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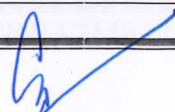
The 39th Meeting of the Finance Committee was held on 04.10.2023 at 11:30 AM onwards. The following members were present in meeting: -

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| 1. Professor Sat Prakash Bansal
Vice- Chancellor | Chairman |
| 2. Prof. Kulbhusan Chandel
Nominee of the Court | Member |
| 3. Prof. Nagesh Thakur
Nominee of the Executive Council | Member |
| 4. Sh. Gian Chand Raita
Nominee of the Executive Council | Member |
| 5. Sh. Mukesh Kumar
Deputy Secretary (IFD)
Ministry of Education
(Nominee of Jt. Secretary & FA, MoE) | Ex-Officio Member |
| 6. Sh. C.P. Ratnakaran
Consultant (CU.III) Ministry of Education
(Nominee of Jt. Secretary (CU&L), MoE) | Ex-Officio Member |
| 7. Ms. Beena Menon
Under Secretary, UGC
(Nominee of Jt. Secretary (CU), UGC) | Ex-Officio Member |
| 8. Prof. Vishal Sood,
Registrar, Central University of Himachal Pradesh | Special Invitee |
| 9. Sh. Narinder Kumar
Finance Officer, CUHP | Ex-Officio Secretary |

Prof. Kulbhushan Chandel, Nominee of the University Court; Prof. Nagesh Thakur, Nominee of Executive Council; Sh. Gian Chand Raita, Nominee of Executive Council; Sh. Mukesh Kumar, Deputy Secretary (IFD), Ministry of Education; Sh. C.P. Ratnakaran, Consultant (CU.III), MoE, New Delhi and Ms. Beena Menon, Under Secretary, UGC, New Delhi attended the meeting through Google Meet/video conferencing (**Google Meet link <https://meet.google.com/iu-qcsp-xqf>**). The Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor welcomed the members present offline and online mode. Thereafter, the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor directed the Finance Officer-cum-Member Secretary to present the Agenda Items. The item-wise details of discussion held and decisions taken are as under:-

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION/RATIFICATION AND APPROVAL :

Item No. 39.1	<p>Confirmation of the minutes of the 38th Meeting of the Finance Committee held on 27.07.2023 (Annexure - 39.1)</p> <p>The minutes of the 38th Meeting of the Finance Committee held on 27.07.2023 were circulated vide e-mail dated 02.08.2023 and are placed at Annexure 39.1 for kind perusal and confirmation of the Hon'ble Members. The Ministry of Education (Integrated Finance Division) has raised two observations vide letter No. F.No.9-3/2018-IFD.Pt. dated 3rd August, 2023 as follows:-</p> <p>(i) The University may be advised to follow the standard practice in framing of the minutes of the meeting wherein the designation of the officer should be indicated in the minutes instead of name of the officer concerned.</p> <p>(ii) The last para of 38.2 of the minutes be amended and the University may advised to refer to Department of Expenditure OM No. 01(18)/2022-E II(A) dated 09.12.2022 regarding scrapping policy for condemned vehicles of Ministries/Departments of Government of India.</p> <p><u>Comments of Ministry of Education (IFD) on Agenda Item 39.1 received vide letter No. F. No. 9-3/2018-IFD.Pt dated 04.10.2023 through email dated 04.10.2023, quote "Subject to strict compliance of the relevant statutory provisions of the University and also strict compliance of the related Govt. of India Instructions and guidelines including those issued by the Central Vigilance Commission; the minutes may be confirmed".</u></p> <p><u>Comments of Ministry of Education (CU Bureau) on Agenda Item 39.1 received vide letter No. F. No. 54-2/2023-CU.III dated 04.10.2023 through email dated 04.10.2023, quote "Minutes of the last meeting may be discussed and decided subject</u></p>
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	<p><i>to their compliance with Government of India rules, regulations, etc. ”.</i></p> <p><u>Comments of UGC, New Delhi on Agenda Item on Agenda Item 39.1 received vide letter No. 29-6/2017(CU) dated 03.10.2023 through email dated 03.10.2023 quote “The minutes may be confirmed, subject to strict compliance of the relevant statutory provisions of the University and also strict compliance of the related Govt. of India instructions and guidelines including those issued by the Central Vigilance Commission.</u></p> <p><i>The observations of IFD & CU-Bureau of Ministry of Education, if any, may also be considered while confirming minutes”.</i></p> <p><u>The Observations of MOE (IFD), MOE (CU Bureau) & UGC noted for future compliance & shall form the part of proceedings circulated vide e-mail dated 02.08.2023 and the minutes were confirmed.</u></p>
Item No. 39.2	<p>Action Taken Report on the decisions of the 38th Meeting of the Finance Committee held on 27.07.2023 (Annexure-39.2).</p> <p>The report of action taken on the decisions of the 38th Meeting of the Finance Committee held on 27.07.2023 is placed before the Committee as per Annexure- 39.2 for kind perusal and confirmation of the Hon’ble members.</p> <p><u>Comments of Ministry of Education (IFD) on Agenda Item 39.2 received vide letter No. F. No. 9-3/2018-IFD.Pt dated 04.10.2023 through email dated 04.10.2023, quote “Subject to strict compliance of the relevant statutory provisions of the University and also strict compliance of the related Govt. of India Instructions and guidelines including those issued by the Central Vigilance Commission; the action taken may be noted”.</u></p> <p><u>Comments of Ministry of Education (CU Bureau) on Agenda Item 39.2 received vide letter No. F. No. 54-2/2023-CU.III dated 04.10.2023 through email dated 04.10.2023, quote “May be discussed”.</u></p> <p><u>Comments of UGC, New Delhi on Agenda Item on Agenda Item 39.2 received vide letter No. 29-6/2017(CU) dated 03.10.2023 through email dated 03.10.2023 quote “The minutes may be confirmed, subject to strict compliance of the relevant statutory provisions of the University and also strict compliance of the related Govt. of India instructions and guidelines including those issued by the Central Vigilance Commission.</u></p> <p><i>The observations of IFD & CU-Bureau of Ministry of Education, if any, may also be considered while confirming minutes”.</i></p> <p><u>The action taken report on the decisions of the 38th Meeting of the Finance Committee noted & approved.</u></p>

Item No. 39.3

To place before the Finance Committee the Audited Annual Accounts 2022-23 alongwith Separate Audit Report on the Accounts (Annexure-39.3).

It is submitted that the Annual Accounts of the University for the year 2022-23 were prepared as per provisions of Statute 7(7)(c) and were presented before the Finance Committee in terms of Statutes 17(7) in its 38th Meeting held on 27.07.2023 vide item No.38.3. The Finance Committee accorded its approval and recommended the same to the Executive Council for approval. The Executive Council accorded its approval vide item No. 62.1 in its 62nd Meeting held on 02.08.2023. These Accounts have been audited by the Pr. Director of Audit (Central), Chandigarh. The Separate Audit Report (English Version) has been received by the University on 12.09.2023 and is enclosed at **Annexure-39.3.1**. The reply of the observations of CAG in an annotated form is enclosed at **Annexure-39.3.2**.

The Finance Committee is requested to ratify the Audited Annual Accounts for the Financial Year 2022-23 as per Sub-Section (2) of Section 31 of the Act so that these Accounts could be submitted before the Executive Council & Court of the University for its approval. Thereafter these accounts are to be forwarded to seek the assent of the Visitor through Ministry of Education, Govt. of India and to lay down before the Parliament.

Comments of Ministry of Education (IFD) on Agenda Item 39.3 received vide letter No. F. No. 9-3/2018-IFD.Pt dated 04.10.2023 through email dated 04.10.2023, quote "SAR as well as University's reply to the audit observations may be discussed in detail in the meeting".

Comments of Ministry of Education (CU Bureau) on Agenda Item 39.3 received vide letter No. F. No. 54-2/2023-CU.III dated 04.10.2023 through email dated 04.10.2023, quote "The Annual Accounts may be considered in accordance with the extant GoI Rules. Accounts may be prepared as per the Revised Format of Accounts for CEIs".

Comments of UGC, New Delhi on Agenda Item on Agenda Item 39.3 received vide letter No. 29-6/2017(CU) dated 03.10.2023 through email dated 03.10.2023 quote "The Annual Accounts for the year 2022-23 may be considered, subject to the condition that the preparation and presentation of Annual Accounts for the year 2022-2023 are strictly as per the Revised Formats of Accounts for CEIs and instructions/guidelines which were issued vide MHRD's letter No. 29-4/2012-IFD dated 17.04.2015".

The Finance Committee ratified the Audited Annual Accounts for the Financial Year 2022-23 and recommended for approval of Executive Council.

Item No. 39.4

To place before the Finance Committee the information regarding Grants-in-Aid released by the UGC, New Delhi under Recurring-31, Capital-35 and Salary-36 components for the year 2023-24.

The UGC has released the Grant-in-aid under Recurring (31), Capital-35 and Salary(36) components for the year 2023-24 up to 31.08.2023 as per detail given below:-

(Rupees in Lakhs)

Sr. No.	Head of Accounts	B.E. Allocation for 2023-24	Grant Released by UGC for 2023-24
1.	Recurring-31	1981.50	857.38
2.	Capital -35	400.00	166.33
3.	Salary-36	4151.80	1758.74

Comments of Ministry of Education (IFD) on Agenda Item 39.4 received vide letter No. F. No. 9-3/2018-IFD.Pt dated 04.10.2023 through email dated 04.10.2023, quote "May be noted".

Comments of Ministry of Education (CU Bureau) on Agenda Item 39.4 received vide letter No. F. No. 54-2/2023-CU.III dated 04.10.2023 through email dated 04.10.2023, quote "May be discussed".

Comments of UGC, New Delhi on Agenda Item on Agenda Item 39.4 received vide letter No. 29-6/2017(CU) dated 03.10.2023 through email dated 03.10.2023 quote "May be noted".

The issue regarding allocation of funds under Capital Assets Head OH-35 has been discussed in detail. The Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor apprised the Members that the Construction Activities of CUHP Campus at Dehra are in full swing. A sum of Rs. 100.00 Crores (Rs. 25.00 Crores per Quarter) has been demanded during the Current Financial Year against which the funds has not been allocated/released so far. Resultantly, the construction activities suffered adversely and the CPWD is pressing hard for release of funds.

In order to ensure uninterrupted Construction Activities, at least a sum of Rs. 50.00 Crores may kindly be made available/released on immediate need basis and remaining Rs. 50.00 Crores up to 31.12.2023, so that the completion of work could be ensured in a time bound manner for smooth construction activities at Dehra Campus.

The Finance Committee considered the matter and ensure to take up the matter with Ministry of Finance, Department of Expenditure, Govt. of India for speedy release of funds.

Recommended for approval of Executive Council.

Item No. 39.5

To place before the Finance Committee Research Projects received by the University from various funding agencies since last meeting of the Finance Committee.

The detail of Research Projects sanctioned by the different funding agencies are as under:-

Sr. No.	Title of Project	Funding Agency	Duration	Sanctioned Financial Outlay (Rs.)
1.	<u>Thermodynamics Evolution of Secondary Inorganic Aerosols in Dhauladhar Region of the North-Western Himalaya (Dr. Ankit Tandon, Assistant Professor)</u>	SERB	03 Years	55,29,120.00
2.	निर्मला पंथ के डेरे और साहित्य: सामाजिक, सांस्कृतिक अध्ययन पंजाब प्रदेश के विशेष संदर्भ में (डॉ. हरजिंदर सिंह, सहायक प्रोफेसर)	ICSSR	01 Year	5,00,000.00

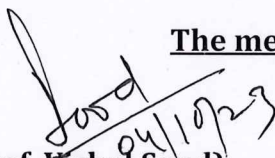
Comments of Ministry of Education (IFD) on Agenda Item 39.5 received vide letter No. F. No. 9-3/2018-IFD.Pt dated 04.10.2023 through email dated 04.10.2023, quote "May be noted".

Comments of Ministry of Education (CU Bureau) on Agenda Item 39.5 received vide letter No. F. No. 54-2/2023-CU.III dated 04.10.2023 through email dated 04.10.2023, quote "May be discussed".

Comments of UGC, New Delhi on Agenda Item on Agenda Item 39.5 received vide letter No. 29-6/2017(CU) dated 03.10.2023 through email dated 03.10.2023 quote "May be discussed in the FC Meeting".

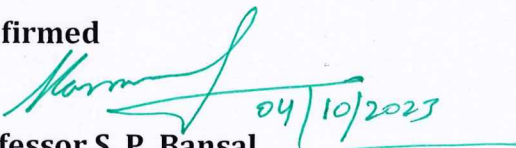
The Finance Committee noted and appreciated the efforts to obtain funds/projects from SERB & ICSSR.

The meeting ended with a vote of Thanks to the Chair.


(Prof. Vishal Sood)
Special Invitee


(Narinder Kumar)
Finance Officer & Ex-Officio
Secretary

Confirmed


Professor S. P. Bansal
Vice-Chancellor - Chairman

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Project Title	Amount	Source	Period
Research in the field of...	\$10,000	NIH	1963-1964
Research in the field of...	\$5,000	NIH	1963-1964

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The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Board.

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 (for Robert R. Ransaw)
 Finance Officer & Secretary

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 Special Invites

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 Professor E. P. Ransaw
 Vice-Chancellor - Chairman