor and presented in the form of review of literature/technical report in the related discipline/area of research. The Supervisor/Co-supervisor shall evaluate the report and if satisfied, may issue a certificate (to be attached in the report) and shall also give marks out of 100.

The minimum pass marks for the above courses shall be **55% in all courses in each paper.**

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



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clause 7.3

The Structure of Compulsory Course work as per Choice Based Credit System (CBCS) is as under

Sl. No.	Course code	Name of course	Credit for Theory	Credit for Practical
1	PBF 101	Basic Forestry	4	1
2	PCA 102	Computer application	0	2
3	PSR 103	Statistical and Research Methods in Forestry	2	2
4	PRPE 105	Research and Publication Ethics	1	1
5	PPW 104	Project work	3*	1**
*Report**Presentation			Total credits = 17	

Marks distribution table for Examination

Sl. No.	Course code	Name of course	Theory	Practical	Total
1	PBF 101	Basic Forestry	75	25	100
2	PCA 102	Computer application	0	100	100
3	PSR 103	Statistical and Research Methods in Forestry	50	50	100
4	PRPE 105	Research and Publication Ethics	50	50	100
4	PPW 104	Project work	150*	50**	200
*Report **Presentation					

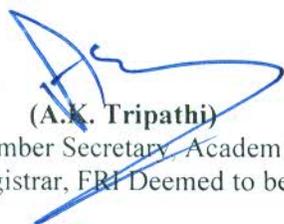
Note: - The candidate has to complete all four courses and has to obtain minimum 55% passing marks in each course in aggregate.

PPW 104

Project work Credits (3+1)

It was also resolved that last year scholars would also attend lectures on Research and Publication ethics.

The Chairman desired that separate specialized lectures from experts shall be arranged on thesis writing.


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Agenda Item No.4/2020: To consider the matter of amendment in clause 5.1.2 of the Ph.D. Ordinance as per University Grants Commission (Minimum Standards and Procedure for Award of M.Phil/Ph.D. Degrees) (2nd Amendment) Regulations, 2018 as per UGC Notification 16.10.2018 regarding selection of Ph.D. Candidates

Resolution No. 4/2020: The Academic Council having considered the agenda in view of University Grants Commission (Minimum Standards and Procedure for Award of M.Phil/Ph.D. Degrees) (2nd Amendment) Regulations, 2018 to amend UGC (Minimum Standards and Procedure for Award of M.Phil/Ph.D. Degrees) Regulations, 2016 vide its Notification dated 16.10.2018 **resolved** to amend clause 5.1.2 of Ph.D. Ordinance as under:-

“The candidates who have qualified UGC-NET (including JRF)/UGC-CSIR NET (including JRF)/teacher fellowship holder will be allowed to appear for the interview directly without appearing in the written entrance test. However, the candidates who have qualified GATE will also be allowed to appear for the interview directly without appearing in the written entrance test subject to securing of 50 normalized marks (out of 100) in case of General candidates and 45 normalized marks (out of 100) in case of SC/ST/OBC (non-creamy layer)/differently-abled and other categories of candidates as per the decision of the Commission from time to time, failing which they shall have to appear in the Entrance Test. However, such candidates will have to apply as per the procedure alongwith other candidates. They will have to provide marks-sheet of above exams along with their application form. The UGC/CSIR/GATE/NET exam should have been cleared by the applicant during previous two years from the last date of submission of the form in the University. **Provided that for selection of candidates, a weightage of 70% to the NET/GATE score and 30% to the performance in the interview/viva-voce shall be given. However, the NET/GATE qualified candidates may also appear in Entrance Test conducted by FRIDU if desire. In that case, the highest score shall be considered.**”

It is also **resolved** to grant ex-post facto approval in case of NET/GATE candidates for a weightage of 70% to the marks secured by them in their NET/GATE exam by the university this year (2020) in preparation of selection list of Ph.D. Admission-2020.

However, it is also directed by Academic Council to convey it to the University Grants Commission and to get a clarification again from UGC in case of NET/GATE candidates.

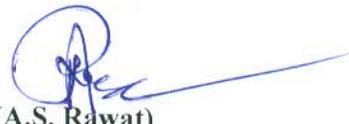
Agenda Item No.5/2020: To consider the matter regarding inclusion of M.Sc. in Biodiversity and Conservation as one of the eligibility criteria for admission in Ph.D. in Forestry (Wildlife Science)

Resolution No. 5/2020: The Academic Council considered the recommendation of the committee sent by WII, Dehradun and **resolved** to include M.Sc. in Biodiversity and Conservation as one of the eligibility criteria for admission in Ph.D. in Forestry (Wildlife Science). The eligibility criteria under clause 3.3 of Ph.D. Ordinance for admission in Ph.D. in Forestry (Wildlife Science) shall now be read as under:-

“Post-graduate degree in Forestry/Wildlife Science/Zoology/Botany/Environmental Management/**Biodiversity & Conservation** or Postgraduate degree in any science subjects with recognized Postgraduate Diploma in Wildlife Management.


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Agenda Item No.6/2020: To call the candidates for appearing in Ph.D. Interview in a ratio of 1:5 with respect to seats.

Resolution No. 6/2020: The Academic Council having considered the agenda **resolved** to invite the candidates meritwise (amongst the candidates securing qualifying marks) for appearing in Ph.D. Interview in a ratio of 1:5 with respect to seats and category.

The Chairman also directed to work out the procedure following by other universities in this regard.

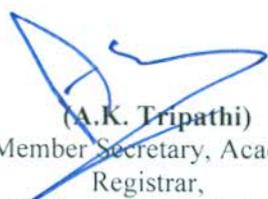
Supplementary Agenda : To consider the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between Forest Research Institute Deemed to be University Dehradun (FRIDU) and Beijing Forestry University (BFU), Beijing, China

Resolution No. 7/2020: The Academic Council resolved to grant Ex-post-facto approval for sending a proposal for MoU between FRIDU and BFU, Beijing, China to Deputy Inspector General of Forests (RT) Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change through ICFRE for getting approval of Ministry of External Affairs, Govt. of India.

The Chairman has desired that while revising the eligibility criteria of Ph.D. admission the categorization of subjects may be defined such as what subjects will be covered in Life Science, Biological Science etc.

Dr. N.S.K. Harsh suggested that for better results for conducting the classes, viva-voce examination and holding M.Sc. examinations, a separate internet connection may be provided in the university hostels and Academic and administrative block of university. Dr. Ginwal, Dean (A) explained to the members that a letter has already been issued to ADG, IT ICFRE to take up the matter on top priority.

The meeting then ended with the thanks to the Chair.



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