

Shri Guru Ram Rai University

Patel Nagar /Pathri Bagh, Dehradun-248001, Uttarakhand



MINUTES OF SIXTH BOARD OF GOVERNORS MEETING OF SGRR UNIVERSITY

HELD ON

10th August, 2021 AT 11:30 AM

VENUE: SEMINAR ROOM, SGRR UNIVERSITY CAMPUS,
PATEL NAGAR, DEHRADUN

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The sixth meeting of Board of Governors was held on 10.08.2021 at Seminar Room, Patel Nagar Campus SGRR University at 11:30 a.m. The following members were present:-

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| 1. Shri V.M. Chamola, | - Chairman,
Chancellor's Nominee |
| 2. Dr. U.S. Rawat, Vice-Chancellor | - Member Secretary |
| 3. Shri J.K. Batish | - Nominee of
Governor/Visitor |
| 4. Shri. Sandeep Sharma | - Nominee of
Governor/Visitor |
| 5. Prof. R.C. Dangwal | - Nominee of
Governor/Visitor |
| 6. Prof. S.S. Rawat | - Member |
| 7. Prof. J.P. Bhatt | - Member |
| 8. Prof. (Dr.) Yashbir Dewan | - Member |
| 9. Prof. (Dr.) Sudhir Sachar | - Member |
| 10. Prof. Madhu Singh | - Member |
| 11. Prof. Ram Naresh | - Member |
| 12. Shri V.M. Thapliyal | - Member |

Principal Secretary/Secretary, Department of Higher Education, Government of Uttarakhand, and UGC nominee could not attend the meeting. Dr. Deepak Sahni, Registrar and Shri Manoj Jakhmola, Chief Finance Controller attended the meeting as special invitees.

At the outset, the Vice Chancellor and Member Secretary of Board of Governors welcomed all the members specially the external members and thereafter he requested Shri V.M.Chamola, Nominee of Chancellor and Advisor to the Chairman, to chair the Board of Governors meeting as directed by the Hon'ble Chancellor.

Before initiating the proceedings of the meeting, the Chairman in his opening remarks welcomed the members and thanked the members for their presence. After that he requested the members for their brief introduction. Having done so, with the permission of chair, the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor and Member-Secretary apprised the members the overall development made by the University particularly in the area of academic, research and innovative advancement after the Fifth Meeting of Board of Governors held on 3rd December, 2019. The Vice-Chancellor also informed that due to Covid-19 Pandemic and some other unavoidable circumstances the Board of Governors meeting could not be convened as per schedule for the year 2020-21.

The members extended their greetings to Dr. U.S Rawat on being appointed to the post of Vice-Chancellor in SGRRU w.e.f 9th January, 2020 with the fervent hope that under his dynamic leadership and vast experience in the area of research & development and innovation that too from reputed Centre and State Universities, Shri Guru Ram Rai University (SGRRU) would be benefitted from his rich experience and certainly endeavour to attain new heights especially in the field of Higher Education.

Chairman briefed the members regarding the aims and objectives of the University emphasising that the University may pay more attention towards research, publication of research papers and conduct of entrepreneurship programs, keeping in view the avenues available in the country with special emphasis on specific opportunities in the state of Uttarakhand. This would help in generating jobs rather than adding to the already burgeoning list of job seekers.

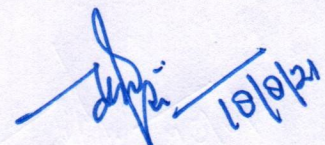
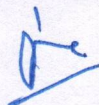
Thereafter, the Agenda items were taken up for discussion and approval before the house.

Agenda - 1: Confirmation of Minutes of 5th Meeting of Board of Governors held on 03rd December, 2019.

Note: - A copy of the Minutes of the meeting of 5th Board of Governors of Shri Guru Ram Rai University, held on 03rd December, 2019, duly communicated to all the members and no comment is received from any members. Therefore, the item is placed before the house for confirmation.

Resolution:

The members unanimously resolved to confirm the minutes of the fifth meeting of Board of Governors with the minor correction under reporting item pertaining to date of approval of recognition to Shri Guru Ram Rai University (SGRRU) under section 2 (f) of UGC Act of 1956 as communicated by UGC vide their letter No. F.8-25/2017(CPP-I/PU) dated 11th March, 2020.



Agenda -2: Report on the Action Taken on the Minutes of 5th Meeting of Board of Governors held on 03rd December, 2019.

Resolution:

The Action Taken Report was placed before the members for kind approval. The Board of Governors took note of the compliance of various issues as also appreciated prompt action with reference to various items.

Agenda -3: Consideration and approval of Annual Report (2019-20) of the University.

Note: - The Members specially Prof. R.C. Dangwal, Mr. Sandeep Sharma, Shri J.K. Batish, Prof. S.S. Rawat and Prof. J.P. Bhatt requested the Member-Secretary to brief the highlights and significant achievements of the University during the period 2019-2020.

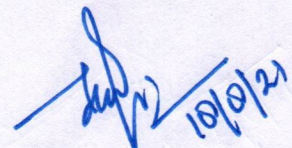
In the aforesaid context, the Vice-Chancellor/Member-Secretary briefed the members on various academic, administrative and research activities carried out during the period 2019-2020 listing out significant achievements especially the various MoU's with various academic and research organizations, out-reach programs, research publications and books, number of webinars, seminars and symposiums conducted and Medical and Health services provided to the society especially during the period of Covid-19 Pandemic.

Resolution:

After extensive deliberation it was resolved to approve the Annual Report (2019-20) of the University with appreciation and satisfaction.

Agenda -4: Consideration and approval of Annual Accounts, Balance Sheet and Audited Report (2019-20) of the University.

Note: - While discussing the matter with regard to Annual Accounts, Balance Sheet and Audited Report (2019-20) of the University, members specially the Nominee of Governor/Visitor brought out that there is certainly a need to have budgetary provision in respect of various schools / institutions under the umbrella of University and Shri Mahant Indresh Hospital (SMIH). Further, the members wanted to know the position of receipt and payment, income and expenditure, assets and liabilities those are reflected in the Annual Accounts and Audit Report (FY 2019-20) of the University. The Chairman clarified that the system of auditing / accounting and overall financial reporting system remaining the same, there is a need to have internal financial controls. Further, it was reiterated by the Chairman that budget as a financial tool would help each financially viable unit to ascertain and analyse areas of weakness in order to take timely corrective action.



With reference to above Shri Manoj Jakhmola, designated Finance Officer informed the Members that as per prevailing practice no budget is being prepared separately departmental and school wise. However, in future efforts will be made for preparation of budgetary allocations for various schools of the University and Shri Mahant IndiresH Hospital (SMIH).

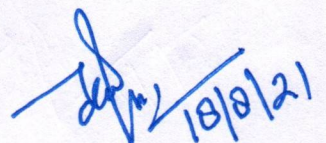
In support of the Annual Accounts, Balance Sheet and Audited Report (2019-20) of the University, the Vice-chancellor replied to the points raised by the members that with regard to University and other institutions under it , having generated a total revenue of Rs. 248.73 crores in FY 2019-20. The net surplus was to the extent of Rs. 48.58 crores as against Rs. 40.69 crores in FY 2018-19 mainly attributable to the following - (a) minimizing the expenditure; (b) optimizing the resources, and (c) maximizing the revenues by commencement of many new and contemporarily relevant courses.

All the members appreciated the collective efforts of the University towards attaining financial sustainability with the following observations:-

- The budget of the University should be prepared keeping in view the requirements of department, Schools and Shri Mahant IndiresH Hospital (SMIH) in the light of anticipated revenue generation and expenditure along with assets and liabilities.
- To monitor the budgetary provisions, the finance section should prepare the quarterly expenditure statements for kind perusal of Hon'ble Chancellor and Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor.
- Since, Vice-Chancellor is one of the signatories of Annual Accounts; the financial matter should also be channelized through him and necessary amendments in the system should be considered after due approval of the Hon'ble Chancellor.
- Regular financial audit internal and external as per the extant guidelines should be undertaken to ascertain the financial position vis-a -vis the budgetary allocation and necessary course correction should be effected with due approvals.
- An efficient and effective regular Finance Officer should be appointed in the University as per provision of Acts and Statutes so that the financial activities could be monitored and managed systematically. The Chairman observed that the cannons of financial propriety should be exercised in all the transactions.
- The financial and purchase rules of the schools should be prepared by the finance officer to channelize the work systematically with holistic approach.
- All the necessary efforts should be made towards additional resource generation to facilitate the University to become more viable and sustainable in order to meet the essential requirements of the departments/schools.

Resolution:

With the above suggestions the house unanimously approved the Annual Accounts, Balance Sheet & Audited Report of the University for FY 2019-20.



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Agenda -5: Consideration and approval on the Posts of Professor/Associate Professor/Assistant Professor/Demonstrator in the approved Departments/Schools of the University as per norms of regulatory bodies.

Note:- Time and again, this University is required to submit details of sanctioned teaching posts vis-à-vis status of vacant posts in the departments/schools of the University to the UGC and various State Government agencies as per the norms of UGC and other Regulatory Bodies. Accordingly, the department-wise requirement of Posts of Professor (112)/Associate Professor (124)/Assistant Professors (308)/Demonstrator (59) recommended by the respective Dean of School was placed for the consideration and approval of the House as details given below:-

Name of the Post		Professor	Associate Professor	Assistant Professor	Demonstrator
S. No	Department	Sanctioned	Sanctioned	Sanctioned	Sanctioned
1.	SGRR Institute of Medical & Health Sciences	80	55	80	30
2.	SGRRIM&HS, College of Paramedical Sciences	06	08	49	-
3.	SGRRIM&HS, College of Nursing	01	05	08	29
4.	School of Management & Commerce	02	06	36	-
5.	School of CA&IT	03	07	22	-
6.	School Pharmaceutical Sciences	06	11	18	-
7.	School of Basic & Applied Sciences	05	08	24	-
8.	School of Agriculture Sciences	03	14	34	-
9.	School of Humanities & Social Science	04	08	24	-
10.	School of Education	02	02	13	-
Total		112	124	308	59

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During the course of discussions, some of the members viz: -Prof. R.C. Dangwal, Mr. Sandeep Sharma, Nominees of Governor/Visitor raised the point regarding the eligibility and selection procedure of the faculties. In reply, the Vice-Chancellor brought out that we adhere to the norms laid down for selection and further efforts are being made to streamline the process so that we are able to attract best available talent in alignment with the selection methodology as laid down for selection of faculties in the University Statutes.

The members further wanted to know the eligibility and screening procedure for calling the candidates for interview. The Vice-Chancellor confirmed the eligibility for various faculty positions, which are strictly being followed as per the norms laid down by regulatory bodies and only those candidates are being called for interview who fulfill the eligibility criteria.

In the event of large number of applicants for a particular post, a screening committee of the experts is being constituted for short listing of candidates for final selection.

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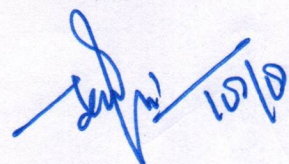
With the above note, it was resolved to consider according approval for the post of Professor (112) /Associate Professor (124) /Assistant Professors (308) / Demonstrator (59) in the various departments/schools of the University, which could be filled in due course of time pursuant to formal concurrence of Hon'ble Chancellor.

It was further resolved that the selection of Teaching and Non-Teaching Staff should be made strictly as per provisions of the Act and Statutes of the University and the relevant files should be generated/routed through the designated officials of the University. There is certainly a need to ensure that selection should be made as per set norms and criteria as mentioned in the Statutes of the University and in such cases the concerned institutions be also kept in the loop.

Agenda -6: Ratification of Reporting Items.

Note: - Following reporting items were placed before the members of the Board of Governors for ratification:-

1. Minutes of 6th Research Committee Meeting held on 16.05.2020.
2. Minutes of 5th Academic Council Meeting held on 15.07.2020.
3. Minutes of 5th Fee Committee Meeting held on 05.08.2020.
4. Minutes of 5th Board of Management Meeting held on 10.09.2020.
5. Minutes of 4th Finance Committee Meeting held on 07.12.2020.
6. Minutes of 5th Board of Examination Meeting held on 19.12.2020.
7. Minutes of 7th Research Committee Meeting held on 23.01.2021.



8. Establishment of NCC-Girls Unit.
9. Details of MoU's/out-reach programs/webinars/research publications/books published since the last meeting of the BOG held on 03/12/2019.

In brief, during this period – (i) 10 MoUs were signed with various institutions by School of Medical & Health Sciences, School of CA & IT and School of Agricultural Sciences; (ii) 59 Webinars were also conducted by the constituent Schools during this pandemic period; (iii) 226 outreach programs were conducted by the Schools (mainly by School of Medical & Health Sciences through Shri Mahant Indires Hospital (SMIH) and Humanities and Social Sciences departments) for the betterment of the needy population and raising the awareness of existing services with the help of NGOs/self-help groups;

Resolution:

After due consideration and thorough discussion, it was resolved to endorse post facto the decisions already taken in the matters by the various committees and authorities.

Members also appreciated the efforts made by the University for promoting research activities, opening of NCC Girls Units, conducting of webinars, seminars and symposiums and out-reach programs for the benefit of students, research scholars, stakeholders as well as society.

Agenda -7: Any other items.

- Shri. V.M. Chamola, Chairman, emphasized upon the need for incorporating entrepreneurship module as a part of the curriculum so as to bridge the gap between theoretical / conceptual aspects taught to the students during the period of their undergoing the programs and practical aspects needed for enhancing their skills as also instead of preparing them for taking up jobs, they will get the necessary impetus for starting their own enterprise and provide jobs to others as also be an inspiration to others.
- The Chairman also emphasized upon the need to introduce soft skills/employability skills as a part of the courses as such skills enable an individual to succeed in his endeavour's in his career.

Note: In reference to this, the Vice-Chancellor informed that under this programme the University has signed MoUs with various research, academic and industrial organisation as a result our students from various departments specially Agricultural, Pharmaceutical, Management, Medical, Nursing, Paramedical Sciences and Yogic Sciences either have got the appointment or

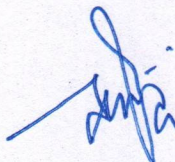
selected for training program so that they may become self-reliance and may provide the jobs to others rather than seeking the jobs.

- Dr. Sudhir Sachar , Vice-Principal, School of Medical and Health Sciences and Member of Board of Governors, gave suggestion for opening of new school or centre named as School of Sports Medicine and Rehabilitation as a separate school.

Note: The Vice-Chancellor requested Dr. Sudhir Sachar to submit the proposal duly approved by the Competent Authority so that the same could be placed before the Academic Council and Board of Management for approval.

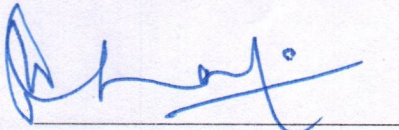
Shri VM Chamola, Chairman added that such a proposal needs careful consideration and a feasibility report covering all the relevant aspects be put up to the competent authority as the area is a highly specialized one.

- Dr. Madhu Singh, Member while congratulating the School of Management and Commerce Studies appreciated that the publication of '**Vedaang**', published by School of Management and Commerce Studies is beneficial for the students, research scholars and faculties not only of Shri Guru Ram Rai University but to others also. Therefore, she has also suggested that other schools should make such type of efforts for the benefit of Academic Fraternity. All the members supported the views of Dr. Madhu Singh with the remarks that to promote the academic excellence and research work, the University should bring the publication of Journals on yearly or half-yearly basis.
- The Chairman, Shri V.M. Chamola suggested that while sending the minutes of meeting to the members for confirmation or perusal, only soft copy may be sent in the light of economy and financial austerity. He further suggested that the stakeholders of the University should make the efforts for plastic free campus, and more plantation work should be undertaken to create pollution free congenial ecosystem in the campuses.
- All the members of Board of Governors were of the opinion that in the University Campus well equipped meeting hall with refined sound system should be made available or upgraded because most of members were not able to hear the voice of chairman and other members during the course of discussion.

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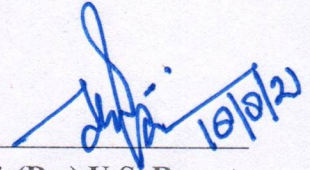
- The members also suggested that soft copy of Agenda items should be sent atleast 10-15 days in advance so that they can peruse the agenda with constructive suggestions in future.

The Meeting ended with the votes of thanks to the Chair.



Shri V.M. Chamola

Chairman



Prof. (Dr.) U.S. Rawat

Member Secretary