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- The 12th Academic Council Meeting of the Central University of Himachal Pradesh, Dharamshala was held on 22nd November, 2014 at 02:30 PM at Central University of Himachal Pradesh, Temporary Academic Block, Shahpur, District - Kangra, Himachal Pradesh - 176 206. The following members were present:

1.	Prof. Yoginder S. Verma Vice-Chancellor, Central University of Himachal Pradesh, Dharamshala, H.P	CHAIRMAN
2.	Prof. Anvita Abbi Professor of Linguistic, Centre for Linguistics, JNU, New Delhi	MEMBER
3.	Prof. Faizan Ahmad Director, Centre for Multi-Disciplinary Research in Basic Sciences, JMI	MEMBER
4.	Prof. Sudhanshu Bhushan Head, Department of Higher Education, NUEPA, New Delhi	MEMBER
5.	Prof. Arvind Agrawal Dean, School of Social Sciences, CUHP, TAB, Shahpur, District - Kangra, H.P	MEMBER
6.	Prof. Inder Vir Malhan Dean, School of Mathematics, Computers & Information Sciences, CUHP, H.P	MEMBER
7.	Prof. H. R. Sharma Dean Students' Welfare, CUHP, TAB, Shahpur, District - Kangra, H.P	MEMBER
8.	Prof. Ambrish Kumar Mahajan Dean, School of Earth & Environmental Sciences, CUHP, TAB, Shahpur, H.P	MEMBER
9.	Dr. O.S.K.S. Sastri Dean, School of Physical & Material Sciences, CUHP, TAB, Shahpur, H.P	MEMBER
10.	Dr. Manoj Kumar Saxena Dean, School of Education, CUHP, TAB, Shahpur, District - Kangra, H.P	MEMBER

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11.	Dr. Manukonda Rabindranath Dean, School of Journalism, Mass Communication & New Media, CUHP, H.P	MEMBER
12.	Dr. Roshan Lal Sharma Dean, School of Humanities & Languages, CUHP, TAB, Shahpur, Kangra, H.P	MEMBER
13.	Dr. Sanjeev Gupta Dean, School of Business & Management Studies, CUHP, TAB, Shahpur, Kangra, H.P	MEMBER
14.	Dr. Bhagwan Singh Head, Department of Marketing & Supply Chain Management, CUHP, H.P	MEMBER
15.	Dr. Pradeep Kumar Head, Department of Mass Communication & Electronic Media, CUHP, H.P	MEMBER
16.	Dr. Deepak Pant Associate Professor, Department of Environmental Sciences, CUHP, TAB, H.P	MEMBER
17.	Dr. Bhag Chand Chauhan Associate Professor, Department of Physics & Astronomical Science, CUHP, TAB, H.P	MEMBER
18.	Dr. Yusuf Akhter Assistant Professor, Centre for Computational Biology & Bioinformatics, CUHP	MEMBER
19.	Shri Manoj Dhiman Assistant Professor, Department of Computer & IT, CUHP, TAB, Shahpur, H.P	MEMBER
20.	Brig. Jagdish Chand Rangra, YSM (Retd.) Registrar, Central University of Himachal Pradesh, Dharamshala, H.P	EX OFFICIO SECRETARY

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

1.	Prof. Anil Kumar Singh Vice-Chancellor, University of Allahabad, Uttar Pradesh	MEMBER
2.	Prof. S. P. Singh Chair of Excellence, Forest Research Institute (Deemed University), Dehradun, Uttarakhand	MEMBER
3.	Prof. Devi Singh Director, IIM Lucknow, Prabandh Nagar, Off Sitapur Road, Lucknow	MEMBER
4.	Prof. N. Sathyamurthy Director, Indian Institute of Science Education & Research, Punjab	MEMBER
5.	Prof. Shyam Menon Vice-Chancellor, Ambedkar University, Dwarka, New Delhi	MEMBER
6.	Prof. Pulin B. Nayak 11 - Mandakini Enclave, New Delhi	MEMBER
7.	Prof. Meenakshi Gopinath A - 86, Nizamuddin East, New Delhi	MEMBER
8.	Shri Shekhar Kapur Creative Director, A / 5, Beach House, Gandhigram Road, Juhu, Mumbai	MEMBER

3. The Vice Chancellor welcomed all the members and thanked them for being available for attending this meeting. He expressed his thanks to the outgoing members namely, Prof. Furqan Qamar, Founder Vice Chancellor; Prof. K. B. Joshi, Former Dean, School of Physical & Material Sciences and Dr. Arbind Kumar Jha, Former Dean, School of Education for their significant contribution in the formative years of University's development. He extended welcome to new members namely, Dr. B.C. Chauhan, Associate Professor, Department of Physics and Astronomical Sciences, Dr. Manoj Kumar Saxena, Dean, School of Education. He also welcomed the members who were attending the meeting of the Council for the first time. He also welcomed Brigadier Jagdish Chand Rangra, YSM (Retd.) who joined as Second Registrar of the University. He expressed in particular gratitude to the founder Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Furqan Qamar who relinquished the charge of the office of Vice-Chancellor on 25th June, 2014 and joined as Secretary General, Association of Indian Universities, New Delhi.
4. Placing on record the contribution made by the Founder Vice Chancellor, he said:

"I have the privilege and honour to put on record Prof. Furqan Qamar's immense contribution in laying strong foundation in the establishment of Central University of Himachal Pradesh. He gave the University, a world class vision and ensured its actual implementation by putting in place necessary Statutes, Ordinances and Regulations. Prof. Qamar after joining as Vice Chancellor on 20th January, 2010, selected his team and prepared strategic and operational plans for the establishment and growth of the University. He very methodologically prepared academic architecture of the university by drawing on the best practices of the world class universities. During his almost four and half years in the university, Prof. Qamar provided visionary leadership and framed executable plans for accomplishing CUHP's vision. He will always be remembered by future generations of students and faculty for his managerial acumen, meticulous planning in developing error-free workable plans, systems and procedures and providing good governance with objectivity and transparency. At present, the University is on firm footing for implementing its academic architecture visualized in its vision document, and is set to attain commanding heights and emerge as one of the leading universities in the country. The university community is committed to carry forward the legacy left behind by Prof. Qamar and to make CUHP a world class institution of higher learning. The university fraternity shall ever remain beholden to Prof. Furqan Qamar for his outstanding contribution in establishing very high academic, administrative and ethical standards in the governance and management of the university."

5. The Vice Chancellor also requested the members to approve and allow that a copy of this statement be sent to Prof. Furqan Qamar.

6. He also informed the members that after the last meeting of the Council, the University organised its 2nd Convocation of the CUHP in which Sh. Pranab Mukherjee, President of India and the Visitor of the University was the Chief Guest and it was chaired by Sh. Arun Maira, the Chancellor of the University. He reported that the meeting of the Council could not be held as the Founder Vice Chancellor submitted his resignation and for the acting Vice Chancellor it took some time to settle down. However the meeting was fixed in October which could not be held due to cancellation of travel plans of some of the outstation members. University

conducted its end semester examinations with fully operational CBCS and declared results in time. New session began on 3rd August with 3-day induction programme for newly admitted students and with address by the Founder Vice Chancellor, Prof. Furqan Qamar. At present, the University has 16 departments of study and two interdisciplinary centres in social sciences, humanities, management, tourism, physical sciences, computational biology, environmental sciences, mathematics, computers, information science, entrepreneurship and innovation, new media and journalism. It has 685 PG and 93 RD students on roll despite the fact that it has only one building with limited space. It has hired two buildings for men hostel at Kangra and women hostel in Dharamshala in which 91 and 41 students respectively are residing. The University is striving hard to impart quality education in its academic programmes and has attracted a good number of students to its programmes. For admission to 510 seats in PG programmes of study during this academic session (2014-15), the University received 6774 applications. It has 68 regular faculty members with excellent academic accomplishments and coming from different states of the country. In addition, two scientists have joined, one under UGC- Faculty Recharge Scheme and another under DST's Inspire Programme in the department of Physics.

7. During the past six months, a number of activities have happened. For establishing academic collaborations, the Vice Chancellor informed the members that the University signed a Letter of Intent for MoU with Karlstad University Sweden. It also has signed Letter of Intent with Indian Institute of Advanced Study Shimla. He expressed his happiness to mention that new research projects have been awarded to CUHP's faculty by ICSSR, UGC and Ministry of Environment. Teachers have presented and published papers both in India and abroad. Faculty members also made their international presence. Ms. Prakrati Bhargava presented paper in university of London, Prof Arvind Agrawal, visited University of Applied Sciences, Frankfurt, Germany and Italy, Prof. A K Mahajan visited Norway and Prof. Yoginder Verma was on Review Panel for the accreditation and assessment in King Saud University, Saudi Arabia. Some of the prominent personalities who visited the university in connection with delivering invited talks include Padma Bhushan Dr. Montek Singh Ahluwalia former Deputy Chairman Planning Commission, Padam Shri Prof. Harsh Kumar Gupta, Former Secretary, Department of Ocean Development, Govt of India and Member of Atomic Energy Board, Sh. Shashi Sekhar Editor-in-Chief, Hindustan, Dr. Asa Bergenheim, Vice Chancellor Karlstad University Sweden, Dr. J Jethwaney Indian Institute of Mass Communication, Dr. Anjoo Sharan Upadhyay BHU and Prof. Ravijyee, Vice President, International University School of Medicine (Michigan). Besides, the University conducted a lecture on "India's Economic Relations with some major World Powers" by Ambassador (Retd) Mrs. Parbati Sen Vyas under the Distinguished Lecture Series initiative of the Ministry of External Affairs.
8. He further informed that the University has framed the drafts for new Ordinances pertaining to career advancement of teachers, participation in seminars / workshops / conferences in India and Abroad, undertaking of consultancy work, promotions rules for non-academic employees but due to the MHRD's directions that acting Vice Chancellor cannot do that, the same could not be put before this august body.
9. He expressed his satisfaction to state that the university has been able to develop good labs for Theoretical Physics, Environmental Sciences, Computational Biology, Computer Science and New Media. The library is rich with e-resources and good number of books and journals. Its website is very vibrant and students have easy access to Internet in the classrooms, in the

campus and also in women and men hostels. Pursuing the aim of learner centric learning the university has been able to develop necessary infrastructure and student facilities. It encourages students' participation in learning and management of the university. In line with Lyngdoh Committee's recommendations, it has developed Ordinance pertaining to Students' Council. In line with the Ordinance, the Students' Council has been constituted for this academic session (2014-15). During previous months the University has conducted admission to PG programmes and conducted mid-term examination in accordance with its academic calendar. Various departments/schools have held meetings of Board of Studies and School Boards. The initiative of the departments in conducting various programmes for enhancing the quality of academic and research is note-worthy. Some of the activities include 3-day workshop on Case Studies conducted in collaboration with IIM Ahmedabad, 3-workshop on Status of Natural Hazards in Himachal Pradesh in collaboration with Ministry of Earth Sciences, 7-day Tourism Week, 7-day workshop on Analytics of Dynamics in collaboration with TIFR, Workshop on Developing Reporting and stakeholders workshop, 2-day workshop on Public Relations, 3-day workshop on experiments in physics under Experiments for Young Engineers & Scientists (exEYES), Workshop on Access to E-Resources with INFLIBNET, training programme on Employability Skills and celebrations of Hindi Week, 2-Day workshop on SPSS and 2-day workshop on Econometrics methods.

- 10 He also informed that the University celebrated Independence day, Swachh Bharat Abhiyaan, Unity Day, International Student Day and Education Day by organising various activities such as nookad plays, role plays, collage and poster making, rangoli, debates, symposia, quiz, cleanliness drive, Graduate Employability Test by T&P Cell of SoBMS, poetry recitation competition, production of short film on Swachh Bharat Abhiyaan, media lab journal 'Voice'. Students participated in Dharamshala International Film Festival and media volunteers during one day cricket match between India and West Indies, study tour to ARIES, conduct Adventure Tourism, discussion on Relevance of Patel in contemporary society, workshop on open educational resources, geological field work, training on flame photometry, Access to E-Resources, MSW students acted as external monitors in Integrated Pulse Polio Programme.
11. He also apprised all present that upon the initiative of the University, CUHP, the UGC has established centre for conduct of NET entrance examination under the Co-ordinatorship of Prof H R Sharma, DSW. It is really a challenging task for a University which has very limited supporting staff. It has received more than 2700 applications. The University has started the process of accreditation and assessment by establishing Internal Quality Assurance Cell and establishing subject societies, clubs, cells, committees and networks. A dedicated group under Dr. OSKS Sastri is working to develop e-learning management system in the University. For all such initiatives, the credit goes to committed faculty and non-academic staff.
12. Toward the end, he said that the University is facing three-fold challenge: allotment of land, filling up of vacant positions both teaching and non-teaching and conduct of co-curricular and extracurricular activities for want of space. It is yet to have its own land. He brought to the notice of the Council that the Ministry of Environment and Forests has dropped the suggested land at Dharamshala and asked some clarifications about land located at Dehra. The uncertainty about the allotment of land continues to prevail. With the support and able guidance of the Council, he expressed the University would be able to overcome these challenges.

13. Thereafter the Vice-Chancellor invited Brig. Jagdish Chand Rangra, YSM (Retd.), Registrar-cum-Secretary to take up the agenda items and the following Agenda was taken up for discussion.

THEREAFTER, THE AGENDA WAS TAKEN UP AS UNDER:

ITEM NO: 12.1(i) Confirmation of the Minutes of the 10th Meeting of the Academic Council held on 15th November, 2013.

The Minutes of the 10th Meeting of the Academic Council held on 15th November, 2013 were confirmed.

ITEM NO: 12.1(ii) Confirmation of the Minutes of the 11th (Special) Meeting of the Academic Council held on 11th February, 2014.

The Minutes of the 11th (Special) Meeting of the Academic Council held on 11th February, 2014 were confirmed.

ITEM NO: 12.2(i) To place before the Academic Council the Report about the action taken on the decisions of its 10th Meeting held on 15th November, 2013.

The Academic Council noted the Action Taken Report (ATR) on the decisions taken in the 10th Meeting of the Academic Council held on 15th November, 2013

ITEM NO: 12.2(ii) To place before the Academic Council the Report about the action taken on the decisions of its 11th (Special) Meeting held on 11th February, 2014.

The Academic Council noted the Action Taken Report (ATR) on the decisions taken in the 11th (Special) Meeting of the Academic Council held on 11th February, 2014.

ITEM FOR REPORTING AND RATIFICATION:

ITEM NO: 12.3

To report to the Academic Council about the action taken by the Vice-Chancellor under sub-section (3) of Section 11 of the Central Universities Act 2009 with regard to approval of University Prospectus 2014-15 for admission to Post-Graduate Programmes.

In order to start the process of admissions to the approved Post-Graduate Programmes, the prospectus of the University was drafted out by the committee consisting of Pro-Vice-Chancellor, all Deans of different Schools and Dean Students' Welfare, under the direction and supervision of the then Vice-Chancellor. A copy of the University Prospectus 2014-15 is placed before the Academic Council at ANNEXURE - 12.3A.

As per Statute 14(d), the power to frame such regulations and rules consistent with the Statutes and the Ordinances regarding the academic functioning of the University, discipline, residence, admission, award of fellowship and studentships, fees, concessions, corporate life and attendance is vested with the Academic Council of the University. As such, the Prospectus of the University for the Academic Year 2014-15 for admission to Post-Graduate Programmes was required to be considered and approved by the Academic Council.

Since the process of making admissions could not be started until the prospectus is approved by the competent authority i.e. Academic Council and it was not possible to convene the meeting of the Academic Council. In view of the fact that the admission process is an important and time bound activity, the Prospectus 2014-15 of the University was approved by the then Vice-Chancellor, in exercise of the powers vested in him vide sub-section (3) of Section 11 of the Central Universities Act 2009, in anticipation of the approval of the Academic Council and the admission process has been completed successfully.

The Academic Council noted and ratified the action taken by the Vice-Chancellor.

 ITEM NO: 12.4

To report to the Academic Council about the action taken by the Vice-Chancellor under sub-section (3) of Section 11 of the Central Universities Act 2009 with regard to approval of University Prospectus 2014-15 for admission to Research Degree Programmes.

In order to start the process of admissions to the approved Research Degree Programmes, the prospectus of the University was drafted out by the committee consisting of all Deans of different Schools and Dean Students' Welfare, under the direction and supervision of the Vice-Chancellor. A copy of

the University Prospectus 2014-15 is placed before the Academic Council at ANNEXURE - 12.4A.

As per Statute 14(d), the power to frame such regulations and rules consistent with the Statutes and the Ordinances regarding the academic functioning of the University, discipline, residence, admission, award of fellowship and studentships, fees, concessions, corporate life and attendance is vested with the Academic Council of the University. As such, the Prospectus of the University for the Academic Year 2014-15 for admission to Research Degree Programmes was required to be considered and approved by the Academic Council.

Since the process of making admissions could not be started until the prospectus is approved by the competent authority i.e. Academic Council and Academic Council Meeting scheduled for 18th October, 2014 was postponed due to unavoidable cancellation of travel plans by members. In view of the fact that the admission process is an important and time bound activity, the Prospectus 2014-15 of the University was approved by the Vice-Chancellor, in exercise of the powers vested in him vide sub-section (3) of Section 11 of the Central Universities Act 2009, in anticipation of the approval of the Academic Council and the admission process has been started.

The Academic Council noted and ratified the action taken by the Vice-Chancellor.

ITEM NO: 12.5

To report to the Academic Council about the action taken by the Vice-Chancellor under sub-section (3) of Section 11 of the Central Universities Act 2009 with regard to Minimum Eligibility for admission to M.Sc. (Computational Biology & Bioinformatics).

For the last two years, the minimum eligibility criteria for admission into M.Sc. (Computational Biology & Bioinformatics) in the University was such that it was allowing only medical background students to secure admission into this course and restricting the students from other fields. It reads as following:

"A minimum of 50% marks or an equivalent grade in Bachelors/UG degree in medical stream from a recognized University or an equivalent examination"

This master's course is highly interdisciplinary in nature, in which students are trained to use various computational, mathematical, and statistical ideas into the study of biological systems. Worldwide it is a practice to groom students from diverse backgrounds to learn and develop tools / techniques in this field of study. Therefore, in the meeting of Deans of the University, it was decided to amend the minimum eligibility condition of M.Sc. (Computational

Biology & Bioinformatics) at Schedule – I of Ordinance No. 31: Curricular Framework, Programme of Studies and Conditions for Award of Degrees, Diplomas and Certificates, as following:

“A minimum of 50% marks or an equivalent grade in Bachelors/UG degree in any science stream from a recognized University or an equivalent examination”

Since the matter was urgent, it was proposed to seek the approval of the Board of Studies and School Board by Circulation. Accordingly, the matter was sent to the members of the Board of Studies and School Board by mail for their concurrence. In response, all the members have sent their concurrence.

The aforesaid amendment in minimum eligibility condition was also incorporated in the University Prospectus 2014-15 with the approval of Vice-Chancellor, in exercise of the powers vested in him vide sub-section (3) of Section 11 of the Central Universities Act 2009, in anticipation of the approval of the Academic Council

The Academic Council noted and ratified the action taken by the Vice-Chancellor.

ITEM NO: 12.6

To report to the Academic Council about the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) entered between Central University of Himachal Pradesh and Frankfurt University of Applied Sciences, Frankfurt, Germany.

The University has entered into Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Frankfurt University of Applied Sciences, Frankfurt Germany on 27th February, 2014 for a period of five years. A copy of the said Memorandum of Understanding is placed at ANNEXURE – 12.6A

Frankfurt University of Applied Sciences is a University of Applied Sciences with 10,000 students and more than 100 nationalities on campus in the metropolitan region of Rhein-Main/Frankfurt, Germany. It offers more than 40 study programs and a variety of international exchange programs with its 70 partner Universities around the world.

With this Memorandum of Understanding both Universities will endeavour to cooperate and develop teaching and research cooperation on areas and program relating to Higher Education focusing mainly on applied social sciences, gender and diversity on the basis of equality and mutual benefit.

Since as per Clause 7 of the Ordinance No. 27: *Procedure for co-operation and collaboration with other universities, institutions and other agencies including learned bodies or associations*, Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with other institutions is to be approved by the Academic Council and the Executive

Council, therefore the matter is reported to the Academic Council for ratification.

The Academic Council noted and ratified the action taken by the Vice-Chancellor.

ITEM NO. 12.7

To report the Academic Council about the permission accorded by the Vice-Chancellor to Ms. Prakrati Bhargava, Assistant Professor, Department of Teachers Education for attending International Conference at University of London.

A research paper entitled "Exigencies of First World War and Setting up of Harcourt Butler Technological Institute Kanpur" of Ms. Prakrati Bhargava, Assistant Professor, Department of Teacher Education was accepted by Institute of Education for presentation in an International Conference organised on the theme "Education War and Peace" by International Standing Conference for the History of Education, 36 (ISCHE 36) at the Institute of Education, University of London from 23rd - 26th July, 2014.

Ms. Prakrati Bhargava requested the Vice-Chancellor to grant her permission to attend the said conference. The Vice-Chancellor permitted Ms. Prakrati Bhargava to attend the said conference in exercise of power vested in him under Serial No. 10 of Part VI: Schedule of Delegation of Administrative Powers of CUHP Procurement of Goods and Service Rules 2010 with the condition that she will submit progress report to the University after return.

The report submitted by Ms. Prakrati Bhargava alongwith the abstract of paper presented and other relevant documents are annexed as ANNEXURE - 12.7A.

The Academic Council noted the action of the Vice-Chancellor.

ITEM NO: 12.8

To report to the Academic Council about the nomination of 20 students to Students Council on the basis of merit of Studies, Sports and extra-Curricular Activities as per Clause 16 of Ordinance No. 45 dealing with "CUHP Rules for the Formation of Students Council".

According to Clause 16 of Ordinance No. 45, the procedure for nomination of 20 students to Students Council is as under:

- a. Twenty students shall be nominated to the Students' Council by the Academic Council on the basis of merit of studies, sports, extra-curricular activities.
- b. The number of students to be nominated from each School shall be the same as the number of students to be elected.

- c. To facilitate the Academic Council in taking the decision with regard to the nomination, the Dean Students' Welfare shall place before the Academic Council list of students admitted to various programmes of studies clearly indicating there in the past academic records from 10th class onward, the composite score at the time of admission, the academic performance in terms of their aggregate score in the courses taken during previous two semesters and comments with regard to their participation and involvement in the co-curricular and extra-curricular activities.
- d. Eligibility conditions, qualifications and disqualifications for the Nomination of students shall be the same as those applicable in case of election.
- e. While making nominations, the Academic Council shall pay due regards to the representation of students from the PG and RD programmes and also to the freshers and senior students.

Since the Students' Council was to be constituted after the commencement of new session and meeting of Academic Council could not be held, the Vice-Chancellor nominated 20 students by taking cognizance of the aforesaid provisions of the Ordinance. The copy of the notification is placed as ANNEXURE - 12.8A.

The Academic Council noted and ratified the action taken by the Vice-Chancellor.

ITEM FOR CONSIDERATION AND DECISION:

ITEM NO. 12.9

To place before the Academic Council the Minutes of the various School Boards for consideration and approval.

The Minutes of the School Board of the following Schools are placed below for consideration and approval of the Academic Council:

- i. First Meeting of the School Board of School of Social Sciences was held on 13th December, 2013 and the recommendations of the said meeting are placed at ANNEXURE - 12.9A.
- ii. First Meeting of the School Board of School of Tourism, Travel and Hospitality Management was held on 10th January, 2014 and the recommendations of the said meeting are placed at ANNEXURE - 12.9B.
- iii. Third Meeting of the School Board of School of Earth & Environmental Sciences was held on 6th June, 2014 and the recommendations of the said meeting are placed at ANNEXURE - 12.9C.

The Academic Council approved the Minutes of the above said School Boards and recommended to the Executive Council for its approval.

ITEM NO. 12.10

To place before the Academic Council the matter to impart education in Hindi medium by way of special grant or special scholarships as alternative measures.

The University Grants Commission vide their letter No.16-1/2008 (Rajbhasha) dated 4th April, 2014 issued direction to the Vice-Chancellor of Central University of Himachal Pradesh, citing reference of the meeting of Hindi Advisory Committee of Ministry of Human Resource Development held on 21.01.2013 that if there is no provision to impart education in Hindi medium in the University then the University may consider to impart education in Hindi medium by way of special grant or special scholarships as alternative measures. The copy of the letter is placed at ANNEXURE - 12.10A.

The Academic Council recommended that the University should obtain clarification from University Grants Commission on complete details and the implications of the proposal. It was also decided that the matter may be discussed with students who are the real beneficiaries of the program if implemented.

ITEM NO. 12.11

To place before the Academic Council the matter regarding Hostel Fee from the Research Scholars be charged for all the twelve months for consideration and approval.

The University has started programmes of studies at the PG and Research Degree levels in various disciplines. The University does not have its own buildings which can be developed as hostels for both boys and girls. Keeping in view the accessibility, security, adequacy and quality of accommodation, the University has hired two buildings for men and women hostels at Kangra and Dari Dharamshala, respectively. While building rented for men's hostel at Kangra can accommodate about 100 students, the building rented for Girls hostel at Dari, Dharamshala has a capacity of accommodating 45 girl students. The men's hostel at Kangra started functioning from January, 2012 whereas the girl's hostel became functional from the academic session 2012-13. Further, in the beginning only Post Graduate students used to opt for hostel accommodation. However, since the University has also started its Research Degree programme in various programmes of study since 2010-11, some research scholars also stay in both the hostels.

On the recommendation of the Academic Council made vide Item No. 3.24 in its 3rd Meeting held on 19th November, 2011, the Executive Council vide Item No. 4.32 in its 4th Meeting held on 10th December, 2011, has approved the schedule of fees chargeable from students allotted hostel facilities which was notified by the University vide Notification No. 1-5/CUHP/Acad./2010/361-654 dated 12th January, 2012 as per details given below:

	FEE	TOTAL
Hostel Admission Fee (Non-refundable)	₹500.00 (One time)	₹500.00
Hostel Security Fee (Refundable)	₹1000.00 (One time)	₹1000.00
Room Rent <i>(Payable for 10 months in a year, in two instalments)</i>	₹500.00 (per month)	₹5000.00
Electricity and Water Charges <i>(Payable for 10 months in a year, in two instalments)</i>	₹150.00 (per month)	₹1500.00
Hostel Establishment Charges <i>(Payable for 10 months in a year, in two instalments)</i>	₹150.00 (per month)	₹1500.00
Kitchen Establishment Charges <i>(Payable for 10 months in a year, in two instalments)</i>	₹150.00 (per month)	₹1500.00
Mess	Mess is to be run on cooperative basis by the Hostel residents and expenses on food etc. shall be borne by residents on pro-rata basis.	
GRAND TOTAL		₹11000.00

As per above said schedule of fees chargeable from students allotted hostel facilities, the students are required to pay hostel fee for 10 months in a year. While the Post Graduate students stay in the hostel nearly for 10 months in an academic year, the Research Scholars stay for all the 12 months and use hostel facilities in as much as they are required to attend to their research work during vacation also. All Research Scholars are recipient of some scholarship; some of them receive JRF, CSIR Fellowships etc. while others received fellowships from the University.

With this consideration in mind, it is proposed that from this academic year the hostel fee from the Research Scholars be charged for all the 12 months, as per details given below:

SCHEDULE OF HOSTEL FEE TO BE CHARGED FROM RESEARCH SCHOLARS RESIDING IN UNIVERSITY HOSTEL		
PARTICULARS	FEE	TOTAL
Hostel Admission Fee (Non-refundable)	₹500.00 (One time)	₹500.00
Hostel Security Fee (Refundable)	₹1000.00 (One time)	₹1000.00
Room Rent <i>(Payable for 12 months in a year, in two instalments)</i>	₹500.00 (per month)	₹6000.00
Electricity and Water Charges <i>(Payable for 12 months in a year, in two instalments)</i>	₹150.00 (per month)	₹1800.00
Hostel Establishment Charges <i>(Payable for 12 months in a year, in two instalments)</i>	₹150.00 (per month)	₹1800.00
Kitchen Establishment Charges <i>(Payable for 12 months in a year, in two instalments)</i>	₹150.00 (per month)	₹1800.00

Mess	Mess is to be run on cooperative basis by the Hostel residents and expenses on food etc. shall be borne by residents on pro-rata basis.
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The Academic Council considered the proposal and recommended the same to the Executive Council for its approval.

Item No: 12.12

To place before the Academic Council the matter regarding two schemes implemented by National Handicapped Finance and Development Corporation (NHFDC) for Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment, Govt. of India for the students with disabilities to provide 2500 new scholarships every year for pursuing higher / professional / technical courses, for consideration.

The University has received a letter No. 11-9/2014-SC/ST dated 30th July, 2014 (ANNEXURE - 12.12A) from Assistant Director (SC/ST), Ministry of HRD, Department of Higher Education (SC / ST Cell) vide which they have forwarded a copy of letter dated 17.06.2014 of National Handicapped Finance and Development Corporation (NHFDC) regarding 2500 Scholarships for the students with Disabilities .

National Handicapped Finance and Development Corporation (NHFDC), Faridabad, Haryana has implemented two Schemes of Scholarships for Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment for the Students with Disabilities to provide 2500 new Scholarships every year for pursuing higher / professional/ technical courses.

The brief details of the two schemes are as follows:

- (i) **Scholarship Scheme (Trust Fund):** Under this Scheme, 200 Scholarships are provided to eligible differently-abled students for Degree and Post Graduate level professional and technical courses from recognized institutions in India. The Scholarship amount ranges upto 1.50 lacs depending upon course fee, maintenance allowance, books & stationary allowance and aids & appliance of student.
- (ii) **Scholarship Scheme (National Fund):** Under this Scheme, 500 Scholarships are provided in a year to the students with disabilities for pursuing Post Matric professional and technical courses of more than one year duration.

The Assistant Director (SC / ST) vide their aforesaid letter has requested the University to provide wider publicity to the Scholarship Schemes for the benefit of Students with Disabilities and also provide a link in the website of the University to the websites of National Handicapped Finance and Development Corporation (NHFDC).

The NHFDC's Website link i.e. www.nhfdc.nic.in has been provided on the University Website under the Students Corner Section.

The Academic Council considered the proposal and appreciated the efforts of the University and recommended to the Executive Council for its approval.

ITEM NO. 12.13

To place before the Academic Council the Annual Report 2013-14 of the University for the period from 1st April, 2013 to 31st March, 2014.

The Central Universities Act 2009 provides that the "Annual Report of the University shall be prepared under the direction of the Executive Council, which shall include, among other matters, the steps taken by the University towards the fulfilment of its objects and shall be submitted to the Court on or before such dates as may be prescribed by the Statutes and the Court shall consider the report in its annual meeting. The Court shall submit the annual report to the Visitor along with its comments, if any and a copy of the Annual Report, as prepared shall also be submitted to the Central Government, which shall, as soon as may be, cause the same to be laid before both the Houses of Parliament.

The Academic Council considered the Annual Report of the University for the period 1st April, 2013 to 31st March, 2014 and appreciated the efforts made by Registrar and staff of the University for producing excellent Annual Report.

The Academic Council further authorised the Chairman to issue special appreciation to Shri Sanjay Kumar Singh, Hindi Officer and Shri Tara Chand Upadhyay, Hindi Typist.

ITEM NO. 12.14

To place before the Academic Council the matter to seek advice for holding the Third Convocation of the University.

The third Convocation of the University is likely to be held shortly. The advice of the Academic Council on the following issues is solicited: -

- 1) Date for holding the Convocation.
- 2) The dignitary to be invited as Chief Guest
- 3) The proposal, if any for conferring Honorary Degree(s)

The Academic Council recommended as under:

Date for holding the Convocation: 3rd or 4th week of February, 2015

Dignitary to be invited as Chief Guest: **The Prime Minister of India or any other dignitary on the advice of the Chancellor, CUHP**

Conferring Honorary Degree(s) on any of the personalities such as:

- (1) Shri A. Vishwanathan, Chess Player
- (2) Shri Sachin Ramesh Tendulkar, Cricketer
- (3) Ms. Saina Nehwal, Badminton Player
- (4) Ms. Sania Mirza, Tennis Player
- (5) Sh. Mohit Chouhan, Singer
- (6) Sh. Kailash Satyarthi, Nobel Prize for Peace
- (7) Or any other as suggested and agreed upon by the Chancellor, CUHP

ITEM NO. 12.1(T)

To place before the Academic Council the Minutes of the Second Meeting of School Board of School of Physical & Material Sciences for consideration and approval.

The Second Meeting of School Board of School of Physical & Material Sciences was held on 20th August, 2014 at 10:00 AM at Central University of Himachal Pradesh, Temporary Academic Block, Shahpur, District - Kangra, H.P and the recommendations of the said meeting are placed at ANNEXURE - 12.1(T)(A).

The Academic Council approved and recommended the minutes of the school board except two items i.e. SBPMS-2.1.6 and SBPMS-2.1.11 which were referred back to School Board for reconsideration in view of the University Ordinances.

ITEM NO. 12.2(T)

To place before the Academic Council the proposal for fixing the rates of remuneration / honorarium to be paid to different staff deployed for the conduct of University Entrance Tests (HEAT / FEAT / TREAT)

The existing rates of remuneration/ honorarium to be paid to different staff deployed for the conduct of University Entrance Test HEAT/FEAT/TREAT as per decision of the Finance Committee vide Item No. 1.4 in its 1st Meeting held on 12th February, 2011 and approved by the Executive Council vide Item No. 2.10 in its 2nd Meeting held on 13th February, 2011, are as under:

Staff		Remuneration
COORDINATOR AND PAPER SETTER		
1.	Paper Setter (Multi Choice Questions)	₹40/- per question
2.	Coordinator TREAT	₹2,500/- per test
CONDUCT OF HEAT/FEAT/TREAT		
3.	Centre Superintendent	₹1000/- per day
4.	Deputy Superintendent	₹750/- per day
5.	Accounts Incharge	₹750/- per day
6.	Invigilator	₹400/- per day
7.	Accounts Assistant	₹250/- per day
8.	Office Assistant	₹225/- per day
9.	Driver/Daftri	₹75/- per day
10.	Class IV/Water Man/Sweeper	₹75/- per day

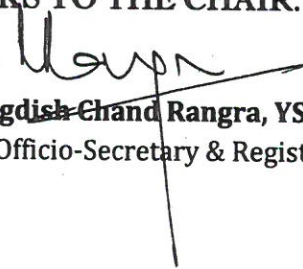
EVALUATION WORK		
11.	Evaluation of Scripts	₹3/- per script
12.	Rechecking of Scripts	₹3/- per script
13.	Supervision of evaluation	₹1.50/- per script
14.	Tabulation	₹1.00/- per script
GROUP DISCUSSION / PERSONAL INTERVIEW		
15.	External Member	₹1000/- per day
16.	Internal Member	₹500/- per day
17.	Refreshment	₹25/- per head per day

Since, the above rates were fixed approximately four years back, the new rates are proposed to be fixed as per following details which shall be applicable for all types of Entrance Tests conducted by the University with immediate effect:

COORDINATOR AND PAPER SETTER		
1.	Paper Setter (Multi Choice Questions)	₹50/- per question
2.	Coordinator HEAT/FEAT/TREAT	₹5000/- per test
CONDUCT OF HEAT/FEAT/TREAT		
3.	Centre Superintendent	₹2000/- per test
4.	University Observer (outstation/Local)	₹3000/- per test
5.	Deputy Superintendent (Out station/Local)	₹1500/- per test
6.	Accounts Incharge	₹1500/- per test
7.	Invigilator	₹1000/- per test
8.	Accounts Assistant	₹750/- per test
9.	Admission Test Assistant	₹750/- per test
10.	Office Assistant	₹500/- per test
11.	Security Guard	₹400/- per test
12.	Driver/Daftri	₹400/- per test
13.	Electrician/Plumber/Generator Operator	₹400/- per test
14.	Class IV/Water Man/Sweeper	₹400/- per test
15.	Refreshment	₹50 Per Head per day
Group Discussion /Personal Interview		
16.	External Member	₹1000/- Per day
17.	Internal Member	₹500/- per day
18.	Refreshment	₹50/- per head per day

The Academic Council considered the proposal and recommended to the Executive Council for its approval.

THE MEETING ENDED WITH THE VOTE OF THANKS TO THE CHAIR.


Brig. Jagdish Chand Rangra, YSM (Retd.)
 Ex-Officio-Secretary & Registrar, CUHP

Confirmed


Prof. Yoginder S. Verma
 Chairman & Vice-Chancellor, CUHP