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CENTRAL UNIVERSITY OF HIMACHAL PRADESH



## MINUTES

**28<sup>TH</sup> MEETING OF THE ACADEMIC COUNCIL  
SCHEDULED TO BE HELD ON 28TH AUGUST, 2021  
at 11.00 A.M.**

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**Venue: DHAULADHAR PARISAR-I, Dharamshala, District Kangra, H.P. - 176215**

**MINUTES**

1. The 28<sup>th</sup> Meeting of Academic Council of the Central University of Himachal Pradesh, Dharamshala was held on 28<sup>th</sup> August, 2021 at 11.00 A.M. at Dhauladhar Parisar-I, Dharamshala, Central University of Himachal Pradesh. The meeting was held Offline and Online through Google meet link ([meet.google.com/spb-ixsz-mte](https://meet.google.com/spb-ixsz-mte)) by keeping in view the convenience of the AC members vis-à-vis prevailing COVID-19 related situations across the country.
2. The following Members were present through Offline & Online mode:

<b>S. No.</b>	<b>NAME AND ADDRESS OF THE MEMBERS</b>	
1.	<b>Prof. Sat Parkash Bansal</b> Vice Chancellor, Central University of Himachal Pradesh	<b>CHAIRMAN</b>
2.	<b>Dean(Prof Hum Chand)</b> School of Physical & Material Sciences	MEMBER
3.	<b>Dean(Dr. Rakesh Kumar)</b> School of Mathematics, Computer & Information Sciences	MEMBER
4.	<b>Dean(Prof. Narayan Singh Rao)</b> School of Social Sciences	MEMBER
5.	<b>Dean(Dr. Brihaspati Mishra)</b> School of Languages,	MEMBER
6.	<b>Dean(Prof. Harshvardhan)</b> School of Humanities	MEMBER
7.	<b>Dean(Dr. Suman Sharma)</b> School of Tourism, Travel & Hospitality Management	MEMBER
8.	<b>Dean(Prof. Pradeep Nair)</b> School of Journalism, Mass Communication & New Media	MEMBER

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9.	<b>Dean(Prof. Mohinder Singh)</b> School of Commerce & Management Studies	MEMBER
10.	<b>Dean Students' Welfare</b> (Prof. Pardeep Kumar)	MEMBER
11.	<b>Proctor</b> (Dr. Sunil Kumar)	MEMBER
12.	<b>Librarian (Incharge)</b> (D.K Sharma)	MEMBER
13.	<b>Prof. Sanjeev Gupta,</b> Head, Department of HPKV Business School Central University of Himachal Pradesh,	MEMBER
14.	<b>Dr. Jagmeet Singh,</b> Head, Department of Political Sciences Central University of Himachal Pradesh,	MEMBER
15.	<b>Dr. Rajender Kumar</b> Head, Department of Chemistry & Chemical Sciences Central University of Himachal Pradesh,	MEMBER
16.	<b>Dr. Kanwar Chanderdeep Singh,</b> Director, Centre for Tibetan Studies Central University of Himachal Pradesh	MEMBER
17.	<b>Dr. Malkit Singh,</b> Director, Centre for Jammu & Kashmir Studies Central University of Himachal Pradesh	MEMBER
18.	<b>Prof. Manoj Kumar Saxena</b> Professor, School of Education, Central University of Himachal Pradesh	MEMBER
19.	<b>Prof. B.C. Chauhan</b> Professor, School of Physical & Material Sciences Central University of Himachal Pradesh	MEMBER
20.	<b>Dr. Shiva Rama Rao,</b> Associate Professor, Department of Library & Information Science Central University of Himachal Pradesh	MEMBER
21.	<b>Dr. Ashish Nag,</b> Associate Professor, Department of Tourism & Travel Management Central University of Himachal Pradesh	MEMBER
22.	<b>Dr. Aditi Sharma,</b> Assistant Professor, Department of HPKV Business School Central University of Himachal Pradesh	MEMBER
23.	<b>Dr. Manpreet Arora,</b> Assistant Professor, Department of HPKV Business School Central University of Himachal Pradesh	MEMBER
24.	<b>Registrar</b> Central University of Himachal Pradesh, Camp Office, Dharamshala	<b>Ex-Officio Secretary</b>
25.	<b>Dean(Prof. Amrish Mahajan)</b> School of Earth & Environmental Sciences	<b>Special Invitee</b>

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2. The Vice-Chancellor welcomed all the members and thanked them for being available for attending this meeting. He also informed that the following members are attending the meeting through Google Meet:

1.	<b>Dean(Prof. Deepak Pant)</b> School of Earth & Environmental Sciences	Through Google Meet
2.	<b>Court Nominee</b> ( Shri Dilip Kumar)	Through Google Meet
3.	Dr. Nandoori Raj Gopal, Head, Department of English	Through Google Meet
4.	<b>Prof. Laxmi Aiyar</b> Head, Department of Hindi, Central University of Rajasthan, N.H.-8, Bander Sindri, District Ajmer-305817	Through Google Meet
5.	<b>Dr. Anjani Kumar Jha</b> Associate Professor, Department of Journalism, Mahatma Gandhi Central University, Motihari	Through Google Meet
6.	<b>Prof. Vasant Shinde</b> Vice-Chancellor, Decon College, PG Post Graduate & Research Institute Yewada, Deemed University, Pune-411006	Through Google Meet
7.	<b>Prof. Jagtar Singh Guleria</b> CSKHPKV Palampur, District Kangra, H.P.	Through Google Meet
8.	<b>Prof. Mohan Lal Chheepa</b> Vice-Chancellor(Retd.), 488, Ekta Block, Mahaveer Nagar, Tonkroad, Jaipur-302018	Through Google Meet

3. The following members could not attend the meeting due to their prior commitments and unavoidable reasons and were granted leave of absence.

S. NO.	NAME AND ADDRESS OF THE MEMBERS	
1.	<b>Dr. Mahesh Kulharia</b> Director, Centre for Computational Biology & Bioinformatics Central University of Himachal Pradesh	Not present
2.	<b>Dr. Gurpal Singh Sandhu,</b> Department of Evening Studies, Punjab University, Chandigarh- 160014	Not present
3.	<b>Prof. Sonam Wangchuk,</b> J-177, Saket, New Delhi-110017	Not present
4.	<b>Prof. Ravinder Ramchander Kanhere,</b> Pro Vice-Chancellor, VCO Block, IGNOU Maidan Gadhi, New Delhi- 110068	Not present

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5.	<b>Prof. Tankeshwar Kumar,</b> Vice-Chancellor Guru Jambheshwar Science & Industrial University, Hisar, HR-125001	Not present
6.	<b>Dr. Sachidanand Joshi,</b> Member Secretary, Indira Gandhi Rashtriya Kala Kendra, 11, Mansingh Rosad, New Delhi-110011	Not present

4. At the very outset, Prof. Vishal Sood, Registrar (Addl. Charge), being Ex-Officio Secretary of the Council introduced and welcomed Prof. S.P. Banal, Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, CUHP. All the Hon'ble members of the Academic Council were also introduced to the house and welcomed by the Member Secretary.

5. The Vice-Chancellor, CUHP (Chairman) extended a warm welcome and thanked all the members for sparing their valuable time to make it possible to attend this meeting. The Vice-Chancellor apprised about the 'Vision Plan of University-2025' which mainly includes the focus on implementation of recommendations of NEP - 2020 in academic pursuits of the university. The HVC detailed about his plans and strategies to make Central University of Himachal Pradesh, an institution of Excellence and bringing it on an International Platform in terms of its Academic and Research Outputs.

The Vice-Chancellor appreciated and placed on record the contributions and efforts made by the former Vice-Chancellor, CUHP Prof. Kuldeep Chand Agnihotri towards academic upliftment of the University and leading it towards excellence in academics, research and extension.

6. Thereafter, the Vice-Chancellor invited Prof. Vishal Sood, Registrar (Addl. Charge)-cum-Ex-Officio Secretary to take up the agenda items.

### **THEREAFTER, THE AGAENDA WAS TAKEN UP AS UNDER:**

**Item No. 28.1 To place before the Academic Council the matter regarding confirmation of the Minutes of 27<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Academic Council held on 24<sup>th</sup> November, 2020.**

The Minutes of 27<sup>th</sup> Meeting of Academic Council held on 24<sup>th</sup> November, 2020 **ANNEXURE-28.1[A]** are placed before the Academic Council for its confirmation.

**The Minutes of 27<sup>th</sup> Meeting of Academic Council held on 24<sup>th</sup> November, 2020 were noted and confirmed.**

**Item No. 28.2**      **To place before the Academic Council the Report about the Action Taken on the decision of its 27<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Academic Council held on 24th November, 2020.**

The report about the action taken on the decisions of 27<sup>th</sup> Meeting of Academic Council held on 24th November, 2020 is annexed at **Annexure-28.2[A]**.

**The Academic Council noted the Action Taken on the decisions of 27<sup>th</sup> meeting of Academic Council held on 24th November, 2020.**

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**ITEM(S) FOR RATIFICATION:**

**Item No. 28.3:**      **To place before the Academic Council the matter regarding adoption of the University Grants Commission (Promotion of Academic Integrity and Prevention of Plagiarism in Higher Educational Institutions), Regulations 2018.**

The University Grants Commission vide Notification F.No. 1-8/2010 (CPP-II) dated 23<sup>rd</sup> July, 2018 notified the University Grants Commission (Promotion of Academic Integrity and Prevention of Plagiarism in Higher Educational Institutions), Regulations 2018 to create awareness about responsible conduct of research, thesis, dissertation, promotion of academic integrity and prevention of misconduct including plagiarism in academic writing among student, faculty, researcher and staff is required to be adopted in the University for the welfare of the students and employees. In pursuance to this Notification, the Vice-Chancellor under powers vested in him under section 11(3) of Central Universities Act, 2009 constituted the Committees as per Clause 10 & 11 of University Grants Commission (Promotion of Academic Integrity and Prevention of Plagiarism in Higher Educational Institutions), Regulations 2018. The University notified the Committees of Departmental Academic Integrity Panel (DAIP) Committee and Institutional Academic Integrity Panel (IAIP) Committee vide Notification F.No. 1-4/हि.प्र.के.वि./ शै. / 2010/खंड-II/6534-40 दिनांक 03 दिसम्बर, 2020 and 1-4/हि.प्र.के.वि./ शै./2010/खंड-II/6527-33 दिनांक 03 दिसम्बर, 2020 respectively **[ANNEXURE-28.3(A) & (B)]**.

**The Academic Council noted, ratified and further recommended the said Regulations to the Executive Council for its approval.**

**Item No. 28.4: To place before the Academic Council the matter regarding Memorandum of Understanding between HPSPCB, ULB and CUHP under National Clear Air Programme, Govt. of India.**

The National Clean Air Programme (NCAP) was introduced by Govt. of India in the year 2019 onwards for containment of air quality in Non-Attainment Towns/Cities. Under the NCAP, city specific interventions and action plans will be formulated for implementation by the HPSPCB and ULB, along with Central University of Himachal Pradesh, Dharamshala as a technical partner for the town of Paonta Sahib and Kala Amb. The National Knowledge Network (NKN), Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) and MoEF & CC will oversee the coordination and technical compliance. There are 07 Nos. of Non-Attainment Towns in Himachal Pradesh namely Baddi, Nalagarh, Parwanoo, Paonta Sahib, Kala Amb, Sundernagar & Damtal. The Member Secretary, HP State Pollution Control Board, Himachal Pradesh, New Shimla vide letter No. HPSPCB/NGT/O.A. No. 681 of 2018/NCAP 20202/Vol.VII-2743-55 dated 21.09.2020 **[Annexure-28.4(A)]** has forwarded two MoUs (out of 07 MoUs) of Non-Attainment towns of Himachal Pradesh i.e. Paonta Sahib, Kala Amb duly mutually signed by the concerned Institute of Reputes, Regional Officer, HPSPCB and local bodies. The University vide letter F.No. 1-6/CUHP/GA/2010/Vol.XIII/7123-25 dated 24<sup>th</sup> December, 2020 **[Annexure-28.4(B)]** nominated (i) Dr. Ankit Tondon, Assistant Professor, Department of Environmental Science and (ii) Dr. Dilbag Singh, Assistant Professor, Department of Environmental Science for National Clean Air Mission as per directives of MoEF&CC on behalf of the University to extend technical support as partner (Institute of Repute) IoR.

**The Academic Council noted, ratified and further recommended to the Executive Council for its approval.**

**ITEM(S) FOR CONSIDERATION AND DECISION:**

**Item No. 28.5: To place before the Academic Council the recommendations of different School Boards for consideration and approval.**

The minutes of the following School Boards are placed below for the consideration and approval of the Academic Council:

- i. Minutes of the 5<sup>th</sup> School Board Meeting of School of Mathematics, Computers & Information Science held on 19<sup>th</sup> January, 2021 at **ANNEXURE -28.5(A)**.
- ii. Minutes of the 3<sup>rd</sup> School Board Meeting of School of Performing and Visual Arts held on 22<sup>nd</sup> January, 2021 at **ANNEXURE - 28.5(B)**.
- iii. Minutes of the 5<sup>th</sup> School Board Meeting of School of Education held on 28<sup>th</sup> June, 2021 at **ANNEXURE-28.5(C)**.

**The Minutes of School Board(s) of the above mentioned Schools were approved by the Academic Council and further recommended to Executive Council for its approval / ratification.**

**Item No. 28.6: To place before the Academic Council the Annual Quality Assurance Reports (AQAR) for the years 2016-2017, 2017-2018, 2018-2019 & 2019-2020 for consideration and approval and in-principle approval for AQAR for the year 2020-2021.**

The National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC) after assessment in 2017 accredited the Central University of Himachal Pradesh with **B++ Grade**. The validity of the assessment is up to May 01, 2022. The process for fresh assessment and accreditation is due for which Self Study Report (SSR) is to be prepared and further submitted to NAAC well in time. However, for preparing and submitting SSR, the submission of the Annual Quality Assurance Reports for the academic years 2016-2017, 2017-2018, 2018-2019, 2019-2020 and 2020-2021 to the NAAC, Bangalore is a mandatory obligation.



Therefore, the Annual Quality Assurance Reports(AQAR) for the academic years 2016-2017, 2017-2018, 2018-2019 and 2019-2020 are placed as **ANNEXURE-28.6(A)** for perusal, consideration and approval of the Academic Council so that these can be submitted to NAAC before 31st August, 2021. The Annual Quality Assurance Report for the academic year 2020-2021 is also under preparation and it shall be submitted in due course of time to NAAC. Therefore, Academic Council is requested to grant in-principle approval to submit the AQAR for the year 2020-21 after preparation and it will be placed before the Council for ratification in forthcoming meeting.

**The Academic Council considered and approved the Annual Quality Assurance Reports (AQAR) for the years 2016-2017, 2017-2018, 2018-2019 and 2019-2020 and further recommended to Executive Council for its approval. The Council further granted 'In-principle' approval to submit the AQAR for the year 2020-21. The Academic Council further authorized the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor to submit the AQARs to NAAC accordingly.**

**Item No. 28.1(S): To place before the Academic Council the matter regarding naming of Incubation Centre in CUHP as 'Udhbhav Kendra'.**

The Central University of Himachal Pradesh vide Office Order F.No. 1-1/ CUHP/Acad/2010/Vol.VII/4570-78 dated 2<sup>nd</sup> August, 2021 has established Incubation Centre. Prof. O.S.K.S. Shastri, Professor, Department of Physics & Astronomical Sciences has been appointed as Director of this Incubation Centre.

In this context, a request from the Director, Incubation Centre has been received to name as the Centre as "Udhbhav Kendra".

**The above matter is placed before the Academic Council for consideration and accord approval to name the Centre as Udhbhav Kendra.**

**The Academic Council considered and deliberated on the proposal and approved the name of Incubation Centre as 'Udhbhav Kendra' and further recommended to the Executive Council for its approval.**

**Item No. 28.2(S): To place before the Academic Council the matter regarding draft Guidelines for Academic and Administrative Audit(AAA) of Central University of Himachal Pradesh.**

The National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC) has evolved tools and guidelines for improving quality for different levels of Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) and for its sustenance. By establishing Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC) and undergoing External Quality Assurance process, it's possible to continuously strive for excellence.

The monitoring and evaluation of the institutional processes require a carefully structured system of internal and external review. The NAAC expects the Institutions to undertake continuous Academic and Administrative Audits (AAA). AAA is very essential for the excellence in Higher Education. These are interrelated concepts. Thus in order to have a quality oriented academic, there should be a strong administrative background. It is expected that each HEI should evolve its own guidelines and methodology by learning from good practices followed by leading institutions within and outside India. The successful practices can be adapted to suit specific context and requirement of HEI on various aspects.

In consonance to the guidelines of NAAC, a Committee vide Notification फा.सं.: 3-5/ हि.प्र.के.वि./ शै./2020/6487-90 दिनांक 02 दिसम्बर, 2020 was constituted for preparing the draft of Academic and Administrative Audit of the University. The Committee vide letter F.No.: IQAC/1-1/CUHP/2020/885-86 dated 22.12.2020 [ANNEXURE-28.2(S)(A)] submitted its recommendations alongwith the draft Guidelines for Academic and Administrative Audit(AAA) of Central University of Himachal Pradesh.

**The draft of Academic & Administrative Audit guidelines is placed before the Academic Council for consideration and approval. The Council is further requested to authorize the Vice-Chancellor for constitution of the Committee for Academic and Administrative Audit of the University.**

**The Academic Council deliberated at length on the draft guidelines for Academic & Administrative Audit. The Council appreciated the efforts made by IQAC as AAA is very essential**

for the excellence in Higher Education. It is related with the quality assurance and enhancing the quality of academic activities in HEIs. The Academic Council approved the Guidelines and authorized the Vice-Chancellor for constitution of the Committee for Academic and Administrative Audit of the University and further recommended to the Executive Council for its approval.

**Item No. 28.3(S): To place before the Academic Council the matter regarding approval of Memorandum of Understanding(s) (MoU) :**

A proposal from Prof. Hum Chand, Dean, School of Physical & Material Sciences has been received to enter into Memorandum of Understanding with Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO), Department of Space. Accordingly, a Committee was constituted as per provisions contained in University Ordinance No. 27 deals with: Procedure for Co-operation and Collaboration with other Universities, Institutions and other Agencies Including Learned Bodies or Associations vide Notification फाइल सं. 1-8/हि.प्र.के.वि./शै./2010/खंड-II/3490-93 dated 08 July, 2021.

The Committee after deliberations on the draft MoU, submitted its recommendations to enter into Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) [ANNEXURE-28.3(S)(A)].

**The Academic Council is requested to accord approval to the MoU as recommended by the Committee and 'In-principle' approval for signing the MoU with ISRO.**

The Academic Council considered, deliberated on the draft MoU and appreciated the efforts of the University to establish a collaboration with the esteemed institution like ISRO. The Council approved the draft MoU and accorded 'In-principle' approval to sign the MoU with ISRO and further recommended to the Executive Council for its approval.

Item No. 28.4(S): To place before the Academic Council the matter regarding engaging/ appointment of Resource Persons in various Departments/Centres of the University.

The Central University of Himachal Pradesh has started various Departments/Centres in the interest of students. The Departments/ Centres like Centre for Yoga Studies, Centre for Bhartiya Panth, Matt, Sampraday and Semitic Religions, Centre for Tribal Studies, etc. were started recently. In these Departments/Centres, the posts of faculty are not sanctioned/ conveyed by the UGC till date. Therefore, Resource Persons are required to be engaged for the smooth functioning of concerned Departments/Centers.

**In this context, the Academic Council is requested to give 'In-Principle' approval to engage the Resource Persons wherever required after observing all codal formalities and ensuring minimum eligibility qualifications required as per UGC guidelines.**

**The Academic Council considered the proposal and accorded 'In-principle' approval to engage the Resource Persons after observing all codal formalities as per UGC guidelines.**


Item No. 28.5(S): To place before the Academic Council the matter regarding creation of 5 seats (over and above) in each professional Vocational and Science stream programmes of the University under self-financing scheme.

The Central University of Himachal Pradesh is presently running MBA, M.Sc., B.Sc., M.Lib., B.Lib. and other Vocational Courses. The demand for these courses among the students is very high. Therefore, it is submitted that 5 seats in all professional programmes, vocational programmes and programmes belonging to natural/physical sciences disciplines may be created under self-financing scheme over and above the sanctioned seat strength of each respective programme in concerned department/centre.

The Academic Council deliberated on the proposal and approved to create 5 seats in all professional programmes, vocational programmes and programmes belonging to natural/physical sciences disciplines over and above the sanctioned seat strength of each respective programme in concerned department/centre. The Council further authorized the Vice-Chancellor to constitute a Committee for preparing the codal formalities for the admission under self-financing category.

At the end of meeting, the external members forwarded certain suggestions to improve the functioning and quality of various academic and co-academic affairs of the University. The suggestions were welcomed by the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor and it was assured by the Vice-Chancellor that these suggestions will be taken into consideration by the University. The external members also gave assurance that they will contribute for upliftment of the University through different means.

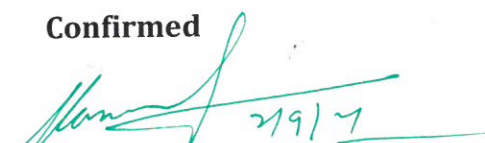
The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair.

  
02/9/2021

(Prof. Vishal Sood)

Ex Officio Secretary &  
Registrar (Addl. Charge), CUHP, Dharamshala

Confirmed

  
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(Prof. Sat Parkash Bansal)  
Chairman & Vice-Chancellor,  
CUHP, Dharamshala.