## Shri Guru Ram Rai University

Patel Nagar /Pathri Bagh, Dehradun-248001, Uttarakhand



## MINUTES OF NINTH BOARD OF GOVERNORS MEETING OF SGRR UNIVERSITY

**HELD ON** 

29<sup>th</sup> March, 2023 AT 11:30 AM

<u>VENUE: SEMINAR ROOM, SGRR UNIVERSITY CAMPUS,</u>
<u>PATEL NAGAR, DEHRADUN</u>

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The ninth meeting of Board of Governors was held on 29<sup>th</sup> March 2023 at 11:30 A.M. in Seminar Room of Patel Nagar Campus, SGRR University. Following members were present:-

- 1. Prof S. S. Rawat
- 2. Dr. U. S. Rawat, Vice-Chancellor
- 3. Prof. J.P. Bhatt
- 4. Prof. Ram Naresh
- 5. Shri V.M. Thapliyal
- 6. Prof.(Dr.) Madhu Singh
- 7. Dr. Puneet Ohri
- 8. Shri. Sandeep Sharma
- 9. Dr. Ajay Kumar Khanduri
- 10. Mr. Ashok Swami

- Chairman & Chancellor Nominee
- Member Secretary
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- Governor/Visitor Nominee
- Special Invitee
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Principal Secretary/Secretary, Department of Higher Education, Government of Uttarakhand, and UGC nominee, Shri J.K. Batish, Nominee of Governor/Visitor, Shri V.M. Chamola, Advisor to Chancellor, could not attend the meeting due to a prior engagement. However, Prof. R.C. Dangwal Nominee of Governor/Visitor joined the meeting via Video Conferencing. As per the direction of Hon'ble Chancellor, the Chairman of the Board of Governors nominated Prof.(Dr.) S. S. Rawat to Chair the 9<sup>th</sup> Board of Governors meeting of SGRR University on his behalf. Dr. Ajay Kumar Khanduri, Registrar and Shri Ashok Swami, 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, especially the external members for sparing their valuable time in joining the BoG meeting and thereafter he requested Prof. (Dr.) S. S. Rawat, Nominee of Chancellor, 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 expressed his sincere gratitude to Hon'ble Chancellor for providing him an opportunity to Chair the Board. The Chair welcomed all the members present and thanked them for giving their valuable time and presence in the meeting.

With the permission of the Chair, the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor and Member-Secretary apprised the members about the overall progress of the University, particularly in the area

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of academic, examination, research and innovative advancement, administration, finance, medical & health care, agricultural and social activities since last meeting of BoG that was held on 21<sup>st</sup> August 2022.

The Vice-Chancellor and Member Secretary of Board of Governors briefed on the following points:-

- 1. The number of students:- The Member Secretary informed that at present 9000 students are pursuing their studies in various disciplines in different Schools. In the year 2017 at the time of inception of the University approx. 1650 students were enrolled in the University and with the consistence effort of management, high-quality of education and the direction of the Hon'ble Chancellor, at present more than 9000 students are pursuing their studies the University and approx. 3500 students have successfully passed out from the University.
- 2. Faculty Status:- At present, University is having 440 faculty members including the School of Medical & Health Sciences against 476 sanctioned post. University is continuously making effort to fill the vacant faculty positions in the University and presently 70 new faculties have been appointed to the various post of Assistant/Associate/Professor in the University. All the appointments in various posts have been done as per the guidelines of UGC and other regulatory bodies keeping in view the eligibility, qualification, and experience and no compromise is made in selection of the faculty.
- **3. Non-Teaching Staff:-** At present over 800 staff members are appointed as permanent members of the University and approximately 4000 staff members are working as an outsourced employees in various departments of the University.
- 4. Research and innovation program:- During the period under report, University was able to achieve a revenue of approx. 235 lakhs through various Govt./Non-Govt. organizations like DST, UCOST, ICAR, CSAR, ICMAR, NCTE, Ministry of Science & Technology, the Ministry of Environment, USAP, etc. Recently, University has received projects from DST (approx Rs. 28 lakhs in the Dept. of Biotechnology) and project from the Pantnagar University (Rs. 4.5 lakh in the Dept. of Seed Science & Technology). The University is providing special benefits to the students & research scholars to promote the research & innovation program. Seed money of Rs 1 lakh is provided to faculty to initiate the research program and identified the local issues of the Uttarakhand. The faculty is also given Rs 1000/- per month as Research Grant to carry out their research work in the University.
- 5. Research Papers & Journals:- The University is having more than 1400 research papers published in various journals but after the screening as per UGC Care list, MOE, Scopus and in peer review journals, the University is having 735 research papers of high research impact. In terms of patents, the University has registered 40 Patents in the

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course of five years and out of that 8 patents have been awarded to our faculty members. Hence, University is making a constant effort and remarkable achievements in the field of the Research programme.

- **6. Placements of the University:-** The placement cell is actively engaged in providing jobs to the students and for the last two years approx. 300 students got placed in various organizations. The highest package received by the students is Rs. 12 lakh against the average pakage of Rs.6.0 lakh per student.
  - 7. School of Medical College and Hospital achievement:- Shri Mahant Inderesh Hospital and School of Medical & Health Sciences is doing a remarkable job in the field of Medical Education & Health Care by providing its services to the people of Uttarakhand and its adjoining state like Punjab, Haryana, Himachal Uttar Pradesh, Delhi etc. Shri Mahant Inderesh Hospital got the first rank as per the survey made by India Today in the year 2022 in Uttarakhand and 18<sup>th</sup> position in North India. The member-Secretary informed the house that recently Shri Mahant Inderesh Hospital of School of Medical & Health Sciences attained the milestone by receiving the certificate of recognition from the National Accreditation Board for Hospitals & Healthcare Providers (NABH).
- 8. Submission of NAAC SSR:- The University NAAC SSR is almost being prepared diligently and is in its final stage. The SSR will be submitted by the University in the first week of June 2023. Recently, a NAAC peer review committee has visited the University to scrutinize the SSR and based on their report University, NAAC Team members and seven Criteria In-Charges have incorporated all the suggestions recommended by them in order to attain the A++ grade in NAAC Assessment & Accreditation.
- **9. Submission of ICAR SSR:-** Similarly, the University ICAR SSR has been submitted & accepted by the ICAR, New Delhi and very soon the team from ICAR will visit the University.
- 10. Outreach Programme:- Various outreach program has been conducted by the University like Village Adoption, Safai Abhiyan, Vriksharopan Abhiyaan, Blood Donation Camp, etc. Recently, University has organized Kisan Mela for the farmers which turn out to be a grand success. The experts were invited by SGRR University in Kisan Mela from various Govt./Non-Govt organizations who had provided valuable suggestions and satisfied the quarries in a systematic manner. The Farmers praised the effort of the University. Such programmes are providing valuable information about the new scientific technology adopted for farming, benefits of organic farming, techniques to increase the production of crops, etc.
- 11. Infrastructure:- In terms of Infrastructural development, the University has upgraded all the labs, laboratory. Books and Equipment have been procured. Recently, in addition



to Above; Studio of Mass Communication, Museum for Kumauni & Garhwali language & culture and Agricultural Farm have been developed in the University in the recent.

- 12. Regional Centre in Kotdwar & Karanprayag region:- The Board was apprised about opening of a Paramedical College in Kotdwar to cater to the need of region. The NoC is awaited from Govt. of Uttarakhand. The proposal of opening a similar College in Karanprayag is in progress.
- 13. International Standard Organisation (ISO) 9001-2015 has certified the University Quality Management System according to their standards up to March 2026.

Thereafter, the Member Secretary requested Prof.(Dr.) S. S. Rawat, to Chair the meeting of the Board of Governors as nominated of Chancellor for this meeting. Chairman then shared his observation while visiting other Universities in the recent past. He apprised the Board that most of the Universities is not having the proper labs, sports fields, or sufficient land to expand the University and run its courses, whereas, at SGRR University, students get all the benefits required to enhance their overall personality. Another distinct feature of the SGRR University is the Faculty at the SGRR University which is quite qualified and experienced as per UGC norms. In addition to this, he added that the Management is committed to the regional development of the state in general & society in particular by providing the knowledge in different aspects like farming, beekeeping, nursery culture, medical & health.

Thereafter, the Member Secretary took the Agenda items for discussion before the Board of Governors.

S.No.	Agenda Items	Resolution
1.	To confirm Minutes of 8 <sup>th</sup> Meeting of Board of Governors held on 21 <sup>st</sup> May 2022	Hon'ble member Dr. Madhu Sing asked about the status of Minutes of 8 <sup>th</sup> BOG meeting Agenda item 1 i.e amendment in existing Rule 7(SI. No1 to 6 with the additional proposal). Rule 8 and SI.No.3 i.e definitions 2(1) of SGRR University First rule, 2018. It was informed that proposal has been sent to the State Govt and Fees Nirdhran Committee and it has been duly accepted and approved.  The Board confirmed the Minutes of 8 <sup>th</sup> Board of Governors held on 21 <sup>st</sup> May 2022.

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2. To consider the Action Taken Report on the Minutes of 8<sup>th</sup> Meeting of Board of Governors held on 21<sup>st</sup> May 2022.

Agenda 2 point No. 6- The house was informed that the suggestion given by the Board for policy of Code of conduct was duly implemented.

Agenda 2 point No. 7- The Board was informed that in the meeting of the Board of Management, the Board recommended to modify the H.R policy. therefore, it will be placed before the next BOM for approval. The house was also informed that now as per UGC nomenclature H.R. policy will be renamed as Service and Conduct Rules of SGRR Employees, 2023.

**Agenda 2 point No. 8-** The Board was informed that University Research policy has been prepared and implemented. The Innovation & Incubation Centre was established on 09<sup>th</sup> June 2022.

Agenda 2 Point No. 10 section (b)— The Board was informed that separate Admission policy has been framed and implemented for those Schools which were not under any Regulatory Body.

**Agenda 2 Point No. 11**– The house was informed that all the suggestion placed in 8<sup>th</sup> Board of Governors meeting were duly implemented by the University.

The Board of Governors has taken note and unanimously agreed to it with great appreciation.

3. To consider and approve the Minutes of 7th Board of Management Meeting held on 18th March 2023.

In brief the Board was informed that the main focus of members of Board of Management was on Research & Innovative programmes, Quality of the publications, integrated approach between the faculty and students to take up the burning topics of State or in the field of Higher Education. It was informed that regular effort is being put up by the University.

Agenda 3 Annual Report of the University and Annual Accounts, Balance Sheet and Audit Report of the University: - Detailed information on report of Annual Accounts, Balance sheet and Audit report of the University was provided by Mr. Ashok Swami (CFO of SGRR University) to the Board. The Board approved the Annual Accounts, Balance Sheet and Audit Report of the University Agenda with great appreciation.

Agenda Point 3 Approval of an appointment of Academic Director in SGRR University:- The Board was informed that under the provision of Statutes of the University under Section

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		22 para 4.02 (6d), the Competent Authority has appointed the Director (Academic) in the University. The Board suggested to identify the roles & responsibility of the Academic Director of the University vis a vis of Dean Academic which is already in existence in the University.
		Suggestion was provided that the responsibility of Dean and Director can be defined in terms of Administrative & Academic responsibilities. Dean Academic should be looking after the Academic Activities of the University whereas Director Academics will be looking after the responsibilities of Academic administration. The House agreed and it was resolve to formulate Standard operating procedure (SOP) which will define the roles & responsibilities of each staff member.  Therefore, the Board has taken a note and approved the Minutes of Board of Management held on 18 <sup>th</sup> March 2023.
4.	Reporting items: The reporting items for kind perusal and approval is placed before the Board:-(Annexure-4) (A) Minutes of 10 <sup>th</sup> Research Committee Meeting held on 14 <sup>th</sup> March 2023.	The House Unanimously approved the Minutes of 10 <sup>th</sup> Research Committee Meeting held on 14 <sup>th</sup> March 2023.

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5.	Any other items with the permission of the Chair (Annexure-5)  (a)Admission Detail of Academic Session 2022-2023.  (b) Admission	Agenda 5 point No. A & B- Admission details for the Academic year 2022-2023 of SGRR University and Admission Policy for the coming Academic Year 2023-2024 were placed before the house for kind perusal and approval. The house appreciates the effort made by the admission team, in the admission process for reaching the benchmark of admissions in the academic year, 2022-2023. The House Unanimously approved the admission policy for Academic Year 2023-2024 and gave their best wishes for the Admission of Academic Year 2023-24.
	Policy for Academic Session 2023-2024. (c)Approval of an	<b>Agenda 5 point No. C-</b> The Board was informed that new Registrar, Dr. Ajay Khanduri has been appointed in SGRR University w.e.f 06 <sup>th</sup> February 2023.
	appointment New Registrar in SGRR University.	The Board Congratulated the Registrar, Dr. Ajay Kumar Khanduri, and approve his appointment with great appreciation. The Registrar expressed his thanks to all the members of the Board of Governors and apprised all the members that as a Registrar his vision bring the SGRR University on top as the number one University in North India in the field of Education & its Infrastructure and list the University among top 100 <sup>th</sup> rank in National Institutional Ranking Framework (NIRF).
6.	Any other items – Suggestions by the Hon'ble Members:	<ul> <li>(a) All the members of the Board of Governors were of the opinion that the University should organized School level talk by the each Faculty members in their respective Schools and record of same is to maintained by the Dean, Schools.</li> <li>(b) University should start integrated B. Ed. programme (i.e, B.AB.Ed., B. ScB. Ed. And B. Com-B. Ed.) in School of Education.</li> </ul>
		(c) The Board was informed that every University is required to adopt two best practices in order to get NAAC Accreditation. The Challenge that arises while adopting the best practice is the fact that everyone has a different perspective on what is best. University may adopt the best practices of telemedicine, public-private partnership mode of managing a hospital in a remote hilly area, adopting the village, or adopting other practices that are considered as best practices in NAAC, but these practices may not be considered as best practices by NAAC since these practices have already been adopted by many University. Accordingly, it was decided by the Board of Governors that

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the University should show its two best practice from the School of Medical & Health Sciences and Agriculture in a Unique manner and should justify it.

- (d) Hon'ble member of Board of Governors, Prof. J. P. Bhatt suggested that emphasis to be given on Beautification of the Campus with proper landscaping, pot culture, Plantation in waste land, floriculture should be encourage by the University. The Board was informed that effort has already been done and proposal has been sent to Hon'ble Chancellor in this regards (i.e. on regarding Beautification, Landscaping and Waste Management etc.).
- (e) Hon'ble member of Board of Governors, Dr. Madhu Singh suggested that the University can adopt a unique practice of conducting Eminent Lecture series in memory of Hon'ble Shri Mahant Inderesh Charan Das Ji by connecting with the eminent speaker at the National & International level once a year particularly on the foundation day of the University.
- (f) A meeting of all the Deans to be conducted by the Vice-Chancellor once in a month to take note of the progress of the Schools in order to further improve the Academia of the University.

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

(Prof. (Dr.) U. S. Rawat)

**Member Secretary** 

(Prof. S. S. Rawat)

Chairman

Place: Patel Nagar Campus Date: 29<sup>th</sup> March 2023