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Dear Sir/Madam

Sub: *Minutes of the 1st Meeting of AC-Reg.*

Kindly find attached herewith the Minutes of the 1st Meeting of the Academic Council of the Central University of Himachal Pradesh held on 10th July 2010 at 2:00PM at the India International Centre (IIC), New Delhi. Hard copy of the Minutes are also being sent to you by speed post.

Since the 1st meeting of the Executive Council is scheduled to be held on 24th July 2010, I request that comments, if any may please be sent by email at (vc.cuhimachal@gmail.com) at the earliest. If no comments are received, within a week, the Minutes may be taken as confirmed.

With Kind Regards,

Yours Sincerely

(Furqan Qamar)

To:

All Members of the Academic Council

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**Minutes of the 1st Meeting of the Academic Council
held on 10th July 2010, 2.00 PM
at India International Centre (IIC), New Delhi – 110 003**

1st Meeting of the Academic Council of the Central University of Himachal Pradesh (CUHP) was held on 10th July 2010 at 2:00 PM in Committee Room No. 4, India International Centre (IIC) Annexe.

1. The following Members attended the Meeting:
 1. Professor Furqan Qamar, Chairman
 2. Professor Devi Singh
 3. Professor Kamal Singh
 4. Professor Sudhanshu Bhushan
 5. Professor Syam Menon
 6. Professor Pulin B. Nayak
 7. Professor Tapati Basu
 8. Professor Mohd. Miyan
 9. Professor M. D. Tiwari
 10. Professor B.B. Dhar
 11. Professor Y. Narsimhulu
 12. Sh. Surabh Srivastava
 13. Professor R.S. Dubey
 14. Professor Ramesh C Sharma
 15. Professor Anil K Singh
2. The following members could not attend the meeting due their pre-occupations and prior commitment and were granted leave of absence:
 1. Professor Deepak Pental
 2. Professor M. Shamim Jairajpuri
 3. Professor Peter Ronald de'Souza
 4. Professor Faizan Ahmad
 5. Professor V.C. Pande
 6. Professor Vibha Chaturvedi
3. The Vice Chancellor welcomed and introduced the Members of first Academic Council. He appraised the members about the initiatives taken and progress made in the development of the University after the joining of the Vice Chancellor on 20th January, 2010.

The Vice Chancellor apprised the Members of the MHRD decision that the Central University of Himachal Pradesh (CUHP) will have its Headquarter in Dharamshala and will have two campuses one at Dehra and another at Dharamshala. He also reported about the setting-up of Camp Office at Writers' Home at Dharamshala and proposal for starting academic activities from the temporary campus for which a newly constructed Government College building at Shahpur has been allotted to the University by the Government of Himachal Pradesh.

Highlighting the priorities of the University, the Vice Chancellor elaborated upon the initiative of evolving the Vision document and Strategic Plan of the University and put on record the deep gratitude and appreciation to all the eminent educationists and experts who participated in the brainstorming session which was held on 15th and 16th April, at Shimla to discuss Vision document.

He also briefed about the release of funds by the UGC, submission of annual report, appointment of staff on deputation/contractual basis and annual plan presentation before the UGC.

After this, the Agenda was taken up for discussion.

ITEMS FOR REPORTING

Item 1.1 Matters pertaining to the Establishment of the University:

The Central University of Himachal Pradesh has been established by the Central Universities Act 2009 (No. 25 of 2009), which received the assent of the President on 20th March 2009. Objectives, Salient Features and Powers of the University are specified in the Act. A copy of the Central Universities Act 2009, as notified in the Official Gazette is annexed herewith (Annexure 1.1A)

(a) Appointment and joining of the first Vice Chancellor: Professor Furqan Qamar was appointed as the first Vice Chancellor of the University vide MHRD letter No. F.42-2/2009-Desk(U) dt 8th December 2009. The Vice Chancellor assumed charge on 20th January 2010 and the University became functional w.e.f. 20th January, 2010 at Dharamshala with its headquarters.

(b) Constitution of the first Executive Council: The first Executive Council of the University has been constituted by the Government of India, vide MHRD letter No. F. 42-4/2009-Desk(U) dt 5th April 2010 for a term of three years with immediate effect (Annexure 1.1B)

(c) Constitution of the first Academic Council: The first Academic Council of the University has been constituted by the Government of India vide MHRD letter No. F.42-4/2009-Desk(U) dt 26th April, 2010 for a term of three years with immediate effect (Annexure 1.1C).

The Academic Council noted the information

Item 1.2 Progress in Transfer of land for the Permanent Campuses of the University:

Central Site Selection Committee visited on 20th - 21st February 2001 to examine and make recommendations on the suitability of two sites proposed

by the State Government in Dharamshala and Dehra, both in the District Kangra of Himachal Pradesh.

Report of the Committee has since been accepted by the Government of India and communicated to the State Government vide MHRD letter No F.42-24/2009-Desk (U) dt. 23rd April, 2010 (Annexure 1.2A). Accordingly, it has been decided that the headquarter of the University shall be Dharamshala and that the University will have two campuses at Dharamshala and Dehra.

The State Government has, since then, informed of its decision to the District Administration for handing over the identified land in Dehra and Dharamshala to the Central University of Himachal Pradesh. District Administration is presently preparing necessary papers for the demarcation of boundaries, diversion of forest land and transfer of land to the Central University of Himachal Pradesh - nearly 150 Acres in Dharamshala and 500-893 Acres in Dehra.

The Academic Council expressed its satisfaction over the progress and noted the information

Item 1.3 Progress relating to Temporary Offices/Temporary Campuses

(a) Temporary Offices of the University: Sanskriti Sadan (Writers' Home) in Dharamshala was identified by the State Government as Residence-cum-Office of the Vice Chancellor. Since the offices of the University was to be made functional at the earliest and no suitable building could be made available for the purpose, it was decided to use the Sanskriti Sadan as the Temporary/Camp Office of the University. The building has since been suitably furnished to be used as temporary offices of the Vice Chancellor, OSDs, Administration and Finance and a Committee Room. The furnishing has been done. Permanent fixture and alteration in the building have been avoided and the university has chosen movable and modular furniture.

(b) Temporary Building for the Academic Activities of the University: Since a suitable building could not be identified in Dharamshala for starting academic activities, pending the development of purpose-built infrastructure, the University has agreed to commence its academic activities from the new college building in Shahpur (approximately 17 Kms from Dharamshala, towards Pathankot) offered by the State Government. University is in the process of taking over the possession of and suitably furnishing the building for academic Activities.

The Academic Council expressed its satisfaction over the progress made by the University and noted the same.

Item 1.4 Launch of university website

University accorded due priority to the design, development, hosting and maintenance of a dynamic website of the University. Since the University did not have expert/technical support, the Vice Chancellor constituted a committee under the chairmanship of Prof. Zahid H Khan, Director, Centre for Information Technology, Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi with the Sr. System Administrator and Deputy Registrar (HRD) of Jamia Millia Islamia as members.

The Committee drafted the RFQ, invited quotations from website developers and recommended for the award of contract with the scope of work including, domain name registration, hiring of web space, design and development of the website, maintenance of the website and provide 10 email ids. Following the award of the contract, the domain name has been registered at *ac.in* domain with the Ernet, web space has been hired with CDAC and the website of the University has been launched and can be accessed at *www.cuhimachal.ac.in* or at *www.hpcu.ac.in*

Even though the content as of now is limited, the website has been designed to be dynamic and can be expanded into a full-fledged e-learning and e-governance portal.

The Academic Council, viewed the web-site of the University (www.cuhimachal.ac.in) and unanimously approved the action.

- Item 1.5: Proposal for Grant submitted to the UGC for the financial year 2010-11**
Proposal for financial assistance and sanction of teaching and non-teaching positions as submitted by the University to the UGC is annexed (Annexure 1.5A).

The proposal has since been presented by the Vice Chancellor in the meeting convened by the UGC on 23rd June 2010. Sanction of fund from the UGC is awaited as yet.

The Academic Council noted the action

- Item 1.6 Organisation of Brainstorming Session on Vision Document:**
Convinced of the need to start the academic and development activities of the university with a shared Vision, the University prepared a comprehensive Draft Discussion Document on the Vision, Mission and Strategic Plan of the University.

The draft Document, prepared by the Vice Chancellor, was circulated amongst noted educationists, institution-builders and educational planners of the country. Based on the comments received, the draft document was revised and deliberated upon in a two-day Brainstorming Session organised on April 15-16, 2010 by the University at HIPA, Shimla.

The Academic Council noted with appreciation

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION & APPROVAL:

- Item 1.7 Vision Document and Strategic Plan of the University**
Vision, Strategic Plan and Programme of Action Document, as evolved through the Brainstorming Session is annexed herewith for consideration and approval (Annexure 1.7A).

The Academic Council, after elaborate discussion on Vision Document unanimously resolved to put on record its appreciation for the untiring

efforts and exhaustive vision of the Vice Chancellor and appreciated the curricular framework, credit system, admission policy and examination & evaluation system conceptualised in the vision document.

The Academic Council unanimously approved the Vision Document & Strategic Plan and authorised the Vice Chancellor to make suitable modification(s) in the Schools/Departments/Centres in the light of the suggestions made by the members.

The following specific suggestions as made by the Academic Council were incorporated/reflected in the Vision Document & Strategic Plan and the document was approved by the Academic Council:

1. Department of Pharmacy and Pharmacology be named as Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences.
2. Department of Public Health & Preventive Healthcare and Department of Pathology and Diagnostics are to be integral part of the College of Medical Sciences and, therefore, be removed from the School of Health & Allied Sciences.
3. Department of Nanoscience be renamed as Department of Nanoscience and Materials and consequentially the Departments of Polymer Sciences, Functional Ceramics and Biomaterials be done away with.
4. Department of GIS and Remote Sensing Application should be removed as it is already covered under the Department of Geography.
5. Centre for Water Conservation & Hydrological Sciences be renamed as Centre for Hydrological Sciences & Hydro Energy.
6. Centre for Human Ecology and Environmental Research be renamed as Centre for Natural Resource Management & Human Ecology.
7. Department of Foundations of Education be renamed as Department of Educational Studies
8. Department of Teachers Training be renamed as Department of Teacher Education.
9. Department of Educational Technology & Innovation be conceptualised as a Centre to begin with.
10. Department of Nutrition & Food Technology be included in the School of Health & Allied Sciences rather than in the School of Life Sciences.
11. Centre for WTO & WIPO related Laws be renamed as Centre for the Study of WTO, WIPO & IPR related Laws.

12. *Department of Family and Community Sciences (the new nomenclature and evolved form of the Department of Home Sciences) be also included in the School of Social Sciences.*
13. *Department of Mathematics & Operations Research be renamed as Department of Mathematics.*
14. *Department of Industrial & Applied Mathematics be subsumed into the Department for Mathematics.*
15. *Centre for Entrepreneurship Development & Microfinance be renamed as Centre for Entrepreneurship & Innovation.*
16. *Department of Biotechnology and Genome be assigned to the School of Engineering Sciences & Technology rather than being in the School of Life Sciences.*
17. *An umbrella clause be inserted in the appropriate ordinances that the teachers of the university shall be deemed to be appointed in the University and that they may be placed in any school/department/centres as the situation warrants and circumstances require in the best interest of the university.*

Item 1.8

Development Proposals of the University

Vision Document and Strategic Plan of the University elaborates upon the development proposals and requirements of the university over the next ten years. The financial implications, phasing and roll out plan as proposed in the Vision Document of the University is effectually the development proposal of the University. If approved the same may be forwarded to the UGC for consideration and approval for financial allocation.

The Academic Council agreed that the Vision Document and Strategic Plan as approved by it under Agenda Item No. 1.8 is comprehensive enough and approved the same as the Development Proposal of the University.

**Item 1.9
& 1.9(s)**

Draft Statutes

In accordance with the provisions contained in various Sections of the Central Universities Act 2009, the University is required to frame a series of Statutes for its smooth functioning. A list of the required Statutes has already been made by analysing the Act and efforts are on to draft each one of them at the earliest.

- (a) Draft Statute 40: relating to the Establishment of Schools of Studies and Departments of Studies: Section under 26(k) read with Section 27(2) and Statute 15(1) of the Central Universities Act 2009 provide for the establishment of Schools of Studies and Departments of Studies by way of framing the said Statute. Accordingly, the draft Statute 40 is as annexed herewith for consideration and approval (**Annexure 1.9A**).

The Academic Council considered the Statute and, after suitably incorporating the specific suggestions made under Item 1.8 above, recommended the same for the approval of the Executive Council.

- (b) The following additional draft Statutes as annexed herewith were placed for consideration and approval of the Academic Council as a Supplementary Agenda **(Annexure 1.9(s)A).**

Draft Statute 16(4):	Appointment of Heads of the Departments
Draft Statute 16(5):	Appointment of Directors of the Centres
Draft Statute 41:	Constitution of Planning Board
Draft Statute 42:	Appointment of Dean Students' Welfare (DSW) as an Officer of the University

The Academic Council considered and with the modification that the term of office of the Dean Students' Welfare should be three years (instead of five years) recommended the same for the approval of the Executive Council.

Item 1.10

Item 1.10(S) Draft Ordinances

In accordance with the provisions contained in various Sections of the University Act & Statutes, the University is required to frame a series of Ordinances for its smooth functioning. A comprehensive list of the Ordinances to be made by the University as per the requirements and provisions of the Central Universities Act 2009 has been worked out and efforts are on to draft all Ordinances at the earliest. Since utmost care is being taken to ensure that the Ordinances are framed in consonance with the best practices found anywhere in the world, the process is taking a longer time.

- (a) The draft Ordinances 1 to 20, as annexed herewith were placed before the Academic Council for consideration and approval. **(Annexure 1.10A).**

The Academic Council considered and recommended the same for the approval of the Executive Council.

Item 1.11

Rate of Honorarium payable to Members/ Experts / Resource persons

The university has to engage the services of external experts and resource persons for various academic and administrative consultations and meetings like Ad-hoc Boards of Studies, Meetings of Scrutiny committee, Resource persons for preparation of question banks, paper setting for entrance examination, interviews etc. The following rates of honorarium are proposed to be paid in this regard:

Sitting Fees/Honorarium to Members of University Authorities Rs. 2000/=per day

Experts/Members of various University level Committees-planning & monitoring committee/ Selection Committee/screening committee/ Academic Advisory Committee: Rs. 2000/= per day

Experts/members of ad-hoc Board of Studies
various/ Curriculum Development Committees/
other School level/Department level committees Rs. 1000/=per day

The Academic Council considered and recommended the same for the approval of the Executive Council.

Item 1.12 First Annual Report of the University

The First Annual Report (pertaining to the period January 20 to March 31 2010) of the University is annexed herewith for consideration and approval (Annexure 1.13A).

The Academic Council considered and approved the same.

Item 1.13 Curriculum Development Committees & Ad-hoc Board of Studies

Programmes of Studies of the University are to be designed within the framework of the Curriculum Framework, Programme of Studies, Comprehensive Choice Based Grading System, Comprehensive Continuous Internal Assessment are delineated in detail in the Vision Document and Strategic Plan of the University.

Within the framework of the Central Universities Act 2009 which mandates certain salient features for the University and in keeping with the requirements of the Vision document of the University, further details with respect to the curricula, admission policy, fee structure, academic calendar, etc. are to be worked out.

Normally these functions are to be undertaken by the board of studies of the respective departments and school board. It may take some time to constitute these bodies. It is, therefore, proposed to constitute ad-hoc board of studies for those programme of studies that are planned to be commenced from the coming academic session.

The Academic Council considered and authorised the Vice Chancellor to constitute the required Curriculum Development Committee and ad hoc Board of Studies and also to take all the necessary action in the matter.

Item 1.14 Any other matter with the permission of the Chair

- i. Considering the letter of UGC to explore the possibilities for providing free education and/or vocational degree to the dependent children of Leprosy affected persons (Annexure 1.14(i)A).**

The Academic Council considered the matter and approved that children of the leprosy affected persons admitted to the programme of studies be given full freeship. The possibility of arranging vocational and degree courses for such children may be considered at appropriate time in future. The UGC may be apprised accordingly.

ii. **Establishment of Mother Teresa Chair in the University as per the circular of Government of India.**

The Academic Council considered and approved in principle the establishment of Mother Teresa Chair in the University subject to sanction and release of required funds by the UGC/MHRD for establishment of said Chair.

iii. **Logo of the University - Some logos were presented before the Academic Council for its consideration**

The Academic Council considered the logos and felt that more entries be invited and if the need be the University may organise a competition with the offer of prize The Academic Council authorised the Vice Chancellor to constitute a Committee of experts to finalise the Logo of the University.

The Academic Council expressed its satisfaction on the progress made in the establishment of the University so far. In particular, the Academic Council put on record its appreciation and commendations for the Vice Chancellor and his small team for preparing an excellent Vision Document and Strategic Plan of the University in such a short period of time. The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair.
