

Minutes of the Meeting of University Research Advisory Committee

Dated: 28th July, 2017

The Meeting of the University Research Advisory Committee convened on 28th July instant was chaired by Hon'ble Vice Chancellor. The Agenda of the Committee was to deliberate on amending the existing Research Ordinance of Kumaun University, 2014 in compliance of the UGC Regulations, 2016; to consider allowing the Faculties of Commerce Department to supervise the research scholar of Management and vice-versa; appointment of experts for evaluation of Ph.D. Thesis; revisions of fee structure/remuneration for examination; qualification of Research Supervisors etc. The following were present in the Meeting:

1. Prof. D.K. Naurial, Vice-Chancellor, Kumaun University, Nainital - Chairman
2. Director, D.S.B.Campus Nainital - Member
3. Director, S.S.J.Campus Almora - Member
4. Dean, Faculty of Art, D.S.B.Campus Nainital - Member
5. Dean, Faculty of Science, D.S.B.Campus Nainital - Member
6. Dean, Faculty of Technology, D.S.B.Campus Nainital - Member
7. Dean, Faculty of Education, S.S.J.Campus Almora - Member
8. Dean, Faculty of Law, S.S.J.Campus Almora - Member
9. Joint Director (Art), Research & Extension, Kumaun University Nainital - Member
10. Joint Director (Science), Research & Extension, Kumaun University Nainital - Member
11. Joint Director (Commerce & Management), Research & Extension, Kumaun University Nainital - Member
12. Director, IQAC, Kumaun University Nainital - Member
13. Dr. Suresh Dalakoti, Member, Executive Council, Kumaun University Nainital - Member

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| 14. | Sri Arvind Padiyar, Member, Executive Council, Kumaun University Nainital | - | Member |
| 15. | Registrar, Kumaun University Nainital | - | Member |

Proceedings and Decisions

1. The Minutes of the Meeting and the decisions taken in the earlier Meeting dated 30.7.2016 were approved.
2. The University Grants Commission has issued Minimum Standard and Measures for Award of M.Phil./Ph.D. Degree Regulation, 2016. The new UGC Regulation seeks to introduce some important amendments in the Research Ordinances of all the universities to ensure the quality research, therefore, in order to bring the Research Ordinance of Kumaun University in conformity with the UGC Regulation, 2016, the existing Research Ordinance of the University was amended. The Power-point presentation of the amended Research Ordinance was presented by Prof. J.S. Bisht. Detailed deliberations were made in the Meeting on the Ordinance. The amended Research Ordinance was approved. Amended Ordinance is enclosed herewith.
3. The question whether the Commerce Faculty can supervise the Research Scholar of Management Studies and vice-versa was raised by Dr. Suresh Dalakoti, Member-Executive Council. Prof. S.P.S. Mehta argued that inter-departmental supervisors may be allowed to supervise the research scholars of Commerce and Management Studies. But the Chair and rest of the House differed. It was unanimously resolved that both the Departments should appoint their supervisors to supervise their respective research scholars and distinction should be maintained for academic excellence.
4. The qualification of research supervisors shall be regulated according to the UGC Regulation, 2016 concerning the teachers who have not started research supervision so far. However, the teachers already guiding research they shall continue to guide the research

irrespective of the qualification prescribed by the Regulation, 2016 in view of their experience in research supervision.

5. External experts having their name in the bibliography and has specified expertise in the area of the subject to which the research relate should be appointed for evaluation of Ph.D. Thesis.
6. In case of lack of expertise available with the Department of Geology/Centre of Advanced Studies to guide advanced research, the experts from specialised Institutions in Geology are appointed as Supervisors since they insist their appointment as Supervisors and do not agree to be appointed as the Co-supervisors. Prof. Santosh Kumar apprised the Committee that for getting grants-in-aid for the maintenance of "Centre of Advanced Studies" as a special centre with the Department of Geology a certain number of Research Scholars must be engaged in research. Therefore, Co-supervisors can only be appointed from the Department of Geology as against the norm laid down in the UGC Regulation, 2016. Hon'ble Vice Chancellor gave his approval to the proposition.
7. Revision of fee structure and remuneration rates/honorarium for various examination work of the Directorate was approved.
8. On the question of fellowship to JRFs it was unanimously resolved by the House that for the purposes of fellowship the Ph.D. Program be treated to have commenced from the date of admission to the Program.
9. The Ph.D. Thesis can be submitted after the completion of three years from the date of registration. The period of three years will include one year of course work.
10. Hon'ble Vice Chancellor suggested that the nomenclature of the Research Advisory Committee should be changed as "University Research Advisory Committee." The whole House unanimously approved the suggestion.
11. Hon'ble Vice Chancellor suggested that the limit of the title should not exceed 80 letters. The whole House agreed with the suggestion.

12. Prof. P.K. Gupta, Joint Director, who is also working as the Public Information Officer of the Research Directorate mooted the proposition that in the event of penalty being saddled on the PIO by the State Information Commission for failure in providing the information the burden of pecuniary penalty must be borne by the University. Hon'ble Chairman while giving his approval in principle instructed the Director to convene a fresh meeting for the purpose.

The meeting ended with the vote of thanks to the Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, all members of URAC and the staff of R&E Directorate by the Director.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'P.K. Gupta', written over a horizontal line.

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