

**Sher-e-Kashmir University of Agricultural Sciences & Technology of  
Jammu  
Faculty of Horticulture & Forestry**

**Subject: Minutes of 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting of Faculty of Horticulture and Forestry (FoH&F).**

The 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting of the Faculty of Horticulture and Forestry was held on 3<sup>rd</sup> January, 2025 in the committee room of NAHEP-IDP, SKUAST-J, Main Campus, Chatha under the Chairmanship of Dr. Vikas Tandon, Dean, FoH&F, SKUAST-J. List of members who attended the meeting is attached as Annexure I. The meeting commenced with a warm welcome by Prof. Amit Jasrotia, Member Secretary, who extended greetings to the Chairman, Directors/Deans, and all members present. Dr. Vikas Tandon in his opening remarks deliberated on the purpose of conducting the meeting and requested members for discussion on the agenda items. The member secretary presented the agenda items after seeking permission from the chairman. The resolutions on various agenda items are presented as under:

**Agenda item FoH&F 2(1): Confirmation of the minutes of 1<sup>st</sup> meeting of Faculty of Horticulture and Forestry issued vide AUJ/Dean-FoHF/24-25/365-369, dated: 29/04/2024.**

The minutes of the 1<sup>st</sup> meeting of Faculty of Horticulture and Forestry held on 29-04-2024 were circulated vide Dean, FoH&F office no. AUJ/Dean-FoHF/24-25/365-369, dated: 29/04/2024. All members unanimously agreed to confirm the 1<sup>st</sup> meeting of Faculty of Horticulture and Forestry. Consequently, the House adopted the following resolution

*"Resolved to the minutes of the 1st meeting of Faculty of Horticulture and Forestry, circulated vide AUJ/Dean-FoHF/24-25/365-369, dated: 29/04/2024, were confirmed."*

**Agenda item FoH&F 2(2): Detailing of activities under RHWE (Rural Horticulture Work Experience), Internship and Attachment with KVK/Research stations in the 8<sup>th</sup> semester of UG Degree program.**

A committee was constituted vide Dean's letter no. AUJ/Dean/FOHF/24-25/2828-2832, dated: 26-12-2024 to work out the modalities including the activities and their duration that can be included in RHWE programme offered to under graduate students of B.Sc Horticulture (Hons.) programme. The committee proposed the Academic calendar for RHWE programme for undergraduate students of B.Sc. (Hons.) Horticulture.



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*Resolved to adopt the academic calendar for RHWE (Rural Horticulture Work Experience) programme for students of B. Sc. (Hons.) Horticulture in line with 5<sup>th</sup> Deans' Committee Report as per Annexure-II.*

### **Agenda item FoH&F 2(3): Course modification in the courses to be offered to students of B. Sc. (Hons.) Horticulture as per 6<sup>th</sup> Deans' committee report.**

Director Education vide letter no. AUJ/DE/24-25/F-231/3334-3340, dated: 04-11-2024 had asked to peruse the 6<sup>th</sup> Deans' Committee Report and suggest any moderation in the courses and syllabi. In this regard, Head, Division of Silviculture and Agroforestry proposed the modifications in the course of contents, of the course "Introductory Agroforestry" offered in 5<sup>th</sup> semester to B.Sc (Hons.) Agriculture students as "Introductory Agroforestry 2(1+1)" and in 6<sup>th</sup> semester to B.Sc. (Hons.) Horticulture students as "Introductory Agroforestry 3(2+1)". It was resolved.

*"To adopt the modifications in course contents of the course entitled 'Introductory Agroforestry' offered in 5<sup>th</sup> semester to B.Sc (Hons.) Agriculture students and course entitled 'Introductory Agroforestry 3(2+1)' offered in 6<sup>th</sup> semester to B.Sc. (Hons.) Horticulture students as proposed (attached as Annexure-III)"*

### **Agenda item FoH&F 2(4): Assigning of Course Nos. to the courses offered by the FoH&F for courses of 6<sup>th</sup> Deans' committee.**

It was decided in the meeting of BoS (FoH&F) held on 02-12-2024 that the nomenclature of courses offered by various Divisions be kept as FRTS for Fruit Science, VGSC for Vegetable Science, FLOR for Floriculture & landscaping, SAGF for Silviculture & Agro-forestry and PHMT for Post Harvest Management. The Chairman asked the Divisions to communicate the numbering and nomenclature of the courses offered by their respective divisions in various semesters of the degree programme which is yet awaited.

*"Resolved to allot course codes as FRTS for Fruit Science, VGSC for Vegetable Science, FLOR for Floriculture & landscaping, SAGF for Silviculture & Agro-forestry and PHMT for Post Harvest Management"*

### **Agenda item FoH&F 2(5) : Courses to be chosen for ELP in 7<sup>th</sup> semester- Fruit science, Floriculture, Vegetable Science, and Post harvest**





**Management in addition to Apiculture and Mushroom cultivation.**

Under Experiential Learning Programme offered in 7<sup>th</sup> semester, the students are already taking Apiculture and Mushroom Cultivation. The chairman BoS, FoH&F asked all the HoDs to provide the details of ELP that will be offered by their respective division. The courses proposed by different divisions and approved in 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting of BoS, FoH&F are as under.

1. Commercial Horticulture
2. Vegetable cultivation under open and protected conditions
3. Commercial Floriculture and Landscaping
4. Processing and value addition of Horticulture crops

*"Resolved to offer courses viz., Commercial Horticulture from Division of Fruit Science, Vegetable cultivation under open and protected conditions from Division of Vegetable Science, Commercial Floriculture and Landscaping from Division of Floriculture & Landscaping and Processing and Value addition of Horticulture Crops from Division of Post Harvest Management in addition to courses already being offered under the aegis of 5<sup>th</sup> Deans' Committee"*

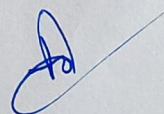
**Agenda item FoH& F 2(6): Include Horticulture as Major Subject Group for admission to M. Sc. Horticulture.**

Chairman BoS (FoH&F) proposed to include a separate **Major Subject Group - Horticulture** for admission to MSc. Horticulture, with a prescribed syllabus in CET entrance examination in line with M.Sc. Agriculture, M.Sc. Basic Science, M.Sc. Forestry as **Major Subject Group**.

*"Resolved to include Horticulture as Major Subject Group for admission to M. Sc. Horticulture as per the detailed syllabus annexed as Annexure-IV"*

**Agenda item FoH& F 2(7): Initiation of Masters of Urban Horticulture.**

The Dean, Faculty of Horticulture & Forestry proposed a separate PG degree programme i.e., The Master of Urban Horticulture (MUH). The program is designed to prepare students for careers in urban planning, landscape architecture, horticulture, and related fields. The syllabus of Master of Urban Horticulture is developed specifically for those seeking professional employment or developing research careers in urban horticulture and landscape management. There is a focus on the design, implementation and





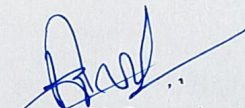
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management of urban landscapes. The Master of Urban Horticulture will be a graduate coursework program completed over two years of full-time study.

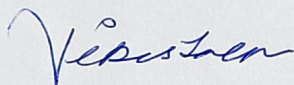
Students in the MUH program will gain the skills and knowledge they need to design, manage, and advocate for urban green spaces. They will also learn about the latest research in urban horticulture and how to apply it to real-world projects.

*"Resolved to initiate Masters of Science in Horticulture (Urban Horticulture) degree programme under the aegis of Faculty of Horticulture & Forestry"*

The meeting ended with vote of thanks.



Dr. Amit Jasrotia,  
Member-Secretary,  
Faculty of Horticulture & Forestry.



Dr. Vikas Tandon  
Dean & Chairman,  
Faculty of Horticulture & Forestry

No.: *AUT/Dean- FohSF/425/3019*

Date: *07/02/25*

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