### **MINUTES**



# 30<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the ACADEMIC COUNCIL

2nd April 2025



# Minutes of 30th Meeting of the Academic Council

The 30<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Academic Council of the Central University of Punjab, was held on 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2025 at 11:00 AM through hybrid mode.

Venue: Seminar Hall, Aryabhata Academic Block, 3rd Floor

The list of the members present during the meeting is annexed.

The Chairman of the Academic Council welcomed all the members present in the meeting, for making it possible to attend this meeting through hybrid mode.

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<u>Items for Confirmation</u>			
Item.No:AC:30:2025:1	AGENDA NOTE:		
To confirm the Minutes of the 29 <sup>th</sup> meeting of	The 29 <sup>th</sup> meeting of the Academic Council was held on 20 <sup>th</sup> & 21 <sup>st</sup> June 2024.		
the Academic Council held on 20 <sup>th</sup> & 21 <sup>st</sup> June 2024.	The draft minutes of this meeting were circulated to the members of the Council.		
	Members conveyed their consent for approval of minutes (Annexure-30.1) through mail. Subsequently, the minutes were circulated.		
	The Minutes of 29 <sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Academic Council is placed before the Council for confirmation.		
RESOLVE	The Council unanimously resolved to confirm the minutes of 29 <sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Academic Council held on 20 <sup>th</sup> & 21 <sup>st</sup> June 2024.		
Confirmation of minutes (approved through circulation)			
Communation of minutes	s (approved through circulation)		
<u>Item.No:AC:30:2025:2</u>	AGENDA NOTE:		
Item.No:AC:30:2025:2  To confirm the Minutes of the Academic Council approved through			
Item.No:AC:30:2025:2  To confirm the Minutes of the Academic Council	AGENDA NOTE:  The agenda items pertaining to 10 <sup>th</sup> Convocation and other items were circulated to the members of the Academic Council for ratification/consideration/approval, through		

The minutes are placed before the Council for confirmation.



#### **RESOLVE**

The Council unanimously resolved to confirm the Minutes of the Academic Council approved through circulation and noted the approval of the minutes from the Executive Council in its 59<sup>th</sup> meeting held on 10.3.2025.

#### Items for Ratification

#### Item.No:AC:30:2025:3

To ratify the approval of the University as per recommendations of the Committee constituted for issuing Provisional Degree Certificate to Ms. Gali Nikky Bhedi, 2019 batch M.Pharm. student.

#### **AGENDA NOTE:**

Ms. Gali Nikky Bhedi, a 2019 batch student of M.Pharm. Pharmaceutical Sciences (Medicinal Chemistry) vide her email dated 5.11.2024 requested the university to issue her provisional degree certificate. In response, the university informed her that she has already completed the maximum duration of completing the degree, as she was required to complete the degree till June 2023, as per the Clause No. 2.1 & 2.2 of University rules (applicable w.e.f. Academic Session 2021-22).

Further, Ms. Nikky vide her email dated 10.12.2024 has again requested for Provisional Certificate, considering the provision of National Education Policy 2020.

Subsequently, a Committee was constituted to look into the request of Ms. Nikky regarding issuing of Provisional Certificate taking into account her exceptional circumstances.

The Committee deliberated on the matter and keeping in view of the career and the future of the student, the committee recommends the following:

- 1. As the year 2020-2021 is having COVID pandemic, the committee recommends her case on the humanitarian grounds.
- 2. As per the Master's rules 2017-18 clause No. 20.1POWER TO REMOVE ANY DIFFICULTY, states that, notwithstanding what is contained in the Rules, the Chairperson, Academic Council/Executive Council may in exceptional circumstances and on the recommendations of the School Board concerned or an appropriate Committee on the merits of each individual with reasons to be recorded, allow relaxation of any of the provisions except those prescribing CGPA requirement & the Clause 19.3.
- 3. Exemption may be provided to the student to complete the degree as per NEP-2020.
- 4. Post-approval of the MOOC subject (i.e. Basics of Health Promotion and Education Interventions) in lieu of IDC paper (MOOC) of 1<sup>st</sup> semester for completion of the degree, which she has passed after 5 years in the month of September 2024.
- 5. Student may be asked to deposit fee/charges/fine of Rs.5000/-for exceptional mercy opportunity.

The Vice-Chancellor, being Chairman of the Academic Council has approved the recommendations of the Committee.



	The minutes are placed at <i>Annexure-30.3.</i>
	The matter is placed before the Council for ratification.
RESOLVE	The Council unanimously resolved to ratify the approval of the University (on the recommendations of the Committee) regarding issuance of Provisional Degree Certificate to Ms. Gali Nikky Bhedi, a former M.Pharm. student of 2019 batch.
Item.No:AC:30:2025:4	AGENDA NOTE:
To ratify the Minutes of IQAC Meetings and AQAR 2021-22.	The IQAC has submitted the following Minutes of Meetings of IQAC, AQAR 2021-22 and NIRF-2025 report, for ratification of the Academic Council:
	<ol> <li>AQAR 2021-22 report</li> <li>AQAR 2023-24 report</li> <li>Minutes of 25th Meeting of IQAC</li> <li>Minutes of 26th Meeting of IQAC</li> <li>NIRF 2025 report</li> </ol>
	Following are the key points from the above listed submissions from IQAC:  • Pharmacy Category • SDG Category • Law Category • Innovation Category • Overall Category
	<ul><li>6. The Logo of the University (Annexure-30.4)</li><li>7. Mool Mantral Motto of the University:</li></ul>
	आ नो भद्राः क्रतवो यन्तु विश्वत     'Aano bhadra krtavo yantu vishwatah' <u>Meaning:</u> "Let noble thoughts come to us from all directions"  8. Undeted Vision and Mission of the University.
	8. Updated Vision and Mission of the University:
	VISION  The University envisions to continuously transform the minds to serve humanity through skills, innovation and sustainability driven teaching and research; values and community outreach.
	Our MISSION is to:
	<b>Provide</b> a wide range of instructional and research <b>ecosystem</b> for inter-, multi- and trans-disciplinary approaches to impart holistic learning,
	Promote skills and innovation in teaching-learning and research, and cross-pollinate new ideas, technologies and new world-views,  Create an ignited and inclusive workforce responsive

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to regional, national and global needs in tune with the requirements of academia, industry and **society**,

Envisage to respond dynamically and creatively towards shifting paradigms in education to meet the changing needs of the evolving society.

**9. Organogram** of the university (*Annexure-30.5*)

The matters are placed before the Council for ratification.

#### **RESOLVE**

The Council unanimously resolved to ratify the following submissions of IQAC as mentioned in the agenda note:

- 1. AQAR 2021-22 report
- 2. AQAR 2023-24 report
- 3. Minutes of 25<sup>th</sup> Meeting of IQAC
- 4. Minutes of 26<sup>th</sup> Meeting of IQAC
- 5. NIRF 2025 report
- 6. Logo of the University
- 7. Mool Mantra/Motto of the University
- 8. Updated Vision and Mission of the University
- 9. Organogram of the University

#### Item.No:AC:30:2025:5

#### **AGENDA NOTE:**

To ratify the allocation of Co-supervisor/Co-Guide from outside University for PhD scholar of the Central University of Punjab.

The following PhD research scholar has requested for the allocation of Co-supervisor/Co-guide from the external Institutes. His request is duly forwarded and recommended by HOD, Dean, and Dean In-charge Academics:

-	Name of the student(s) & Reg. No.	Dept.	Name of the supervisor	Co-Supervisor
1.	Jayapriya Mishra, 20phdhgs01		Prof. Jasvinder Singh Bhatti	Dr. Charan Singh

As per the University Ph.D. rules (applicable w.e.f. Academic Session 2017-18) attached, only a full time regular teacher of the University can act as a supervisor. The external supervisors are not allowed. However, cosupervisor can be allowed in inter-disciplinary areas from other departments/centers of the same institute or from other related institutions where the University has signed MoU or with the approval of the Competent Authority, recommended through Research Advisory Committee.

In view of the above, the request of following student for appointment of Co-supervisor/ Co-guide from the external institute was considered and recommended by Research Advisory Committee (RAC). The Vice-Chancellor, being Chairman of the Academic Council has approved the recommendation of RAC.



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	The matter is placed before the Council for ratification.			
RESOLVE	The Council unanimously resolved to ratify the allocation of Co-supervisor/Co-guide in r/o Ms. Jayapriya Mishra, from outside the CU-Punjab as per the following details:			
	S.N. Name of the student(s) & Reg. No.	Dept.	Name of the supervisor	Co-Supervisor
	1. Jayapriya Mishra, 20phdhgs0	HGMM	Prof. Jasvinder Singh Bhatti	Dr. Charan Singh, Assistant Professor Dept. of Pharmaceutical Sciences, Hemvati Nandan Bahuguna Garhwal University, Srinagar Uttarakhand
Items for Consideration	<u>                                     </u>	l	1	omaga: onaramana
Item.No:AC:30:2025:6	AGENDA NOTE			
To consider the guidelines of Earn While You Learn Scheme	to take up part time jobs on the compute to make them solf			
	A Committee was constituted to prepare the guidelines for Earn-While-You-Learn scheme for the students of the University.			
	The guideline	es are placed	d at <i>Annexure-</i> 3	30.6.
	The matter is pl	aced before	the Council fo	or consideration.
RESOLVE		approved	iidelines of Ea guidelines wil	ons, unanimously rn-While-You-Learn I take effect after
Item.No:AC:30:2025:7	AGENDA NOTE	i <u>.</u>		
To consider the Guidelines for Multiple-Entry-Multiple-Exit for PG Programmes	guidelines for published by the	Multiple Er e UGC to en	ntry and Exit (	of Credit (ABC) and (MEME) have been nentation of the UGC 020.
	,		•	(Annexure-30.7) for -Multiple-Exit for PG
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would enable multiple entry and exit points.

- Enable credit accumulation and transfer along with provision of evaluation and validation of non-formal and informal learning for the award of a degree and encourage lifelong learning.
- Facilitate transfer of credits earned when the learner resumes the program of study.

#### **Points Covered:**

- 1. Certification and Duration of Study with Multiple Entry Multiple Exit (MEME) for:
  - Postgraduate Programs
  - **Undergraduate Programs**
- 2. Multiple Entry and Multiple Exit Options for:
  - Postgraduate Programs
- 3. Lateral Entry

The matter is placed before the Council for consideration.

#### **RESOLVE**

The Council after thorough discussions, unanimously resolved to approve the Guidelines for Multiple-Entry-Multiple-Exit for PG Programmes with the following amendment:

Details and other modalities for Proficiency Test w.r.t. admission through lateral entry be included.

Further, the Council unanimously resolved to authorize the Vice Chancellor to approve the Guidelines for Multiple-Entry-Multiple-Exit for PG Programmes after the required/ necessary changes.

In case any conflict arises, the UGC guidelines for Multiple-Entry-Multiple-Exit will prevail.

#### Item.No:AC:30:2025:8

#### consider the quidelines for courses offered on SWAYAM and SWAYAM Plus for UG.

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#### **AGENDA NOTE:**

The University has prepared the guidelines for the courses offered on SWAYAM and SWAYAM Plus for UG, PG and PhD programmes based on the UGC framework.

The booklet containing guidelines w.r.t. SWAYAM and SWAYAM Plus is enclosed as Annexure-30.8, detailing various features of these two platforms including four quadrants, registration, explanation of APAAR, NAD, ABC, NCrF, Assessments, guidelines to develop a SWAYAM course, roadmap, and best practices etc.

- A. SWAYAM guidelines are part of the booklet. Some key points are as follows:
  - a. One PG level SWAYAM course is a mandatory requirement of all Post Graduate courses in the university except professional programs where SWAYAM is not required. This SWAYAM course can



be taken during any semester of their 4<sup>th</sup> semester PG program, preferably in the first 3<sup>rd</sup> semesters. The course can be taken in lieu of IDC or VAC courses in consultation with HoD or SWAYAM Coordinator of the department. In case the department recommends, SWAYAM can also be taken in lieu of Core Courses/Discipline Elective Courses, for which 70% syllabus content crossmatching is required

b. In case of failure in SWAYAM or SWAYAM Plus courses, students can register for the same or another course in next offering after consultation with departmental SWAYAM coordinator/HoD. Alternatively, if the department wish to do so, an internal examination can be conducted for the SWAYAM course at the university level as per UGC Framework D.O.F. No. 1-8/2017 (SWAYAM) dated 27<sup>th</sup>August 2024. In cases where students reappear in another SWAYAM course or via university level course, HoD has to forward the result to CoE and CoE to ensure that results are updated in the results portal.

#### **B. SWAYAM Plus guidelines:**

a. In addition to the mandatory SWAYAM requirement, one SWAYAM Plus course that has certification is also recommended for all students, including UG, PG and PhD. As SWAYAM Plus courses are offered in collaboration with industries like Tech Mahindra, L&T, Infosys, Microsoft, Google etc., these courses substantially increase the employability of the students.

The matter is placed before the Council for consideration.

#### **RESOLVE**

The Council after thorough discussions, unanimously resolved to approve the guidelines for courses offered on SWAYAM and SWAYAM Plus for UG, PG and PhD Programmes.

For the list of courses offered on SWAYAM and SWAYAM Plus, the following links be referred to:

https://swayam.gov.in/nc\_details/NPTEL https://onlinecourses.nptel.ac.in/ https://swayam-plus.swayam2.ac.in/

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#### Item.No:AC:30:2025:9

# To consider the proposal to start five year integrated BS-MS programmme in

#### AGENDA NOTE:

The Dean, School of Basic Sciences of the University has prepared the draft proposal to start five year integrated BS-MS programme in Biological Sciences with Honors and Research, for in-principle approval.

The in-principle approval for the proposed Curriculum

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with Honors and Research	Framework is subject to the recommendations from the CDC and BoS of respective department(s) for detailed course structure and content formulation, followed by the recommendations of School Board for final approval of the Academic Council.
	The proposed Curriculum and Credit Framework of the programme is placed at <i>Annexure 30.9.</i>
	The matter is placed before the Council for consideration.
RESOLVE	The Council after thorough discussions, unanimously resolved to accord the in-principal approval to start five year integrated BS-MS programmme in Biological Sciences with Honors and Research w.e.f. the academic session 2025-26.
	The Council further resolved that detailed curriculum and syllabus be presented in the next meeting of the Council after due approval from the CDC and BoS of respective department(s) and School Board for consideration.
Item.No:AC:30:2025:10	AGENDA NOTE:
To consider the Implementation Plan of the guidelines for National Credit	As per the instructions received from the UGC, the National Credit Framework (NCrF) and Apprenticeship Embedded Degree Programme (AEDP) are to be implemented in HEIs at the UG & PG levels of learnings.
Framework (NCrF) w.e.f. academic session 2025-26.	For this purpose, Ministry of Education has identified the CU Punjab as the Resource Institution for providing implementation assistance regarding NCrF, Multiple–Entry and Multiple Exit, and MOOCs.
	The proposed NCrF Implementation Plan of the University in UG & PG levels w.r.t. 2025-26 academic session is attached at <i>Annexure 30.10</i> .
	The matter is placed before the Council for consideration.
RESOLVE	The Council after thorough discussions, unanimously resolved to approve the guidelines and Implementation Plan of NCrF at UG & PG level programmes.  The Council further resolved to include guidelines for Five year intergraded program and evaluation scheme for dissertation.
<u>Items for Adoption</u>	
Item.No:AC:30:2025:11	AGENDA NOTE:
To adopt the Guidelines/ Policies/Regulations etc. notified by UGC.	The following guidelines/policies/regulations etc. have been notified by the UGC, for implementation and adoption by the Universities:  1. Incorporation of Indian Knowledge System (IKS) in Higher



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RESOLVE:	Education Curricula.  2. Implementation of "UGC Guidelines on Apprenticeship Embedded Degree Programmes (AEDP)" 2025.  3. Curriculum and Credit Framework for Undergraduate programmes.  4. Implementation of UGC Guidelines and Curriculum Framework for Environment Education at the Undergraduate (UG) level.  5. Guidelines for "Ph.D. Excellence Citation".  6. "Handbook on Basics of Cyber Hygiene for Higher Education Institutions" on UGC's Portal.  7. Grading of Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) based on Implementation of National Education Policy (NEP) 2020.  8. List of courses to be offered for the January 2025 Academic Semester on the SWAYAM Platform.  9. Technical Manual for Construction of Artificial Structures under Jal Sanchay Jan Bhagidari (JSJB).  10. Guidelines for Implementation of recognition of Prior Learning in Higher Education.  The Regulations/Guidelines/Policies are placed before the Council for adoption/implementation by the University.  The Council after detailed discussions, unanimously resolved to adopt the UGC Guidelines/Regulations etc.  The Council further resolved that these guidelines/regulations etc. be forwarded to the Schools/ Departments/concerned sections, for their information and necessary action.		
Itom No. AC. 20. 2025. 12(i)	AGENDA NOTE:		
Item.No:AC:30:2025:12(i)  To consider the proposal to start PG Diploma in Sapta-Sindhu Studies.	The Department of History of the University has prepared the proposal to start the Post Graduate Diploma in Sapta-Sindhu Studies from the academic session 2025-26 for in-principle approval (Annexure – 30.11.)		
	The in-principle approval for the proposed programme is subject to the recommendations from the CDC and BoS of concerned department for detailed course structure and content formulation, followed by the recommendations of School Board for final approval of the Academic Council.		
	The matter is placed before the Council for consideration.		
RESOLVE:	The Council after thorough discussions, unanimously resolved to accord the approval to start the PG Diploma in Sapta-Sindhu Studies subject to the following:		
	<ol> <li>Field visit to different archeological sites be included in the curriculum.</li> <li>The course structure be revised to 40 Credits with inclusion of project work as per the UGC guidelines.</li> </ol>		



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	Further, the Council unanimously resolved to authorize the Vice Chancellor to take necessary steps for starting the programme from next academic session.
Item.No:AC:30:2025:12(ii)	
To consider the revised Policy for International Students.	The University has prepared the revised Policy for International Students. The need arises as there were some changes related to the ICCR and Study in India Portal. The proposed revised Policy for International Students is placed at <i>Annexure</i> – 30.12.
	The matter is placed before the Council for consideration.
RESOLVE	The Council after discussions unanimously resolved to
	approve the revised Policy for International Students of the
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Item.No:AC:30:2025:12(iii) To consider the minutes of the meeting of the Committee regarding request of Chair Professor, Dr. Ambedkar	AGENDA NOTE:  The Chair Professor, Dr. Ambedkar Chair of the University has requested to serve as supervisor for Ph.D. on Ambedkar Culture and Leadership. The committee was constituted to consider the request of the Chair Professor.
Chair of the University	The minutes of the meeting are placed at <i>Annexure – 30.13</i> .
to serve as supervisor for Ph.D. on Ambedkar	The important part of the minutes is reproduced below:
Culture and Leadership.	Dr. Ambedkar Chairs by Dr. Ambedkar Foundation, Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment, Government of India, the committee recommends that the matter be referred to UGC for clarification whether the Chair Professor and Assistant Professor under Dr. Ambedkar shall serve as supervisor of Ph.D. students. The committee also recommends that the students admitted in the Ph.D. program on Ambedkar Culture and Leadership may complete coursework and notification of supervisor allocation kept on hold. However, the Chair Professor may provide guidance to the Ph.D. students in the interim period. Further, the matter may be put up to Academic Council for discussion and resolution.  The matter is placed before the Council for consideration.
RESOLVE	The Council after detailed discussions unanimously resolved to approve that Prof. Kanhaiya Tripathi, Chair Professor, Dr. B. R. Ambedkar Chair be allowed to serve as supervisor to PhD students already enrolled in Ambedkar Culture and Leadership programme, along with one co-guide who must be regular faculty.  Further, the Council noted that the Dr. B. R. Ambedkar Chair
	was established in year 2023 (for five years) and is about to complete two years of its establishment in the University.  In view of the above, the Council further resolved
	unanimously that taking into consideration the UGC

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	(Minimum Standards and Procedures for Award of Ph.D. Degree) Regulations for 2022, wherein it is mentioned that "Faculty members with less than three years of service before superannuation shall not be allowed to take new research scholars under their supervision", therefore, no new research scholars will be permitted to enroll under Prof. Kanhaiya Tripathi, Chair Professor, Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Chair for PhD supervision after completion of two years i.e. 5.7.2025.	
<u>Item.No:AC:30:2025:12(iv)</u>	AGENDA NOTE:	
To consider the proposal for establishment of Shankar-Nanak Chair at Central University of Punjab, Bathinda	The University has received a proposal from the Principal Secretary, Culture Department, Govt. of Madhya Pradesh to establish an Academic Chair in the name of Adi Shankaracharya and Sri Guru Nanak Dev, titled Shankar-Nanak Chair at the Central University of Punjab, Bathinda.	
	The proposal is placed at <i>Annexure</i> – 30.14.	
	The matter is placed before the Council for consideration.	
RESOLVE	The Council after considering the proposal, unanimously resolved to constitute a committee with one external member to study the proposal to establish an Academic Chair in the name of Adi Shankaracharya and Sri Guru Nanak Dev, and make recommendations for consideration of the Council.	
Item.No:AC:30:2025:13	Any other item with permission of the Chair	
	No agenda item was discussed.	
To fix the date of next meeting of the Academic Council.		

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The meeting of the Academic Council concluded with thanks from and to the Chair.

The Council authorized the Chairman to fix the date of next meeting of the Academic

-Sd/-(Dr. Vijay Sharma) Registrar & Secretary, Academic Council

**Minutes Approved** 

-Sd/-(Prof. Raghavendra P. Tiwari) Vice-Chancellor & Chairman, Academic Council