

HIDAYATULLAH NATIONAL LAW UNIVERSITY, NAYA RAIPUR (C.G.)

MINUTES OF THE ACADEMIC COUNCIL HELD ON 27.11.2019
AT 11.30 A.M.

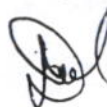
A meeting of the Academic Council of the Hidayatullah National Law University took place on 27.11.2019 at 11.30 a.m. in the Board Room of the University. The following members were present in the meeting:

1. Prof. (Dr.) V.C. Vivekanandan, Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, HNLU - Chairman
2. Prof. (Dr.) Balraj Chauhan, Vice Chancellor, Dharmashastra National Law University, Jabalpur (M.P.) - Member
3. Prof. (Dr.) Manoj Kumar Sinha, Director, Indian Law Institute, New Delhi - Member
4. Shri Ravishankar Sharma, Principal Secretary, Government of Chhattisgarh, Law and Legal Affairs Department - Member
5. Shri Shailendra Dubey, Advocate, High Court of Chhattisgarh & Member, Bar Council of India - Member
6. Shri Kishore Bhaduri, Advocate, High Court of Chhattisgarh - Member
7. Dr. Dipak Das, Associate Professor, HNLU - Member
8. Dr. Ayan Hazra, Assistant Professor, HNLU - Member
9. Dr. Yamala Papa Rao, Assistant Professor, HNLU - Member
10. Dr. Deepak Kumar Srivastava, Assistant Professor, HNLU - Member

Hon'ble Vice Chancellor welcomed the members, gave them a brief introduction and after verifying the quorum, the agenda items were taken up as under:-

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1	<p><u>Perusal and approval of the minutes of the Academic Council meeting dated 07.05.2018.</u></p> <p><u>Notes:</u> Minutes of the Academic Council meeting dated 07.05.2018 are placed for perusal and approval.</p> <p><u>Decision:</u> Minutes of the Academic Council meeting dated 07.05.2018 were perused and confirmed with the following observations and further decision:-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">a. There has been a gap of more than one year between the last and the present meetings of the Academic Council and advised to have the mandated number of meetings in the future.b. It was suggested that the criteria for Gold Medals decided by the University should be part of the University rules and the same has to be annexed.

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	<p>c. The matter pertaining to Ms. Rupal Rani Netam, Ex-student of Batch VIII, B.A. LL.B. (Honours) to provide her opportunity beyond the stipulated time of 08 years to complete the prescribed requirements of award of degree was discussed in detail as under:-</p> <p>(i) Ms. Rupal Rani Netam, a B.A. LL.B. candidate enrolled in 2008 could not complete her required course till 2016 which is the stipulated 08 year period of HNLU regulation. On appeal by the candidate to allow her an additional chance in 2016. The appeal was discussed in the Academic Council meetings dated 31.08.2016 and 07.05.2018 and it was decided to recommend for amendment of the stipulated period from 08 years upto 10 years and consider the appeal of the candidate.</p> <p>(ii) Accordingly, the decision of Academic Council was placed before the Executive Council meeting held on 02.06.2018. On deliberation the Executive Council approved the recommendations of Academic Council and forwarded it to the General Council for final approval of the amendment in the Ordinance.</p> <p>(iii) The matter was circulated to the General Council members by the Chancellor of the University who is the chairperson of the General Council for approval. Out of total 19 members, 11 members including the Chancellor agreed to the recommendation of A.C. and E.C. whereas 03 members dissented on the subject, 02 members wanted deliberations in a meeting than circular. One member partially consented for an extension of one year (from 8 years to 9 years) and 02 members did not respond.</p> <p>(iv) As per HNLU Statute 6(9), any circular made to the members for amendment require to be placed in the subsequent General Council meeting for deliberation and approval. Accordingly, the matter is to be placed in the forthcoming General Council meeting.</p> <p>The members of the Academic Council deliberated and concluded that appeal of the candidate can be considered for permitting her an additional chance and also to recommend the amendment of this clause for a maximum of 10 years, subject to approval in exceptional cases. However, due to the delay in conduct of the General Council meeting it was decided to permit the candidate to take the exams by the Academic Year 2020-21 instead of 30.06.2019 which has lapsed and the same may be placed before Executive Council and General Council.</p>



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2.	<p><u>Perusal of the Action Taken Report on the decisions of the Academic Council meeting dated 07.05.2018.</u></p> <p><u>Notes:</u> Action Taken Report on the decisions of the Academic Council meeting dated 07.05.2018 is placed for perusal.</p> <p><u>Decision:</u> Action Taken Report on the decisions of the Academic Council meeting dated 07.05.2018 perused by the Academic Council.</p>
3.	<p><u>To recommend award of Degrees to the pass out students of B.A. LL.B. (Honours).</u></p> <p><u>Notes:</u> The students of different batches of B.A. LL.B. (Hons.) have completed their academic courses and are eligible for award of Degrees:-</p> <p><u>B.A. LL.B. (Honours)</u></p> <p>(1) <u>Year of Graduating 2019-</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 118 (One Hundred Eighteen) students of Batch-XIV (2014-2019). 32 (Thirty Two) students of Batch-XIII (2013-2018) 03 (Three) students of Batch XII (2012-2017) 01 (One) student of Batch XI (2011-2016) <p>(2) <u>Year of Graduating 2018-</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 101 (One Hundred and One) students of Batch-XIII (2013-2018) 05 (Five) students of Batch XII (2012-2017) 01 (One) student of Batch XI (2011-2016) 05 (Five) students of Batch X (2010-2015) <p>Accordingly, the matter is placed with relevant documents for recommending award of Degrees to the pass out students of B.A. LL.B. (Honours) as above.</p> <p><u>Decision:</u> The Academic Council recommends award of Degrees to the eligible pass out students of B.A. LL.B. (Honours).</p>
4.	<p><u>To recommend award of Degrees to the pass out students of LL.M.</u></p> <p><u>Notes:</u> The students of different batches of LL.M. have completed their academic courses and are eligible for award of Degrees:-</p> <p>(1) <u>Year of Graduating 2019-</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 44 (Forty Four) students of Batch-XII (2018-2019) 1 (One) students of Batch-XI (2017-2018) <p>(2) <u>Year of passing 2018-</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 45 (Forty Five) students of Batch-XI (2017-2018) 1 (One) student of Batch-X (2016-2017)

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	<p>Accordingly, the matter is placed with relevant documents for recommending award of Degrees to the pass out students of LL.M. as above.</p> <p>Decision: The Academic Council recommends award of Degrees to the eligible pass out students of LL.M.</p>
5.	<p><u>Award of Ph.D. Degrees to Two successful Research Scholars.</u></p> <p>Notes:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Ms. Anukriti Mishra, Research Scholar of HNLU has successfully completed her research work and all the formalities for award of Ph.D. Degrees in the year 2019 on the research topics entitled "Critical Analysis of International Refugee Laws: With Special Reference to 1951 Convention Relating to the Status of Refugees". 2. Mr. Rana Navneet Roy, Research Scholar of HNLU has successfully completed his research work and all the formalities for award of Ph.D. Degrees in the year 2019 on the research topics entitled "Law and Policy on Climate Change: Challenges and Prospects (With Special Reference to India)". <p>Accordingly, the matter is placed with relevant documents for perusal and approval for recommending award of Ph.D. degrees to the above research scholars.</p> <p>Decision: The Academic Council recommends award of Ph.D. Degrees to the two successful Research Scholars.</p>
6.	<p><u>Approval regarding change in criteria for award of "Late Shri Dinesh Chandra Tiwari Gold Medal" w.e.f. the student batch graduated in the year 2019.</u></p> <p>Notes:</p> <p>Initially, the ordinance for B.A. LL.B. (Honours) had provision of 10 point grading scale. In accordance with it, as per the proposal of the donor of the "Late Shri Dinesh Chandra Tiwari Gold Medal", the gold medal is to be awarded to a student for securing highest marks in "Criminology" but overall he/she should have obtained more than 7 CGPA. To bring in conformity with the BCI regulations, the grading scale in the Ordinance has been revised by the University from 10 CGPA to 07 CGPA. Hence, it has been recommended by the Examination Committee to revise the eligibility criteria for the above Gold Medal from "more than 7 CGPA" to "more than 4 CGPA".</p> <p>Accordingly, the matter is placed with relevant documents for recommending approval for change in the eligibility criteria of the Gold Medal as proposed above and accordingly for award of Gold Medals graduating w.e.f. the year 2019 and onwards as per the revised eligibility criteria.</p>

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	<p>Decision: The Academic Council noted that in fact there is no change in criteria for the award of "Late Shri Dinesh Chandra Tiwari Gold Medal". Actually, the grading scale is being altered to bring it in consonance with the BCI rules by converting the grading scale of 10 to 0 to that of 7 to 0.</p> <p>The Academic Council recommends approval for altering the grading scale, as above, for award of "Late Shri Dinesh Chandra Tiwari Gold Medal" w.e.f. the student batch graduated in the year 2019.</p>
7.	<p>To recommend award of Gold Medals to the eligible students of B.A. LL.B. (Honours) Degree Programme.</p> <p>Notes: The students of B.A. LL.B. (Honours) who have completed their academic courses and fulfilled the eligibility criteria are to be recommended for award of Gold Medals.</p> <p>Accordingly, the matter is placed with relevant documents for recommending the students who are eligible for award of Gold Medals.</p> <p>Decision: The Academic Council approved the recommendations of the Awards Committee for award of Gold Medals to eligible students. The Academic Council also recommended for notifying the names of students eligible for award of Gold Medals prior to the Convocation so that the graduating students will have an opportunity to rectify any error or oversight.</p>
8.	<p>To recommend award of Gold Medals to the eligible students of LL.M. Degree Programme.</p> <p>Notes: The students of LL.M. who have completed their academic courses and fulfilled the eligibility criteria are to be recommended for award of Gold Medals.</p> <p>Accordingly, the matter is placed with relevant documents for recommending the students who are eligible for award of Gold Medals.</p> <p>Decision: The Academic Council approved the recommendations of the Awards Committee for award of Gold Medals to eligible students. The Academic Council also recommended for notifying the names of students eligible for award of Gold Medals prior to the Convocation so that the graduating students will have an opportunity to rectify any error or oversight.</p>

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9.	<p>Amendments to the Ordinance of B.A. LL.B. (Honours)</p> <p>Notes:</p> <p>It is proposed to amend the ordinance for B.A. LL.B. (Honours) due to the following reasons:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Age Limit- In consonance with the policy of Consortium of National Law Universities to have no upper age limit, the University proposes to have no upper age limit for admission. 2. Minimum Score- In consonance with the policy of Consortium of National Law Universities to have minimum score required to be eligible to appear in CLAT-2019, the university proposes to implement the same accordingly. 3. Quota of Reservation- <u>For Domicile of Chhattisgarh</u> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. The university proposes to implement the new reservation policy of State of Chhattisgarh. The percentage of reservation for the Scheduled Caste candidate for admission has increased from 12% to 13%. b. The university proposes to implement 10% Economically Weaker Sections (EWSs) quota within the state quota (8 seats out of 80 seats) <u>For All India Category Seats</u> The university proposes to implement 10% Economically Weaker Sections (EWSs) quota within all India category (8 seats out of 80 seats) 4. Supernumerary Quota- To deliberate upon locus standi of supernumerary quota for Increasing Diversity by Increasing Access (IDIA) students in terms of government directions/fee waiver/number of seats. <p>Accordingly, draft ordinance for B.A. LL.B. (Honours), with relevant amendments and related documents is placed for perusal and approval.</p> <p>Decision:</p> <p>The Academic Council approved amendments to the Ordinance of B.A. LL.B. (Honours) as under:-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Changes in the Age limit with the substitution "As per existing Bar Council of India rules" instead of "Consortium of National Law Universities" (b) Changes in Minimum Score as per the regulations of the Common Law Admission Test. (c) As regards the supernumerary quota, <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The supernumerary quota of Kashmiri Migrants and Residents of Jammu & Kashmir to be implemented as per existing Government directives. (ii) IDIA scholars (The IDIA Trust, an NGO initiative) admitted through CLAT merit list were given admission under supernumerary quota alongwith fee waiver without any specified number of students by


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	<p>EC and GC in their meetings dated 22.08.2015.</p> <p>The Academic Council observed that except for Government directive for supernumerary quota, this should come under the regular CLAT merit list as the strength of a section has been already approved by Bar Council of India.</p> <p>It is also observed that there was no specified number of seats as per earlier decision in 2015 which needs to be clarified. As far as fee waiver, it has to be ascertained that such candidates admitted to be ascertained of not receiving any funding from the Trust or other sources for their education.</p>
10.	<p><u>Amendments to the Ordinance of One Year LL.M.</u></p> <p><u>Notes:</u></p> <p>It is proposed to amend the existing Ordinance of One Year LL.M. to incorporate the following changes:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. From Trimester to Semester System Since inception of one year LL.M. Programme, the university has been following trimester system. For better time management and inputs, now it has been proposed by the faculty members to implement semester system in one year LL.M. Programme, accordingly one year LL.M. programme to be offered from the academic year 2020-21. 2. Increase in Intake It is proposed to increase the intake of students in One-Year LL.M. from the existing 45 students to 60 students. 3. LL.M. - Change in transcript It is proposed to mention specialization of the LL.M. in the transcript. 4. Introduction of additional specializations Currently the university is offering the following specializations in LL.M. programme:- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Intellectual Property Law ii. Corporate Law iii. Environmental Law It is proposed to offer the following additional specializations:- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Technology and Law. ii. Public Law <p>Accordingly, modified draft ordinance for LL.M. is placed for perusal and approval.</p> <p><u>Decision:</u></p> <p>The Academic Council recommends approval to the proposed amendments to the Ordinance of One Year LL.M.</p>

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11.	<p><u>Amendments to the Ordinance of Ph.D.</u></p> <p><u>Notes:</u> The current Ph.D. programme is offered in the field of Law. It is proposed to expand the scope of Ph.D. programme to be offered in Social Sciences, Humanities, Science and Technology, Management and Finance, in interface with Law.</p> <p>Accordingly, modified draft ordinance for Ph.D. is placed for perusal and approval.</p> <p><u>Decision:</u> The Academic Council recommends approval to the proposed amendments to the Ordinance of Ph.D.</p>
12.	<p><u>Amendment to the Examination Rules of B.A. LL.B. (Honours) & LL.M.</u></p> <p><u>Notes:</u> Examination Rules were formally approved by Academic Council and Executive Council in the year 2009. These rules require updation in tune with contemporary practices of other higher education institutions.</p> <p>Accordingly, modified draft Examination Rules for B.A. LL.B. (Honours) is placed for perusal and approval.</p> <p><u>Decision:</u> The Academic Council recommends approval to the proposed amendments to the Examination Rules of B.A. LL.B. (Honours) & LL.M.</p>
13.	<p><u>Request of Ms. Meha Bhushan, Student of B.A. LL.B. (Honours), Batch XI admitted in June-July 2011 to permit her to appear for Examination in remaining 08 papers beyond the stipulated time period of 08 years.</u></p> <p><u>Notes:</u> Ms. Meha Bhushan enrolled in 2011 could not complete her course due to medical ailments and personal issues and is left with an arrear of 8 papers. The current regulation stipulates a maximum of 8 years from the year of enrollment to complete the course. She has completed 8 years from enrolment and requesting additional year for completion on humanitarian grounds.</p> <p>A similar case of Ms. Rupal Rani Netam approved earlier by Academic Council and Executive Council is awaiting a final decision before the General Council.</p> <p>The Academic Council to recommend Ms. Meha Bhushan's case to Executive Council and General Council.</p>

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	<p><u>Decision:</u> The Academic Council recommended to allow the candidate for appearing in the Academic Year 2020-21 based on the final decision pending before General Council on the case of Ms. Rupal Rani Netam. This will not form a precedent for future.</p>
14.	<p><u>One/Two Credit Courses and Short Term Certificate Courses for B.A. LL.B. (Honours) and LL.M. students</u></p> <p><u>Notes:</u></p> <p><u>One/Two Credit Courses</u> It is proposed to offer One/Two Credit courses with 16 hour per credit on select areas of legal developments by External Visiting Faculties. These courses will be voluntary in enrolment and are additional to the prescribed courses/curriculum. The grades awarded in these credit courses will not be taken into account for CGPA and Gold Medal calculations.</p> <p><u>Short Term Certificate Courses</u> It is proposed to offer Short Term Certificate Courses ranging from one week to three weeks to be floated by reputed organizations outside the teaching class. The course fee to be paid by the students and certificates to be awarded jointly by the University and the organizers or the resource persons. The University to offer complimentary infrastructure, stay facilities etc. to the organizers or the resource persons.</p> <p>The Academic Council to recommend approval of the above items.</p> <p><u>Decision:</u> The Academic Councils recommends approval for One/Two Credit Courses and Short Term Certificate Courses for B.A. LL.B. (Honours) and LL.M. students, as proposed.</p>
15.	<p><u>Creation of Cumulative Professional Development Allowance (CPDA) for faculty members:</u></p> <p><u>Notes:</u> To augment the research skills and subject knowledge of the faculty, it is proposed to create a Cumulative Professional Development Allowance (CPDA) for each faculty member as in vogue with IITs and IIMs and private law schools.</p> <p>The Cumulative Professional Development Allowance (CPDA) will be an individual allowance for each faculty (full time/adhoc) annually for a block of 3 years which will cover the expenditure towards registration, travel, stay, hospitality etc. for paper presentations in Conferences, Workshops, Seminars, Colloquiums and Round Tables etc. at National and International Level. The details of the CPDA and the Regulations in this regard to be framed in accordance with the best practices of IITs and IIMs after approval of the appropriate budget by the Finance Committee and final approval of the Executive Council.</p>

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	<u>Decision:</u> The Academic Council recommends approval for Creation of Cumulative Professional Development Allowance (CPDA) for faculty members, as proposed.
16.	<u>Any other matter with the permission of the Chair.</u>

The meeting concluded with vote of thanks to the Chair.


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