

Minutes of 33rd Meeting of Academic Council held on 23rd January, 2024 at 11.00 A.M. under the Chairmanship of Prof. Shashi Kumar Dhiman, Vice Chancellor, H.P. Technical University at Hamirpur

The 33rd meeting of Academic Council was held on 23rd January, 2024 at 11.00 AM in the Conference Hall of Himachal Pradesh Technical University, Hamirpur. The Following members were present: -

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| 1. | Prof. Jai Dev,
Dean (Academic and Planning & Development)
H.P. Technical University, Hamirpur (HP) | Member |
| 2. | Prof. Deepak Bansal,
Director-cum-Principal,
Rajiv Gandhi Govt. Engineering College Kangra,
at Nagrota Bagwan, Distt. Kangra-176047 (HP) | Member |
| 3. | Prof. Himanshu Monga,
Director-cum-Principal,
HPTU Off Campus Hydro Engineering College Bandla,
Distt. Bilaspur (HP) | Member |
| 4. | Prof. S.P. Guleria
The Director-cum-Principal,
Jawahar Lal Nehru Govt. Engineering College,
Sundernagar, Distt. Mandi (HP) | Member |
| 5. | Prof. Manoj Kumar Sharma
Deptt. of Physics,
Thapar Institute of Engineering & Technology
Patiala (Punjab) | Member |
| 6. | Shri Kamal Dev Singh Kanwar,
Registrar,
H.P. Technical University,
Hamirpur 177 001 (H.P.) | Member
Secretary |

The following members attended the meeting through online mode: -

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| 1. | Prof. Lalit Awasthi,
Director, NIT Utrakhand | Member |
| 2. | Prof. Rakesh Kumar,
Director-cum-Principal,
HPTU Off Campus Mahatma Gandhi Govt. Engineering
College, Kotla (Jeori) | Member |
| 3. | Prof. Vinay Thakur,
Director-cum-Principal,
Govt. Pharmacy College, Rakkar
Kangra (HP) | Member |



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| 4. | Prof. Vivek Sharma
Director-cum-Principal,
Govt. Pharmacy College,
Rohru, Distt. Shimla (HP) | Member |
| 5. | Sh. Rajul Asthana
B-181, Sainikpuri,
3 rd Avenue new 5 th Avenue Bakery,
Secunderabad (TS) -500094 | Member |
| 6. | Prof. L.Raju,
Director-cum-Principal,
Govt. Pharmacy College,
Seraj, Distt. Mandi (HP) | Member |

The following members could not attend the meeting due to their pre-engagements: -

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| 1. | Prof. Manish Vashistha,
Department of Electronic & Communication Engineering
J.C. Bose University of Science and Engineering
YMCA, Faridabad (Haryana)- 121006 | Member |
| 2. | Director-cum-Principal,
Atal Bihari Vajpayee Govt. Institute of Engineering &
Technolgy, Pragatinagar, Distt. Shimla (HP) | Member |

Statement of the Chairman: -

At the outset, the Chairman welcomed all the members and thanked them for sparing their valuable time to attend the meeting. The Chairman highlighted different activities undertaken by the University from time to time.

Thereafter, the Chairman requested the Registrar-cum-Member Secretary of Academic Council to take the agenda items. Accordingly, the items were taken up, discussed and following decisions were taken thereof: -

Item No. 33.1 To confirm the minutes of 32nd meeting of Academic Council held on 20th September, 2023 at Himachal Pradesh Technical University

The minutes of 32nd Meeting of the Academic Council of Himachal Pradesh Technical University held on 20th September, 2023 under the Chairmanship of Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, Himachal Pradesh Technical University were considered and confirmed by the Academic Council.



NEW ITEMS

- Item No. 33.2** To consider and approve the Inter-College and Inter-University Migration Cases in the Himachal Pradesh Technical University and its affiliated colleges

The Academic Council approved the list of 13 students of under-graduate courses of various programmes (placed as **Annexure-II, Ref. Page No. 19 of Agenda**) who have been allowed Inter-college and Inter-University migration by the Vice Chancellor, Himachal Pradesh Technical University, Hamirpur in exercise of powers vested in him under Clause 2.12 of Ordinance No. 2 "Power of Relaxation" of Himachal Pradesh Technical University.

- Item No. 33.3** To consider and approve proceedings of the meeting of the Board of Affiliation for grant of affiliation in favour of Gautam College of Pharmacy, Hamirpur for M. Pharmacy (Pharmaceutical Chemistry) course for the academic session 2023-24

The Academic Council considered and approved the proceedings of the meeting of the Board of Affiliation of Himachal Pradesh Technical University held on 26th September, 2023 (placed as **Annexure-III, Ref. Page No. 20 and 21 of Agenda**) under the Chairmanship of Prof. Jai Dev, Dean (Academic/USS), H.P. Technical University, Hamirpur. On the recommendations of the Board of Affiliation, the Academic Council allowed the Himachal Pradesh Technical University to grant provisional affiliation in favour of Gautam College of Pharmacy, Hamirpur for M.Pharmacy (Pharmaceutical Chemistry) with an intake of 15 seats for the academic session 2023-24 (as per PCI approval) under clause 9, Chapter-II, Himachal Pradesh Technical University Act, 2014 "Power of Affiliation" subject to fulfillment of all conditions laid down under Clauses 6 and 7 of the Chapter-IV, Ordinance No. 61 "Affiliation/Recognition of College & Institutions" of Himachal Pradesh Technical University.

- Item No. 33.4** To consider and approve proceedings of the meeting of the Board of Affiliation in respect of Vaishno College of Engineering, Vill. Thapkour, Tehsil Nurpur, District Kangra (H.P) to start engineering Undergraduate courses for working professionals in the disciplines of Computer Science & Engineering, Electrical Engineering and Civil Engineering for the academic session 2023-24

The Academic Council considered and approved the proceedings of the meeting of the Board of Affiliation held on 31st October, 2023 (placed as **Annexure-IV, Ref. Page No. 22 and 23 of Agenda**) under the Chairmanship of Prof. Jai Dev, Dean (Academic/USS), H.P. Technical University. On the recommendations of the Board of Affiliation, the Academic Council approved the following additional seats/intake in favour of Vaishno College of Engineering, Thakpaur, Tehsil Nurpur, District Kangra for the working professionals in the disciplines of Computer Science & Engineering, Electrical Engineering and Civil Engineering for the academic session 2023-24 subject to the fulfillment of the conditions laid down by the AICTE for the conduct of the course for working professionals for the academic session 2023-24:-



Programme	Level	Course	Intake
B.Tech.	UG	Computer Science & Engineering	30
	UG	Electrical Engineering	30
	UG	Civil Engineering	30

The Academic Council further approved that the approval of the aforementioned seats shall be over and above of the approved intake in a course and shall be supernumerary as per AICTE File No. North-West/1-3403081/LoA_WP dated 17.10.2023 addressed to the Principal Secretary, Education Department, H.P. Secretariat, Shimla and copy to the Director-cum-Principal, Vaishno College of Engineering, Thapkour, District Kangra (H.P.). In addition, the Academic Council also approved that the approval shall further be subject to the conditions recommended by the Board of Affiliation mentioned in the its proceedings dated 31st October, 2023.

Item No. 33.5 To consider and approve proceedings of the meeting of the committee constituted to evaluate the proposals received from the affiliated institutions to establish Research Centres of H.P. Technical University for Ph.D programme

After detailed deliberations, the Academic Council approved the proceedings of the meeting of the committee held on 31st October, 2023 (placed as **Annexure-V, Ref. Page No. 24 and 25 of Agenda**), which was constituted by the Himachal Pradesh Technical University, Hamirpur to evaluate proposals received from affiliated institutions to establish Research Centre of Himachal Pradesh Technical University for Ph.D. programme.

Thorough discussions were held and the Academic Council approved the guidelines recorded in its proceedings dated 31st October, 2023 as proposed by the committee for recognizing Research Centre.

The Academic Council also allowed to establish Himachal Pradesh University Research Centre with institutions of Ph.D. Programme in Engineering in Jawaharlal Nehru Government Engineering College, Sundernagar, District Mandi and Government Hydro Engineering College, Bandla, District Bilaspur (H.P.) It was also approved to frame/prepare detailed ordinance/regulations for Ph.D. Programme in Engineering keeping in view the guidelines/norms of the University Grants Commission, New Delhi by the committee authorized to be constituted by the Vice Chancellor, Himachal Pradesh Technical University.

Item No. 33.6 To consider and approve one-time relaxation in condition of progression to higher semester under clause 15 & 16 of B. Pharmacy Regulation 2014 of Pharmacy Council of India for the batch of 2021-22

The Academic Council considered and approved one-time relaxation granted by the Himachal Pradesh Technical University vide letter No. HPTU-3(Acad)PCI-Vol-II-6976 dated 17th November, 2023 and No. HimTu-3(Acad)PCI-Vol-7029 dated 18th November, 2023 (placed as **Annexure-X and XI, Ref. Page No. 34 and 35 of Agenda**) in condition of progression to higher semester under Clause 15 and 16 of B. Pharmacy Regulation of Pharmacy Council of India for the batch of 2021-22.

Item No. 33.7 To consider and approve appointment of Ombudsperson and constitution of Students' Grievances Redressal Committee (SGRC) in accordance with clause 5 & 6 of the University Grants Commission (Redressal of Grievances of Students) Regulations, 2023

Keeping in view the University Grants Commission (Redressal of Grievances of Students) Regulations 2023 notified in the official Gazettes of India on 11th April, 2023 (copy placed as **Annexure-III, Ref. Page No. 36 to 41 of Agenda**), the Academic Council approved the appointment of Prof. Harinder K. Chaudhary (Former Vice-Chancellor, CSK, HPKV, Palampur) s/o Shri Bishan Dass Chaudhary, VPO Mahadev, Tehsil Sundernagar, District Mandi 175 018 (Mobile No. 9418193715, Email ID: mctlhkc@gmail.com) as Ombudsperson offered by the Himachal Pradesh Technical University, Hamirpur, District Hamirpur (H.P.) vide Notification No. HPTU-1(GA)D-10/2013-Vol-II-7274-7283 (copy placed as **Annexure-XIV, Ref. Page No. 43 of agenda**) for redressal of grievances of students of the University and its affiliated colleges/institutions for a period of three years or until he attains the age of 70 years, whichever is earlier.


The Academic Council also recommended that a sum of Rs. 3,000/- per day for per hearing/meeting subject to maximum of Rs. 5,000/- per day irrespective of number of hearings/meetings in a day and travelling allowance as per HPTU norms may be allowed to be paid to the Ombudsperson and this matter may be placed in the ensuing meeting of the Finance Committee of Himachal Pradesh Technical University for consideration and approval please.

Item No. 33.8 To consider and approve the amount spent under Student Amalgamated Fund for industrial visit for the students of all the courses of University Schools of Studies, HPTU Hamirpur and HPTU Off Campus Business School at Rajiv Gandhi Govt. Engineering College Kangra at Nagrota Bagwan, Distt. Kangra (HP)

The Academic Council went through the Himachal Pradesh Technical University Notification No. HimTU-2(GA)C-3/2011-2544-55 dated 22.03.2021 (copy placed as **Annexure-XVII, Ref. Page No. 46 of Agenda**) and No. HimTU-2(GA)C-3/2011-2556-67 dated 22.03.2021 (copy placed as **Annexure- XVIII, Ref. Page No. 47 of Agenda**) and after detailed discussions approved that in future only 50% travel expenses on economy basis shall be borne by the Himachal Pradesh Technical University, Hamirpur from the amalgamated fund for the students of Himachal Pradesh University Campus, Daruhi and HPTU Off Campus Business School at Rajiv Gandhi Government Engineering College, Kangra at Nagrota Bagwan for industrial/educational tour in and outside the State.

The Academic Council also approved that in case the educational/industrial tour is a part of course curriculum, whole travel expenses on this account shall be borne by the concerned students and accompanying teaching faculty shall be paid TA/DA as per Government/HPTU norms.

Item No. 33.9 To consider and approve revised break period for the faculty of University School of Studies (USS) of Himachal Pradesh Technical University Campus at Daruhi and HPTU off Campus Business School at RGEC, Nagrota Bagwan, Distt. Kangra (H.P.)



After detailed discussions, the Academic Council approved that seven days' break between two semesters as earlier approved in the 31st meeting of Academic Council under item No. 31.16 may be continued to be given to the faculty engaged in HPTU Off Campus Business School at Rajiv Gandhi Government Engineering College, Nagrota Bagwan and University School of Studies of Himachal Pradesh Technical University Campus at Daruhi.

Item No. 33.10 To consider and approve modified proforma of application for grant of affiliation/ continuation of affiliation of various courses for the Academic Session-2024-25

The Academic Council approved the revised (minor modifications) proforma of application (placed as **Annexure-XXII, Ref. Page No. 53 to 60 of Agenda**) for grant of affiliation/continuation of affiliation of various existing/new courses for the Academic Session-2024-25 prepared in accordance with the latest norms of the Regulatory Bodies and directed to include/incorporate/replace the following at Sr.No. mentioned against each in the modified proforma of application for grant of affiliation/continuation of affiliation:-

Sr. No.	Particulars to be added/replaced	Particulars to be added as Sr. No.
1	NBA	7(C)
2	MOOC/NPTEL/Swayam Courses	8(D)
3	No. of court cases of land and their status	9(A)
4	Internet line (minimum 2 Mbps) to be replaced with Internet Line (minimum 1 Gbps)	24 (1)
5	Data related to implementation of Scholarship Schemes	25

Item No. 33.11 To consider and approve amendments in the clause 9 (ii) of Ordinance No. 61 (Affiliation and Recognition of Colleges and Institutions) of Himachal Pradesh Technical University, Hamirpur

The University approved minor amendments in Clause 9 (ii) of Ordinance No. 61 (Affiliation and Recognition of Colleges and Institutions) of Himachal Pradesh Technical University, Hamirpur as mentioned hereunder:-

Existing	Approved
The Inspection Committee shall be constituted by the Dean (Academic) as specified in Schedule-III with the approval of the Vice-Chancellor. The Inspection Committee shall visit the college and verify the correctness of the particulars furnished by the college in the application and ascertain whether all the affiliation conditions as laid down by the First Ordinances Page 216 University are satisfied. The committee shall submit its report to the	The Peer Team shall be constituted by the Dean (Academic) as specified in Schedule-III with the approval of the Vice-Chancellor. The Peer Team shall visit the college and verify the correctness of the particulars furnished by the college in the application and ascertain whether all the affiliation conditions as laid down by the First Ordinances Page 216 University are satisfied. The Peer Team shall submit its report to the University in the prescribed Performa duly signed by all the members. In



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- Item No. 33.12 To consider and approve the supernumerary seats in the admission of various Undergraduate and Postgraduate courses of Himachal Pradesh Technical University Campus at Daruhi for the ward of Himachal Pradesh Technical University Employee and to withdraw the decision of item No. 30.09 of 30th meeting of Academic Council held on 15th September, 2022**

The Academic Council approved to withdraw the earlier decision taken under item No. 30.09 in its 30th meeting held on 15th September, 2022. The matter regarding two supernumerary seats was discussed in detail and after thorough deliberation and discussions, the Academic Council approved one supernumerary seat in all UG and PG courses offered by the Himachal Pradesh Technical University in its University School of Studies at Hamirpur (H.P.) for the wards of permanent/regular employees provided the candidate fulfils the minimum eligibility criteria and claims that he/she belongs to employee ward category in the Application Form.

The Academic Council decided that full tuition fee will be waived off for the ward of employees admitted on merit basis against supernumerary seat. The Academic Council also decided that in case a ward of permanent/regular employees gets seat through direct entry on merit basis within the sanctioned intake in UG and PC courses offered by the University in University School of Studies, Himachal Pradesh Technical University, full tuition fee will also be waived off for such ward.

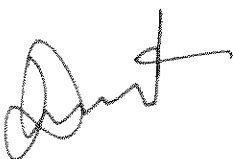
The Academic Council recommended that the matter for waving off full tuition fee for the ward of employees as mentioned above may be placed in the ensuing meeting of the Finance Committee for consideration and approval.

- Item No. 33.13 To consider and approve to re-designate Guest Faculty of University School of Studies (USS) of Himachal Pradesh Technical University Campus at Daruhi and HPTU Off Campus Business School at RGEC, Nagrota Bagwan, Distt. Kangra (H.P.) engaged on consolidated basis/lecture basis to Assistant Professor (on lecture basis)**

The item was deferred.

- Item No. 33.14 To consider and approve the proposed Grading System/Structure of Himachal Pradesh Technical University, Hamirpur**

The Academic Council approved the proposed Grading System/Structure (Absolute Grading) as placed Annexure-XXIII, Ref. Page No. 61 to 63 of Agenda) by replacing the words "incomplete/detained due to shortage of attendance" with "incomplete/detained due to shortage of attendance and assessment".



Item No. 33.15 To consider and approve the detailed list of students who will be awarded degree/medals (Gold & Silver) in the convocation

The Academic Council approved the list of students (placed as **Annexure-XXIV Ref. Page No. 64 to 200 of Agenda**) prepared by the Controller of Examination duly countersigned by the Registrar and Vice Chancellor, who are eligible to receive the degrees under the respective Schools of Himachal Pradesh Technical University and its affiliated institutions after the publication of the result of various examination conducted by the University in the months of December, 2022 and May, 2023.

Item No. 33.16 To accord ex-post facto approval for the panels constituted by the Himachal Pradesh Technical University for setting of question papers for various courses (UG&PG) for the period from December 2020 to December 2023

The Academic Council accorded ex-post facto approval for the panels of paper setters constituted by the Himachal Pradesh Technical University, Hamirpur for setting up of question papers for various UG and PG courses for the period from December, 2020 to December, 2023, which was placed as **Annexure XXV**.

Item No. 33.17 Any other item with the permission of the Chair

Item No. 33.17.1 To consider and approve amendments in the guidelines for faculty recruitment of affiliated unaided institutions (Private and Self Financed Government Institutions)

The Academic Council approved the revised guidelines for faculty recruitment of affiliated unaided institutions (Private and self finance Government Institutions) placed as **Annexure-III, Ref. Page No. 9-12 of Agenda**).

Item No. 33.17.2 To consider and approve the proceedings/recommendations/minutes of meeting of the committee constituted to establish equivalency of B.Tech. Civil Engineering curriculum of Himachal Pradesh Technical University i.e. Old Syllabus/New Syllabus with Choice Based Credit System (CBCS) in favour of the left out students who could not complete their degree within stipulated time period

After detailed discussions, the Academic Council approved the proceedings of the meeting (placed as **Annexure-IV, Ref. Page No. 13 of Agenda**) of the committee constituted by the Himachal Pradesh Technical University whose meeting was held on 20th January, 2024 to establish equivalence of B.Tech. Civil Engineering curriculum of Himachal Pradesh Technical University i.e. Old Syllabus/New Syllabus with Choice Based Credit System (CBCS) in favour of the left out students who could not complete their degree within the stipulated time period.

Item No. 33.17.3 To consider and approve the proceedings/recommendations/minutes of the meetings of Boards



The Academic Council approved the proceedings/recommendations/minutes of Board of Studies for following courses:-

- 1 Dual Degree Programme of Bachelor of Science & Master of Science (BS-MBA) {BS Honor's Major in Management Science and Minor in Computer Science, MBA} placed as **Annexure-V (Ref. Page No. 14 and 75 of Agenda)**
- 2 Dual Degree Programme of Bachelor of Science & Master of Science (BS-MS {BS Honor's Major in Computer Science and Minor in Management Science, MS in Computer Science} placed as **Annexure-VI, (Ref. Page No. 76 to 119 of Agenda)**

**Item No.
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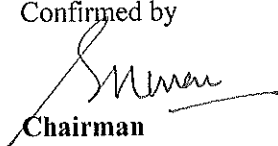
To consider and approve the detail of indent/items required for 2nd and 4th semester practical of Bachelor of Hotel Management & Catering Technology Course

The Academic Council approved the details of indent/items (placed as **Annexure VII, Ref. Page No. 120 to 165 of Agenda**) required for smooth conduct of 2nd and 4th semester practical of students studying in Bachelor of Hotel Management & Catering Technology course offered by the Himachal Pradesh Technical University in its School of Studies at Daruhi, District Hamirpur (H.P.) from the academic session 2018-2019.

The meeting ended with a Vote of Thanks to and from the Chair


**Member Secretary
Academic Council**

Confirmed by


**Chairman
Academic Council**