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## Department of Forestry and Environmental Science

### School of Earth and Environmental Science

#### Minute of Meeting - BOS

**Date & Time:** March 25, 2023 & 11.00 am

**Venue:** Uttarakhand Open University Campus, Haldwani

The meeting started with welcome address by Prof. P.D. Pant, Chairperson (BOS) followed by a brief about the purpose of the meeting. Following members were present in the meeting:

1. Prof. P.D. Pant, Director of School (Chairperson)
2. Dr. S.S. Samant, Former Director, Himalayan Forest Research Institute, Shimla, Himachal Pradesh
3. Dr. I.D. Bhatt, Senior Scientist, GB Pant National Institute of Himalayan Environment, Kosi-Katarmal, Almora (Uttarakhand)
4. Prof. Anil Kumar Yadav, Department of Forestry and Environmental Science, SSJ University, Almora (U.K.)
5. Prof. R.K. Srivastava, Department of Environmental Science, GB Pant University of Agriculture and Technology, Pantnagar (Uttarakhand)
6. Dr. H.C. Joshi, Department of Forestry and Environmental Science, School of Earth and Environmental Science, Uttarakhand Open University, Haldwani
7. Dr. Beena Tewari Fulara, Assistant, Professor (AC), Department of Forestry and Environmental Science, School of Earth and Environmental Science, Uttarakhand Open University, Haldwani
8. Dr. Krishna K. Tamta, Assistant, Professor (AC), Department of Forestry and Environmental Science, School of Earth and Environmental Science, Uttarakhand Open University, Haldwani

The committee discussed the matter as per agenda items circulated to them. After in detailed discussions, the following decisions were taken:

Agenda (I)- Regarding revision of syllabus of subject Forestry under B.Sc. Programme according to New Education Policy of UGC. The syllabus is revised and approved by the committee members. Syllabus of compulsory foundation course of Environmental Studies is also updated as per UGC Guidelines. The approved course structure and syllabus is attached as Annexure-I.

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Agenda (II) Revision of Programme structure, course content of two Masters Level Programmes i.e. M.Sc.(Environmental Science) and M.A. (Environmental Studies). The programme structures and syllabi that were earlier approved through BOS held on July 10, 2019, and thereafter, on March 06, 2020, were further revised. Few revisions suggested were incorporated in the programme structure of M.Sc. (Environmental Science) and M.A. (Environmental Studies). The approved Programme structure and detailed syllabi are attached as Annexure II.

Agenda (III) The approval of revised Programme Project Report (PPR) of M.Sc. (Environmental Science) and M.A. (Environmental Studies). After ascertaining that the PPRs are prepared as per Annexure V of UGC ODL Regulation 2020, they were approved by the committee.

Agenda (IV) Approval of Self Learning Material (SILM). The SILM was placed before the committee for M.Sc. (Environmental Science), M.A. (Environmental Studies), B.Sc. (Subject Forestry) and Value Added Course (Foundation Course) on Environmental Studies. The same was approved by the committee.

Agenda (V) Updating the list of experts for various academic activities. The committee suggested the names of experts and the same were included in the list.

The Committee while reviewing and updating the syllabus, also reviewed the existing manpower of the Department and felt need of additional faculty to run the programmes and activities smoothly. At present, the department is conducting two courses (B.Sc.– subject Forestry, M.Sc.-Environmental Science) and one new Programme (M.A.- Environmental Studies) is proposed. Presently, there is only one regular faculty (Assistant Professor) and two contractual Faculties in the Department. Therefore, for the smooth teaching and management, the Committee felt the requirement of minimum five faculty members (One Professor, one Associate Professor, and two Assistant Professors) on regular basis and strongly recommend for the approval.

Meeting ended with a vote of thanks by Dr. H.C. Joshi, Programme Coordinator, Department of Forestry and Environmental Science.

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