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1. Prof. J.S. Dhiman, Dean of Planning and Teachers' Matter, HPU, Shimla.
2. Prof. Manu Sood, Dean Faculty of Physical Sciences, HPU, Shimla-5.
3. Prof. Raman Sharma, Dean, Faculty of Engineering & Technology, HPU, Shimla-5.
4. Prof. Desh Raj Thakur, Dean, Faculty of Life Sciences, HPU, Shimla-5.
5. Prof. Dev Dutt Sharma, Dean, Faculty of Social Sciences, HPU, Shimla.
6. Prof. Neelima Kanwar, Dean Faculty of Languages, HPU, Shimla-5.
7. Prof. Aparna Negi, Dean, Faculty of Environment Development and Sustainability Studies, HPU, Shimla-5.
8. Prof. Sanjay Sharma, Dean Faculty of Education, H.P.U. Shimla-5.
9. Prof. Dinesh Kumar, Dean, Faculty of Commerce & Management, HPU, Shimla-5.
10. Prof. Khem Chand, (VC's nominee) Department of Mathematics, HPU, Shimla.
11. Prof. N.S. Negi, (VC's nominee), Department of Physics, HPU, Shimla.
12. Prof. (Mrs.) Runa Mehta (VC's Nominee) Department of Laws, HPU, Shimla.

At the outset of the meeting, the Dean of Studies greeted all members of the Committee and requested them to share their valuable suggestions on the various agenda items. Thereafter, the Section Officer (Academics) presented the following agenda items for the Committee's consideration and decision:

Item No. 1: To place before the Academic Council/Standing Committee of Academic Council, the recommendations of the Faculty of Physical Sciences dated 23-12-2025 regarding finalisation of syllabus and pattern of question paper for P.G. Entrance Test of **M.Sc. Chemistry** as per annexures for consideration and approval.

Decision: The Standing Committee of the Academic Council approved the syllabus and pattern of the question paper for the P.G. Entrance Test of **M.Sc. Chemistry** as per annexure, applicable from the academic session 2027-28 instead of 2026-27.

Item No. 2: To place before the Academic Council/Standing Committee of the Academic Council the recommendations of the Faculty of Physical Sciences dated 23-12-2025 regarding finalisation of syllabus and pattern of question paper for P.G. Entrance Test of **M.Sc. Physics** for consideration and approval.

Decision: The Standing Committee of the Academic Council approved the syllabus and pattern of the question paper for the P.G. Entrance Test of **M.Sc. Physics** as per annexure, applicable from the academic session 2027-28 instead of 2026-27.

Item No. 3: To place before the Standing Committee of Academic Council, the recommendation of Board of Studies (PG) Performing Arts (Music), as approved by the Faculty of Performing & Visual Arts vide item No. 5 in its meeting held on 29-12-2025 with regard to approval the format of Question Paper of Entrance Test syllabus in the subject of **Music (Instrumental and Vocal)** for the session 2026-27 in compliance the issued letter dated 17-09-2025.

Decision: The Standing Committee of the Academic Council approved the syllabus and pattern of the question paper for the P.G. Entrance Test of **Music (Instrumental and Vocal)** as per annexure, applicable from the academic session 2027-28 instead of 2026-27.

Item No. 4: To place before the Academic Council/Standing Committee of the Academic Council, the proposed syllabi of M.Sc. Entrance Tests in the subject of **Botany and Zoology** for the session 2026-27, for consideration and approval of the Academic Council/Standing Committee of Academic Council.

Decision: The Standing Committee of the Academic Council approved the syllabus and pattern of the question paper for the P.G. Entrance Test of **Botany and Zoology** as per annexure, applicable from the academic session 2027-28 instead of 2026-27.

Item No. 5: To place before the Academic Council/Standing Committee of the Academic Council the recommendation of the Faculty of Physical Sciences dated 23-12-2025 regarding (i) syllabi of M.C.A. & M.Tech (Entrance Test), (ii) syllabus of **M.Tech. (Computer Sciences)** as per annexure for consideration and approval.

Decision: The Standing Committee of the Academic Council approved the (i) syllabi of **M.C.A. & M.Tech. (Entrance Test)** for the session 2027-28 instead of 2026-27. (ii) The syllabus of **M.Tech. (Computer Sciences)** as per annexures.

Item No. 6: To place the item before the Standing Committee of the Academic Council norms and structure, along with the syllabus of the 1st year (1st and 2nd Semesters) of the undergraduate programme under NEP-2020 in Journalism and Mass Communication, for consideration and approval.

Decision: The Standing Committee of the Academic Council approved the revised norms and structure, along with the syllabus for the 1st year (1st and 2nd Semesters) of the undergraduate programme in Journalism and Mass Communication under NEP-2020, effective from the academic session 2026-27 onwards, in supersession of the previous notification dated 23-02-2026.

Item No. 7: To place before the Academic Council/Standing Committee of Academic Council, the recommendations of the Faculty of Physical Sciences dated 23.12.2025, the syllabus of M.Sc. (Artificial Intelligence), MSAI-303 "Advances in AI" for consideration and approval.

Decision: The Standing Committee of the Academic Council approved the revised syllabus of M.Sc. (Artificial Intelligence), MSAI-303 "Advances in AI" approved as per annexures.

Item No. 8: To place the matter before the Standing Committee of the Academic Council for seeking approval with regard to (Programme Project Report (PPRs) and Self Learning Material (SLM) in respect of 3-Year UG Degree, 4-year UG Degree (Honours) under NEP 2020 and B.Ed. Course for the academic year 2026-27 (w.e.f. August 2026 and onwards).

Decision: After a detailed discussion on each signed page of the Programme Project Reports (PPRs) and Self Learning Material (SLM), the Standing Committee of the Academic Council approved the 3-Year UG Degree, 4-Year UG Degree (Honours) under NEP-2020, and the B.Ed. Course for the academic year 2026-27 (w.e.f. August 2026).

Item No. 9: To place before the Standing Committee of the Academic Council the Addendum (Annexure-I) regarding starting the Part-time PhD program at Himachal Pradesh University, Shimla, notified vide letter no. 2-1/2025-HPU (Acad.) dated 18th April, 2026 for consideration and approval.

Decision: Noted with approval.

Item No. 10: To place before the Standing Committee of Academic Council the matter regarding the recommendations of the duly constituted Committee and approval accorded by the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor regarding the formulation of a fee structure for the NEP 3/4 Year Undergraduate Programme (B.A./B.Com.) under CDOE for the Academic Session 2026-27 (beginning from August, 2026) and revision of the existing fee concession provisions under Clause 7.4(b) of the First Ordinance of Himachal Pradesh University, applicable to SC/ST categories and women candidates of Himachal Pradesh (Notification No. 3-28/94-IIPU (Genl.) Vol-XV dated 06.04.2017) qua simultaneously propose amendments under Clause 7.4 (b) of the First Ordinance of Himachal Pradesh University, for kind consideration and approval of the Council.

Decision: The Standing Committee of the Academic Council approved the proposed amendments under Clause 7.4 (b) of the First Ordinance of Himachal Pradesh University as per annexures and further recommended placing the same before the Executive Council for consideration and approval.

Item No. 11: To place before the Standing Committee of the Academic Council the matter about **adoption of NEP-2020**, for consideration and approval.

It is submitted that the Executive Council, vide item No. 6 in its meeting held on 02.01-2026, in principle approved the implementation of the National Education Policy (NEP) at the undergraduate level from the Academic Session 2026-27, and further decided that the matter be taken up with the State Government for granting permission to commence NEP at the UG level.

Subsequently, the Government of Himachal Pradesh vide Notification No. EDUA-009/7/2025-278440-NEP dated 01.04.2026, notified the adoption of the Semester System at the UG level in all Degree Colleges in the State from the Academic Session, along with the introduction of the Multiple Entry and Exit Scheme in all Degree Colleges.

In compliance with the decision of the Government of Himachal Pradesh, the Registrar, Himachal Pradesh University, Shimla-5, circulated the same vide Letter No. 7-1/2025-HPU (Acad) dated 18-04-2026 to all Principals of Government and Private Colleges affiliated with H.P. University, Shimla-5.

Accordingly, the matter is placed before the Standing Committee of the Academic Council for kind consideration and such decisions as may be deemed appropriate.

Decision: Pursuant to the approval of the Executive Council and the Secretary of Education of GoHP, the Standing Committee of the Academic Council approved the implementation of NEP 2020-aligned courses in all undergraduate programs of Himachal Pradesh University, Shimla, starting from the academic session 2026-2027.

The committee recommended that any necessary modifications or incorporations be made to the HP University ordinances.

Item No. 12: To place before the Standing Committee of the Academic Council the recommendations of the Deans' Committee vide on spot item No. 1 (HPU-Curriculum and Credit Framework for Undergraduate Programs, and Guidelines for Examination and Grading for Undergraduate Programs aligned with NEP-2020 with updated guidelines, for consideration and approval.

Decision: The Standing Committee of the Academic Council approved the **HPU-Curriculum and Credit Framework for Undergraduate Programs, and Guidelines for Examination and Grading for Undergraduate Programs** aligned with NEP-2020, with the following updated Guidelines:

1. Guidelines for:
 - (a) Internship/ Apprenticeship
 - (b) Research Project/Dissertation Guidelines
 - (c) Field-Based Learning/ Minor Project Guidelines
 - (d) Community Outreach Program Guidelines
2. Revised Structure/Scheme for Paper Setting, Assessment, and Evaluation for Discipline Specific Core (DSC), Discipline Specific Elective (DSE), Minor Course (MC), Multidisciplinary Course (MDC), Skill Enhancement Course (SEC), Ability Enhancement Course (AEC) and Value Addition Course (VAC) & Add on Course (AOC).
3. Revised Guidelines for SWYAM/MOOCs of H.P. University.
4. Academic Bank of Credits (ABC) Guidelines

The above rules and guidelines will be applicable from the academic session 2026-2027 in all UG programmes.

The committee recommended that the necessary modifications/incorporation be made in the HP University ordinances.

Item No. 13: To place before the Standing Committee of the Academic Council the proceedings of the meeting of the Faculty of Social Sciences, H.P. University, held on 12th March, 2026, for consideration and approval.

On the recommendation of the Board of Studies (BoS), the Faculty of Social Sciences held on 12th March, 2026, the following items were recommended to be placed before the Standing Committee of the Academic Council:

1. Syllabi of B.A. (Geography) 2nd and 3rd Year (3rd to 6th Semesters) under NEP-2020
2. Syllabi of M.A. (Geography) Entrance Test.
3. Revision of the existing syllabi of a few theory papers and the question paper pattern of all practical-based course papers (**Department of Geography**).
4. Syllabi of B.A. (Economics) 2nd and 3rd Year (3rd to 6th Semesters) under NEP-2020.
5. Syllabi of M.A. Economics Entrance Examination.
6. Syllabi of M.A. Yoga Entrance Examination.
7. Syllabi of B.A. (History) 2nd and 3rd Year (3rd to 6th Semesters) under NEP-2020.
8. Syllabi of M.A. History Entrance Examination.
9. Syllabi of B.A. (Public Administration) 2nd and 3rd Year (3rd to 6th Semesters) under NEP-2020.
10. Syllabi of M.A. Public Administration Entrance Examination.
11. Syllabi of Certificate/Diploma course (**BoS Public Administration Deptt.**) in Human Resource Development (UG) through CDOE.
12. Syllabi of B.A. (Political Science) 2nd and 3rd Year (3rd to 6th Semesters) under NEP-2020.
13. Syllabi of M.A. Political Science Entrance Examination.
14. Syllabi of B.A. (Journalism of Mass Communication) 2nd and 3rd Year (3rd to 6th Semesters) under NEP-2020.

Decision: The Standing Committee of the Academic Council approved the syllabi and pattern of the question paper for the following P.G. Entrance Test as per annexures, applicable from the academic session 2027-28 instead of 2026-27:

1. Syllabi of **M.A. (Geography) Entrance Test**.
2. Syllabi of **M.A. Economics Entrance Examination**.
3. Syllabi of **M.A. Yoga Entrance Examination**.
4. Syllabi of **M.A. History Entrance Examination**.
5. Syllabi of **M.A. Public Administration Entrance Examination**.
6. Syllabi of **M.A. Political Science Entrance Examination**.

The Council also approved revisions to the syllabi of a few theory papers and to the question paper pattern for all practical-based course papers of the **Geography Department**, as per the Annexures.

Further, the Council also approved syllabi of Certificate/Diploma course (**BoS Public Administration Deptt.**) in Human Resource Development (UG) through CDOE as per the Annexures. from academic session 2026-27.

The Standing Committee of the Academic Council has decided to defer the discussion regarding the syllabi for the 2nd and 3rd Year under NEP-2020, to the next meeting.

Item No. 14: To place before the Standing Committee of the Academic Council the recommendations of the Deans' Committee (**guidelines for Multiple Entry and Multiple Exit of the subcommittee constituted vide Notification No. 16-63/2001-HPU (Genl.) dated 27.10.2024**) vide on spot item No. 3 in its meeting held on 06 April 2026, for consideration and approval.

Decision: Approved with modifications as per annexure.

Item No. 15: To place before the Standing Committee of the Academic Council the syllabi of the **Apprenticeship Embedded Degree Program (AEDP)**, and the syllabi of FYICTTM (3rd to 6th Semesters under NEP-2020), BATTM (3rd to 6th Semesters under NEP-2020), and BHM (3rd to 6th Semesters under NEP-2020), BBA (3rd to 6th Semesters under NEP-2020), for considerations and approvals.

The following syllabi of AEDP were approved by the BoS (Commerce) and the Faculty of Commerce and Management:

1. **B.Com. Banking, Financial Services and Insurance**
2. **B.Com. E-Commerce**
3. **B.Com. Retail Operations Management**
4. **B.Com Logistics**
5. **B.Com. Human Resource Operations.**

Decision: The Standing Committee of the Academic Council approved the syllabi of the following AEDP (First-Second semesters) on the recommendation of the BoS (Commerce) and the Faculty of Commerce and Management, with modifications:

1. **B.Com. Banking, Financial Services and Insurance**
2. **B.Com. E-Commerce**
3. **B.Com. Retail Operations Management**
4. **B.Com Logistics**
5. **B.Com. Human Resource Operations.**

The committee recommended that the necessary modifications/incorporation be made in the HP University ordinances by the Academic Branch.

The Committee has directed the Chairman, Department of Commerce to prepare the syllabi for AEDP (3rd to 6th Semesters) within one month.

The Standing Committee of the Academic Council has decided to defer the discussion regarding the syllabi for the 2nd and 3rd Year under NEP-2020, to the next meeting.

Item No. 16: To place before the Standing Committee of the Academic Council the syllabi of the B.Sc. Data Science aligned with NEP-2020, for consideration and approval.

Decision: The Standing Committee of the Academic Council approved the syllabi (First-Second semesters) of the **B.Sc. Data Science with modifications** aligned with NEP-2020 as per annexures applicable from the academic session 2026-27.

The other guidelines i.e. fee structure, seats bifurcation, etc. will be notified separately.

The committee recommended that the necessary modifications/incorporation be made in the HP University ordinances.

The Standing Committee of the Academic Council has decided to defer the discussion regarding the syllabi for the 2nd and 3rd Year under NEP-2020, to the next meeting.

Item No. 17: To place before the Standing Committee of the Academic Council the syllabi of the B.Sc. Artificial Intelligence aligned with NEP-2020, for consideration and approval.

Decision: The Standing Committee of the Academic Council approved the syllabi (First-Second semesters) of the **B.Sc. Artificial Intelligence with modifications** aligned with NEP-2020 as per annexures applicable from the academic session 2026-27.

The other guidelines i.e. fee structure, seats bifurcation, etc. will be notified separately.

The committee recommended that the necessary modifications/incorporation be made in the HP University ordinances.

The Standing Committee of the Academic Council has decided to defer the discussion regarding the syllabi for the 2nd and 3rd Year under NEP-2020, to the next meeting.

Item No. 18: To place before the Standing Committee of the Academic Council the syllabi of the **B.A. English (2nd years onwards)** aligned with NEP-2020 recommended by the concerned BOS & Faculty of Languages, for consideration and approval.

Decision: The Standing Committee of the Academic Council has decided to defer the discussion regarding the syllabi for the 2nd and 3rd Year under NEP-2020, to the next meeting.

Item No. 19: To place before the Standing Committee of the Academic Council the syllabi of the **B.A. Sanskrit (2nd years onwards)** aligned with NEP-2020 recommended by the concerned BOS & Faculty of Languages, for consideration and approval.

Decision: The Standing Committee of the Academic Council has decided to defer the discussion regarding the syllabi for the 2nd and 3rd Year under NEP-2020, to the next meeting.

Item No. 20: To place before the Standing Committee of the Academic Council the syllabi of the **OT Shastri (2nd years onwards)** aligned with NEP-2020 as recommended by the BOS & Faculty of Languages, for consideration and approval.

Decision: The Standing Committee of the Academic Council has decided to defer the discussion regarding the syllabi for the 2nd and 3rd Year under NEP-2020, to the next meeting.

On spot Items


Item No. 1: To place before the Academic Council/Standing committee of Academic Council related to the correction in the name of Courses as BFA (Bachelor of Fine Arts) instead of BVA (Bachelor of Visual Arts) for the sessions 2017-2018, 2018-2019, and 2019-2020.


Decision: The Standing Committee of the Academic Council thoroughly discussed the issue and referred it back to the relevant Board of Studies for review in consultation with the Academic Branch, to be placed in the next meeting.


Item No. 2: To place before the Standing Committee of Academic Council the recommendation of Board of Studies (PG) Performing Arts (Music), as approved by the Performing & Visual Arts vide item No.6 in its meeting held on 29.12.2025, regarding eligibility criteria for admission to M.A. Music (Tabla) programme of HP University and consider the eligibility of candidates who have successfully completed a PG Diploma in Tabla (One Year Two Semesters) along with B.A./B.Sc./B.Com degree in any stream from a UGC recognized university shall be eligible for the admission to the M.A. Music (Tabla) programme of HPU.


Decision: The Standing Committee of the Academic Council perused the recommendations of the concerned Board of Studies and Faculty, and approved that "PG Diploma in Tabla (One Year, Two Semesters) from any stream from a UGC recognized University shall be eligible for admission to the M.A. Music (Tabla) programme of HPU, in addition to existing eligibility conditions".


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

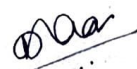

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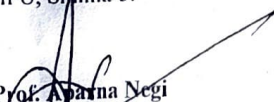

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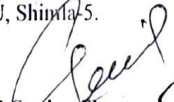

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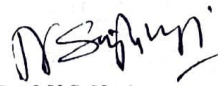

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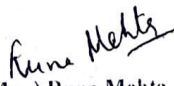

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