

Shri Guru Ram Rai University

Patel Nagar, Dehradun-248001, Uttarakhand



**MINUTES OF FOURTH BOARD OF MANAGEMENT
MEETING
OF SGRR UNIVERSITY**

HELD ON

22nd NOVEMBER, 2019 AT 11:30 AM

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

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Chairman**

**[Prof. (Dr.) Manoj Rana]
Member-Secretary**

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The fourth meeting of Board of Management was held on 22.11.2019 at Seminar Room, SGRR University at 11:30 a.m. The following were present:-

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| 1. Prof. (Dr.) P.P. Dhyani, Vice Chancellor | - Chairman |
| 2. Dr. Harish Kohli, Orthopedic Surgeon, Dehradun | - Member |
| 3. Dr. A.K. Mehta, Dean, School of Medical Sciences | - Member |
| 4. Dr. Kunal Kishor, Dean I/C, School of Paramedical Sciences | - Member |
| 5. Dr. Seema Acharya | - Member |
| 6. Dr. Sashi Munjal | - Member |
| 7. Dr. Kumud Saklani | - Member |
| 8. Dr. A.K. Mehta | - Invitee |
| 9. Dr. Prof.(Dr.) Manoj Rana | - Non Member Secretary |

Principal Secretary/Secretary, Dept. Higher Education, Government of Uttarakhand, Dr. Jagdish Kishwan, IFS, and Dr. Durgesh Pant could not attend the meeting due to prior engagements.

Welcome Address:-

The meeting began with a formal address by Honourable Vice Chancellor, Chairman of the Board of Management, Dr. P.P. Dhyani. He welcomed all the members for their participation in the Fourth Board of Management meeting and presented the highlights of progress of the last one year since the last meeting held on 30th November 2018:

- (i) University conducted first Academic Audit by external experts;
- (ii) Published the first Vision Document 2020-30;
- (iii) Published First Annual Report and sent to the Visitor, the Hon'ble Governor of Uttarakhand;
- (iv) Complied the First Annual Accounts and Audit Report (2017-18) and sent to the Visitor and the State Government fulfilling the legal obligations as per the provisions of University Acts and Statutes;
- (v) Conducted 9 meetings of statutory bodies including 2 meetings of Board of Governors;

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- (vi) Successfully conducted UGC inspection held from 6th-8th March, 2019 which made 22 observations about - (a) membership of a prestigious University like Himalyan University, a consortium of 62 top class Universities of the world; (b) vision documents 2020-30, (iii) fully efficient and transparent exam system; (iv) mention of strong foundation vis-à-vis commitment towards legal & academic obligations. As against this, the team gave only 8 suggestions for compliance etc;
- (vii) UGC recognition to SGRR University in May, 2019;
- (viii) 16 examinations were conducted during last one year.

Thereafter, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor introduced Dr. Manoj Rana who has recently joined as Registrar of SGRR University which also happens to be the non Member Secretary of University Board of Management and requested the house to help and support him in smooth conduct of the affairs of the University.

Dr. Manoj Rana welcomed the members and briefed the members about the agenda before the house.

Agenda -1: Confirmation of Minutes of 3rd Meeting of Board of Management held on 30th November, 2018.

The Minutes of the meeting of 3rd Board of Management of Shri Guru Ram Rai University, held on 30th November, 2018, were placed before the house for confirmation.

Honourable Vice Chancellor informed the house that almost all the decisions taken in the last meeting were properly documented and incorporated in the minutes. The members went through the minutes and granted their confirmation.

Resolution: The house unanimously confirmed the minutes of the meeting of Board of Management held on 30th November, 2018.

Agenda -2: Action Taken Report on the Minutes of last meeting of Board of Management held on 30th November, 2018.

The Action Taken Report was subjected to scrutiny before the house. The Chair briefed the house about the implementation of various decisions that were unanimously agreed to in the last meeting of Board of Management held on 30th November 2018.

Resolution: The house expressed satisfaction on the action taken report on the minutes of the last Board of Management held on 30th November, 2018.

Agenda -3: Consideration and approval of Annual Report (2018-19) of the University.

A copy of University Annual Report 2018-19 duly approved by the Academic Council in its 3rd meeting was placed before the house. Hon'ble Vice Chancellor informed the members that

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University is legally bound to send the report to the Visitor, the Honourable Governor of Uttarakhand and to the State Government at the end of every calendar year after approval of Board of Management and Board of Governors of the University. The highlights of Report were:

1. MCI approval for additional 34 MD/MS seats;
2. School of Medical Sciences got the Best Medical College Prize from Divya Himgri Foundation;
3. Conducted first Academic Audit by external experts which helped University in preparation for UGC inspection;
4. 11 examinations were conducted;
5. 12 statutory body meetings, including University Task Force meeting, were held;
6. 06 Statutory committees constituted;
7. 07 MoUs were signed with national & international institutions of repute;
8. 18 Seminars/workshops/conferences conducted;
9. More than 862 students enrolled in MOOCs in SWAYAM platform of UGC;
10. Publication of 385 Research papers in peer-reviewed journals by the Scholars/faculties;
11. Ph.D. programme introduced in 3 new disciplines; and,
12. Successfully conducted UGC inspection during 6th -8th March 2019; UGC ratified the recommendation of 11 members high powered inspection team representing 07 statutory councils/bodies in its 541 meeting held on 13th June, 2019 recognizing SGRR University.

All the members lauded the University officials for their efforts since the last meeting of Board of Management held on 30th November 2018.

Resolution: Annual Report of the University was unanimously approved.

Agenda -4: Consideration and approval of Annual Accounts, Balance Sheet and Audited Report (2018-19) of the University.

The Annual Accounts and Audit Report (FY 2018-19) duly approved by the University Finance Committee in its last meeting held on 15th November, 2019 was taken up for consideration and endorsement of the house. The Chair reminded the house that as per provisions of SGRR University Act, it is mandatory to send audited report, balance sheet and statement of annual accounts to the Visitor of the University and the State Government before 31st December, 2019. While analyzing the financial performance of last fiscal, Honourable Vice Chancellor announced in the house that the University generated a total revenue of Rs. 250.48 crores in FY 2018-19 as against Rs. 211.35 in FY 2017-18 – an increase of 19%; while the total expenses incurred during the period were Rs. 209.79 Crores (in FY 2018-19) and Rs. 202.50 crores (in FY 2017-18) – an increase of only 4%. Thus, the University generated net surplus of Rs. 40.67 crores as against Rs.

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8.85 cores in FY 2017-18 inviting a laud up laugh from the members mainly by (a) minimizing the expenditure by capping unnecessary expenses; (b) optimizing the resources, and (c) maximizing the revenues by starting many new courses - necessary for attaining financial sustainability of an institution.

All the members appreciated the steps taken towards attaining financial sustainability.

Resolution: The house unanimously approved the Annual Accounts, Balance Sheet & Audited Report (FY 2018-19) of the University.

Agenda -5: Consideration of Appeal filed by Prof. (Dr.) Preeti Kothiyal u/s 35 of SGRR University Act, 2016.

Honourable Vice Chancellor dissociated himself for this agenda as Prof. (Dr.) Preeti Kothiyal filed appeal under section 35 of SGRR University Act, 2016 against the order of Vice Chancellor who is member of the University Board of Management.

At this point, non Member Secretary, Dr. Manoj Rana resuming the proceedings, requested Dr. A.K. Mehta to express his views and comments on the issue. Initiating the discussion, Dr. Mehta requested the members to go through the appeal and offer their expert comments.

Taking part in the discussion, Dr. Harish Kohli requested Dr. A.K. Mehta to summarize the case just to save the valuable time of the house. To this, Dr. Mehta did explain the members that before the establishment of University in April 2017, Dr. Preeti Kothiyal was Professor and Principal, College of Pharmaceutical Sciences, and, as the first Vice Chancellor could join in the month of October, 2018, she was given the additional charge of Pro Vice Chancellor of SGRR University for the period of one year w.e.f. 1st July, 2017 which was not extended as she did not apply for the same. Thereafter, the Management of the University decided to discontinue the post of Pro Vice Chancellor. As a result, Dr. Preeti Kothiyal was reverted back as Professor & Dean of the School of Pharmaceutical Sciences, a constituent of SGRR University.

At this point, Dr. Harish Kohli suggested that the University should explore legal course of action. To this, Dr. A.K. Mehta apprised the members of the fact that the post of Pro Voce Chancellor was not a permanent post as per SGRR University Act. Dr. Kumud Saklani was of the opinion that the appeal should be rejected on this count and added that, once the Vice Chancellor joined the University, there was no need to continue the post of Pro Vie Chancellor. However, Dr. Mehta suggested that it would sound biased if the University rejects the appeal outright. He was of the opinion that University should give a proper reply through the Registrar. His suggestion was accepted by all the members.

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Resolution: It was unanimously agreed that a proper reply be sent to Dr. Preet Kothiyal through Registrar.

Reporting Items-6:-

In addition to the above, the house also took note of the following 13 meeting of the University statutory bodies:-

- Approval of University from UGC u/s 2(f) of UGC Act, 1956
- Report on Research;
- Report on Examination;
- Minutes of 3rd Board of Management meeting held on 30/11/2018;
- Minutes of 3rd Board of Governors meeting held on 22/12/2018;
- Minutes of 4th Research Committee meeting held on 19/02/2019;
- Minutes of 3rd Academic Council meeting held on 20/02/2019;
- Minutes of 4th Board of Governors meeting held on 16/03/2019;
- Minutes of 5th Research Committee meeting held on 03/09/2019;
- Minutes of 4th Board of Examination meeting held on 30/09/2019;
- Minutes of 4th Fee Committee meeting held on 31/10/2019;
- Minutes of 4th Academic Council meeting held on 09/11/2019;
- MoU with Himalayan Garhwal University (HGU) signed on 14/11/2019;
- Minutes of 3rd Finance Committee meeting held on 15/11/2019.

Any other point -7:

Dr. Seema Acharya drew the attention of the Chair about importance of having organic farming as suggested in the last meeting. She was informed that School of Agriculture Sciences has already started organic farming. Every month meeting of University Committee on Agriculture are being conducted. Dr. A.K. Mehta cited the case of two meetings of University convened by Honourable Chancellor at Darbar Saheb where only organic food prepared from the produce of University farms was served. Dr. Harish Kohli suggested that there should be an outlet for others to get the benefit of the produce.

Vote of Thanks:

Non-Member Secretary, Dr. Manoj Rana thanked all the members for sparing their valuable time and active participation in the meeting.

There being no other point, the meeting was declared to be over.

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