

Minutes of 27th Meeting of Academic Council held on 19.02.2021 at 11.30 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 19th February 2021 at 11.30 A.M. in H.P. Technical University, Hamirpur through online mode. 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. Dhirendra 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,
HPTU Off Campus Government Pharmacy College,
Seraj, District Mandi (H.P.) | - | Member |
| 6. | Dr. Vinay Thakur
Officiating Principal,
HPTU Off Campus Govt. Pharmacy College,
Rakkar, Kangra (H.P.) | - | Member |
| 7. | Prof. Rakesh Kumar
Officiating Principal
HPTU Off Campus M.G. Government Engg. College,
Jeori camp at JNGEC, Sundernagar | - | Member |
| 8. | Dr. R.K. Awasthi,
Director-cum-Principal,
HPTU Off Campus Govt. Hydro Engineering College,
Bandla, District Bilaspur (H.P.) | - | Nominated Member |
| 9. | Dr. B.R. Sharma,
Principal,
L.R. Institute of Pharmacy,
Oachghat, Jabli Kyar,
District Solan (H.P.) | - | Nominated Member |



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| 10. | Sh. Balkar Singh
Business Head and Vice-President,
DUKE Fashion India Limited,
Ludhiana | - | Nominated Member |
| 11. | Prof. Jyoti Prakash,
Dean College Development Council,
Department of Mathematics,
Himachal Pradesh University,
Summer Hill, Shimla (H.P.) | - | Nominated Member |
| 12. | Prof. Prashant Gautam,
Department of Tourism & Hospitality,
Panjab University, Chandigarh | | Nominated Member |
| 13. | Sh. Anupam Thakur, 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, such as shifting from offline classes to online classes, conduct of offline examinations, successfully conduct of admissions online for the academic session 2020-21. taking help of virtual lab, e-library, conduct of 1st and 2nd Convocation, issuance of directions to maintain quality education in the institutions and re-orientation of technical education, establishment of Skill Development Centres, Alumni Centres, Training & Placement Centres, Entrepreneurship Development Centres and Incubation Centres in each institutions, Implementation of National Education Policy-2020, starting of bilingual courses, constitution of committee of 29 members for implementation of National Education Policy, registration on swayam prabha portal etc. undertaken by the University.

He also apprised the members that third convocation of the University will be held in the month of March, 2021 for which the Hon'ble Governor has accorded his consent verbally.

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

Item No. 27.1 Confirmation of Minutes of 26th Meeting of Academic Council held on 3rd November, 2020

The Minutes of the 26th Meeting of the Academic Council of Himachal Pradesh Technical University held on 3rd November, 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. 27.2 To withdraw the Notification No. HimTu-2(GA)C-3/2011-1990 dated 25th February, 2020 regarding maximum age limit fixed for a candidate seeking admission in various Under-graduate and Post-graduate courses of the University**

The Academic Council, after detailed discussions and keeping in view that the All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) and Pharmacy Council of India has not defined any maximum age limit in the Approval Process Handbook 2020-21 for the under graduate and post-graduate courses, allowed the University to withdraw the Notification No. HimtU-29GA)C-2/2011-1990 dated 25th February, 2020 to attract more admissions in the UG and PG courses offered by the Himachal Pradesh Technical University in Campus, Off-Campuses and affiliated institutions.

- Item No. 27.3 To consider and approve the financial obligations for executing Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) already signed between Himachal Pradesh Technical University and Research for Resurgence Foundation, Nagpur**

For strengthening and streamlining research in scientific and technology development, innovation and entrepreneurship ecosystem, the Academic Council considered and approve to allow the University to organize/execute different activities as mentioned in the Memorandum of Understanding executed between the Himachal Pradesh Technical University and Research for Resurgence Foundation, Nagpur on 29th September, 2018. To meet out the financial obligations on various activities out of the University Fund, the Academic Council authorized the Vice Chancellor to constitute a committee, which will decide the activities and extent of funding on merit basis keeping in view of above MOU.

- Item No. 27.4 To consider and approve the Detailed Project Report to start M.Sc. Mathematics, One Year Post-Graduate Diploma in Vedic Mathematics, Integrated Master of Computer Application, Integrated Master of Business Administration, Post-graduation in Hindi, Post-graduation in Sanskrit, One Year Post-Graduate Diploma in Performing Arts, One Year PG Diploma in Machine Learning and Artificial Intelligence, One Year PG Diploma in Big Data, One Year PG Diploma in Internet of Things (IoT), One Year PG Diploma in Forensic Science and Bachelor of Technology in Computer Science Engineering Courses at Himachal Pradesh Technical University Campus at Hamirpur (H.P.) from the academic session 2021-22**

After thorough discussions, the Academic Council considered and approve the Detailed Project Report (DPR) (placed as **Annexure-IV**) alongwith requirement of human resource, minimum classrooms required for 1st year and infrastructure required, expected revenues and tentative financial implications involved to start the following courses on self financing basis in different Schools and Departments in the campus of Himachal Pradesh Technical University at Daruhi, Tehsil & District Hamirpur (H.P.) from the Academic Session 2021-22 with an intake as mentioned against each:-

Sr. No.	Name of the Schools	Department	Proposed Courses	Approved intake
01	Schools of Basic and Applied Sciences	Department of Applied Sciences	M.Sc. Mathematics	30
			One Year PG Diploma in Vedic Mathematics	30

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02	School of Engineering & Technology	Department of Computer Application	Integrated Master of Computer Application	30
		Department of Computer Science & Engineering	Bachelor of Technology in Computer Science Engineering	30
			One Year PG Diploma in Machine Learning and Artificial Intelligence,	20
			One Year PG Diploma in Big Data,	20
			One Year PG Diploma in Internet of Things (IoT),	20
			One Year PG Diploma in Forensic Science	20
03	School of Commerce and Management Studies	Department of Management Studies	Integrated Master of Business Administration	30
04	School of Humanities and & Social Sciences	Department of Hindi	Post Graduation in Hindi	30
		Department of Sanskrit	Post Graduation in Sanskrit	30
		Department of Performing and Visual Arts	One Year Diploma in Performing Arts	60

The Academic Council also approved to start the above courses in HPTU Off Campuses, and affiliated institutions in addition to HPTU Main Campus at Daruhi.

Item No. 27.5 To consider and approve the amendments/addition in the Ordinance No. 50 (Ordinance for Awarding Grace Marks) in the University Examinations

The Academic Council considered and approved the amendment/additions (placed as **Annexure-VI**) in the Ordinance No. 50 for the award of grace marks to the student(s) in the University Examinations.

Item No. 27.6 To consider and approve the proceedings/recommendation/minutes of committee constituted to finalize the detailed specifications and scope of work of all software items for the procurement of Microsoft Campus Agreement for 500 user, MatLab Campus wide license and turn-it-in software to check the plagiarism under TEQIP-III Project in Himachal Pradesh Technical University, Hamirpur

The Academic Council considered and approved the minutes of meetings (placed as **Annexure-VII**) held under the Chairmanship of Dean (Academic)-cum-TEQIP-Coordinator, Himachal Pradesh Technical University on 11th November, 2020, 15th December, 2020, 29th January, 2021 and 6th February, 2021 to finalize the detailed specifications and scope of all software items identified and recommended in the Procurement Plan submitted by the Himachal Pradesh Technical University under

TEQIP-III, to discuss and finalize the e-tender for the supply, installation, maintenance and support of Microsoft 365 and Matlab Campus License Agreement, to discuss and decide about the tender floated for Campus License.

- Item No. 27.7 To consider and approve the proceedings/recommendations/minutes of meeting of the committee constituted for procurement of IT Hardware and furniture through GeM portal under TEQIP-III Project in Himachal Pradesh Technical University, Hamirpur (H.P.)**

The Academic Council considered and approved the proceedings/recommendations/minutes of meetings of the Committees held under the Chairmanship of Dean (Academic)-cum-TEQIP-Coordinator on 28th December, 2020, 30th December, 2020, 4th January, 2021, 5th January, 2021, 12th January, 2021, 13th January, 2021, 29th January, 2021 and 6th February, 2021 (placed as **Annexure-VIII**) to examine, evaluate the technical specifications, open the financial bids, to discuss and decide about the bids received on Gem Portal for procurement of IT hardware and furniture, placing of purchase order of furniture, to review the technical specifications and accordingly float a bid on the Gem Portal for the procurement of IT equipment under TEQIP, to examine and evaluate the technical bids received against the tenders floated, to review the technical specifications, quantity and accordingly float a bid on GeM Portal for the procurement of IT equipment i.e. laptops, desktops and printers under TEQIP-III.

- Item No. 27.8 To consider and approve the proceedings/recommendations/minutes of committee constituted for procurement and establishment of the centralized facilities and promoting e-learning (video conferencing system, digital podium, overhead projectors with screen and UPS) through GeM Portal under TEQIP-III Project in Himachal Pradesh Technical University, Hamirpur (H.P.)**

After detailed deliberations, the Academic Council considered and approved the minutes of meeting (placed as **Annexure-IX**) held under the Chairmanship of Dean (Academic)-cum-TEQIP Coordinator on 14th December, 2020 to examine and evaluate the technical bids received by the Himachal Pradesh Technical University, Hamirpur against the tender floated on GeM Portal for procurement of the centralized facilities and promoting e-Learning under TEQIP-III.

- Item No. 27.9 To consider and approve the proceedings/ recommendations/ minutes of committee constituted to discuss, finalize and procure the print and E-Books under TEQIP project in Himachal Pradesh Technical University, Hamirpur**

The Academic Council considered and approved proceedings/recommendations/ minutes of meetings (placed as **Annexure-X**) held on 4th February, 2021 to discuss, finalize and procure the print and E-Books under TEQIP project in Himachal Pradesh Technical University, Hamirpur.

- Item No. 27.10 To consider and approve the minor amendments of Academic Calendars for the academic session 2020-21 as per UGC/AICTE/State Govt. guidelines/advisory related to start of offline class work**

The Academic Council considered and approved the Academic Calendar (placed as **Annexure-XI**) for the academic session 2020-21 prepared by the Himachal Pradesh

- Item No. 27.11 To consider and approve the proceedings/ recommendations/ minutes of Standing Research Committee in respect of Ph.D in Management was held on 15th February, 2021 at 11:00 AM under the chairmanship of Prof. Kulbhushan Chandel, Dean Academic, H.P. Technical University, Hamirpur to discuss and decide the admission criteria for the admission of Ph.D in Management**

After thorough discussions, the Academic Council approved the proceedings/recommendations/minutes of Standing Research Committee (placed as **Annexure-XIII**) held on 15th February, 2021 under the Chairmanship of Prof. Kulbhushan Chandel, Dean Academic, H.P. Technical University, Hamirpur to discuss and decide the admission criteria for the admission of Ph.D in Management.

- Item No. 27.12 To consider and approve the proceedings/ recommendations/ minutes of Standing Research Committee in respect of Ph.D in Computer Science Engineering was held on 16th February, 2021 at 11:00 AM under the chairmanship of Prof. Kulbhushan Chandel, Dean Academic, H.P. Technical University, Hamirpur to discuss and decide the admission criteria for the admission of Ph.D in Computer Science Engineering**

The Academic Council considered and approved the proceedings/recommendations/minutes of meeting (placed as **Annexure-XIV**) of Standing Research Committee held on 16th February, 2021 under the Chairmanship of Prof. Kulbhushan Chandel, Dean Academic, H.P. Technical University, Hamirpur to discuss and decide the admission criteria for the admission of Ph.D in Computer Science Engineering.

- Item No. 27.13 To consider and approve to the extension of Guest/ Part time faculty appointed in Himachal Pradesh Technical University campus for various course**

After detailed deliberations, the Academic Council allowed to extend the tenure of Guest Faculty engaged by the Himachal Pradesh Technical University, Hamirpur purely on temporary/lecture basis whose tenure is going to complete for the odd semester of the academic session 2020-21 upto the end of even semester of the academic session 2020-21 with a break of 7 days with the condition that the guest faculty shall fill up the self appraisal form to be issued by the University. Further the work, conduct and performance of the Guest Faculty shall be assessed by the University and accordingly on satisfactory performance extension shall be accorded upto the end of even semester as stated above.

- Item No. 27.14 To consider and approve the amendments in End Semester Examination and passing requirements under Choice Based Credit System (CBCS) for all UG & PG Courses**

The Academic Council considered and approve the following amendments in End Semester Examination and Passing Requirements under Choice Based Credit System (CBCS) for all UG & PG Courses:-

Existing	Approved
A student shall be deemed to have passed a course, if the minimum marks	A student shall be deemed to have passed a course, if the minimum marks (ESE



(IA+ESE put together) secured by him/her is $(\bar{x} - 2\sigma)$, \bar{x} where is the average mark of the students registered for the course and σ is the corresponding deviation. However, the student has to secure a minimum of 40% marks (e. g. 16 out of 40) in the IA and 30% marks (e. g. 18 out of 60) in the End Semester Examination (ESE))	+IA put together) secured by him/her is 40 %, however a student must secure a minimum of 40% marks (e. g. 16 out of 40) in the IA and 40% marks (e. g. 24 out of 60) in the End Semester Examination (ESE) in absolute grading system for result preparation in regular, re-appear, re-evaluation and improvement and supplementary examination
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Item No. 27.15 To consider and approve the amendments/addition in the ordinance of Post Graduate Diploma in Yoga for award of medals:-

The Academic Council considered and approved to amend/add in the Ordinance of Post Graduate Diploma in Yoga for the award of medals on the analogy of other courses of this University.

Item No. 27.16 To consider and approve the detailed list of students who will be awarded degree

The Academic Council considered and approved the detailed list (placed as Annexure-XV) of students eligible to receive degrees under the different programmes for the passed out batches May, 2020 (Regular).

Item No. 27.17 To consider and approve the proceedings/recommendations/minutes of committee constituted for the Implementation of National Innovation and start-up policy (NISP) at HPTU affiliated colleges

The Academic Council considered and approved the proceedings/recommendations/minutes of meeting (placed as **Annexure-XVI**) of committee constituted for the Implementation of National Innovation and start-up policy (NISP) at HPTU affiliated colleges held on 16th February, 2021 under the Chairmanship of Dean Academic, H.P. Technical University, Hamirpur.

Item No. 27.18 To consider and approve the Notifications of ad-hoc Board of Studies for various UG and PG Courses

Since the tenure of two years of various Ad-hoc Board of Studies constituted for different courses/programmes has been completed and accordingly after detailed deliberations, the Academic Council approved the notifications issued the University for constitution of Ad-hoc Board of Studies as mentioned hereinunder:

Sr. No.	Notification No.	Name of Course/Programme
1	HPTU-3(Acad)G-1/2011-Vol-I-1353-99 dated 18.02.2021 (placed as Annexure XVII)	Engineering Programme (UG & PG)
2	HPTU-3(Acad)G-1/2011-Vol-I-1345-52 dated 18.02.2021 (placed as Annexure XVIII)	Pharmacy Programme (UG & PG)
3	HPTU-3(Acad)G-1/2011-Vol-I-1338-44 dated 18.02.2021 (placed as Annexure XIX)	Bachelor of Architecture (B. Arch.)

4	HPTU-3(Acad)G-1/2011-Vol-I-1400-1410 dated 18.02.2021 (placed as Annexure XX)	Master of Business Administration
5	HPTU-3(Acad)G-1/2011-Vol-I-1411-21 dated 18.02.2021 (placed as Annexure XXI)	Master of Computer Applications (MCA)
6	HPTU-3(Acad)G-1/2011-Vol-I-1323-37 dated 18.02.2021 (placed as Annexure XXII)	M.Sc. Physics
7	HPTU-3(Acad)G-1/2011-Vol-I-1323-37 dated 18.02.2021 (placed as Annexure XXII)	M.Sc. Environmental Science
	HPTU-3(Acad)G-1/2011-Vol-I-1323-37 dated 18.02.2021 (placed as Annexure XXII)	Master of Business Administration in Tourism (MBA tourism)

Item No. 27.19 To consider and approve the one time relaxation in CGPA condition for the year 2020-21 for progression in 3rd, 5th and 7th Semester

Keeping in view the COVID-19 alarming situation and larger interest of the students, the Academic Council considered and approved the relaxation and one time exemption granted by the Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, Himachal Pradesh Technical University vide Notification No. HPTU-3(Acad)J-1/2014-1487-1550 dated 18.02.2021 (placed as **Annexure-XXIII**) in respect of the condition of CGPA and credit for progression to 3rd, 5th and 7th semesters of various Under Graduate and Post Graduate courses under Choice Based Credit System for the academic session 2020-21 with the condition that this shall not be read as any change made in respective ordinance and may not be treated as precedence for any future reference

Item No. 27.20 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)

In view of representations received from the students of various affiliated institutions regarding relaxation for the progression to higher semester and clarification received from the Pharmacy Council of India, Delhi, the Academic Council considered and approved the relaxation and one time exemption granted by the Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, Himachal Pradesh Technical University vide notification No. HPTU-3(Acad)J-1/2014-1422-86 dated 18th February, 2021 (copy placed as **Annexure-XXVII**) in respect of condition of CGPA and credit for progression to 3rd, 5th and 7th semester of various UG and PG Pharmacy courses for the academic session 2020-21 with the condition that this shall not be read as any change made in respective ordinance and may not be treated as precedence for any future reference.

Item No. 27.21 To consider and approve the grace of five marks in each theory subject for one time in respect of the regular students of various UG & PG courses due the COVID-19 pandemic and subsequent lockdown

Keeping in view COVID-19 pandemic, subsequent lockdown, conduct of classes through online mode and examination through offline mode, which was new experience for the faculty and the students, therefore, after detailed deliberations, the Academic Council considered and approved to allow grace of five marks in each theory subject for one time to all the regular students studying in the various UG and



Item No. 27.22 To consider and approve to start NSS and NCC activities in Himachal Pradesh Technical University Campus at Hamirpur for the holistic development of the students

After through discussions, the Academic Council considered and approved to start NSS and NCC activities in Himachal Pradesh Technical University Campus at Daruhi. The Academic Council also approved to establish the NSS and NCC Unit in the Campus of the University at Daruhi after completion of all codal formalities.

Item No. 27.23 To consider and approve the stay and hospitality to the expert/representatives of the industries/organization for the placement of the students of Himachal Pradesh Technical University Campus at Daruhi

The Academic Council appreciated the efforts of the University for conducting placement drive and placement of 14 students of Master of Computer Applications (MCA) Department of the University in different reputed industries. Since the representatives of different industries/organizations are to be invited by the University for early placement of the students in industries/organizations, the Academic Council after detailed deliberations, approved to bear the financial expenditure to be incurred by the University for their stay and hospitality on actual basis during the period of placement drive.

Item No. 27.24 To consider and approve the industrial tour for the students of Himachal Pradesh Technical University Campus at Daruhi mentioned in the course curriculum of Himachal Pradesh Technical University Campus at Daruhi

Since the industrial tour is a part of the course curriculum of the various UG and PG courses and as such in order to provide industrial exposure to the students of Himachal Pradesh Technical University Campus, Daruhi, the Academic Council considered and approved to provide transportation facility to the students of HPTU Campus Daruhi for conduct of industrial tour in and outside the State and bear the expenditure to this effect by the University on economy basis.

Item No. 27.25 To consider and approve the educational tour for the students of Himachal Pradesh Technical University Campus at Daruhi mentioned in the course curriculum of Himachal Pradesh Technical University Campus at Daruhi

Keeping in view the course curriculum of the Himachal Pradesh Technical University, the Academic Council considered and approved to conduct educational tour (s) for the students of Himachal Pradesh Technical University Campus Daruhi to provide exposure to the students. After detailed discussions, the Academic Council also approved to bear the 50% travel expenses on economy basis by the University for conduct of educational tour (s) of the students of HPTU Daruhi Campus in and outside the State.



Item No. 27.26 To consider and approve the celebration of annual day and foundation day of the Himachal Pradesh Technical University every year

The Academic Council considered and approved to celebrate the Annual Day and Foundation Day by the University in its campus every year. The Academic Council also allowed bearing all the necessary expenses on celebration of Annual Day and Foundation Day on actual basis by the Himachal Pradesh Technical University.

Item No. 27.27 To consider and approve to add the name of "HPTU off Campus" with the name of various off campuses running under Himachal Pradesh Technical University in the degrees awarded to their students

The Academic Council considered and approved to add the words "HPTU Off Campus" in the degrees to be awarded by the University to the students of HPTU Off Campus Govt. Engineering College, Kotla (Jeori) at J.N. Government Engineering College, Sundernagar, Distt. Mandi (H.P), HPTU Off Campus Govt. Hydro Engineering College, Bandla, Distt. Bilaspur Camp at Rajiv Gandhi Government Engg. College, Kangra at Nagrota Bagwan, HPTU Off Campus Govt. Pharmacy College Rakkar, Distt. Kangra camp at Govt. Pharmacy College Kangra at Nagrota Bagwan, HPTU Off Campus Govt. Pharmacy College, Seraj, District Mandi, H.P. Camp at newly constructed Science Block and Arts Block of Govt. Sr. Secondary School, Bagsai, HPTU Off Campus Business School at Rajiv Gandhi Govt. Engineering College, Kangra at Nagrota Bagwan, Distt. Kangra (H.P) since the aforementioned institutions does not have AICTE approval. The Academic Council also approved that the overall control of the aforesaid institutions shall remain with the University and the same will be submitted before the Government for perusal and further necessary action at the Government level.

Item No. 27.28 To consider and approve the eligibility criteria to take admission in Civil Engineering under lateral entry scheme from the academic session 2020-21


During the meeting it was pointed out that the University has received representations from the students who have completed their three years diploma in Architecture wherein the students has stated that the University is making admission of the candidate (s) under lateral entry scheme who has/have passed diploma examination with at least 45% marks (40% marks in case of candidates belonging to reserved category) in the relevant/appropriate branch of Engineering and Technology as per the entry level qualifications laid down in the AICTE Approval Process Handbook.

The students in their representations have also stated that as per the AICTE Approval Process Handbook 2020-21 the entry level qualifications for taking admission under lateral entry scheme has been amended as **"Passed diploma examination with at least 45% marks (40% marks in case of candidates belonging to reserved category) in any Branch of Engineering and Technology"** from the academic session 2020-21.



Keeping in view the entry level qualifications laid down by the AICTE as stated above as well as larger interest of the students, the Academic Council after detailed discussions considered and approved that a **candidate who has passed three years Architecture Diploma examination with at least 45% marks (40% marks in case of candidates belonging to reserved category)** may take admission in Civil Engineering under lateral entry scheme from the academic session 2020-21 as the nomenclature of Diploma in Architecture and Civil Engineering is same.

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


Member Secretary
Academic Council

Confirmed


Chairman

Academic Council