

Minutes of 25th Meeting of Academic Council held on 3.7.2020 at 11 A.M. under the Chairmanship of Prof. S.P. Bansal, Vice-Chancellor, H.P. Technical University at Hamirpur.

A meeting of the Academic Council through webinar was held on 3rd July, 2020 at 11 A.M. in H.P. Technical University, Hamirpur. The following members were present:-

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| 1. | Prof. Kulbhushan Chandel
Dean (Academic)
H.P. Technical University,
Hamirpur (H.P.) | - | Member |
| 2. | Prof. Rajender Guleria,
Dean (SW&AA)
H.P. Technical University,
Hamirpur (H.P.) | - | Member |
| 3. | Dr. Dharendra Sharma,
Dean (Engg.)
H.P. Technical University
Hamirpur (H.P.) | - | Member |
| 4. | Prof. P.P. Sharma,
Director-cum-Principal,
Rajiv Gandhi Government Engg. College,
Nagrota Bagwan, Distt. Kangra (H.P.) | - | Member |
| 5. | Prof. L. Raju,
Director-cum-Principal,
Government Pharmacy College,
Seraj, District Mandi (H.P.) | - | Member |
| 6. | Dr. Vinay Thakur
Officiating Principal,
HPTU Off Campus Govt. Pharmacy College,
Kangra (H.P.) | - | Member |
| 7. | Dr. R.K. Awasthi,
Director-cum-Principal,
Hydro Engineering College,
Bandla, District Bilaspur (H.P.) | - | Nominated Member |
| 8. | Dr. B.R. Sharma,
Principal,
L.R. Institute of Pharmacy,
Oachghat, Jabli Kyar,
District Solan (H.P.) | - | Nominated Member |
| 9. | Sh. Balkar Singh
Business Head and Vice-President,
DUKE Fashion India Limited,
Ludhiana | - | Nominated Member |

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| 10. | Dr. Rajesh, Ph.D. (ECE)
Project Manager,
Hartron & General Manager in BSNL
House No. 305, New Milap Nagar,
Manav Chowk, Ambala City | - | Nominated Member |
| 11. | Prof. Jyoti Prakash,
Department of Mathematics,
Himachal Pradesh University,
Summer Hill, Shimla (H.P.) | - | Nominated Member |
| 12. | Prof. Prashant Gautam,
Department of Tourism and Hospitality,
Punjab University, Chandigarh | - | Nominated Member |
| 13. | Er. Suneel Verma,
Controller of Examinations
H.P. Technical University
Hamirpur (H.P.) | - | Special Invitee |
| 14. | Sh. Rakesh Sharma, H.A.S.
Registrar
H.P. Technical University
Hamirpur (HP) | - | Member Secretary |

Statement of the Chairman

At the outset, the Chairman welcomed all the members including new members of the Academic Council. The Chairman himself introduced all the members and apprised all about the academic activities undertaken by the Technical University during the last six months. The Chairman expressed deep concern about the situation raised due to COVID-19 and expressed that the Institutions have to plan in such a way that the studies of the students may not suffer. He further informed that we have taken various measures such as preparation of Portal of the students and teachers that help us in imparting online teaching in the interest of the students.

He further informed the members that the Himachal Pradesh Technical University has received a Letter of Approval from the All India Council for Technical Education in respect of M.Tech. (CSE) Programme offered by the University in its Campus at Hamirpur (H.P.)

The Chairman, during the meeting, also expressed concern that none of the institution has applied for NIRF ranking/NBA accreditation and as such directed that every institution offering courses in the field of Technical Education, Pharmacy and Management mandatorily apply for NIRF ranking/NBA accreditation under intimation to the University with immediate effect.

Thereafter, the Registrar, Member Secretary of Academic Council was requested to take up the agenda items one by one. The items were discussed and the following decisions were taken:

Item No. 25.1 Confirmation of Minutes of 24th Meeting of Academic Council held on 29th January, 2020

The Minutes of the 24th Meeting of the Academic Council of Himachal Pradesh Technical University held on 29th January, 2020 under the Chairmanship of Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, Himachal Pradesh Technical University circulated were considered, confirmed and approved by the Academic Council.

Item No. 25.2 To consider and approve the Admission Brochure 2020-21 for admission to under-graduate and post-graduate professional courses in the affiliated colleges/institutes & University Schools & Off-Campuses

The Academic Council considered and approved the Admission Brochure 2020-2021 placed as **Annexure-II (Page No. 13-89)** for making admissions to under-graduate and post-graduate professional courses offered in the affiliated institutions and University Schools and Off Campuses. The Academic Council also approved that no age limit for seeking admission in Post Graduate Course in Pharmacy will be applicable.

Item No. 25.3 To consider and approve proceedings/recommendations/minutes of meeting held on 16th May, 2020 at 04:30 PM regarding introduction of Universal Human Values in Course curriculum of Under Graduate Programmes in all the disciplines from the next academic session

The Academic Council considered and approved the minutes of meeting held on 16th May, 2020 (placed as **Annexure-III** Page No. 90-91) regarding introduction of Universal Human Values as a mandatory subject in Course curriculum of all Under Graduate Programmes from the next academic session. The Academic Council also considered and approved that if the subject included in the scheme of Under Graduate Programme with different name (s) of subject title, then the subject titles for the same subject may be read as Universal Human Values.

Item No. 25.4 To consider and approve proceedings/recommendations/minutes of meeting held on 16th May, 2020 at 04:30 PM regarding English medium syllabus of UG Courses in Hindi (Bilingual) from the next academic session. Annexure-III

During the meeting, the proceedings/recommendation/minutes of meeting held on 16th May, 2020 (placed as **Annexure-III**, Page No. 90-91) were deliberated and discussed. After detailed discussions, the Academic Council considered and approved the minutes with the condition that English Medium Syllabus of UG courses may be introduced in Hindi (bilingual) in all the under-graduate courses except B.Tech. and B.Arch. from the next academic session i.e. 2021-22.

Item No. 25.5. To consider and approve the agenda approved by the Board of Studies to start Hindi as optional subject in course curriculum of all Under Graduate Programmes from the academic session 2020-21

The Academic Council considered and approved the agenda approved by the Board of Studies (placed as **Annexure-IV**, page No. 92-96) to start Hindi as an optional subject in course curriculum of all under-graduate programmes from the academic session 2020-21.

- Item No. 25.6 To consider and approve the amendments of Academic Calendar for the academic session 2019-20 as per UGC Guidelines/Advisory related to the examination and academic activities in view of the COVID-19 pandemic and subsequent lockdown**

The Academic Council considered and approved the Academic Calendar (placed as Annexure V, Page No. 97-98) revised/amended by the University for the academic session 2019-20 as per UGC Guidelines/advisory related to the examination and academic activities in view of the COVID-19 pandemic and subsequent lockdown from time to time.

- Item No. 25.7 To consider and approve the proposed changes in Admission Brochure 2020-21 as per AICTE approval process hand book 2020-21.**

The Academic Council considered and approved the proposed changes (placed as Annexure-VI, page No. 99) made in the Admission Brochure-2020-21 as per the AICTE Approval Process Hand Book-2020-21.

- Item No. 25.8 To consider and approve the proceedings/ recommendations/minutes of the Board of Affiliation Meeting for the academic session 2020-21**

During the meeting, it was pointed out that due to widespread of Corona virus, the inspection of the institutions seeking affiliation/extension in affiliation for UG and PG courses in the field of Engineering, Pharmacy and Management, could not be conducted. After detailed deliberation, the Academic Council considered and approved the recommendations made by the Board of Affiliation in the minutes of meeting held on 20th June, 2020 (placed as Annexure-VII, Page No. 100-110) to consider the affiliation/extension in affiliation for UG/PG courses of Engineering, Pharmacy, Management and Computer Application for the session 2020-21 with the condition that the Board of Affiliation will conduct physical and surprise visits to the institutions to verify the genuineness of fact with prior intimation to the University.

- Item No. 25.9 To consider and approve the implementation of AICTE regulations for AICTE approved institutions/courses on Pay Scales, Service Conditions and Minimum Qualifications for Appointment of Teachers and Other Academic Staff such as Library, Physical Education and Training & Placement Personnel in Technical Institutions and Measures for the Maintenance of Standards in Technical Education – (Degree) Regulation, 2019**

The Academic Council considered and approved to adopt AICTE Regulations issued on 1st March, 2019 (placed as Annexure VIII, Page No. 111 to 159) regarding minimum qualifications for appointment of teachers in technical institutions issued from time to time. The Council also was of the opinion that UGC regulations/guidelines may also be considered wherever applicable.

- Item No. 25.10 To consider and approve minor amendments in the University Ordinance No. 51, pertaining to Conduct of Examination, Evaluation, Re-evaluation and Prevention of Malpractices in the Examination**

The Academic Council considered and approved minor amendments in the University Ordinance No. 51 pertaining to conduct of examination, evaluation, re-evaluation and Prevention of Malpractices in the Examination as under:

Existing	Approved
<p>CHAPTER-III ORDINANCE NO: 51</p> <p>Pertaining to Conduct of Examination, Evaluation, Re-evaluation and Prevention of Malpractices in the Examination</p> <p>Clause 33(a) There shall be no provision for review</p> <p>Clause 30(p) Procedure for Imposing Penalties Annexure-A point No.11</p> <p>An appeal against the decision of the Committee shall lie to the Vice-Chancellor only if a candidate, or a Branch dealing with Unfair Means Cases, is in a position to put up some new facts which are likely to be crucial in the sense that they might induce the Committee First Ordinances Page 203 to come to a decision other than the one taken by it. The candidate may go in for appeal within thirty days from the date of receipt of information about the decision whereas the Branch may also initiate the cases, if any, within thirty days from the date of receipt of decision from the Committee. In such cases, the Vice-Chancellor may order that such facts be reduced to writing and placed before the Committee for reconsidering the whole case.</p>	<p>CHAPTER-III ORDINANCE NO: 51</p> <p>Pertaining to Conduct of Examination, Evaluation, Re-evaluation and Prevention of Malpractices in the Examination</p> <p>It is submitted that as per existing ordinance Pertaining to Prevention of Malpractices in the Examination in the above said vide clause 33(a) and 31(p) the rules for review of UMC committee decision is conflicting, whether the review chance may be given to students or not .</p> <p>In view of this, it is approved that:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. There will be provision of appeal against the decision of UMC committee. For this, candidate has to apply within 30 days of the date of issue of UMC decision by the University. The fees for this appeal will be Rs. 2000/-. 2. The Chairman of UMC committee is presently Controller of examination. So the constitution of UMC appeal committee will be : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chairman: Registrar. • Director Principal of any Govt Engg. College: Member • Member Secretary: AR Exams <p>As per analogy of UMC committee, the term of the Committee shall be of two years. The Director Principal will be opted/nominated by Hon'ble Vice Chancellor.</p>

	The Clause 33(a) containing "There shall be no provision for review" shall be deleted from ordinance.
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Item No. 25.11 To consider and approve the procedure to be adopted for Admission Session 2020-21 due to COVID-19.

During the meeting it was pointed out that due to the COVID-19 lock down conditions it has been decided in the meeting of all Deans to make all admissions for affiliated colleges and University own campus course on merit bases. The State entrance test (HPCET-2020) will not be conducted this year by the University to save the time and keeping in view the COVID -19 situations. In view of COVID-19 pandemic and subsequent lockdown it would be a challenge to conduct entrance examinations for all the courses in which admission will take place in this session. The process of conduct of HPCET will take around 50-60 days and at the same time to appear in this tests students have to go their nearest examinations centers. In case, if the admissions are to be made on merit basis, the process of admission for the academic session 2020-21 shall be started immediately, however National Entrance Examinations will be considered as per previous practice.

In view of above, the Academic Council approved that HPCET-2020 shall not be conducted in this year and admission for all courses shall be made on basis of merit of rank/score of National Entrance Examinations and the qualifying examination through online counseling mode.

Item No. 25.12 To consider and approve the sanction Intake 30 Seats for PG Diploma in Yoga (Evening Shift).

During the meeting it was pointed out that in the 24th Meeting of Academic Council held on 29.01.2020 and 23rd Meeting of Board of Governors of Himachal Pradesh Technical University held in 11.02.2020 has approved to start PG Diploma in Yoga Course in the evening shift as per the norms of the University in the Campus of Himachal Pradesh Technical University to the employees of University/different departments as well as the aspiring residents of adjoining areas. However, the intake of student to be admitted in the PG Diploma in Yoga (Evening Shift) was not decided.

After detailed deliberation upon the issue, the Academic Council considered and approved the sanction intake of 30 seats for PG Diploma in Yoga Course (evening shift) from the academic session 2020-21.

Item No.25.13 To consider and approve the proceedings/recommendations/minutes in reference to various issues raised by the Directors and Principals of affiliated Institutions due to Covid-19 Pandemic outbreak.

The Academic Council considered and approved the proceedings/recommendations/minutes of meeting held on 13th June, 2020 (placed as Annexure IX (Page No.160-161) through zoom app to resolve the various issues raised by the Directors and Principals of affiliated Institutions related to theory examinations, practical's, internal assessments, Industrial Training, summer break for teachers and extending the dates to fill the examinations forms.

Item No.25.14 Regarding relaxation of Project work/Industrial Training & relaxation producing certificate of internship for internal assessment awards

During the meeting, it was pointed out that due to COVID-19 and subsequent down the students of B. Tech. 8th semester underwent the Project work/Industrial training for four months could not complete their industrial training as per specified time period in the syllabus of HPTU. As per UGC guidelines the period of lockdown has to be considered as "deemed to be attended" for all students. In view of this students who underwent Project work/Industrial training and could not attend industries during this period shall be considered as attended period.

The committee approved that the lockdown period will be considered as deemed to be attended as per UGC guidelines., hence the students who could not attend the residential industrial training/project work during lockdown will be treated as relaxed and attended period will be counted as complete training period.

Item No.25.15 Regarding allow to continue studies in higher semester for the intermediate semester students as per HPTU revised Academic Calendar

The Academic Council considered and allowed the students of intermediate semester to continue their higher semester as per Academic Calendar of HPTU. The end semester examination of intermediate semester students of the current semester shall be conducted along with higher semester or before, depending upon the COVID-19 situations.

Item No.25.16 Regarding granting onetime Special Chance to the students of old syllabus Bachelor program, who could not complete their all subjects within stipulated time specified in the ordinance

It was pointed out that the University has received representations from many students of old syllabus who could not complete/clear their all subjects within the specified time mentioned in the Ordinance of the University requesting therein to grant special chance. In this regard, it was also pointed out that some of these students are having only one or two reappear due to which they are unable to complete their graduation.

After discussions and keeping in view the future/career of the students, the Academic Council approved to grant one-time special chance in December 2020/January 2021 examinations to all the old syllabus students of program who could not complete/pass their all subjects within stipulated time specified in the ordinance. The Academic Council also decided that this will be the last chance and all such students must fill their re-appears of even as well as odd semesters and no further relaxation will be given thereafter in the instant case.

Item 25.17 To consider and approve the amendments in evaluation and re-evaluation of examination

The Academic Council noted the amendments made during the lockdown period mentioned in the item. However, these provisions are again modified in the subsequent item and approved there.

Item No.25.18 To consider and approve the engagement of staff for Digital Web Studio in Himachal Pradesh Technical University for TEQIP-III Project

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During the meeting, it was pointed out the Himachal Pradesh Technical University has established Digital Web Studio in its campus under Technical Education Quality Improvement Programme-III and in order to make it functional smoothly, One Studio Incharge and One Office Assistant/Technical Assistant is required to be engaged on outsource basis.

Keeping in view the urgency, the Academic Council considered and approved to engage One Studio Incharge and One Office Assistant/Technical Assistant on outsource basis or on fixed remuneration, which will be decided by a committee authorized to be constituted by the Vice Chancellor, H.P. Technical University. The Committee will also decide the process alongwith eligibility criteria for engagement of One Studio Incharge and One Office Assistant/Technical Assistant as referred above. The Academic Council also approved to meet out the expenditure on account of outsource/fixed remuneration to be paid from the University Account/Fund.

Item No.25.19 To consider and approve the engagement of staff for Data Centre in Himachal Pradesh Technical University for TEQIP-III Project

It was also pointed out that in order to provide quality technical education with the assistance of NPIU/World Bank, the University has established Data Centre in its campus at Daruhi, Tehsil & District Hamirpur. In order to make this Data Centre functional, the University necessarily requires the engagement of One Data Centre Incharge and One Office Assistant/Technical Assistant on outsource basis or on fixed remuneration.

After thorough deliberations, the Academic Council considered and approve to engage One Data Centre Incharge and One Office Assistant/Technical Assistant on outsource basis or on fixed remuneration, which will be decided by a committee authorized to be constituted by the Vice Chancellor, H.P. Technical University. The Committee will also decide the process alongwith eligibility criteria for engagement of One Data Centre Incharge and One Office Assistant/Technical Assistant as referred above. The Academic Council also approved to meet out the expenditure on account of outsource/fixed remuneration to be paid from the University Account/Fund.

Item No.25.20 To consider and approve the engagement of staff for ERP/MIS in Himachal Pradesh Technical University for TEQIP-III Project

After detailed discussions and deliberations, the Academic Council approved to engage one ERP/MIS Incharge and one Office Assistant/Technical Assistant for the ERP/MIS established by the University in its Campus. The Academic Council also approved that the engagement will be made on outsource basis or on fixed remuneration, which will be decided by a committee authorized to be constituted by the Vice Chancellor, H.P. Technical University.

The Academic Council also approved that the Committee will decide the process alongwith eligibility criteria for engagement of One ERP/MIS Incharge and One Office Assistant/Technical Assistant as referred above and the expenditure on account of outsource/fixed remuneration to be paid shall be met out from the University Account/Fund.


Item No. 25.21 To consider and approve the proposal regarding 20% part of the curriculum of various UG & PG course of Himachal Pradesh Technical University may be taught / covered through online mode

Keeping in view of widespread of Coronavirus in the country including State of Himachal Pradesh and the career of the students of the University, the Academic Council, after thorough discussions, approved that 20% part of the curriculum of various UG & PG courses offered by the Himachal Pradesh Technical University may be taught/covered by the affiliated institutions and University Schools and Off Campuses through online mode from the academic session 2020-21. However, in view of the present COVID situation, the University may take any decision at its own level in the interest of the students.

Item No. 25.22 To consider and approve the agenda approved by the Board of Studies in respect of the course curriculum of Master of Computer Application (MCA) 2 years programme to be started from the academic session 2020-21

It was pointed out that as per the AICTE Approval Process Handbook 2020-21, the duration of Master of Computer Application (MCA) course will be of two years from the academic session 2020-21. Accordingly, the University circulated the agenda item alongwith the curriculum for MCA Programme amongst the members of the Board of Studies for its consideration and approval, which has been approved by the concerned members of Board of Studies.

After detailed discussions, the Academic Council considered and approved the agenda already approved alongwith course curriculum (placed as **Annexure X**, Page No. 162 to 222) by the Board of Studies in respect of the Master of Computer application (MCA) 2 years programme to be started from the academic session 2020-21.


Item No. 25.23 To consider and approve the proposal of establishing Entrepreneurship Development Cell in Himachal Pradesh Technical University campus and its affiliated institutions

The Academic Council considered and approved to establish Entrepreneurship Development Cell in Himachal Pradesh Technical University Campus and its affiliated institutions after completion of all codal formalities.

Item No. 25.24 To consider and approve the proposal of establishing Skill Development Centres in various affiliated institutions of Himachal Pradesh Technical University

In order to enhance employment/self employment opportunities and to enable the students of affiliated institutions to take up industry relevant skill training which will help them in securing a better livelihood, the Academic Council after detailed deliberation approved to establish Skill Development Centres having one month, three month and six month certificate programmes in affiliated institutions of the University after completion of all codal formalities.

Item No. 25.25 To consider and approve the proposal of establishing/forming Alumni Association in Himachal Pradesh Technical University, Campus and various affiliated institutions

It was pointed out that the establishment/formation of Alumni Association in Himachal Pradesh Technical University Campus and in its affiliated institutions will help the students in their placements, career counseling, mentorship programmes and to generate the funds for the development of the institution concerned.

After through discussions and keeping in view the objectives as stated above, the Academic Council considered and approved to establish Alumni Association in H.P. Technical University Campus and its affiliated institutions after completion of all codal formalities.

Item No. 25.26 To consider and approve the extension of Guest/Part time faculty appointed in Himachal Pradesh Technical University campus for various courses

The Academic Council considered and approved to grant further extension for engagement of Guest Faculty already engaged purely on lecture basis in different courses offered by the Himachal Pradesh Technical University at its Campus at Hamirpur upto the end of odd semester of the academic session 2020-21 on assessment of their satisfactory work and conduct.

Item No. 25.27 To consider and approve the action plan already submitted to the National Project Implementation Unit under TEQIP-III by Himachal Pradesh Technical University for the quarter-IV (July – September) of 2020 for the listed activities as per AICTE mandate

The Academic Council considered and approved the action plan (placed as Annexure-XI, page No. 223 to 226) already submitted to the National Project Implementation Unit under TEQIP-III by Himachal Pradesh Technical University for the quarter-IV (July, 2020 to September, 2020) for the listed activities as per AICTE mandate.

Item No. 25.28 To consider and approve the minutes regarding the release of payment to the firm imparted the 200 hours GATE Training the students of final year of affiliated engineering colleges

The Academic Council considered and approved the minutes of meetings held on 28th January, 2020 and 18th March, 2020 (placed as Annexure-XII, page No. 227 to 229) to decide about the release of payment to the firm imparted the GATE training to the students of the affiliated colleges under TEQIP-III.

Item No. 25.29 To consider and approve the minutes of the meeting of committee constituted for setting up Research Hub in Himachal Pradesh Technical University, Hamirpur under TEQIP-III project

The Academic Council considered and approved the proceedings/recommendations/minutes of meeting held on 15th February and 5th March, 2020 (placed as Annexure-XIII, Page No. 230-232) for setting up Research Hub in H.P. Technical University, Hamirpur under Technical Education Quality Improvement Programme Project.

Item No. 25.30 To consider and approve the minutes of the meeting of committee constituted for establishing e-Library in Himachal Pradesh Technical University, Hamirpur under TEQIP-III project to verify and inspect/ Certify the work progress of e-Library

The Academic Council considered and approved the minutes of meetings of the committee held on 25th February, 2020 and 18th March, 2020 (placed as **Annexure-XIV**, Page No. 233 to 235) to verify and inspect/ certify the work progress of e-Library in Himachal Pradesh Technical University.

Item No. 25.31 To consider and approve the minutes of the meeting of committee constituted for establishing Web Based Digital Learning Studio in Himachal Pradesh Technical University, Hamirpur under TEQIP-III project to decide about the final payment to be made to the vendor

The Academic Council considered and approved the minutes of meeting of the committee held on 12th March, 2020 (placed as **Annexure-XV**, Page No. 236) to decide about the final payment to be made to the vendor of Web Based Digital Learning Studio established in Himachal Pradesh Technical University under TEQIP-III.

Item No. 25.32 To consider and approve the minutes of the meeting to review the progress of Employability Skill Training for the student of 3rd year of affiliated engineering colleges

The Academic Council considered and approved the proceedings/recommendations/minutes of meeting of committee held on 19th March, 2020 (placed as **Annexure-XVI**, Page No. 237 to 238) to review the progress employability skill training for the students of 3rd years of affiliated engineering colleges imparted by M/s Universal Education Bangalore.

Item No. 25.33 To consider and approve the minutes of the meeting of committee constituted for establishing Data Centre in Himachal Pradesh Technical University, Hamirpur under TEQIP-III project

The Academic Council considered and approved the minutes of the meeting held on 20th March, 2020 (placed as **Annexure-XVII**, Page No. 239-240) to assess and certify the work done by M/s SPL Info Pathway Private Limited for establishment of Data Centre in Himachal Pradesh Technical University, Hamirpur under TEQIP-III Project.

Item No. 25.34 To consider and approve the proceedings/recommendations/minutes of committee constituted for establishing ERP/MIS in Himachal Pradesh Technical University, Hamirpur

The Academic Council considered and approved the minutes of meeting held on 21st March, 2020 (placed as **Annexure-XVIII**, Page No. 241 to 242) to review the work progress done by M/s JUNO Software System Pvt. Ltd, Pune for establishment of ERP/MIS in Himachal Pradesh Technical University, Hamirpur under TEQIP-III.

Item No. 25.35 To consider and approve the minutes of the meeting to evaluate the progress of the project submitted under competitive research fund of TEQIP-III Project

The Academic Council considered and approved the minutes of meeting held on 7th February, 2020 (placed as **Annexure-XIX**, Page No. 243 to 245) to evaluate the progress of the projects submitted to the Himachal Pradesh Technical University under Competitive Research Fund of TEQIP-III Project.

Item No. 25.36 To consider and approve the committee constituted for effecting all kinds of purchases under TEQIP-III Project in Himachal Pradesh Technical University, Hamirpur

The Academic Council approved the committee constituted by the Himachal Pradesh Technical University, Hamirpur vide Notification No. HPTU/FB-1/Store/32/2011-2414-20 dated 28th February, 2020 (placed as **Annexure-XX**, Page No. 246) for affecting all kinds of purchases under TEQIP-III in Himachal Pradesh Technical University.

Item No. 25.37 To consider and approve the appointment of Data Entry Operator under TEQIP-III Project in Himachal Pradesh Technical University, Hamirpur.

The Academic Council considered and approved the engagement of Shri Ajay Kumar as Data Entry Operator under TEQIP-III Project in Himachal Pradesh Technical University made through existing outsource agency i.e. Mebric Security, Hamirpur on the terms and conditions mentioned in the letters placed as **Annexure-XXI**, Page No. 247 and 248).

Item No. 25.38 To consider and approve to organize faculty development programme, conferences, seminars etc. through online mode under TEQIP-III project and paid honorarium/ remuneration/ DA to the experts at par with offline activities as per TEQIP-III norms

Keeping in view the widespread of Coronavirus, the Academic Council considered and approved that the Himachal Pradesh Technical University, Hamirpur may organize Faculty Development Programme, Conferences, Seminar etc. through online mode under TEQIP-III Project and pay honorarium/remuneration to the experts at par with the offline activities as per the TEQIP Norms. The same remuneration also allowed for international experts.

Item No. 25.39 To consider and approve the engagement of Cameraman for Digital Web Studio in Himachal Pradesh Technical University for TEQIP-III Project and Various University functions/activities

During the meeting, it was pointed out the Himachal Pradesh Technical University has established Digital Web Studio in its campus under Technical Education Quality Improvement Programme-III and as such the University requires the engagement of one Cameraman on outsource basis or on fixed remuneration for TEQIP Project and various other University functions and activities.

After discussions, the Academic Council considered and approved to engage Cameraman for Digital Web Studio in Himachal Pradesh Technical University on outsource basis or on fixed remuneration, which will be decided by a committee authorized to be constituted by the Vice Chancellor, H.P. Technical University. The Committee will also decide the process alongwith eligibility criteria for engagement of the Cameraman. The Academic Council also approved to meet out the expenditure on account of outsource/fixed remuneration to be paid from the University Account/Fund.

ANY OTHER ITEM

Item No. 25.40 To discuss the matter regarding improvement of Internal Assessment for the student listed under the 'F' Grade

The Academic Council considered the Notification No. HimTu-2(GA)C-3/2011-4438 dated 10.04.2019 and decided that one-time benefit may be given to the students. Accordingly, the Academic Council approved that one time relaxation to count internal assessment submitted by the respective institution of the students obtaining the F Grade may be considered keeping in view the career of the students but not to make precedent in future.

Item No. 25.41 To consider and approve proceedings/recommendations/minutes of meeting alongwith tentative academic calendar held on 2nd July, 2020 at 11.00 a.m. to discuss and decide about the examinations, academic calendar and other issues related to the different courses

The Academic Council considered and approved the proceedings/recommendations/minutes of meeting held on 2nd July, 2020 alongwith revised (tentative) academic calendar (placed as **Annexure-XXIII**).

The Council was of the opinion that the University may take decision at its own to change the Academic Calendar, starting of the academic session, conduct of the examination etc. in view of the COVID-19 situation and considering all the guidelines issued by the Regulatory Bodies including MHRD, UGC, AICTE in the larger interest of the students.

Item No. 25.42 Approval to extend the secondment period in respect of three Deans of Himachal Pradesh Technical University for further one year

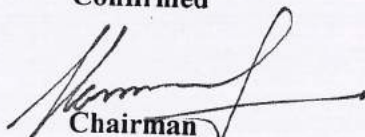
The Academic Council authorized the Vice Chancellor, H.P. Technical University to extend the secondment period of all three Deans for further one year.

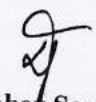
Item No. 24.43 Approval of panel of paper setters, Evaluators and Re-evaluators

The Academic Council approved the panel of Paper Setters, Evaluators and Re-evaluators prepared and submitted by the Controller of Examination to the Vice Chancellor for the examination held in December, 2019. The same process may be followed by the CoE for future examinations.

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

Confirmed


Chairman
Academic Council


Member Secretary
Academic Council