

Minutes of 23rd Meeting of Academic Council held on 21.10.2019 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 was held on 21st October, 2019 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 (HP) | - | Member |
| 2. | Prof. Rajender Guleria
Dean (SW&AA)
H.P. Technical University,
Hamirpur (H.P.) | - | Member |
| 3. | Dr. Dhirendra Sharma,
Dean (Engineering)
H.P. Technical University,
Hamirpur (H.P.) | - | Member |
| 4. | Prof. D.P. Tiwari,
Director-cum-Principal,
Rajiv Gandhi Government Engg. College,
Nagrota Bagwan, Distt. Kangra (H.P.) | - | Member |
| 5. | Prof. Vinod Kapoor,
Director-cum-Principal
MGGEC and JNGEC
Sundernagar, Distt. Mandi (H.P.) | - | Member |
| 6. | Prof. Rajiv K. Awasthi
Director-cum-Principal,
HPTU Off Campus Hydro Engg.
College, Bandla, Bilaspur | - | Member |
| 7. | Dr. Vinay Thakur
Principal,
HPTU Off Campus Govt. Pharmacy College
at Nagrota Bagwan, Camp at ITI Baroh,
District Kangra (H.P.) | - | Member |
| 8. | Dr. M.S. Ashawat,
Laureate Institute of Pharmacy
VPO Kathog, Kangra (H.P.) | - | Member |
| 9. | Er. Suneel Verma,
Controller of Examinations
H.P. Technical University
Hamirpur (H.P.) | - | Special Invitee |

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| 10. | Sh. Suresh Kumar
College of Ayurvedic Pharmaceutical
Sciences, Jogindernagar | - | Rep.of Principal |
| 11. | Shri Rakesh Kumar 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 of Academic Council. The Chairman himself introduced all the members and apprised all about the academic activities undertaken by the Technical University since its inception. 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. 23.1 Confirmation of Minutes of 22nd Meeting of Academic Council held on 19th June, 2019

The Minutes of 22nd Meeting of the Academic Council of Himachal Pradesh Technical University held on 19th June, 2019 under the Chairmanship of Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, Himachal Pradesh Technical University circulated through e-mail. were considered, confirmed and approved by the Academic Council.

Item No. 23.2 To consider and approve to start Yoga and Journalism & Mass communication Post Graduate Diploma Courses in affiliated institutions

It was pointed out in the meeting that the Himachal Pradesh Technical University has received applications from various institutions affiliated to the University to start post Graduate Diploma courses in Yoga and Journalism & Mass Communication.

After detailed deliberations, the Academic Council considered and approved to start the above mentioned Post Graduate Diploma Courses in affiliated institutions subject to fulfillment of norms prescribed by the University Grants Commission/All India Council for Technical Education/Himachal Pradesh Technical University, Hamirpur from time to time.

Item No. 23.3 To consider and approve the one-time relaxation in CGPA condition for the year 2019-20 for progression in 3rd, 5th and 7th Semesters

The Academic Council considered and approved one time relaxation/exemption granted by the Vice-Chancellor, Himachal Pradesh Technical University, Hamirpur vide Office Order No. Himtu-3(Acad)3-1-2014-10688-10730 dated 21st September, 2019, exercising his powers vested in him under Progression to Higher Semester Clause of Ordinance No. 12-18 of Chapter-II of Himachal Pradesh Technical University, in respect of the condition of CGPA and credit for progression to 3rd, 5th and 7th semesters for

the students of various Under-Graduate and Post Graduate courses under Engineering, Pharmacy, Architecture, B.Sc. HMCT/BHMCT, MBA, MBA (I&H), MCA and M.Sc. Physics, M.Sc. Environmental Science under Choice Based Credit System (CBCS) for the academic session 2019-20 with the condition that this shall not be read as any change made in respective Ordinance mentioned above and shall not be treated as precedence for any future reference.

Item No. 23.4

To consider and approve the one time relaxation for the condition of progression to higher semester Under Clause 16 B. Pharmacy Regulation 2014 (PCI Syllabus)

During the meeting, it was pointed out that as per the clause 16 of Bachelor of Pharmacy (B. Pharm) course regulations 2014 *"A student shall be eligible to carry forward all the courses of I, II and III semesters till the IV semester examinations. However, he/she shall not be eligible to attend the courses of V semester until all the courses of I and II semesters are successfully completed"*. Due to this clause/condition, many students were not eligible to carry forward all the courses of I, II and III semesters till the IV semester examinations and they were not be eligible to attend the courses of V semester. In this regard, the university sought the clarification from the Pharmacy Council of India vide letter No HPTU-3(Acad)B-1/2011-Vol-IV-10271 dated 03.09.2019 and requested to relax the same. In reference to this letter, PCI vide letter No. 14-382/2019-PCI dated 9th September, 2019 (placed as **Annexure-V**) stated that "for the time being the examining authorities may be permitted to implement the provisions of academic progression under clause 16 of the PCI-Syllabus for the university, if different from PCI regulations. However, the Universities shall have to align their examination system and academic progression strictly in accordance with the norms prescribed by the PCI under Clause 16 of the PCI-Syllabus for the Bachelor of Pharmacy (B. Pharm.) course within a period of four years and make the students aware of the said norms at the time of admission itself."

Accordingly, the Academic Council considered and approved the relaxation and one time exemption granted by the Vice Chancellor, H.P. Technical University vide Notification No. HPTU-3(Acad)B-1/2011-Vol-VI-10496-10986 dated 25th September, 2019 in respect of the condition of CGPA and credit for progression to 3rd, 5th and 7th semester of various UG and PG courses under Pharmacy under Choice Based Credit System (CBCS) for the academic session 2019-20 keeping in view the larger interest of the students with the condition that this shall not be read as any change in respective ordinance and may also not be treated as precedence for any future reference.

Item No. 23.5

To consider and approve minor amendments in the University Ordinance No: 02, 12, 13, 14, 15,16,17,18 etc

The Academic Council considered and approved the minor amendments in the existing Ordinance No: 2, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17 etc. as proposed by the Dean (Academic) and Controller of Examination, Himachal Pradesh Technical University, Hamirpur (placed as **Annexure-VII**).

Item No. 23.6**To consider and approve the Migration Cases in the Himachal Pradesh Technical University and its affiliated colleges for the academic session 2019-20**

The Academic Council considered and approved the list of students migrated in various colleges (placed as **Annexure-VIII**) for the academic session 2019-20 in exercise of Power of Relaxation vested in the Vice Chancellor, H.P. Technical University, Hamirpur under Clause No. 2.12 of Ordinance No. 2 of Chapter No. I of Himachal Pradesh Technical University Ordinance.

Item No. 23.7**To consider and approve the Notifications of ad-hoc Board of Studies of following Non-AICTE Courses**

The Academic Council considered and approved the notifications issued by the Himachal Pradesh Technical University, Hamirpur for constitution of Adhoc Board of Students in various programmes/courses mentioned hereunder:-

Sr. No.	Name of Programme/Course	Notification No. and dated
1	Bachelor of Business Administration	HPTU-3(Acad)G-1/2011-Vol-III-10597-10601 dated 19.09.2019
2	Bachelor of Science in Food Technology	HPTU-3(Acad)G-1/2011-Vol-III-10649-53 dated 19.09.2019
3	Bachelor of Arts in Journalism and Mass Communication	HPTU-3(Acad)G-1/2011-Vol-III-10623-27 dated 19.09.2019
4	Bachelor of Science in Hotel Management & Catering Technology/Bachelor of Hotel Management & Catering Technology	HPTU-3(Acad)G-1/2011-Vol-III-10607-11 dated 19.09.2019
5	Bachelor of Science in Microbiology/Master of Science in Microbiology	HPTU-3(Acad)G-1/2011-Vol-III-10639-43 dated 19.09.2019
6	Master of Science in Pharmaceutical Chemistry	HPTU-3(Acad)G-1/2011-Vol-III-10613-17 dated 19.09.2019

Item No. 23.8**To consider and approve the proceedings/recommendations/minutes to decide the matter regarding refund of fees**

The Academic Council considered and approved the decisions taken in the meeting held on 20th September, 2019 (placed as **Annexure-XVI**) under the

Chairmanship of Dean (Academic) for refund of fee to the students and other items.

Item No. 23.9

To consider and approve the engagement of guest/part time faculties in the various departments of Himachal Pradesh Technical University Campus at Hamirpur

The Academic Council considered and approved the engagement of following Guest/Part time Faculty engaged in the different departments by the Himachal Pradesh Technical University in its Temporary Campus at Hamirpur on the same analogy as adopted by the University for the already engaged Guest/Part-time Faculty for the session 2019-20 with a break of 7 days in between each semester or till the new regular faculty is appointed:-

Sr. No.	Name of Guest/Part time faculty	Name of the Department/Course	Date of Joining
1	Sh. Rahul Kaundal	Deptt. of BHMCT	20.08.2019
2	Sh. Akshay Kumar	Deptt. of BHMCT	20.08.2019
3	Ms. Meena Kumari	Deptt. of Physics	20.08.2019
4	Ms. Payal Sood	Deptt. of MBA(T & H)	20.08.2019
5	Ms. Neha Jaswal	Deptt. of MBA	20.08.2019
6	Ms. Archana	Deptt. of M.Tech (CSE)	31.08.2019
7	Ms. Anuja	Deptt. of Physics	29.08.2019
8	Ms. Neha Dhiman	Deptt. of MCA	30.08.2019
9	Sh. Vikas Nadda	PG Diploma in YOGA	20.08.2019
10	Sh. Rajesh Kumar	PG Diploma in YOGA	20.08.2019
11	Ms. Pallavi	Deptt. of MCA	20.08.2019
12	Sh. Rahul Kaundal	Deptt. of BHMCT	20.08.2019
13	Sh. Desh Raj	Deptt. of MBA	16.09.2019

Item No. 23.10

To consider and approve the setting up of Thakur Ram Singh Study Chair in Himachal Pradesh Technical University, Hamirpur:

The Academic Council considered and approved to setup Thakur Ram Singh Study Chair in Himachal Pradesh Technical University, Hamirpur to develop research activities at University level. The Academic Council approved that the Vice Chancellor, H.P. Technical University may be authorized to engage the suitable person/faculty on fixed remuneration for one year for the smooth functioning of the Chair.

Item No. 23.11

To consider and approve the proceedings/recommendations/ minutes regarding organizing of youth festival during the academic session 2019-20

After thorough discussions, the Academic Council considered and approved the decisions taken in the meeting held on 30th September, 2019 (placed as **Annexure-XVIII**) to chalk out the detailed programme for organizing Youth Festival of Himachal Pradesh Technical University, Hamirpur for the academic session 2019-20.

Item No. 23.12

To consider and approve the proceedings/ recommendations/ minutes to frame the provision for improvement class/grade in Himachal Pradesh Technical University, Hamirpur

After detailed deliberations, the Academic Council considered and approved the decisions taken in the meeting held on 3rd October, 2019 (placed as **Annexure-XIX**) to frame the provisions for improvement class/grade in Himachal Pradesh Technical University

Item No. 23.13

To consider and approve the amendments of Ordinances for enabling accreditation mandatory

During the meeting, it was pointed out that the Himachal Pradesh Technical University has been included as one of the project beneficiary under TEQIP-III (Technical Education Quality Improvement Programme Phase-III) project for enhancing the quality of technical education in its affiliated colleges with the assistance of National Project Implementation Unit (NPIU)/World Bank and as per TEQIP-III mandate the accreditation should be a mandatory part of ordinance.

After detailed discussion, the Academic Council considered and approved that accreditation may be made a part of ordinance and all the Engineering institutions affiliated to H.P. Technical University may be apprised accordingly.

Item No.23.14

To consider and approve the amendments of Ordinances for enabling autonomy mandatory and frame the statute for Autonomy.

Since the Himachal Pradesh Technical University has already been included as one of the project beneficiary under TEQIP-III (Technical Education Quality Improvement Programme Phase-III) project for enhancing the quality of technical education in its affiliated colleges with the assistance of National Project Implementation Unit (NPIU)/World Bank as stated under item No. 23.14 and as per TEQIP-III Mandate, the autonomy should be a mandatory part of Ordinance.

After detailed deliberations, the Academic Council considered and approved the item with the permission to frame the Statute for Autonomy.

Item No.23.15

To consider and approve the SWAYAM courses as per UGC (Credit Framework for Online Learning Courses through SWAYAM) Regulation, 2016.

After detailed discussions, the Academic Council considered and approved to make SWAYAM (Study Webs of Active Learning for Young Aspiring Minds), programme/courses mandatory as per UGC (Credit Framework for Online Learning Courses through SWAYAM) Regulations, 2016. The necessary changes in the Ordinance have been proposed in this regard.

Item No.23.16

To consider and approve the proceedings/recommendations/minutes of Standing Research Committee of the Ph.D programme in Pharmacy

The Academic Council considered and approved the decisions taken in the meeting held on 28th September, 2019 (placed as **Annexure-XXI**) for admission to Ph.D Programme in Pharmacy.

Item No. 23.17

To consider and approve the change in name of course from Ph.D programme in Pharmacy to Ph.D programme in Pharmaceutical Sciences.

During the meeting, it was pointed out that on the recommendations of the Academic Council in its 22nd meeting under Resolution No. 22.20, the Board of Governors of Himachal Pradesh Technical University in its 21st meeting held on 22nd June, 2019 has approved Laureate Institute of Pharmacy, Kathog, District Kangra (H.P.) as H.P. Technical University Research Centre with institution of Ph.D. Programme erroneously leaving to mention the specialization in Pharmaceutical Sciences.

After detailed discussions, the Academic Council considered and approved to change the name of the course from Ph.D. Programme to Ph.D. Programme in Pharmaceutical Sciences.

Item No.23.18

To consider and approve the affiliation for Bachelor of Vocation (B.Voc) Degree Courses

During the meeting, it was brought to the notice of the members of the Academic Council that in order to promote vocational education and develop a strong skilled resource in the Country, the AICTE has introduced the vocational programs from previous years i.e. 2018-2019 and has accordingly called applications from the AICTE approved institutes to optimally leverage its resources to deliver Bachelor of Vocational (B.Voc.) courses. It was also informed that as per letter No. 2-3/D-SDC/B.Voc./2019 dated 9.7.2019 received by the University, the AICTE has approved 100 Institutes Plan India to run the vocational courses in their premises and the approval has been granted for two years in favour of Himachal Institute of Engineering and Technology to run vocational courses and requested the Himachal Pradesh Technical University to grant affiliation to start the program.

In the light of above, the Academic Council considered and approved to grant affiliation to the institutions falling under the territorial jurisdiction of Himachal Pradesh Technical University, Hamirpur to start the Bachelor of Vocational (B.Voc.) courses from the academic session 2020-2021 onwards as per the AICTE/UGC/HPTU norms alongwith the proposed/approved curriculum of AICTE/UGC from time to time.

Item No.23.19

To consider and approve the Bachelor of Pharmacy (Practice) Regulations, 2014.

It was pointed out that the Bachelor of Pharmacy (Practice) Regulations, 2014 issued by the Pharmacy Council of India has been published in the Gazette of India on 18th December, 2014 and required to be implemented in the institutions offering Bachelor of Pharmacy (Practice) course affiliated to Himachal Pradesh Technical University, Hamirpur.

After detailed deliberations, the Academic Council considered and unanimously approved to implement the Bachelor of Pharmacy (Practice) Regulations, 2014 published in the Gazette of India as stated above in the institutions offering Bachelor of Pharmacy (Practice) course affiliated to the University in letter and spirit with immediate effect.

Item No. 23.20

To consider and approve the changes in the process of issuing duplicate registration card

During the meeting it was brought to the notice of the members of the Academic Council that sometime the students of the affiliated institutions report to the University that they have lost their original card and accordingly required to apply on the prescribed proforma alongwith original copy of First Information Report (FIR) and self-attested affidavit. This entire process consumes a lot of time and as such needs to be simplified by obtaining application on the prescribed proforma alongwith an undertaking and requisite approved fee from the student(s).

After detailed deliberations, the Academic Council considered and approved to obtain application on the prescribed proforma alongwith undertaking (placed as **Annexure-XXVIII**) and requisite approved fee from the student who has lost his/her original registration card for issuance of duplicate registration card from the Himachal Pradesh Technical University in the larger interest of the students.

Item No. 23.21

To consider and approve the proceedings/recommendations/ minutes of Board of Studies in respect of M.Sc. Physics

The Academic Council considered and approved the decisions taken in the meeting of Board of Studies held on 24th July, 2019 (placed as **Annexure-XXIX**) regarding nomenclature and minor revisions in the syllabus of M.Sc. Physics for all four semesters.

Item No. 23.22

To approve eligibility norms/admission criteria for Master of Science in Environmental Sciences Course

The matter regarding eligibility norms/admission criteria for admission to Master of Science in Environmental Sciences course offered by the Himachal Pradesh Technical University in its Temporary Campus at Hamirpur came up for discussions in the meeting.

After thorough discussions, the Academic Council considered and approved to change the existing eligibility criteria for admission to Master of Sciences in Environmental Courses from the academic session 2020-2021 onwards as under:-

Existing Eligibility Criteria	Approved Eligibility Criteria	Approved Admission Criteria
Candidates who have passed three-year B.Sc. degree with Botany, Zoology/ Biotechnology and Chemistry or B.Sc. Non-Medical with Physics, Chemistry and Mathematics with a minimum of 50% marks (45% in case of reserved categories) in aggregate in the three years of the degree.	Candidates who have passed any Bachelor/UG degrees in any branch/stream of basic/applied sciences examinations including Engineering/Medical Sciences, Pharmacy, Architecture from a recognized institution/university with a minimum of 50% marks (45% in case of reserved categories)	The admission to M.Sc. Environmental Science degree course shall be made on the basis of merit of HPCET. In case the seats remain vacant after exhausting the merit of HPCET, the remaining seats will be filled up on the basis of merit of Bachelor degree examination conducted by a recognized University.

Item No.23.23

To consider and approve the agenda item for the approval of Board of Studies by circulation to correct credit in the curriculum of B.Pharmacy (Ayurveda) Programme under Choice Based Credit System.

It was pointed out that the agenda item to correct credits in the Curriculum of B. Pharmacy (Ayurveda) Programme was sent to the members of Board of Studies by circulation by the Dean (Academic)/Chairman of Board of Studies, H.P. Technical University, Hamirpur vide which it was proposed that the candidates who had registered during July, 2015 for B. Pharmacy (Ayurveda) course, may be allowed to earn 163 credits and for rest of the candidates registered after July, 2015 may be allowed to earn 160 credits. The Members of Board of Studies namely Prof. Rajender Guleria, and Director/Principal Govt. College of Pharmacy, Rohru have approved the above agenda item.

After detailed deliberation on the recommendation made by the Members of the Board of Studies, the Academic Council considered and approved that the candidates who had been registered during July, 2015 for B. Pharmacy (Ayurveda) course, may be allowed to earn 163 credits and for rest of the candidates registered after July, 2015 may be allowed to earn 160 credits and also allowed to correct credit in the Curriculum of B. Pharmacy (Ayurveda) Programme under Choice Based Credit System accordingly.

Item No. 23.24

To consider and approve the agenda item for the approval of Board of Studies by circulation to correct credit in the curriculum of B.Tech (Electrical & Electronics Engineering and Electronics & Communication Engineering) Programme under Choice Based Credit System

During discussions, it was pointed out that the agenda item to correct credits in the curriculum of B.Tech. (Electrical and Electronics Engineering & Electronics and Communication Engineer) was sent by the Dean (Academic)/Chairman, H.P. Technical University, Hamirpur by circulation to the members of the Board of Studies proposing to consider 9 credits instead of 8 credits for following course code/subject name of 8th semester:-

Sr. No.	Semester	Branch	Course Code	Subject	Existing Credits	Proposed credits
1	8 th	Electrical and Electronics Engg.	EEE-807	Project Work-II	8	9
2			EEE-808	Industrial Project	8	9
3		Electronics and Comm. Engg.	EC-807	Project Work-II	8	9
4			EC-808	Industrial Project	8	9

It was also pointed out that the Members of the Board of Studies namely Prof. Himanshu Monga, Er. Ankush Kapoor, Dr. Bharat Bhushan Sharma have given their consent for approval and now the approval of the Academic Council is required.

After detailed discussions on the recommendations of the Board of Studies, the Academic Council considered and approved to consider 9 credits instead of 8 credits for the course code/subject name of 8th semester as mentioned above and make correction in credits in the curriculum of B.Tech. (Electrical & Electronics Engineering and Electronics & Communication Engineering) Programme under Choice Based Credit System.

Item No. 23.25

To consider and approve the Minimum passing marks i.e. 30% for all the UG & PG courses in theory external except Pharmacy

It was pointed out in the meeting that as per the decision taken in the 20th meeting of Board of Governors, the minimum passing marks in CBCS for B.Tech. Courses in Theory Paper is required 30% and as such equality and uniformity is required to be maintained in for all UG and PG courses under Choice Based Credit System.

After detailed and thorough discussions, the Academic council considered and approved the minimum passing marks in theory paper 30% (i.e. 18 out of 60 marks) for all the Under-Graduate and Post-Graduate courses under Choice Based Credit Based (CBCS) except the courses running in Pharmacy/ Pharmaceutical Sciences.

Item No. 23.26

To consider and approve to show CGPA only on the Detail Marks Sheet (DMC) of final semester

The Academic Council deferred the item.

Item No. 23.27

To consider and approve to show the marks of students having 'F' Grade in CBCS & PCI

Keeping in view the problem being faced by the students of the affiliated institutions of the Himachal Pradesh Technical University on account of 'F' grade for applying re-evaluation, the Academic Council considered and approved to provide the feature of showing theory marks for those students who get "F" grade in particular subject for CBCS and & PCI Syllabus in the new software under development for preparation of result of the University.

Item No.23.28

Approval of Action Plan already submitted to the National Project Implementation Unit under TEQIP-III by Himachal Pradesh Technical University for the quarter-III (October–December) of 2019-20 for the listed activities as per AICTE mandate.

The Academic Council considered the Action Plan (placed as **Annexure-XXXIII**) already submitted by the Himachal Pradesh Technical University through e-mail on 3rd September, 2019 to the National Project Implementation Unit under TEQIP-III for the quarter-III (October-December) of 2019-20 for the listed activities as per the AICTE mandate and recommended for its approval from the Board of Governors.


Item No. 23.29

To consider and approve the minutes of the meeting of TEQIP-III Cell for imparting GATE Training for the students of final year of affiliated Engineering colleges.

The Academic Council considered the decisions taken in the meetings held on 26th July, 2019 and 21st August, 2019 (placed as **Annexure-XXXIV**) for imparting GATE training to the students of final year of affiliated Engineering Colleges and recommended for approval of these minutes of meetings from the Board of Governors.

ItemNo.23.30

To consider and approve the committee constituted for successful implementation and completion of GATE Training imparting in various affiliated engineering colleges.

The Academic Council considered the Committee constituted by the Himachal Pradesh Technical University vide Notification No. HimTU-3(Acad.)M-TRP/2019/816 dated 19.09.2019 for successful implementation and completion of GATE Training under TEQIP World Bank Project in various affiliated Engineering Colleges and recommended for its approved from the Board of Governors.

Item No. 23.31

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 the decisions taken in the meetings held on 03.08.2019, 17.08.2019, 21.08.2019, 20.09.2019 and 14.10.2019 (placed as **Annexure XXXVI**) for establishing Data Centre in Himachal Pradesh Technical University, Hamirpur under TEQIP-III World Bank Project and recommended for the approval of these minutes of meetings from the Board of Governors.

Item No.23.32

To consider and approve the committee constituted for deciding the minor civil work in the various labs required along with its proceedings/minutes under TEQIP-III Project.

The Academic Council considered the committee constituted by the Himachal Pradesh Technical University vide Notification No. HimTU-3(Acad.)M-PR/2019/794 dated 09.09.2019 as well as the decisions taken in meeting of the said committee held on 17.09.2019 (placed as **Annexure-XXXVII**) for deciding the minor civil work in the various labs required under TEQIP-III Project. After detailed discussions, the Academic Council recommended for the approval of the committee constituted on 09.09.2019 as stated above and the decisions taken in the meeting held on 17.09.2019 from the Board of Governors.

Item No. 23.33

To consider and approve the re-constituted purchase committee of Himachal Pradesh Technical University, Hamirpur under TEQIP-III Project.

The Academic Council considered the committee re-constituted by the Himachal Pradesh Technical University vide Notification No. HimTU-3(Acad.)M-PR/2019/899-909 dated 05.10.2019 under TEQIP-III World Bank Project and recommended for approval of the re-constituted committee from the Board of Governors.

Item No. 23.34

To consider and approve the re-constituted committee for testing the equipments delivered under TEQIP-III Project in Himachal Pradesh Technical University, Hamirpur.

The Academic Council considered the committee re-constituted by the Himachal Pradesh Technical University vide Notification No. HimTU-3(Acad.)M-PR/ 2019/910-920 dated 05.10.2019 for testing the equipments delivered under TEQIP-III Project in Himachal Pradesh Technical University and recommended for the approval of the re-constituted committee from the Board of Governors.

Item No. 23.35

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.

The Academic Council considered the decisions taken in meetings of committee constituted vide Notification No. HimTu-3(Acad.)M-1/2015-Vol-II-167-178 dated 10.10.2019 held on held on 13.07.2019, 05.08.2019, 20.08.2019, 05.09.2019 & 21.09.2019 (placed as **Annexure XL**) for establishing e-Library in Himachal Pradesh Technical University, Hamirpur under TEQIP-III project and recommended for the approval of the minutes of these meetings from the Board of Governors.

Item No.23.36

To consider and approve the committee constituted for successful implementation of Employability Training under TEQIP-III project.

The Academic Council considered the committee constituted by the Himachal Pradesh Technical University vide notification No. HimTU-3(Acad.)M-ET/ 2019/832-839 dated 21.09.2019 for successful implementation of Employability Training under TEQIP-III project in various affiliated Non-

TEQIP Engineering Colleges and recommended for the approval of the said committee from the Board of Governors.

Item No. 23.37

To consider and approve the minutes of meetings of the committee constituted for successful implementation of Employability Training under TEQIP-III project.

The Academic Council considered the decisions taken in the meeting of the committee held on 28.09.2019 (placed as **Annexure-XLII**) for successful implementation of Employability Training under TEQIP-III in the affiliated Engineering colleges and recommended for the approval of the minutes of meeting dated 28.09.2019 from the Board of Governors.

Item No. 23.38

To consider and approve the committee and minutes of the meeting of the committee constituted to evaluate the project proposals under Competitive Research Fund of TEQIP-III Project.

The Academic Council considered the committees constituted by the Himachal Pradesh Technical University vide Notification Nos. HimTU-3(Acad)M-CR/2019/576-579 dated 04.07.2019, HimTU-3(Acad)M-CR/2019/739-40 dated 16.08.2019 & HimTU-3(Acad)M-CR/2019/871-877 dated 27.09.2019 to evaluate project proposals received under Competitive Research Fund of TEQIP-III Project as well decisions taken in the meetings of the committee held on 9th July, 2019, 17th August, 2019 and 28th September, 2019 (placed as **Annexure-XLIII**) and recommended for the approval of these committees and decisions taken in the aforementioned meetings from the Board of Governors.

Item No. 23.39

To consider and approve the minutes of the meeting of committee constituted for establishing Web Studio in Himachal Pradesh Technical University, Hamirpur under TEQIP-III project.

During the meeting, it was pointed out that the meetings of the committee constituted by the Himachal Pradesh Technical University vide notification No. HimTU-3(Acad)MF/2019-450-464 dated 24.05.2019 for establishing Web Studio in Himachal Pradesh Technical University, Hamirpur under TEQIP-III project were held on 30.05.2019, 01.06.2019, 11.07.2019, 12.07.2019, 09.08.2019, 29.08.2019 & 30.08.2019 and accordingly the purchase order for establishing Web Studio has already been issued to M/s Visual Technologies India Pvt. Ltd. Noida on dated 10th October, 2019 by e-mail.

The Academic Council considered the decisions taken in the meetings of the committee along with purchase order (placed as **Annexure-XLIV**) and recommended for the approval of the same from the Board of Governors.

Item No. 23.40

To consider and approve the minutes of the meeting of committee constituted for successful implementation and roll out of ERP/MIS and Data Centre in Himachal Pradesh Technical University, Hamirpur under TEQIP-III project.

The Academic Council considered the decisions taken in the meetings of committee constituted by Himachal Pradesh Technical University vide Notification No. HimTU-3(Acad)M-1/2015-Vol-II-124-130 dated 10.10.2018

held on 18.06.2019, 19.06.2019, 04.07.2019, 10.07.2019, 30.07.2019, 16.08.2019, 31.08.2019, 30.09.2019 & 04.10.2019 (placed as **Annexure-XLV**) for successful implementation and roll out of ERP/MIS in Himachal Pradesh Technical University, Hamirpur under TEQIP-III project and recommended for the approval of the same from the Board of Governors.

Item No.23.41

To consider and approve the committee constituted for establishing Research Hub in Himachal Pradesh Technical University, Hamirpur and its proceedings/minutes under TEQIP-III project.

During the meeting it was pointed out that the University vide Notification No. HimTU-3(Acad)M-RH/2019/644-655& HimTu-3(Acad)M-RH/2019/705-706 dated 20.07.2019& 05.08.2019 has constituted committee(s) to set up Research Hub in the area of Environment and Energy in H.P. Technical University under TEQIP-Project TEQIP-III and different decisions were taken in the meetings of the committee held on 6th August, 2019 and 5th September, 2019 (placed as **Annexure-XLVII**).

The Academic Council considered the committee(s) constituted by the Himachal Pradesh Technical University vide above-mentioned notifications, as well as the decisions taken in the aforesaid meetings for establishing Research Hub in the H.P. Technical University and recommended for the approval of the same from the Board of Governors.

Item No.23.42

To consider and approve the Workshop organized by Himachal Pradesh Technical University, Hamirpur under TEQIP-III project on July 17-18, 2019.

It was pointed out that the Himachal Pradesh Technical University has organized workshops on "Teaching Pedagogy to Improve the Performance of Weak Students""Quality Improvement Initiative in Technical Education" and "Training of Faculty Mentors on Induction Programme" from 17.08.2019 to 18.07.2019 at H.P. Technical University, Hamirpur under TEQIP-III World Bank Project in which Prof. T.P. Sharma and Prof. Somesh Sharma were invited as Resource Persons. A copy of the brief reports of the workshops held from 17th to 18th August, 2019 (placed as **Annexure-XLVIII**).

After detailed deliberations, the Academic Council considered the workshops organized by Himachal Pradesh Technical University at Hamirpur along with brief reports as stated above and recommended for the approval of the same from the Board of Governors.

Item No. 23.43

To consider and approve the minutes of the Progress Review Meeting by NPIU officials in Himachal Pradesh Technical University, Hamirpur under TEQIP-III project.

The Academic Council considered the decisions taken in the Progress Review Meeting held with the NPIU officials on 21st August, 2019 (placed as **Annexure XLIX**) for expediting the pace of expenditure on procurement and non-procurement activities and recommended for approval of the minutes of the meeting dated 21st August, 2019 from the Board of Governors. Further the Academic Council congratulated the Himachal Pradesh Technical University and its TEQIP Team for scoring 1.60 in the overall performance of TEQIP-III activities, which is highly satisfied in comparison to the previous

year. The performance audit was done by the external experts appointed by the NPIU/World Bank.

Item No. 23.44

To consider and approve the re-constituted committee to finalize the process of engagement of staff in Himachal Pradesh Technical University, Hamirpur under TEQIP-III project.

The Academic Council considered the committee re-constituted by Himachal Pradesh Technical University, Hamirpur vide Notification No. HimTu-3(Acad)M-AA/2019/890-898 dated 30.09.2019 (placed as Annexure-L) to finalize the process of engagement of staff on outsource basis for TEQIP-III Project in Himachal Pradesh Technical University, Hamirpur as per norms and recommended for the approval of the same from the Board of Governors.

Item No. 23.45

To consider and approve audit observation committee in Himachal Pradesh Technical University, Hamirpur under TEQIP-III project.

The Academic Council considered the committee re-constituted by the Himachal Pradesh Technical University vide Notification No. HimTu-3(Acad)M-AR/2019/840-845 dated 21.09.2019 for audit observation appearing in the audit report and to maintain the Audit Observation Register of Himachal Pradesh Technical University, Hamirpur as per the guidelines of TEQIP-III Project and recommended for the approval of the same from the Board of Governors.

Item No. 23.46

To consider and approve the One Day Workshop on AICTE Model Curriculum and UGC Autonomy & NBA in Himachal Pradesh Technical University, Hamirpur under TEQIP-III project.

The Academic Council considered the One Day Workshop organized by Himachal Pradesh Technical University on AICTE Model Curriculum and UGC Autonomy & NBA at Hamirpur on dated 10.10.2019 for its affiliated Engineering Colleges under TEQIP-III Project, in which Prof. Yoginder Singh Verma, Former Pro-Vice Chancellor, Central University, Dharamshala and Dr. Naveen Chauhan, Department of CSE, NIT, Hamirpur were invited as Resource Person and recommended for approval of the said workshop from the Board of Governors.

Item No. 23.47

To consider and approve the detailed list of students who will be awarded degrees/medals at the second convocation of Himachal Pradesh Technical University:

During the meeting it was pointed out that Section 50 of the First Statutes of the Himachal Pradesh Technical University, 2016 empowers the University to organize convocation of the University for the purpose of conferring degrees/medals and accordingly the first convocation of the Himachal Pradesh Technical University was held on 26th February, 2019.

It was also pointed out that the University is planning to organize its 2nd Convocation shortly and accordingly, the list of students who will be awarded degrees/medals during the 2nd Convocation of the University submitted by the Controller of Examination, H.P. Technical University vide letter No. HimTu-3(Exam-II)MBA/Degree/2015-7033 dated 15.10.2019 (placed as Annexure-LII) for the approval of the Academic Council. The Convocation may likely

to be held in the months of November/December, 2019 depending upon the availability of date from the Hon'ble Governor of Himachal Pradesh and Chancellor of H.P. Technical University.

After detailed discussions, the Academic Council approved the detailed list of students submitted by the Controller of Examination, H.P. Technical University who will be awarded degrees/medals during the 2nd Convocation of the University to be held shortly.

Item No. 23.48

To consider and approve the golden chance for the students of B.Tech./B.Pharm. old and new scheme (for Direct and Lateral Entry) to appear in odd and even semesters in December, 2019 only

It was pointed out that the Himachal Pradesh Technical University, Hamirpur vide Notification No. HimTu-2(GA)C-3/2011-8169 dated 12.07.2019 vide which the students of B.Tech./B.Pharm. old scheme and new scheme (for Direct and Lateral Entry), who could not pass all the papers to complete their degree till June 2019 were given one Golden Chance i.e. in December 2019 and June 2020 to appear in the final semester examination with the notified examination fee as per schedule of filling examination forms and as per this provision, the students of odd semester can appear in December 2019 semester examination and for even semester the students can appear in June 2020 semester examination.

In this regard, it is further pointed out that the University is, time and again, receiving representation from many students of B.Tech./B. Pharmacy old scheme and new scheme (for Direct and Lateral Entry) that they should be allowed to appear in odd semesters and even semester simultaneously in December, 2019 semester examination so that they can pass their degree at the earliest.

In the light of representations received from the students as stated above, the Academic Council considered and approved to allow the students of B.Tech./B. Pharmacy Old and New Scheme (for Direct Entry and Lateral Entry) to appear in odd semester and even semester simultaneously in December, 2019 semester examinations with normal fee by giving 10 days' time for filling online application form without late fee.

Item No. 23.49

To consider and approve the Draft University Ordinance for Post-Graduation Diploma in Yoga (One year).

The Academic Council considered and approved the Draft Ordinance for the Post-Graduate Diploma in Yoga (placed as **Annexure-LIII**)

Item No. 23.50

Any other item with the permission of the Chair

Item No. 23.50.1

Approval to sign minimum five Memorandum of Understanding with Industry as per UGC/AICTE Norms

During the meeting it was pointed out that the institutions affiliated to the Himachal Pradesh Technical University are not adhering to the norms of AICTE regarding signing of Memorandum of Understanding with Industry for different activities.

The Academic Council considered and approved that all the institutions affiliated to Himachal Pradesh Technical University must sign atleast five MOUs with Industry as per AICTE norms.

Item No. 20.50.2


To run the Off Campus of Himachal Pradesh Technical University as per the Himachal Pradesh Technical University Act, 2014 and regulations

The Academic Council pointed out that the Off-Campuses are facing the problem to maintain the academic quality parameters as required by the Regulatory Bodies including AICTE. The Vice Chancellor instructed to all the affiliating institutions including Off Campuses of Himachal Pradesh Technical University to comply with all quality norms and parameters of Regulatory Bodies and made it mandatory to apply for NAAC and NBA accreditations, NIRF ranking, UGC autonomy etc. from this academic session. The University will take strict action against the institutions failed to comply with these directions. To maintain the quality in technical education in all Off-Campuses, it was approved that the overall control of HPTU Off Campuses will be with Himachal Pradesh Technical University with immediate effect as per the Himachal Pradesh Technical University Act, 2014. The matter will be sent to the Government of Himachal Pradesh for necessary action.

Item No. 23.50.3

Approval for constitution of the Committee to resolve various issues pertaining to migration cases, progression to the higher semester, curriculum and other matters

After detailed deliberations, the Academic Council approved to constitute a committee consisting of the following to resolve the various issues pertaining to migration cases, progression to the higher semester and other matters:-

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1. Dean (Academic), H.P. Technical University, Hamirpur- Chairman
 2. Dean (SW&AA), H.P. Technical University, Hamirpur Member
 3. Dean (Engg.), H.P. Technical University, Hamirpur Member
 4. Controller of Exam., H.P. Technical University, Member
 5. Prof. D.P. Tiwari, Director-cum-Principal, RGSEC Member
 6. Prof. Vinod Kapoor, Director-cum-Principal, MGSEC Member
 7. Prof. R.K. Awasthi, Director-cum-Principal, Member
 8. Dr. M.S. Ashawat, Principal, LIPH, Kathog Member

Item No. 23.50.4

To fix minimum/cut of marks in HPCET for seeking admissions in the Under Graduate and Post Graduate courses offered in the affiliated institutions, Off Campuses and Temporary Campus of H.P. Technical University

During the meeting it was pointed out that the Government of Himachal Pradesh has fixed minimum/cut of marks for taking admission in Under-Graduate and Post-Graduate courses through Himachal Pradesh Common Entrance Test (HPCET) as 20% of total marks in General Category and 15%

of total marks in Reserved Categories. The Members of the Academic Council was apprised with the decreasing admissions status in Engineering, Pharmacy and Management Courses for the last three years by the Directors of the respective Government Institutions.

Keeping in view of the above, it was decided that the matter may be taken up with the Government to fix the minimum/cut of marks in HPCET as 40 marks out of 300 marks for General Category and 25 marks out of 300 marks for Reserved Categories for UG and PG courses of Engineering, Pharmacy and Management in the larger interest of the aspirant students of Himachal Pradesh as well as other States.

Item No. 23.50.5

Approval to designate Dr. Dharendra Sharma, Dean (Engineering), Himachal Pradesh Technical University, Hamirpur as Director, Training & Placement of Himachal Pradesh Technical University

For better training and placement of the students of Himachal Pradesh Technical University Campus, it was desired that one Officer of the University may kindly be designated as Director Training & Placement of Himachal Pradesh Technical University.


After detailed deliberations, the Academic Council approved to designate Shri Dharendra Sharma, Dean (Engg.), Himachal Pradesh Technical University, Hamirpur as Director, Training & Placement of Himachal Pradesh Technical University for training and placement of the students in addition to his own duties without any financial benefit in the interest of the students of the University.

Item No. 23.50.6

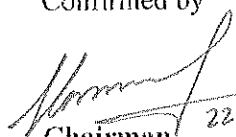
Approval to enhance the rate of remuneration for the Practical Examinations to External Examiners

After detailed deliberations in the meeting, it was approved to enhance the rate of remuneration for the Practical Examinations to the External Examiners as Rs. 20/- per answer sheet and minimum Rs. 200/- in case of the number of answer sheets are less than 10.

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


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