

MINUTES OF THE IVth MEETING OF BOARD OF RECOGNITION OF UTTARAKHAND OPEN UNIVERSITY HELD ON 24TH JANUARY, 2014 UNDER THE CHAIRMANSHIP OF HON'BLE VICE CHANCELLOR, PROF. SUBHASH DHULIYA

The following were present :-

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| 1. Prof Subhash Dhuliya | - Chairman. |
| 2. Prof RC Pant | - Member. |
| 3. Prof JK Joshi | - Member. |
| 4. Prof RC Mishra | - Member. |
| 5. Prof HP Shukla | - Member. |
| 6. Prof Govind Singh | - Member. |
| 7. Dr MM Joshi | - Member. |
| 8. Sh. LS Rawat | - Member Secretary. |

The member secretary welcomed all the members of the Board of Recognition and thereafter, the meeting started with permission of the Chairman.

The following decision were taken/resolutions adopted :-

4.1 The minutes of the 3rd meeting of the Board of Recognition, dated 29-2-2012 were unanimously approved.

4.2 After deliberations at length, it was decided to close the Study Centres having the enrolment of less than 5 or 10 (5 in the case of professional programmes and 10 in the case of other programmes) students. It was also decided to issue a notice to all such non-performing/under performing study centres through their Regional Directors and such centres be allowed the maximum time of one month to improve the strength in their centres, failing which the process of closing down of such centres will be initiated as per the terms of the MOU.

The Hon'able VC was authorized to take a final decision in this matter.

4.3 Regarding the issue of a minimum number of learners in a particular programme of study, it was decided that for the time being the *status-quo* be maintained.

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4.4 Regarding the observance of the distance of a minimum of 3 Kms between two study centres, it was decided that as a matter of general practice it must be ensured that two study centres are not located within the radius of 3 Kms. However, in the exceptional cases if it is to be allowed, then it must be ensured that the same subjects are not granted to two study centres falling within the radius of 3 Kms. Further, this parameter will not apply in the case of University's own study centres to be established in government institutions.

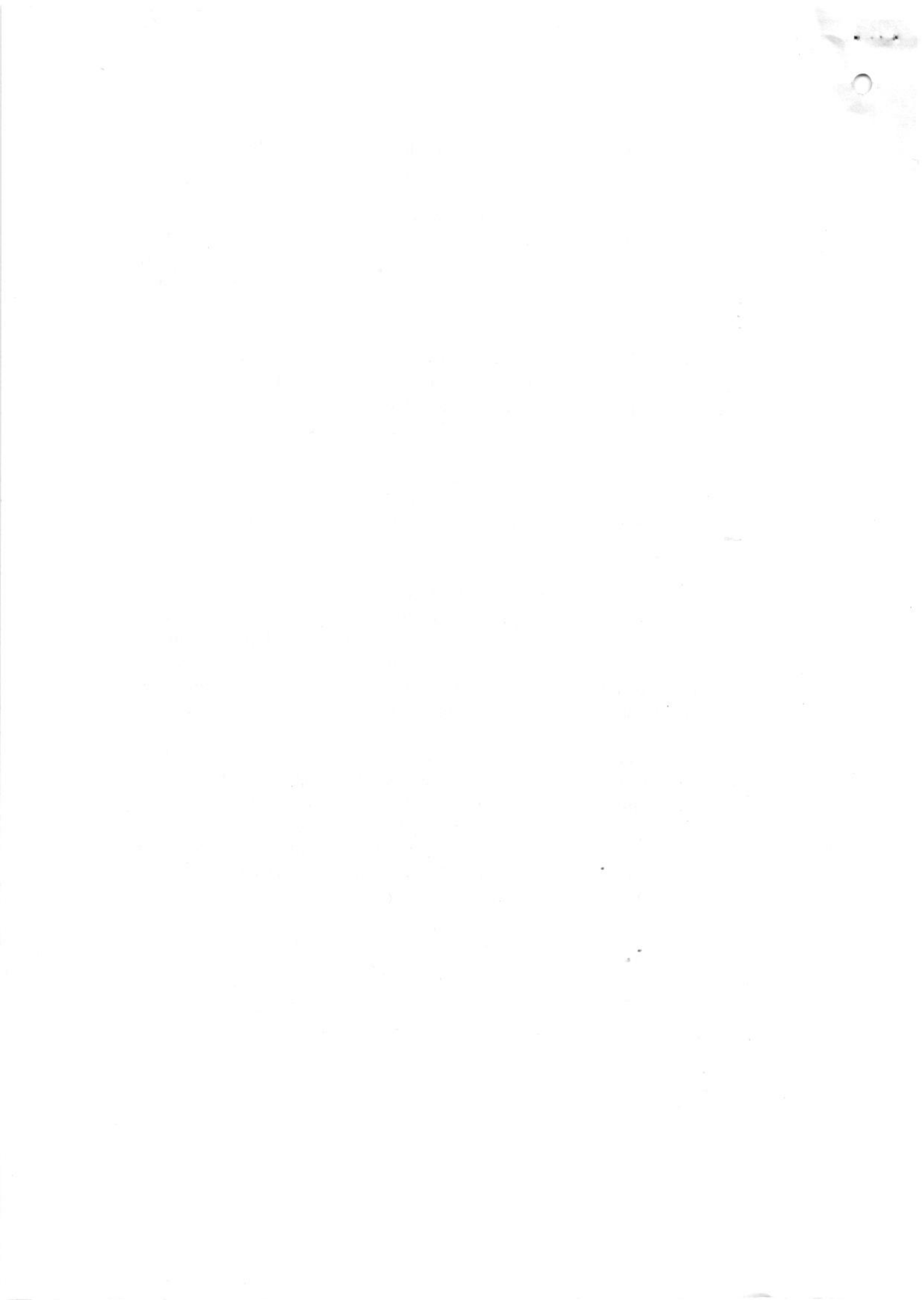
4.5 Regarding the sanction of subjects involving practicals of any kind, say Agriculture, Horticulture, Floriculture, Yoga, Panchkarm, Aayurvedic Medicine, Medical Lab Technology, Geography, Physics, Chemistry, Zoology, Computer science, Hotel Management etc, it was decided that such programmes should be allowed only to those UG/PG colleges of the government or aided private colleges or the other educational institutions and private colleges where similar courses are already on offer, and that these programmes should not be given to the study centres being managed by societies and NGOs.

4.6 Regarding the arrangement of joint counselling sessions, it was decided that such an arrangement should be worked out by the Director, Regional Services, in consultation with the respective Regional Director and with the permission of VC. It was further decided that the RSD will prepare a detailed document about the *modus-operandi* of such joint counselling sessions and seek the approval of the VC.

4.7 Regarding the proposal to convert the security money being deposited by the study centres, into interest free deposits, it was decided that the Board accords its permission in principle to receive interest free deposits as security money, but the Board advised that proper legal opinion must be taken and the matter be got approved from the finance committee also before its implementation. The VC was authorized to take a final decision in this regard.

4.8 While sanctioning additional subjects to existing study centres, the following fee structure, as proposed, was approved :-

- ✓ 1. At the time of application. - Rs 2000.00 (Non refundable).
- ✓ 2. Once the programmes are sanctioned. - Rs 2000.00 (For one programme of study) and Rs 1000.00 extra for additional programmes sanctioned.



Thus, this fee mentioned in point No 2 above shall apply only after the programme is/are sanctioned.

4.9 The proposal to establish University's own study centres in the UG/PG colleges (Government/aided) of the state was accepted and the draft document placed at annexure No 01 to these minutes was also approved. However, the RSD informed that the representatives of UG/PG colleges have put forth some valid suggestions and these may also be considered. The Board opined that the committee which finalized the suggestions shall reconsider the same and seek approval of the VC. Thereafter, this scheme of own study centres shall be initiated. The following members were in the earlier committee and the same are being authorized to decide on the related issues :-

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| 1. | Prof. R.C. Mishra, Director RSD | - | Convener |
| 2. | Registrar | - | Member |
| 3. | Finance Controller | - | Member |
| 4. | Dy. Registrar | - | Member |
| 5. | Dr. Surya Bhan Singh, Asstt. Prof. Pol.Sci. | - | Member |

4.10 Regarding the strengthening of existing study centres and establishment of new study centres, it was decided that in future, study centres to societies and NGOs should be granted with a lot of discretion, i.e, the said society must have the experience of managing class-room situation and it must have the required infrastructure. In brief, the following must be there :-

1. The society/NGO must be atleast 3 years old, i.e., established at least 3 years back on the date of submission of application.
2. The society must have the experience of managing classes exactly on the lines of an educational institution.
3. The laboratories and the other infrastructure must be in place.
4. The arrangement of the counsellors must be there.
5. It should not be a coaching institution offering coaching classes of different subjects at different levels.

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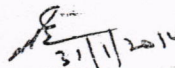
Further, the UGCs directions in this regard was also discussed and considered and it was decided to establish new study centres preferably in the government colleges, aided colleges, properly functioning private colleges and properly functioning private institutes only. The study centres to societies and NGOs should be given as exceptions and not as a general rule. The study centres operating under the societies and NGOs should gradually be phased out once the duration of their existing MOU is over. Further it was also decided to strengthen the existing study centres which are operational in the colleges/institutions.

4.11 Regarding the increase in the processing fee the board was of the opinion that presently, the *status-quo* should be maintained and no increase should be made at this stage.

4.12 Item No 4.12 of the agenda has already been covered in the decision taken at 4.10 above.

4.13 Regarding establishment of the nodal centres under the Regional Centres, the Board agreed in principle but suggested that the *modus-operandi* of identifying, establishing and operating the nodal centres be prepared by a committee to be constituted by the RSD. The report of the committee should be considered by VC and the VC is being authorized to take the single decision in this regard.

No other issue was raised for discussion with the permission of the chair, so the meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the chair.


3/11/2014
(LS Rawat)
Registrar

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